

COTTON CONTINUES TO BRING TOP PRICE AND SEED IS HIGHEST HERE

Merkel continues to hold the lead as the best cotton market. Not only has the fleecy staple maintained a higher price here...

Fine Arts Faculty In Recital Sept. 8

The first Fine Arts programme of the school year will be given on Thursday evening, September 8th, at eight thirty o'clock in the grammar school auditorium...

We are glad to announce this program and urge the public to attend and enjoy it. The people are fortunate in having such capable and enthusiastic instructors as these...

IRVIN L. JACKSON.

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Recently the Boy Scout Troops under the leadership of Herbert Patterson, Scout Master, met and partly perfected their organization by the appointment of a Merit Badge Examining Committee...

Scout John D. Coats, Jr., received his Junior Red Cross Life Saving Badge this week and is very proud of it. Ed Shumway area scout executive talked to the people of Merkel...

Merchants Off To Market

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown left first of the week for the Eastern Markets where they will personally select the big fall and winter stock of merchandise...

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results.

Supt. Jackson Has Important School Announcements

It is important that the people of Merkel school district inform themselves on some school matters. At this particular time I want to call to their attention the fact that school in Merkel will begin next week...

Friday afternoon, Sept. 9, we want the students in Grammar School to report at Grammar School at 1 o'clock at which time books will be issued.

Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the High School we want the pupils who expect to be seniors and juniors. Schedules will be made out, matriculation will be completed for them...

Saturday at 1:00 o'clock p.m. the students in Grammar School will meet again for assignments and completion of registration, organization of classes, etc.

Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock we shall register, enroll and matriculate the students in the 8th and 9th grades issue books to them, etc.

Every one must present his book card and report card at these sessions, if he is to be enrolled as a regular. If you do not have them at the proper time it will cause both of us a great loss of time and a lot of unnecessary trouble.

Monday Morning, September 12, at the Grammar School auditorium we shall have our opening exercises, to which we invite the general public. This session will be at 9:00 o'clock.

We are expecting one of Merkel's biggest years this year, and we want you to know now about conditions. Some things will be discussed which I am sure will be of interest to every one...

One more thing—I want to urge the people of the community to hear the Friday morning program, Sept. 9, from 9 to 12. Mr. L. R. Thompson, Bro. Parrack and Bro. McCarter will have live wire messages for you...

Let's start the year off right. We need your cooperation and you need a good school. We can't give you as good a school without your cooperation as we can with it.

Can I depend on you? I shall! IRVIN L. JACKSON, Supt

T. & P. PUTS ON LABOR DAY EXCURSION RATES

On next Sunday the Texas & Pacific Railway will put on a special Excursion rate to Fort Worth and Dallas, on account of the big League baseball games in the two cities...

H. R. Surratt, wife and baby, of South Texas, are here attending the bedside of the former's sister, Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, who has been low from typhoid fever.



THOMAS L. BLANTON, Congressman from Abilene District.

Blanton Goes Back To Washington

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton of this city stated Saturday that he and his family would leave Tuesday for Washington, where he is to continue his summer work of checking up and investigating 'our numerous and eternally increasing bureaus, commissions and independent establishments of government.'

Concerning this activity, he said: 'We have ten departments of Government presided over by ten members of the President's cabinet and in each of such departments there are numerous bureaus. For instance there are 16 bureaus in the Department of the Interior; there are 22 bureaus in the Agricultural Department; there are 18 bureaus in the Treasury Department; and in addition to the numerous bureaus in the other seven departments, there are 73 Commissions and Independent Establishments of the United States Government.'

Congressman Blanton in his check-up and investigation of them, ascertains what becomes of the money that each receives from the Treasury annually, into whose pockets it goes, what benefits the people receive therefrom, whether such appropriations are duly authorized by law, and whether such bureau is of sufficient value to the people that it should be continued.

JAMES SWANN ACCEPTS POSITION WITH LARGE ENGRAVING COMPANY

James, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann of this city, left this week for Fort Worth, where he has accepted a splendid position with the Southwestern Engraving Company of that city, one of the largest in the South.

Regarding young Mr. Swann and his qualifications as an artist and cartoonist, 'The Skyline,' Sul Ross State Teachers College paper, has the following to say: James Swann of Merkel has been in Alpine since Thursday, visiting friends. Mr. Swann was a junior in Sul Ross this past year and has many friends on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker and children have returned to their home at Fulbright, Texas, after visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lasser, parents of Mrs. Tucker.

Miss Tracy Chosen 'Spirit of Merkel' To Greet Lindbergh

Mayor H. C. West, at the request of the committee on arrangements, has selected Miss Lucy Tracy, one of Merkel's most accomplished and popular young ladies, as the 'Spirit of Merkel,' to serve as a member of the reception committee to greet Colonel Lindbergh when he visits Abilene in his famous monoplane 'Spirit of St. Louis' on Sept. 26.

Mayor Henry C. West and Editor Thos. Durham of the Merkel Mail have been named members of the reception committee, selected by the Mayor of Abilene and his committee on arrangements, to represent this city in greeting 'Lindy', along with scores of other Mayors and Editors and 'Spirits' from many West Texas towns.

Tabernacle Revival Closes Next Sunday

The Armstrong-Jenkins revival, conducted under the big tabernacle on the South Side opposite the depot for the past three weeks continues with unabated interest and large attendance. At every service the Evangelist delivers a great soul-stirring gospel message, and already great good has been accomplished and ere the closing of the meeting on next Sunday evening many will have no doubt given their souls to the Saviour.

The meeting will continue on thru the week until Sunday evening, and notwithstanding the fact that it is a very busy time every one is urged to attend and help make the closing days the best of all.

BOY SCOUTS HAVE 'GOOD TURN WEEK' AUG. 28 TO SEPT. 3rd.

August 28th through September 3 has been designated by the Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail Area Council as Good Turn Week and each scout and scoutmaster and official will specialize on good turns during this week.

The 5th boy scout law reads as follows: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS. He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

BELL TELEPHONE CO. INVESTS LARGE SUMS IN SOUTHERN STATES

The total expenditures of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas for the second quarter of the year was over ten million dollars, according to N. H. Moore manager of the telephone company.

'Moore than five and one-half million dollars of this amount,' N. H. Moore said, 'were spent on new additions to the plant that is, on new lines, switchboard equipment and buildings.'

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Mrs. G. A. Rister, after spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Jas. H. West, left this week for El Paso where she will again spend the winter months.

High School Students New Subjects Offered

Plans are being made for the offering of a Speech-Arts course in the high school curriculum. This subject will be taught five periods a week, just as other subjects, and will be offered mainly to juniors and seniors.

'For so long the study of expression has been considered only as a matter of studying the presentation of readings and other forms of dramatics. But this is no longer so; every progressive school is teaching speech as one of its main subjects. Colleges and universities are all beginning to require some credit in the study of speech before reaching an A. B. or M. A. degree.'

'Speech Arts,' by Craig, is the text to be used. This is a concise arrangement of the much needed knowledge that every boy and girl should have before taking up work in college or in any other chosen field.

This course is strongly recommended by colleges and best high schools. It is greatly hoped that parents will take this opportunity to encourage their boys and girls to take up the work and really get its full worth. No charges will be made.

Local Groceriesman Finds 'It Pays To Advertise'

The last issue of the Merkel Mail contained a number of grocery advertisements, several from the local merchants and some sent in from out of town grocerymen. And the number of grocery ads carried in that issue was two or three times more than the paper ever carried at one time before.

Each patrol leader and scoutmaster will turn in to their local papers a copy of reports of the good turns done during this week with a copy of same report sent to Executive Shumway at Abilene.

The hardest bill the editor of this paper has to meet each month is his grocery bill which runs around \$50 or \$60 per month, and all because in days past no grocery store ever carried advertising. Housewives, read the grocery ads and save money. Tell those who advertise that you saw the ad and it will be appreciated.

LARGEN TCATTLE OFF TO AMARILLO TRI-STATE FAIR

Mr. W. J. Largen will depart next Saturday for Amarillo, where he will enter for exhibit 20 head of the Famous Largen Show cattle, he understand. After these fine cattle have won their share (and then some, as they usually do) they will be carried to the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, Kansas, thence to Dallas and then to the Kansas City and Chicago Fairs.

All West Texas To Greet Lindbergh At Abilene Sep. 26

When Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrives in Abilene on Monday, September 26 for his visit to West Texas, he will be officially greeted by a group truly representative of West Texas and of the forces impelling the development of this section of the Southwest.

Merkel will have a part in the ceremony. Honorable H. C. West, mayor; and Thos. Durham, editor of the Mail have each been given an invitation to serve on the Reception Committee for this affair.

Mayor West has been asked to designate some young lady of this community to serve on the Reception Committee. This feminine representative will be designated as the 'Spirit of Merkel' and together with sponsors from other West Texas towns will, in addition to taking part in the official welcome to be given the distinguished flier, be guests of honor at a number of elaborate social functions which will be arranged for them by Abilene people.

Miss Emily Frances Key of Lampasas, who was crowned 'Queen of West Texas,' at the Wichita Falls Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will attend the affair and represent 'The Spirit of West Texas.' Miss Mary Alice Parramore, daughter of a pioneer West Texas family, is to be 'The Spirit of Abilene' and as such will be the official hostess for the visiting 'Spirits'.

Lindbergh's stop in Abilene will be the only one for West Texas and the people of that city, through their Chamber of Commerce, are asking the assistance of all West Texas in making this affair a memorable one.

Merkel Farm Lad Reported Missing

Vinnie Lucas, son of M. D. Lucas, who lives 12 miles north of Merkel, has been missing since last Saturday afternoon, when he left home with the stated intention of going to Merkel. He was last seen at Trent early the same afternoon.

The boy, from 14 to 15 years of age, is five feet eight inches tall and weighs about 140. His hair is light, and his eyes blue. At the time he disappeared he was wearing blue overalls and jumper, and a straw sun hat. He is handicapped by a severe speech impediment, his parents state, and for that reason rarely speaks to strangers.

MERKEL MERCHANTS CARRYING BIG STOCKS OF MERCHANDISE

Now that you are getting a big price for your cotton, more than you really expected when you planted it, which this paper believes you are entitled to, where are you going to buy your merchandise, groceries and supplies? Merkel is paying the top price for cotton and cotton seed, above any town nearby, and it is a fact that we have a good, live bunch of merchants and business men that you are able to get these good prices in Merkel; therefore they, it seems to us, are entitled to your unstinted trade.

Our merchants' prices are always in keeping with those of other towns, many times you can buy from them for less. Many of our merchants are every week making interesting prices on their goods, such as dry goods, groceries, furniture, hardware and in fact every line. Those doing so are telling you about it through the columns of this paper. Read the ads in every issue and save money. To exist and especially to make this paper newsy and up-to-date, we must have a large patronage in advertising from the local merchants; hence when you patronize the advertisers you are at the same time supporting your home newspaper, a community booster and builder. Tell them you saw their advertisements in the paper. It's good business to read the advertisements; you can easily save the price of your subscription by taking advantage of bargains offered in one advertisement. Buy what you can in your home town.

Our Steadily Increasing DEPOSITS reflect OUR SERVICE and speak the CONFIDENCE of our FRIENDS.

The familiarity of our active officers with every DETAIL of Banking;

The COURTESY, ACCURACY and CERILITY of our TELLERS and BOOK-KEEPERS in HANDLING BUSINESS; Our BUILDING and EQUIPMENT unexcelled by any country bank in Texas; An unvaried FRIENDLINESS and an unaffected desire to SERVE, and—

BEST OF ALL

THE UNSWERVING LOYALTY OF OUR CUSTOMERS

All Contribute to the POPULARITY - the SAFETY-

the GROWTH of the

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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 J. C. Mason, V. Pres.
 W. L. Diltz, Cashier
 Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier
 Dallas Scarbrough
 David Hendricks

FORMER DORA SCHOOL PRINCIPAL HONORED

Mr. T. H. McDonald who for several years was the capable Principal of the Dora School, with his wife, who is also a capable teacher, have been attending summer school at Canyon, and will continue their studies there throughout the regular term. During the summer term Mr. McDonald has

proved himself so capable and efficient in the Agricultural Department that he has been selected as teacher during the absence of the regular teacher during the coming school year. He was selected from the large number enrolled in his class there this summer. This is a distinct honor for Mr. McDonald.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Popular Rate
LABOR DAY EXCURSION
 to FORT WORTH and DALLAS



round trip fare \$5.50 from Merkel

Tickets to be sold for all Trains Scheduled to Arrive Ft. Worth and Dallas, Sunday, Sept. 4th. Final Limit to leave Dallas or Ft. Worth not Later than Monday night, Sept. 5th.

A Chance For A Real Outing At Small Cost

"DOUBLE HEADERS" MONDAY (LABOR DAY) Between Teams of Texas League
 WICHITA FALLS at FT. WORTH
 SHREVEPORT at DALLAS

Many Other Attractions

See Your Local Agent For Details
 GEO. D. HUNTER, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, Dallas, Tex.

UTILITY EXECUTIVE HAS TO WASH DISHES, BUT PROVES A GOOD LOSER

Mr. E. T. Cuykendahl, manager of West Texas Utilities Company's Merchandise Department lost heavily to Mr. H. H. Lamb, Sport Mayfield and Miss Fannie L. Mersman yesterday. Although suddenly stricken with acute pains in the solar plexus regions, he failed to obtain aid—as a result he spent two hours at the mental task of washing and drying the dishes left from the banquet held at the West Texas Utilities office for the demonstration of electric range cookery. The way it came to this writer Mr. Cuykendahl was just unlucky when the four mentioned above matched to see who would wash and dry the dirty dishes, but we really believe that Mr. Cuykendahl is the victim of a frame-up, although he proved a good loser and washed the dishes.

The West Texas Utilities Company is having an electric range sale and demonstration this week, which accounts for Miss Mersman and Mr. Lamb and Mr. Cuykendahl being here—and also the dirty dishes. All ladies of the town are cordially invited to attend the electric range demonstration this afternoon. A premium is to be given away free, and attractive offers are being made on electric ranges.

"MAN POWER" PROVES TO BE RICHARD DIX' BEST

Richard Dix dug deep down in his pocket and brought up a winner when he decided to make "Man Power" for Paramount, showing at the Palace Friday and Saturday, and is by all odds the best picture he has ever appeared in.

Directed by the man who has made some of Bebe Daniels' finest pictures, Clarence Badger adapted by Sam Mintz and Ray Harris from a Byrom Morgan story, scenarized by Louise Long, photographed by Ed Cronjager and enacted by a cast which includes Mary Brian and Phillip Strange "Man Power" shapes up as tip-top entertainment for men, women and children.

It is clean, fast, likable melodrama and you'll enjoy all of Daredevil Dix' exploits. You'll cheer as Richard gets his broken-down auto tractor to move and you'll fall in the slough of despair as it fails him at a crucial moment. You'll laugh when Dix vanquishes his villainous rival for Miss Brian's hand and shouts of encouragement will come again and again as Dix finally gets his old machine to start up a perilous, rainsoaked hill in order to reach an overflowing dam in time to save the valley town below. Here are thrills—lots of them! "Man Power" has lots of that certain something which has always been associated with Dix dramas—speed! It's full of z-zip and verve at each turn of the projection machine. Yes, without a doubt "Man Power" is well worth seeing.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

- The man who kept the golden rule.
 1. Introduction, by Jackie Slater.
 2. The battle of the kings, by Margaret Canon.
 3. A man brings the news to Abraham, by Willie Evelyn Boaz.
 4. Abraham prepares for battle, by Billie Bernice Gambill.
 5. Abraham victorious, by Iris Copeland.
 6. The return home, by D. O. Huddleston.
 Abraham takes no reward for himself, Vernon Davis.

Mr. C. A. Davis and family of Fort Worth were here this week guests of Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and other relatives.

NOTICE

SWIFT & CO.
 Have a Cream Station with

QUALITY MARKET & GROCERY

Best Market Prices Paid.
 Cream tested any-time you bring it in.

THE ALL-TEXAS DINNER WILL BE GREAT FEATURE OF PRESS DAY AT TEXAS STATE FAIR



The "Special Days" announced for the State Fair of Texas this year are as follows:
 Saturday, Oct. 8—Opening Day.
 Sunday, Oct. 9—All-Church Day.
 Monday, Oct. 10—Press Day, Agricultural Exhibitors' Day, All-Texas Dinner, honoring Newspaper Men and exhibitors in Agricultural Department.
 Tuesday, Oct. 11—Dallas Day, Red Men's Day.
 Friday, Oct. 14—Children's Day.
 Saturday, Oct. 15—Traveling Men's Day, All-College Day.
 Sunday, Oct. 16—Spanish War Veterans' Day.
 Monday, Oct. 17—Dairy Day.
 Wednesday, Oct. 19—Kentucky Day.
 Thursday, Oct. 20—Academy Day.
 Friday, Oct. 21—R. O. T. C. Day.
 Saturday, Oct. 22—University of Missouri Day, American Bankers' Day.
 Sunday, Oct. 23—Fraternity Day, American Legion Day, Closing Day.
 Other "Special Days" will be announced later.

The All-Texas dinner, which is to be one of the features of Press Day, Monday, October 10, will be a banquet at which everything served at the tables—and there will be an astonishing variety of foods—will be a Texas product. Each article of food served will be of the very best prize-winning products, in fact, gathered for this purpose from every part of the state.

This will include every variety of fine meats, chickens, fruits, vegetables, preserves, jellies, pastry, ice creams, sherbets and so on down the line—the best that Texas raises—the whole making a bill of fare that to print which would take about two columns in an average newspaper. The guests at this dinner will be the newspaper men and their exhibitors in the Agricultural and Livestock Departments and county agents. It is to be an annual affair hereafter.



The Merkel Mail will pay 6c per pound for good clean rags. tf

WITHIN A VERY FEW DAYS

the movement of our cotton crop will be in full blast—the condition of the crop in this territory may have deteriorated considerably in the past two weeks but in the meantime the price has been steadily advancing and we confidently anticipate a prosperous season.

"We're Waiting to Wait On You"

willing to assist in every way possible—whether you market your crop thru the Farm Bureau or whether you sell it to the local buyers. In either event we want your business and are better equipped than ever before to handle your account.

We have at all times an abundance of change on hand for your picker's pay roll and we are anxious to make them up for you.

Cotton checks drawn on other banks in this territory will be cheerfully handled here.

Our tellers are fast and accurate, at the same time courteous and attentive to your wishes.

If your radio isn't working and you want to know the condition of the market before you bring that bale to town—phone us, No. 126.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

CHRYSLER
 Four Great Cars in 4 Great Markets

NEW "52" NEW CHRYSLER "52"—52 and more unvarying miles an hour. Smoothness of operation no other low-priced car can approach. Full-sized bodies. Saddle spring seat cushions. Fine mohair upholstery. Utmost handling ease with adjustable steering wheel. Five body styles priced from \$725 to \$875. **\$725**

GREAT NEW "62" GREAT, New CHRYSLER "62"—6-cylinder motor with 7-bearing crankshaft. 62 and more miles per hour. Invar-strut pistons. Oil filter and air cleaner. Ventilated crankcase. Impulse neutralizer and rubber engine mountings. 4-wheel hydraulic brakes. Road levelizers, front and rear. Seven body styles priced from \$1095 to \$1295. **\$1095**

ILLUSTRIOUS NEW "72" Illustrious, New CHRYSLER "72"—75-horse power motor with 7-bearing counter-weighted crankshaft. 72 and more miles an hour. Takes even mountain grades at constant acceleration. Rubber shock insulators, giving riding smoothness hitherto unknown. Seven body styles priced from \$1495 to \$1745. **\$1495**

IMPERIAL "80" CHRYSLER Imperial "80"—80 dashing, easeful miles. 92 horsepower in instant obedience to your slightest driving wish. Supreme beauty and ultra smart it has won the reputation among sophisticated motorists as being "as fine as money can build." Eleven body styles priced from \$2495 to \$3595. **\$2495**

All prices f. o. b. Detroit, subject to current Federal excise tax. Chrysler dealers are in position to extend the convenience of time payments. Ask about Chrysler's attractive plan. All Chrysler cars have the additional protection against theft of the Fedco System of numbering.

Maverick Motor Company
 Merkel, Texas

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Our attendance is growing; come out and help us.

There will be services at the 11 o'clock hour. If the pastor is absent we may have a surprise for you. Come out, you are welcome. We had a great service last Sunday.

We welcome all visitors. Come and worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Methodist Church

Rev. W. E. Lyon, presiding elder, will preach at both hours Sunday at the Methodist Church.

This is our Fourth Quarterly Conference, the last for the present year, we hope that both services Sunday may be well attended.

W. R. McCARTER.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Come and be with us next Sunday, we are just back from our two revivals at Coleman and Eula. Will tell of our success. We had thousands to preach to and scores were saved will be home Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 and 8:15. N.Y.P.S. meets at 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended you C. C. Montandon.

Watch our Bargain Counter and save money. Patton's Grocery. It

STOMACH GAS DRIVES MAN FROM BED

"I had gas so bad I had to get up nights on account of the pressure on my heart. I used Adlerika and have been entirely relieved."—R. F. Krueger.

Even the FIRST spoonful of Adlerika relieves gas and often removes astonishing amount of old waste matter from the system. Makes you enjoy your meals and sleep better. No matter what you have tried for your stomach and bowels, Adlerika will surprise you. Merkel Drug Co. It

IDLEWISE CLUB

Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Mrs. Kirby Beckett were hostesses to the Idlewise Club on Tuesday afternoon in the pretty new home of Mr. and Mrs. Beckett in the Southlands. Guests arrived at three thirty o'clock and enjoyed going through the attractive rooms and admiring their furnishings. A variety of cut flowers added to the beauty of the entertaining rooms.

Little Miss Betty Booth Beckett, daintily dressed, passed colorful tallies expressive of early fall time, which marked places at four tables for Bridge. Miniature aeroplanes inscribed as "Spirits of St. Louis," held mints during the games.

At the tea hour the hostesses, assisted by Misses Helen and Louise Booth and Betty Booth Beckett, passed a delicious salad plate to Misses Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, Boog Sears, Lorena Dry, Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm, Loyce Dry, Mary Eula Sears and Mesdames Mat Dillingham, George White, Earl Baze, Sie Hamm, Emmett Grimes, Roy Largent, Tom Price and R. I. Grimes.

Jones Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jones at their big and handsome home, 300 South Kentucky, are enjoying a reunion of Mr. Jones' brothers and sisters, the children of Uncle Jackie Jones of Troy, Bell County, Texas. This is the first time in forty years that they have all been together. Those here are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, and son Henry and wife of Saragosa, Texas; Mrs. W. B. Robertson and son Hobson; Mrs. J. W. Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones of Merkel, Texas; J. A. Jones and son Austin of Durham, Okla., and son Anthon of New Castle, Texas; Mrs. R. E. Brown of Amarillo, Texas; J. E. Jones of Zillah, Washington; A. R. Jones and son Atlas of Clint, Texas; and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jones and their children Ladye Dee and Mary Helen, of Roswell, Mrs. J. M. Bedichek, of Austin, Texas; grandmother of Mrs. A. D. Jones is also enjoying this great family reunion. One remarkable feature of this reunion is the advanced ages of the family which range from fifty to seventy years. J. E. Jones has not seen any member of his family for fifteen years and some of them for thirty years.

Several diversions have been planned by the hosts for the entertainment of their guests, the first to be a camping trip in the White mountains. Some members of the family have never witnessed a large round-up, so plans have been made to attend one at Flying H ranch. From there a trip to the wonderful Carlsbad caverns will be made and then a visit to the A. D. Jones ranch near Tatum. —Roswell News, Roswell, N. M.

The Abilene Clarence Saunders Grocery has an advertisement in this paper that will be an "eye-opener" to those who wish to save money on Groceries. Read our ad. Itp

Mr. Claude Elliott, of the Rio Grande Valley, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott, and other relatives. Mr. Elliott has been elected to a position in the Abilene High School for the next term.

Misses Gladys Copeland and Mary Ellen Ashby visited recently in Colorado with the latter's uncle.

Don't forget your Green Stamps when making a purchase at Brown Dry Goods, Grimes-Smith Drug, A. R. Booth Grocery or Magnolia Filling Sta. It

J.C. PENNEY Co.
A NATION-WIDE INSTITUTION
ABILENE, TEXAS

Savings

On Quality Goods Every Day Here

25th Anniversary

Bring Mother In To See These

School Dresses

Crisp, gay prints carry the honors for the first day of school—sharing them with a new gingham—especially pretty!

For the Miss of 7 to 14

Styles by the score—and prices that mothers will find highly satisfactory.

98c to \$1.98



25th Anniversary

Stroller Ties
Modestly Priced



Miss Sixteen wants a modish sports shoe and this Patent Oxford with Porpoise trim is both smart and sensible.

\$2.98

Men Prefer
Calfskin Oxfords



\$3.98

25th Anniversary
Pongee Finish

Dress Prints

The silky finish of these prints makes them particularly attractive for fine wash frocks. Our low price yard.

23c

BELLE ISLE DOMESTIC

Bleached and unbleached any house wife knows this value

10c yd.

CRISP NEW GINGHAM

Smooth, high grade gingham at our national low prices of

10c to 25c yd.

Outing Flannel

In plain white, stripes and plaids. A material of many uses.

10c to 21c yd.

ALL-SILK JAP PONGEE

Natural Color

49c yd.

25th Anniversary

School Suits
For Boys 6 to 16



All Suits with two pairs of pants and vest.
\$7.90 to \$13.75

Men's Suits

Style and Quality

Smart styles, Quality fabrics and fine workmanship; single or double-breasted—
\$24.75 AND \$29.75

25th Anniversary
Buy New Sheets

During August

The best time in all the year to add to your supply—stocks are complete!

Sheets, 72x90 98c
Sheets, 81x90 . . . \$1.10
Cases, 42x36 27c

25th Anniversary

A Towel Value

Worth Special Attention

Heavy turkish towels, large 22x44 inch size—plain white or white with a colored border. Very low-priced at—

25c

25th Anniversary

Jaunty Coats

Styled and Priced To Please

The last word in style—and our same tempting prices—a combination that assures satisfaction to every woman.

Women, Misses and Juniors
\$19.75



You Are Judged by Your Clothes

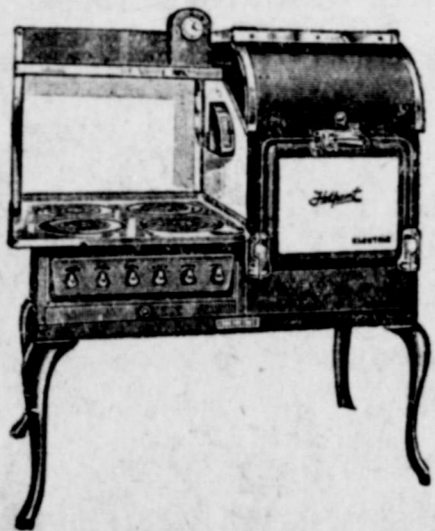
Today people haven't time to look you up—they simply "look you over." Their opinion is formed by the clothes you wear and the way you wear them. It is the style, the cut of the garment, and the fit of the clothes that count. A sensible attitude toward dress is all that you need. A little taste goes further in this line than a lot of money.

Prices from \$25 up for a 3-piece, all-wool Suit, made to your measure.

CASH TAILOR SHOP

Less Than 12c a Day

For Added Youthful Years



It costs less than twelve cents a day to buy an Electric Range. This means it costs less than 12c a day to enjoy better cooked foods, a cleaner kitchen and relief from drudgery of kitchen work which so quickly ages the housewife.

\$5⁰⁰ D puts this automatic Hotpoint **W** Electric Range in your Home **N**

This beautiful all-white electric range will be the pride of any kitchen. It has every modern feature, takes little space and is amply large in cooking capacity. The automatic temperature control eliminates all guesswork in cooking and does away with CONSTANT WATCHING.

Remember our special low terms last only through Saturday—Don't pass up the opportunity to modernize your kitchen at so small a cost.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

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TAXATION

Merkel Mail: A few days ago it was noted in the press reports that our Governor was appalled that the amount of cash on hand given in to the assessors was so unequally at variance with the total bank deposits. If taxes had been paid on property withheld from taxation we would need no bond issues to make any contemplated improvements in the State of Texas.

Tom Durham must have forgotten the two gentlemen who were passive participants in a train robbery. As the marauders began to go through their coach one of them pulled a wad out of his pocket and handed it to the other. "Here's that hundred dollars I owe you," he said. No tax assessor in his right senses has ever expected his constituents to render all of their cash in the bank, and no collector has ever expected to collect on it. For money is seldom the actual possession of the man in whose name it happens to stand temporarily. If the assessors actually expected bank balances to be rendered as of Jan. 1, on Dec. 31 there would be a remarkable exemplification of debt paying. But it is obvious that if a man on Jan. 1 has in his bank account \$1,000 which on Jan. 2 must be paid out to meet legally accruing obligations he has not actually \$1,000 of his own. The bulk of bank deposits is not made up of the balances of large depositors, but of the myriad ones of small bank book owners—and few of these are exempt from the actual working of that theory. It is true enough, as Brother Durham propounds, that no bond issues would be necessary for improvements if full taxes were paid for the current year on full rendition of all property. But the question of full rendition is six of one and half a dozen of the other. If property is assessed at 60 per cent of its actual value, the actual return on the entire county remains the same as at 100

per cent, since the rate is geared to obtain it. If the arrangement were made in advance to tax the entire values of a county at full rating and lower the tax rate accordingly, there would be no objection to it. Taxes are the one thing in common between rich and poor, socialist, anarchist and democrat. They don't like them. The anarchist would do away with them, but the socialist experience of Soviet Russia indicates that the most anti-capitalistic form of government has to have them. The Bolsheviks, of course, are only using taxes until they can think of something better. That will be the reason they are using them in 2027 if the U. S. R. R. survives that long. Sub S. P. is a socialist except for the couple of hours on pay day when he feels plutocratic by reason of temporary affluence. He might as well be permanently socialistic, because the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker divide his up the next day anyway. Pay after all is only an optical illusion. It hardly lasts long enough to be even that.—State Press in Dallas News.

Sub S. P. is altogether too technical. If S. P. El Magnus had been on the job he would have known intuitively that we had in mind only such deposits as were left in banks for a specific time and on which interest was received by the depositor. We have been publishing bank statements for years and it being the nature of man to long for that which he does not have and which he is unlikely to ever possess, we have been attracted by that item in all bank statements, "Time Deposits," and we have noticed that each statement shows an increase in that particular item. Perhaps we shouldn't have mentioned it, but again we were and are a staunch supporter of the governor and if he was appalled without being technical we should not be criticised for lending our columns to assist the governor in letting as many of his constituents as possible know when he is appalled. We trust S. P. El Magnus will survive his vacation and get back on the job so that we will not be under pressure of constantly explaining ourselves.

Mr. T. H. Spears, hustling and well to do farmer of the Blair community was in the city one day this week, and brought to this office a sample of as fine maize heads as one could ask for. The heads are large and the grain is well developed. He expects to gather close to one-fourth bale of cotton per acre.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Nathan Adams, president of the largest bank in the South, is out with a warning to farmers not to hold their cotton for thirty cents, which goes to show that along with Mr. Adams ability as the executive head of a great bank, he is not void of a sense of humor. Mr. Adams' warning was probably intended to be directed at that much referred to law of supply and demand. What raised the price of cotton? We state in all humility—because we feel very humble in taking issue with a great banker—that we were under the impression that the price was based on the reports of the approximate crop yield of that staple. When Mr. Adams infers that the farmer has within a long period fixed the price of his product by holding it, he will pardon us while we laugh. We have a number of farmer subscribers to this paper whom we highly regard. Many of them are brothers in the same church with us and we are going to risk calling down on our head their maledictions by whispering to Mr. Adams that if they could fix the price that he, the highest priced bank executive in the South, would be compelled to ask for a raise in salary or wear B.V.D.'s made of other material than cotton. We are searching our archives to find Mr. Adams' article written in 1921 warning the farmers not to part with their cotton for eleven cents.

CLASS OF '21, M. H. S., HAS ANNUAL REUNION

Members of the Class of 1921 of the Merkel High School held their annual reunion Monday evening at Shannon's pool. A picnic supper was enjoyed.

Those present for the reunion were Mrs. Roy Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and two children of Rotan, Misses Evelyn Hamm, Mae Beidleman and Loyce Dry, Wade Darsey and Byers Petty.

Members of the class who were unable to attend were Mrs. Lucille Russell Nunnally, Mrs. Iva Landreth Baccus, Roy Largent, Sewell Harvell, and Bill Stevens.

Blair Items

The hot, dry weather has caused the cotton to open rapidly and the farmers have begun picking.

Mr. Jim Moore left last week for Cisco sanitarium for treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. Jim Doan has been on the sick list for several days.
Mr. Ashby Bryant who has been sick for some time is doing nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Ruby Ray and baby of Coleman and Mrs. Pearl Meeks of Hamby visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wilson, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Williams of California visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks the past week.

Mr. Pat Addison made a business trip to Galveston the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Provine and daughter, Nola and Una Bell, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Merkel were the guests of Mrs. Laura Harrison, Sunday.

Mrs. Inez Mayfield visited Mrs. Idabell Hughes Monday.

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs. George Woodrum and Mrs. Nathan Wood were the charming hostesses to the Friendship Club in the home of Mrs. Woodrum.
After the guests were assembled Mrs. Earl Thornton gave several piano numbers after which contests were given in which Mrs. Tye Sublett was awarded a beautiful flower bowl while the consolation went to Mrs. Chester Hutcheson.

After a most enjoyable afternoon, Mrs. Woodrum and Mrs. Wood served a delightful plate of sandwiches and soda pop with little baskets of candy for favors to Mesdames Gardner, Len Sublett, Frank Golladay, B. A. Clark, Earl Thornton, Stanley King, Chester Hutcheson, Bob McDonald, Joe Garland, Claude Partridge, Tye Sublett, and Harry Barnett.

MISS MARY EULA SEARS ACCEPTS POSITION AS INTERIOR DECORATOR

Miss Mary Eula Sears, one of Merkel's most accomplished and most popular young ladies, has accepted a position with the Barrow Furniture Company of Abilene as Interior Decorator.

Miss Sears has qualified her self well for this work by studying the art at both Sullins College, Virginia, and at McMurry College, and is no doubt well prepared and highly capable of rendering this progressive store most efficient service, and do credit to herself.

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"Should you die tomorrow, would you leave a good portrait for your family?"

RODDEN STUDIO

Mr. W. I. Crain, who spent some time here a year or so ago, came in this week from Fort Worth and will again make this city his home. His wife and baby are expected in this week. They will have apartments with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze, next door south of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett and daughter, Mrs. H. B. Robertson, returned this week from a visit to relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. Homer Tippet and four daughters, of San Angelo, are guests in the home of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, and Mrs. Roy Largent.

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Chevrolet Head Predicts Business Conditions Continue Good

That business conditions generally throughout the country are exceedingly fair, with every indication that they will continue so this Fall, was the keynote of a statement issued Saturday by C. F. Barth, vice-president in charge of manufacturing of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Mr. Barth's statement followed the announcement that on August 12 Chevrolet topped its entire output for 1926 by turning out the 732,147th car so far this year.

"We are looking optimistically toward the fall season," Mr. Barth declared. "There is ample evidence of country-wide prosperity. Crop conditions are considerably better than last year, diversification having helped the South and West. In the Northwest alone the yield this year is expected to be substantially above the average for the past ten years, in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana the grain crop being estimated as worth \$150,000,000 more than last year.

"Other healthy signs include heavy shipping, which stands above the million cars weekly mark; unusually large postal receipts; exports and imports above last year's high figures; and perhaps the best business barometer of all—dividend increases 'ar outnumber reductions.

"The automobile, like every other staple commodity, is sensitive to any change in the economic situation. Although Chevrolet may not be considered as representative of the industry because the phenomenal demand for our cars is shattering all previous production figures for gear shift cars, their even distribution shows that healthful conditions prevail from coast to coast and border to border. There are of course spotty areas of unemployment and depression, but they are relatively small and not of sufficient numbers to cause alarm or check the general era of good times ahead.

FINE VISIT IN A PIONEER COUNTRY HOME

On last Monday the editor and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce made a tour of the country north of Merkel. Ostensibly to determine the amount of damage done to cotton by drought and insects, but really that we might reach the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook at the noon hour in response to their cordial invitation. It is needless to say that we were running on schedule when we reached Mr. Cook's residence. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have about 150 bearing peach trees and they had promised us a fresh peach pie and before we go further with this article we want to acknowledge our fondness for peach pie and to declare that we never before tasted one that measured up in every way to our ideal of what a peach pie ought to be. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have lived on this farm ever since 1889 and moved to Texas from Murry County, Tennessee, January the 1st, 1885. They were married in Colleoka, Tennessee March the 20th, 1877 and on March the 20th this year they celebrated at the old home place the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. There were present on that occasion all of their children, grand children and great grand children. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of twenty children, nine of whom survive. They have twenty-five grand children and five great grand children. They have 320 acres of good land on which to spend the remainder of their days and have sons and daughters who are glad to look after their welfare. In looking over the farm we counted 15 hogs, 30 turkeys, a large flock of game chickens too numerous to count. His bins were filled with all kinds of grain and everything on the farm indicated prosperity. We spent a pleasant hour and enjoyed a sumptuous meal and renewed our inspection of the crops north of town, the result of which will be found elsewhere in this paper.

In mentioning the trip last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton to Ohio, we failed to mention that they had gone to attend the wedding of their daughter to Mr. J. S. Curtz, a prominent and well to do citizen of that state. The wedding, however, took place before they arrived, and Mr. Hampton stated that Mrs. Curtz showed he and his wife every courtesy and made them enjoy every minute of the time they spent there.

Our Fall Clothing has arrived. The newest and latest in men and young men's wearing apparel. Read our advertisement in this paper. Caleb Reed Man Shop, Abilene. 1tp

Mr. R. J. Adcock came in this week from Waco, Fort Worth and Uvalde, where he spent the past ten months. He will remain here throughout the harvesting season, having a good farm near here.

Home of Society Brand Clothes



Boys! Do You Know

What is the most highly individualized line of college clothes?

What most college men on the campus and elsewhere prefer?

What is America's fastest selling line of college clothes?

What line is the sensation of 1927?

What line is leaving a trail of glory in its wake?

THE ANSWER IS



We carry Langrock Clothes
Caleb Reeds Man Shop

Abilene, Texas

Peter Pan Bridge Club

On Wednesday the Peter Pan Bridge Club was entertained by Misses Maurine Tipton and Evelyn Curb in the home of Miss Tipton. The guests arrived about four o'clock and after pretty tally cards were passed the guests found their places at the tables. Delicious punch was served to the guests during the games of bridge. A refreshment plate of ice cream and angel food cake was served to the visiting guests. Misses Melba West, Gladys Mayfield, Johnny Sears, Dorris Durham, Lola Dennis, Mildred Matthews, Mona Margaret Jones,

Helen Booth, Frances Anderson and Mary Cleo Booth.

Mrs. Mat Dillingham and baby have been visiting friends and relatives in Jayton this week.

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Canyon News

With some few exceptions the people in the Canyon are enjoying good health, although grandpa Perkins, is still very low he has a wonderful spirit, and enjoys the visits of many friends who drop in often.

Last Sunday morning a good number of people met at Canyon Center and organized a mission Sunday school. Officers and teachers were elected and a good service was enjoyed by all present. Sunday School will meet under the large brush arbor as long as the weather permits. Every one who doesn't attend Sunday School some where else is especially urged to attend and take part in this Mission school.

Bro. Dechaser preached at Canyon Center Sunday night. The entire Canyon was well represented in the service, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

J. Ford Butman and family started last Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal. It is a business trip, but they expect to take time to visit many friends and relatives and see the wonders of the West.

A community social given at the Butman ranch house by the Butman family last Wednesday night was greatly enjoyed by all of the large crowd of young folks, elderly people and children present. Home-made ice cream and cake and soda pop were served, many different kinds of entertainment were enjoyed.

Cotton picking and feed harvesting is the main feature of the day, and the people are getting along nicely with their work.

It seems that the eyes of the world are centered upon the oil well drilling in the canyon. Last Sunday afternoon the prospectors and drillers had a real enjoyable time at Butman No. 1. Watermelon and ice cream were served while the large crowd posed for a kodak snap shots. While visiting the drilling wells in Mulberry Canyon remember the drillers are appreciative of human beings and will always enjoy a treat to whatever you have to bring them.

Thursday night is prayermeeting night at Canyon Center. This is everybody's meeting, so come if possible and bring some one with you.

Canyon Booster.

Mr. J. G. Saddler of Gatesville, was up this week looking after his farming interests near here.

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SCHOOL APPAREL



We have everything you will want in clothing, shoes, dresses, etc., that will dress your son or daughter both comfortably and in good taste throughout the school season. Our stock is very large and complete; the quality of our goods is unsurpassed, and ALWAYS PRICED A LITTLE LESS.

Come in now and make your purchases for the children's School Wearing Apparel, and have them ready when school starts, which is just ten days away.



Back - to - School

CLOTHES

HERE is the kind that will pass any examination with superior grades — and will withstand the average test for style, for fabric, for tailoring and for durability. Great values, too.

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Stoves, Stoves, Stoves

We have just received two shipments of stoves and expect more right away

We have selected the "Favorite" line of Gas Ranges

which have arrived and are now on display, see them

We will have a nice assortment to select from.

Also we will have a nice line of Gas Heaters and Logs to select from.

Also we have Perfection Oil Stoves and Heaters, Coleman Gasoline Ranges, Wood and Coal Stoves and Heaters.

If it's a stove you want we will have it. We will be glad to show them to you.

Our line is complete in most all lines
Wagons Sheets and Tents

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TOWNY.

Mexia News: Two things no town can be without are a newspaper and a chamber of commerce. Any town of 1,000 population or more should see to it that there is a good, live Chamber of Commerce and a good home town weekly newspaper—daily if the town is large enough.

Certainly, certainly so. But a Chamber of Commerce costs less to run than a newspaper. Some towns, or some citizens in some towns, think they can get along all right without either a Chamber of Commerce or a newspaper. And some towns do—but just look at 'em! Good roads are making it difficult for small towns to hold their own. When it is a difference of only ten minutes or half an hour between towns, the fittest will survive, the others become a place with weeds holding carnival on Main street. When two towns are outwardly equal, which is the fittest and will be the survivor? The one with the most enterprise. That is the answer. And the one with the most enterprise is the one which sustains a newspaper and a Chamber of Commerce—anyhow a newspaper. But no newspaper can sustain itself on the handshakes given the editor by his grateful fellowtownsmen. If they do not give him advertisements, printing jobs and subscriptions to his paper he will have to move his outfit to a liver community. After he moves, and no successor takes his place, good-bye town! It is doomed to become a reminiscence. But if the newspaper is sustained, hello, town! You are set to stay. A town that keeps its newspaper will keep its place on the map. It costs much money to carry on even a small newspaper business these times. The capital investment can hardly be less than \$5,000. If the office is machine equipped it can hardly be less than \$10,000. And the income of a machine-equipped office must be several hundred dollars a month—nearly all of which is spent in the town. Hard work and good business management are now absolutely necessary in publishing. Many publishers are more eager to get out than to stay in. Towns which are indifferent to their press will find the world indifferent to them. It works out that way. No two ways about it, no doubt about it, no dispute about it.—State Press in The Dallas News.

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

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider is home from an extended visit in San Angelo and Houston.

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We earnestly solicit a portion of your business, and assure you that to serve you will be a pleasure.

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Mrs. J. E. Badgley was up from Roscoe last Saturday visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. T. Davis. Also Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Badgley, Mrs. Josie Talloferro and two children, Mrs. Alvin Vines and baby.

Miss Lillian Rider returned first of the week from visiting friends at Hamler and Sylvester.

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Mr. Roy Smith of the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, was a guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, the past week-end.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES RENDER PROGRAM AT ZION CHAPEL

The Womens Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Merkel rendered a splendid program at Zion Chappel Monday evening, August 29. It was very much enjoyed by the pastor, Bro. Bryant, and the home ladies. After a pleasant social hour refreshments of lemonade and cake were served after which a business meeting was called. Mrs. West the president, made an impressive talk on Missions. It was discussed and decided to take a vote and it carried to organize a society for the Comper church. Mrs. E. C. Spurgin was elected president; Mrs. W. J. Spurgin first vice president; Mrs. Charlie Allred was elected Secretary and treasurer; Mrs. E. C. Tarvin Jr., correspondence Secretary.

We invite the Merkel ladies back at their earliest convenience. Those present from Merkel were Mrs. Henry West, president; Mesdames Marvin Smith, T. I. Harvell, J. L. Tucker, Jim West, W. L. Diltz, John West, W. Elliott, Miss Elva Tucker, little Miss Betty Jane Diltz, Miss Ruby Evans from Knox City, and Miss Hazel Thomas.

Merkel, Texas, Sept. 1, 1927. An open letter to the Chairman and members of the Democratic National Convention when convened in 1928.

Gentlemen, if you wish to commit political suicide for the Democratic party, nominate "Al" Smith candidate for president. And if there ever was a justifiable case of suicide, you will have one if you make such a nomination.

Furthermore, this will be the last presidential candidate the Democrats will ever nominate. The thing will simply go to pieces like a shock in a Texas cyclone. Thirty per cent of the fragments will go to the Republicans, other fractions will drift to the minor parties and some to no party. This last group will form a nucleus which will attract the "better" element from all parties and form what will be called the conservative party of the U.S.A. This will sweep over the land like a tornado and the first national ticket they put out they will give the Republicans such a wallop there will be elected in the next twenty-five years.

I am not a prophet, my father was not a prophet, none of my boys are prophets, but as "acting" secretary of the "Wise Acre" association I put you on notice now that these facts may have time to "soak in" and you may have time to leave a note telling us why you immigrated to the country when the old Whig and old Tory parties sleep. Respectfully,
KRESS KAIN.

LAUGH — LAUGH — LAUGH
Happy Brown's Colored Minstrel Saturday matinee and night, regular prices—PALACE. 11

J. J. Russell came in this week from Austin where he has been attending the State University.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and children visited at Eastland and Cisco last Sunday.

SPECIALS

For Cash
SATURDAY
September 3rd.



LETTUCE nice, firm head	10c	YAMS nice smooth, lb.	3c
CABBAGE firm head, lb.	3c	SHORTENING 4-lb Pail "Advance"	60c
SUGAR 25-Pound Sack	\$1.85	8lb pail "Advance"	1.15
10-Pound Sack	85c	COFFEE 3-lb can Breakfast Delight	\$1.40
CORN No. 2 Can Woodford	\$1.00	3lb can Broncho with prem	\$1.45
Seven Cans for		CORN FLAKES KELLOGG'S	25c
POST TOASTIES, 2 for	25c	3 For	
HONEY Uvalde County	65c	BKG. POWDER 1-lb Rumford's	25c
Qts. While they last		with mixing spoon	
SALT PORK, fresh, lb.	18c	BKG. POWDER 2 1/2 Pound	60c
BACON, fancy sliced, lb.	45c	Calumet	
ROUND STEAK Sweet and tender, per lb.	25c	BOX BACON per box	50c
LOIN STEAK Tender and sweet	25c	CURED HAMS Armour's Star	26c
Per Pound		half or whole, lb.	
		SAUSAGE, per lb.	25c
		PORK CHOPS Nice and Lean	30c
		Per Pound	

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BKG. POWDER Davis 35c seller	23c
FLOUR high patent 24-lbs.	95c
SUGAR best grade 25 lbs.	\$1.68
PEACHES GALLONS GOOD ONES	58c
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The best is always the cheapest. Yes its Standard Quality and the Watkins man will be knocking at your door every 30 or 40 days. I have some very interesting localities for men to handle Watkins Products.

HOOT GIBSON AND "RIDDLE RIDER" at QUEEN THEATRE
Like the old dime novels, the transparently spotted two-reel movie thrillers of yesteryear have passed into the limbo of forgotten relics. With the advent of Hoot Gibson on the cinematic horizon, a new era has dawned in the realm of Westerns. They have been dignified and revamped along modern lines, still retaining the tang of the days of the West that was. Gibson has brought a magic touch to revive anew the romance, the tragedy and the comedy that tinged the lives of those who lived in the wide open spaces.
In his latest Universal Jewel release, "Hey, Hey! Cowboy," which comes to the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday, Hoot Gibson is cast in the type of role that fits him like a well-worn glove. Imbued with a thirst for the heroic limelight, and continually in hot water through his attempts to be romantic and adventurous, Gibson colors his role with the highlights of daring deeds. His acting is set off against a background of comedy relief furnished by experienced farceurs.
All the romance of the real West is promised film fans in "The Return of the Riddle Rider," the Adventure chapter play which is now showing at the Queen Theatre Fridays and Saturdays. William Desmond, the star of the ten episode drama, returns in this production, to the character he made famous in his biggest success, "The Riddle Rider." Arthur B. Reeve, the author, and Robert Hill, the director, have made the new film a story replete with thrills, action and love interest enough to please the most jaded theatre-goer.

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RICHARD DIX with Mary Brian
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"MAN POWER"
A Powerful Drama for Men, Women and children
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Monday and Tuesday
CLARA BOW
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Her Biggest and Best Picture
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Wednesday and Thursday
RAYMOND GIRFFITH
Better Than Ever in
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GREAT NEWS, FOLKS! He's back again in the wonder serial of the ages! William Desmond in "The Return of the Riddle Rider," even greater than the "Riddle Rider," which you all loved and remember so well.

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LOLA TODD in "The RETURN OF THE RIDDLE RIDER" starring WILLIAM DESMOND AN ADVENTURE PICTURE

A story replete with thrills, action and all the romance of the West.

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 Smiling
HOOT GIBSON
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"Hey! Hey! Cowboy!"

HOOT is a ridin', reckless, smilin' tornado. It's a treat for tired eyes to see him ride like a fiend—fight like a wild-cat—love like a regular Don Juan—never for a moment losing that wonderful humor that has made him the idol of thousands.

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To the People of Merkel and Vicinity

We want to take this opportunity of thanking you for the wonderful business that we have received from Merkel and trade territory since coming to Abilene 5 years ago. We sincerely believe we can save you money by trading with one of our three stores in Abilene.

To those of you that have never visited one of our stores, let us extend to you a special invitation to visit one of our stores the next time you are in Abilene.



Harry A. Olmsted, President of the State Fair of Texas, is one of Dallas' most prominent business men and is well known throughout the state, particularly among the newspaper fraternity. He has been on the board of directors of the fair for many years and has served several terms as president in the past, always with success. He is responsible for many of the new ideas introduced this year. Like all of the other directors of the State Fair, he serves without pay.

Roy Rupard, the new Secretary of the State Fair of Texas, has been connected with that institution for about 13 years. He began his work in a minor position in the office and has worked his way to the top, now having the distinction of being the secretary of the largest State Fair in the United States. Mr. Rupard is a man of pleasing personality, keen knowledge of what the public wants to see at a great State Fair and ability to procure it.

WANTED—clean pint bottles, must be clean. 30c dozen. Hamm Drug Company.

For new Colorado State Honey call at Patton's Grocery. It

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner had as their guests recently Messrs. Walter Wampler and Harrold Phillips, of Indiana.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson has as her guest this week, Mrs. H. B. Young, of Holdenville, Okla., and Mrs. Albert Fauth of Eastland.

Expecting car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal any day. \$12.00 at the car. Will deliver anywhere at small extra cost. SWAFFORD. Phone 44. It

Miss Christine Collins has returned to her home here after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Homer L. Easterwood, at Taft, Texas.

Happy Brown's Colored Show with orchestra music, singing and dancing with regular program of pictures—PALACE. Saturday matinee and night. It

Watch our Bargain Counter and save money. Patton's Grocery. It

THE GREATEST HORSE OF THE CENTURY

Those who visit the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, October 8 to 23, will be able to see "The Greatest Horse of the Century," by which name Mr. McElwyn, owned by W. H. L. McCourtie, president of the Trinity Portland Cement Company of Dallas, has become known wherever men talk horse flesh and records.

It is not generally known that this champion of champions is owned in Texas, but such is the case. This grand animal is now at stud in Lexington, Ky., but he will be brought to Texas in time for the great Fair and will be shown every day, in harness, in front of the grandstand.

While there will be no harness racing at the State Fair, the fact that the famous Mr. McElwyn will be at the fair grounds will interest many Texans, for the love of a good horse which was inbred in most sons of the Lone Star State is by no means dead even in this age of the motor car and the tractor.

Therefore, doubtless, thousands who otherwise might hesitate, will make the trip to the State Fair when they know that they will be able to see this prince of stallions, who, as a two-year-old, broke the record for that age with a mark of 2:04; who, as a three-year-old, again shattered a world's record, going the mile in 1:59 3/4 (the first two-minute trotter of his age and still the only one), and who, in 1926, as a three-year-old, again made a world's record of 1:59 1/4.

Sensational Advance Seat Sale to "Countess Maritza" at State Fair of Texas, Oct. 8-23



Roy Rupard, secretary of the State Fair of Texas, says that never before have there been so many advance applications for reserved seat tickets to an attraction in the Auditorium as have already come in for "Countess Maritza," which is the name of the Broadway comedy musical show "elated" to be presented at the Auditorium during the State Fair period, Oct. 8 to 23.

"The great majority of these applications are from out of the city and a surprising number are coming from the smaller cities and towns," says Mr. Rupard. "It seems to have become known that 'Countess Maritza' is the kind of a show that will please everybody, because it is full of good, lively music, beautiful melodies, song hits, plenty of comedy all through it, lots of good dancing and all that goes to make up a bright, keen entertainment."

"And, furthermore, it is becoming known that the company that will play 'Countess Maritza' here is the very same, absolutely, that played it for the many months of its long run in New York—the same talented prima donna, the same handsome leading man, the same fiery gypsy girl, the same four comedians, the same clever dancers and the complete



Hungarian Gypsy orchestra. There are eighty people in the show, counting the orchestra, and every one that played in New York will be seen in Dallas."

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Mr. and Mrs. Lem A. Dudley, residing out on the J. M. Chaney ranch, are indeed happy over the arrival at their home of a daughter, born on August 24. Congratulations to our cowboy friend.

J. C. Patton of Olney Springs, Colorado and J. W. Patton of Rotan, brother and father respectively of Messrs W. J. and A. R. Patton of this city, are here this week for a visit with the latter.

In this paper you will find announcement of red hot bargains in Groceries at the Quality Market & Grocery, Merkel. Read it and save money on Groceries. Itp

Our Fall Clothing has arrived. The newest and latest in men and young men's wearing apparel. Read our advertisement in this paper. Caleb Reed Man Shop, Abilene. Itp



Clothes For Fall

We are ready for the Fall Season with the most complete line of Men's Clothing we have ever had.

We have the New Fall Suits in all the wanted colors and models at prices you can afford to pay.

The prices range from **\$24.00 to \$40.00**

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We have fresh Tokay Grapes, California Pears, Apples, Oranges, Lemons and Peaches; Turnips and tops, Mustard Greens, Carrots, Celery, Sweet Peppers, Squash and Tomatoes. Pen Fed Fryers and Fresh Country Eggs.

Misses Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Vennie Heizer, and Eunice Russell are among those of this city attending summer school at Canyon, and have returned to their homes here.

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Mr. B. L. Hamilton, of Truscott, Texas, has accepted a position as Teller at the Farmers State Bank. He and wife are occupying one of Mr. Haynes' residences near the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris have had as their guests the past week their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Bullock, of Caddo, Mrs. S. A. Duckett, of Tulia, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harris, of Caddo.

What is a Diuretic?

One Can't Feel Well When Kidneys Act Sluggishly.

THE part played by the kidneys and their importance to bodily health should be clearly understood. Sluggish kidneys do not thoroughly cleanse the blood of poisonous wastes. Such impurities are apt to make one dull, tired and aching with often a nagging headache, drowsy headaches and dizziness. A common warning of imperfect kidney action is scanty or burning excretions. Doan's Pills aid the kidneys in their eliminative work. 50,000 users have publicly recommended Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS 60c
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
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FOR SALE—Late 1926 model Chevrolet Coach, driven 8,000 miles, in good condition. Good reason for selling. Only cash propositions considered. For a good bargain call at the Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—A 4-room house, well located, with garage. Well and two lots. See C. C. Montandon, Nazarine pastor. 2t2

FOR SALE—1925 Ford roadster, a good one, cheap for cash. See Marvin Boney. 1t

FOR SALE—50 Columbia Wyandottes, one month old, out of danger of baby chick diseases. If taken in the next three days you can have them at 15 cents each. See Mrs. C. P. Stevens. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade—320 acres fine land in the Estancia Valley, Torrance County New Mexico. Well fenced, 160 acres in cultivation, 4-room house, barn and garage. Fine cistern well, 4 miles to mountains and 3 miles to Railroad. See O. R. Rodden at Studio. 1t

FOR SALE—1 Ford Truck, all new rubber. Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Company. 1t

FOR SALE—250 acres of land, 200 in cultivation, 2 houses, well and windmill, plank lots and sheds. Price \$50.00 per acre; \$2,500.00 down, balance long time at 8%. C. E. Jacobs. tf

FOR SALE—Pair of first class double springs, good iron bedstead, and other household goods. Apply at house opposite Fred A. Baker home 1tp

FOR SALE—4 pigs, weigh about 50 or 60 pounds, good Poland China. See C. A. Hudson, route 4. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good second hand cotton wagon, ready for use. Cheap if sold at once. G. F. Turner. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good 3-inch Mitchell wagon. See Frank Hail, Merkel, Route Two. 2t2p

FOR SALE—Young, gentle pony, just the thing for a boy or girl to ride. Bargain if sold at once. Call at the Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—Stephens Hotel. Price \$8,800, \$3,700 cash. See owner. 12t4p

You may send your child for meat with the assurance of receiving the same good quality as if you came for it yourself—if you send to Baker & Wheeler Market. tf

FOR SALE—A good wagon. Price \$35.00. See W. C. Mattingly, Route No. one. 19t3p

WE have slightly used piano will sell for balance due company. Terms if desired. Will accept good used car or same. Will be glad to take care of your tuning; all work guaranteed. Robt. L. Wright, with State Factory representative, Box 284, Sweetwater, Texas. 26t3p

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cow. Also good young mules; give terms to right party. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Route No. 5. 26t2p

FOR SALE—Half horse General Electric Motor, single phase, 60 cycle, 220 or 110 volt. This motor has just recently been overhauled; reason for selling, putting in larger motor. Priced to sell. The Merkel Mail. tf

FOR SALE—Confectionary business cheap. Desirable location; must sell account of other business. Write Box X care of Merkel Mail. 26t2

LAND—Have a number of fine farms in the Capps community for sale, also large body of land around Lubbock. Easy terms. W. I. Thornton, Abilene, route three. 26t2p

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A light Jersey heifer calf. Please notify Baker & Wheeler, phone No. 107. 1t

LOST—Between J. S. Hutson place and Merkel a long chain. Reward for return to Phillip A. Diltz. 1tp

STOLEN—Fifty dollar reward for a black metal suit case with nickel plate latch and catches, stolen from the Pence rooming house. Will pay the above reward for the suit case and its contents, or any information leading to its recovery. J. E. Archer. 2t3p

Happy Brown's Colored Show with orchestra music, singing and dancing with regular program of pictures—PALACE. Saturday matinee and night. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two farms; one with 80 acres and one with 220 acres in cultivation, for next year. Apply by letter at once to Dr. Geo. L. Miller, Dr. C. B. Gardner, Box 26, Merkel, Texas. 1t

FOR RENT—House for light house-keeping. All modern conveniences; near school and churches. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR RENT—3 or 4 unfurnished rooms. Close in. phone 149-w. Mrs. C. S. Higgins. 1t

ROOM and BOARD—Would take boy or girl for room and board during school term. Modern conveniences, reasonable rent. Apply to Jack Durham at Mail office. tf

FOR RENT—Front store room in new Queen theatre building. Apply at theatre. 26t2

FOR RENT—Large, cool bedroom near school. Mrs. G. R. Holloway. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—clean pint bottles, must be clean. 30c dozen. Hamm Drug Company. tf

WANTED—Two school boys to room and board. One block of schools. Mrs. T. F. Compton. 1tp

NOTICE—When you have your next house painted see me. I use the very best paint and enamel our paint shops have. I do not order my paint. Prices right. G. L. BISHOP, Merkel, Box No. 538. 26t2p

School is to soon begin, and right now would be the best time to bring the children's clothes in and have them cleaned and nicely pressed. We spare no pains in giving you the best of service. The Cash Tailor Shop, phone No. 180. 1t

The Abilene Clarence Saunders Grocery has an advertisement in this paper that will be an "eye-opener" to those who wish to save money on Groceries. Read our ad. 1tp

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Mrs. W. C. R. Copeland visited last week with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Goodloe, at Lamesa. On her return her niece, Miriam Goodloe, accompanied her.

Miss Lucille Guitar returned this week from Alpine, where she attended summer school at Sul Ross Teachers College.

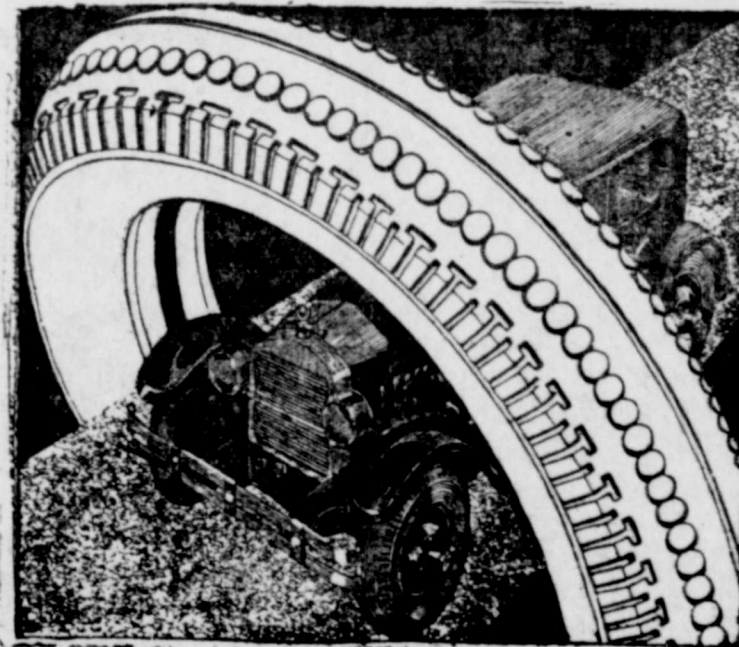
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is valuable now that the busy cotton season is here. Why worry with blow-outs when you can get a set of

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casings and tubes for such a reasonable sum?

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 2 Pound Can **99c**

IF YOU ARE FROM MERKEL TELL US SO.

JUDGE B. A. COX, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, DIED IN ABILENE MONDAY

After an illness covering some two years, Hon. B. A. Cox, for many years a successful attorney of Abilene, and prior to going there a citizen of Merkel, where he was also engaged in the practice of his profession, died on Monday of this week. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Abilene Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, in the afternoon, with Masons in charge.

Concerning his life we give the following from the Abilene News:
 Born in Nacatosh Parish, near Lake Charles, La., Sept. 11, 1862, and reared near Tyler, Texas, Judge Cox came to Taylor county in April, 1885 residing at Merkel ten years before coming here to make his home. He had spent 42 years in the practice of law in Taylor county.

Judge Cox received his common school education in Smith county, Texas. He studied law in the office of his uncle, Judge Scarborough, of Waco. He was married in February, 1888 to Miss Emmie Wyman at Merkel. He served two years as city attorney of Abilene.

For a time Mr. Cox was district deputy Grand Master of the Masonic order. He had been prominently connected with that lodge for a number of years. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

Surviving Judge Cox are his widow one son, four daughters and four grandchildren. The son is B. A. Cox, Jr., of Austin. The daughters are Mrs. Sewell Heavenhill, Ovalo; Mrs. H. D. DeMoss, Houston; Mrs. J. Norvell Green, San Angelo; Mrs. Max Randolph, Abilene.

—COLORED SHOWS— "The Happy Hour Minstrels" Saturday Matinee and night Palace—no advance in prices. It

Mr. L. B. Scott and son Burneal, accompanied by Messrs. Edward McCrary and Wrenn Durham, returned first of the week from a visit to the great Carlsbad Cavern. They report a most wonderful trip and the cavern far beyond description of any one.

Grandma N. J. Armstrong returned home last week from a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Big Spring.

School is to soon begin, and right now would be the best time to bring the children's clothes in and have them cleaned and nicely pressed. We spare no pains in giving you the best of service. The Cash Tailor Shop, phone No. 180. It

Simmons University Expecting Largest Enrollment This Fall

ABILENE, August 31.—Room reservations and advance inquiries for information that have been pouring into the Simmons University office have already justified the preparations which the school has been putting forward to meet the demands of the largest enrollment in its history this fall. These advance indications point toward a fall registration of over 1,000 and a total for the year exceeding 1,500.

Simmons authorities foresaw this increase before the close of last Spring's session, and began their plans which would broaden the curriculum, improve the facilities and take care of the largest and most varied demands for university work.

Two new buildings are now nearing completion which will help to relieve the heretofore crowded conditions, a new auditorium which will seat 1,600 people and a new cafeteria, which will accommodate the whole university. The auditorium is a temporary structure to take care of the situation until the new \$300,000 chapel and administration building is erected in the future, in the center of the campus. The present chapel hall is a good, practical fireproof, brick structure, however, which adequately meets the situation.

The Cafeteria is also a fireproof structure. An experienced New Orleans cafeteria man has been secured to run the eating house.

Other construction which is going on and will be ready for the fall opening is the remodeling of the old auditorium in Abilene Hall into six classrooms and the remodeling of the dining halls and kitchens in the women's dormitories into living quarters.

The teaching staff at Simmons has been increased to take care of new and larger demands. Professional courses have especially been strengthened and expanded. The university plans to meet the growing demands for such work. Business Administration has been reorganized, the department of Home Economics has been expanded to cover every possible phase of that work. A department of Journalism has been added to cover every phase of newspaper work, both reportorial and editorial.

Students who desire work done out of residence will have the service of a new department of Correspondence and Extension at Simmons this year. This department will be regulated and all work done in it will be recognized everywhere.

Simmons plans to keep up her record in extra-curricula activity. The athletic situation is bright with a new, reorganized coaching staff in charge.

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Buy your winter needs

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Frank Bridges, famous all over the South is head coach and director. His assistants, Leslie "Fats" Cranfill and Charlie "Potts" Anderson, two of Texas most promising young mentors will have charge of football this fall, while Bridges stays out a contract in California. Bridges will report in January, maintaining in the meantime a direction over the university athletics.

In all other activities, the famous Cowboy Band, the debating teams, the university publications, Simmons offers the best of opportunities to her students.

But these are not all that Simmons offers. In all her growth, the pioneer school of west Texas has not abandoned its old democratic spirit of fellowship. Simmons is still a school where the instructors and the students are close together, where personal contacts are counted as dear and valuable as the hours in the class room.

Simmons seeks to build on the foundation of religious faith and endeavor, upon which it was established and to turn out the all-round man and woman,—mental, physical and spiritual.

Buy a B. W. Raymond \$55 watch at your own price. See our window. HAMM DRUG COMPANY. tf

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Mr. Sanford Hodge, manager of the Queen Theatre, is away on a vacation trip with his father, Mr. H. T. Hodge, and family. They will visit San Antonio, Galveston and Corpus Christi while away. During his absence Mr. Homer Hodge is managing the Queen.

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Mrs. Tom Largent accompanied by her son, Joe, and daughter Mattie Lou, and sister Miss Jessie Suttphen, left last week for Kansas City, where they went to place her son Joe in the Kemper Military School located near that city. They made the trip by automobile.

Expecting car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal any day. \$12.00 at the car. Will deliver anywhere at small extra cost. SWAFFORD. Phone 44. It

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davidson and son John Prentis, of Winters, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Childress of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker and children of Fulbright, Texas, Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene, and Miss Mae Lassiter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Tucker of Slaton, Texas, on last Monday.

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