

SERVICE, OUR MOTTO

The service rendered at our bank
 You'll find to be of highest rank.
 Our aim is to be frank and fair
 And always for your business care
 In such a way that you may know
 There is no better place to go
 When you place money to your account
 Or when you borrow to any amount.
 The Farmers State Bank you sure will find
 Is there with service the best kind.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Shamrock is considering the acquisition of a landing field for airplanes. A one hundred and twenty acre plot in either the regular L shape or a T shaped one of similar size will probably be decided upon by the city manager and other city officials interested.

Clifton is to have a modern and electrically operated dry cleaning plant installed in the tailor shop of Sam M. Ringness. This is a service the town has been needing for some time, and Mr. Ringness is receiving

congratulations on the installation of it.

Idalou carried a \$2,004,000.00 road bond issue on Dec. 1, by an almost unanimous vote. With the new Fort Worth & Denver extension, this road when completed will make the markets very accessible to the Idalou section of the country.

Estelline has been doing some improvement on the public square. Elm trees have been set out to replace the maples which died during the year. Shrubbery has been replanted in spots where needed. The grass will be thicker with another years growth and will not be whipped out with wind and sand.

Ten boys' clubs have been organized by County Agent, J. D. Prewitt of Brady, in various communities of McCulloch County. The raising of baby beeves, terracing, and other subjects will be taught the 180 boys in these clubs this year.

Cash prizes will be offered at the third Annual Poultry Show of Brewster County to be held in Alpine, Dec. 18, and 19. A good purse has already been raised in addition to the \$300.00 subscribed by the Brewster County Chamber of Commerce.

The concrete frame work of the seventh floor of the Petroleum building at Midland has been erected. This floor makes the building the tallest in town, with five more to be erected. The theatre part of the building extends through the fifth floor.

A delegation of Ballinger people including the chief of the fire department, secretary of the chamber of commerce, city secretary, and others are visiting nearby towns to inspect new city halls, and modern fire stations with the view of making the ones which they will have in the near future the very best.

It will be only a short time before the widening of the road of Highway 28 will be completed east of Thalia, in Wilbarger county. It will then be ready to settle for the concrete, the pouring and hardening of which will require several months.

Perryton is experiencing a most substantial building boom. Building includes the erection of one whole block of business houses on main street, a 75 by 140 foot garage, a new brick Masonic Hall, a 50 by 140 foot two story store and office building, a 70 foot front brick motor company house and ther buildings.

Two bottling companies are building plants in Clarendon. Both are brick structures, one of them twenty-five feet wide and extending back to the alley. It is understood that work will be rushed to a finish, and the manufacturing of the bottled drinks started immediately.

A modern produce house has been built and equipped in Pecos at a cost of \$50,000.00. The whole building is 100x175 feet in dimensions and is so built it will house and refrigerate ten railway cars full of produce at one time. It also has a private ice house and three bungalow homes for employees.

The work of digging of the ditches and the laying of the mains for the sewer at Matador has been progressing steadily for a month. It is expected the job will be completed in a short time. Nearly every residence is taking advantage of the opportunity to install this convenience.

The expectation that the population of Quitque will double or treble in the next two or three years is being considered in the six inch water main being installed over the city. Work is under way on the underground concrete storage tank.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Roll call.
 Scripture, Genesis 13: 5-13, by leader Wanda Hunter.
 "A road to Happiness," by Imogene Middleton.
 "How Should We Treat Our Foreign Friends?" by Bessy Lea Church.
 "Our Lesson Subject," by Lois Whiteley.
 Reading "Others" by Frances Marie Church.
 Bible story by Florence Rider.
 "The Christmas Loud Speaker," Bertie Mae Leslie.
 Benediction.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 per ton; also bundle Maize Sam Swann

Texas has valuable deposits of gypsum with manufacturing plants using this material at Quanah, Sweetwater, Plasterco, Manlin, and Rotan.

All Toys and Dolls at Half Price City Drug Store.

AUTO REPAIRS

It is a saving of money and possible loss of life to see that your car is in tip-top shape.

We specialize on repair work—all makes of cars. The price is as low as is consistent with good workmanship.

C. S. HIGGINS GARAGE

Back of Postoffice

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 JEWELER
 At Hamm Drug Co.
 MERKEL, TEXAS
 Bring us your Watch Troubles
 All Watches and Jewelry Repairing Guaranteed.



Read This

One of our customers started last Spring with nine (9) turkey hens. She had only reasonably good luck. Last week she sold seventy (70) turkeys on the local market which averaged nearly twelve (12) pounds each and brought thirty (30c) cents per pound. Her check was for Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$250.45) and she has twenty three (23) turkeys left to select her stock from for another year.

This lot of turkeys has paid her more money than many farmers in this territory are getting out of their entire cotton crop. Does this mean anything to you? To us it is just another example and further proof that DIVERSIFICATION on the farms of this community will pay.

Plan now to DIVERSIFY next year. This BANK will help you. (If you would like to know we will tell you, upon application, who the above customer is).

The Old Reliable

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Directors

J. T. WARREN G. F. WEST SAM BUTMAN, SR.
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"Never missed a dividend—never assessed a shareholder"

Organized

1904

Start the New Year RIGHT

Pay Cash and you will always be ahead and never behind. The First of the Month will look like a Beautiful day, when you have no bills to pay.

WE have Xmas Merchandise on Display. You Can find what you want here.



Hamm Drug Co.

THE CASH DRUGGIST AFTER JANUARY 1st 1929

Rev. Sam Morris to Preach Next Sunday at Baptist Church

Rev Sam Morris of Abilene will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the interest of Simmons University.

All the other services Sunday and during the week.

Sunday school with congenial classes and trained teachers for all who will come. Come, study with us the word of God. The Bible will make you more successful, it will make you

happier and will help you prepare to live or die.

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Christmas for Christ." Evening subject, "Weighed and Found Wanting." B. Y. P. U. services 6 p. m. with unions suited for all who come. Come to the training service.

A welcome awaits you all the time come, work and worship with us.

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Never Having Tried To Steal A Car

you probably don't know how easy it is. We never tried either, but we know from looking at the stolen car records that lots of people do try—and get away with it.

We DO know how to protect you. Our policies cover theft, collision, public liability and all the misfortunes that the automobile owner is heir to.

We represent a company widely known for prompt settlements and good service.

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REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS
 FIRE INSURANCE

MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Lawyer

MAKE HER HAPPY—

Build Her a Home First.
 For the Best Material, See

CLAY LUMBER COMPANY

Christmas Party By Fellowship Club Enjoyable Occasion

Delightful entertainment, good fellowship and helpful suggestions were in evidence at the meeting of the Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening which developed into a Christmas party, with the holiday spirit predominating throughout the program.

Those who attended brought toys, which were tagged, placed on the tree and later distributed, this feature providing much merriment. Initiation into the mysteries of the Great White Throne followed the distribution of gifts.

Musical numbers were furnished by Misses Melba West and Mena Margaret Jones, and by a quartet consisting of Misses West and Jones, Harry Barnett and Charlie Jones. Just before the distribution of presents the quartet sang "Holy Night." Miss Lucy Tracy added much to the pleasure of the evening with a delightful reading.

Informal talks were made by Rev. T. J. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church; Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Prof. R. A. Burgess.

Master Magician C. P. Church furnished additional fun for the evening followed by some old fashioned games that were thoroughly enjoyed.

The committee in charge of the Christmas tree diversion was Dr. H. P. Hulsey, Jim Sears and R. O. Anderson.

Refreshments were served in "courses" to further emphasize the informality of the occasion. Popcorn was passed by John West, L. L. Murray and William Elliott, first followed later in the evening with a combalt and cake.

The entertainment committee arranging for the Christmas party consisted of S. M. Hunter, Harry Barnett and Charlie Jones.

All present report a most enjoyable time and one of the most profitable meetings in the club's history. James H. West is the club president.

Governor Ropes Wildcat.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 13.—Dan Moody, Texas governor, has roped his first wildcat, Sheriff Luther Snow of Raymondville said here Monday.

Take home a box of good candy, our candy is fresh—Hamm Drug Co.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

COMPERE NEWS

Due to the weather the past week the farmers did not get to do much work.

The Sunday school is still improving; the singing at Compere was reported good and enjoyed by a large crowd.

Everyone is invited to go to Stith next Sunday afternoon to the four-corner singing.

Miss Vivian and Miss Lottie McCoy, Misses Leona Wilburn and Miss Chaney spent the week-end with Liverne Bonds.

Miss Bessie Merritt spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. F. Merritt.

Everybody reported a good time at Saturday night, but Ray Lucas had the misfortune to lose his cap and he wishes that some one would return it.

Tilman Outlow is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Wilburn and children visited Mrs. R. D. Lucas Sunday.

A real Christmas tree and a good program are promised at the Baptist church at Compere Christmas Eve night and everyone is invited to come.

Immigration Patrol Inspector Examination

Washington, D. C., December 13.—The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for immigration patrol inspector, applications for which will be received until December 31.

The examination will be held in numerous cities in this state. The entrance salary is \$1,800 a year. Higher-salaried positions are filled through promotion.

Appointees will be required to perform guard duty in coast and border territory for the purpose of detecting and preventing the illegal entry of aliens into the United States.

Full information may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or from the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board at the post office or customhouse in any city in this state.

Just received a nice assortment of pipes of all kind—Hamm Drug Co.

All Toys and Dolls at Half Price City Drug Store.

Mrs. McSpadden's Primary Pupils in Recital on Dec. 20

The pupils of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden's primary school will give a recital at the Methodist church Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock. The program is as follows:

Watching for Santa Claus—Billie Wood and John R. Walling.

Music.

Bob's and Betty's Christmas.

Those taking part in the playlet and enacting the roles of Bob and Betty, Mother Goose characters, Santa Claus, goblins and others are: Marvin Hunter, Francis Higgins, Mary Joe Russell, Comora Hughes, Raymond Denny, Ann Lepard, Floella Hallmark, Billie Schulze, Mary Love Tipton, Gene Hulsey, Dee Hail, Betty Beckett, Don Warren, Arthur Lee Grimes, Bertie Lou Pee, Evelyn Enaminger, John R. Walling, Billie George Gant, W. D. Bland, Robert Rodden, J. D. Witcher, Verne Moore, Dorothy Childers, Yvonne Moore, Maurine Huddleston, Stacey Huddleston, Billie Wood, D. J. Richie, Levon Hallmark, J. C. Carson, Bob Chaney and Jerry Warren.

CHURCH OF CRIST.

There will be preaching at the North Side Church of Christ Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., also at 7 p. m. You are invited to attend each service and you are always welcome.

W. G. Cypert.

Preaching at Noodle.

E. B. Wallace of Abilene Christian College will preach again Sunday for the Church of Christ at Noodle. His Sunday morning sermons are generally directed to the church and have to do with Christian living. His Sunday night sermons so far have been old time themes that are both helpful to the converted and unconverted. The Sunday subject will be "Believing a lie."

Locates in Post.

J. A. Meeks and family have removed to Post during the past week. Mr. Meeks has been a resident of Merkel for 27 years and it is with regret that many friends here have learned of the removal of himself and family. Best wishes follow them into their new home.

Cotton, wheat, and gasoline, are the three leading exports of Texas in the order named.

Story "Companionate Marriage" Comes to Merkel Next Week

"Companionate Marriage," with Betty Bronson and Alice B. Francis, will open an engagement at the Merkel theatre with midnight matinee Sunday, Dec. 16, and with showings also Monday and Tuesday following. The story is written by the famous originator of this audacious love-plan, Judge B. Lindsey, Wainwright Evans. In a wire to the Pantheon theatre, Toledo, Ohio, Judge Lindsey said:

"Congratulations upon your securing first and only picture ever produced on Companionate Marriage. This widely discussed subject concerning the most vital problems of life, such as love, marriage and divorce, home and the family has been done into a marvelous photoplay with First National Pictures as distributors. This picture with Betty Bronson and a magnificent cast offers splendid entertainment as well as real education. Everyone will find thrills aplenty in this great epic production of which I am especially proud because it tells the truth for the first time about companionate marriage as it really is."

Death Young Couple Shrouded in Mystery

Fort Worth, Dec. 13.—Tom B. Owens Jr., 17, died in a hospital here late Friday afternoon after he was found wounded in the head by the side of his car Friday morning on the old Granbury road, five miles south of Benbrook. The body of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Landis Owens, 19, with a bullet wound in the head was nearby. A pistol was near Owens.

The automobile was parked on the right side of the highway, facing south.

Mrs. Owens was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Landis. Landis is United States weather observer for Fort Worth. Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Owens of New York City.

Texas has seventeen eleemosynary institutions, the oldest of which are the State School for the Blind and the State School for the Deaf at Austin, both opened in 1856.

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Telephone Listeners Protest Toll Charge

Laredo, Dec. 13.—Borrowing an idea from radio listeners, telephone subscribers in Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from this city, have organized a telephone listeners' strike in protest against a 5-cent toll charge recently placed on calls between the two cities. No extra charge has been made for calls between the two cities

for many years. It was estimated that 300 telephones in Nuevo Laredo had been muted Wednesday night, the subscribers removing the receivers from the hooks and letting them dangle.

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

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Of all gifts, a new motor car . . . of all cars a new Buick . . . the fullest measure of Christmas cheer you could possibly give to your family . . .

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With Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher

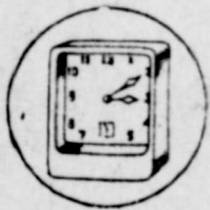
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ABILENE, TEXAS

When Better Automobiles Are Built . . . Buick Will Build Them



Santa Knows
What She Really Wants
This Christmas—



A Hotpoint Automatic Electric Range



All family life, health and happiness revolve around Mother and the meals she prepares on her kitchen range. She spends more of her time preparing and cooking meals than most of us realize.



The one great gift that will make Mother happiest this Christmas, is this modern Hotpoint automatic electric range with its many amazing conveniences and time-saving features.



We show here a few of the many conveniences of the Hotpoint Electric Range. Sold on easy monthly term.

\$5.00 Down—Balance in Seventeen Months

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- DIAMONDS
- WATCHES
- THERMOS BOTTLES
- PURSE SETS
- TOILET SETS
- TOILET WATER
- GLASSWARE
- FINE PERFUME
- LEATHER PURSES
- FOUNTAIN PEN SETS



FOR HER—
PANGBURN'S FINE CANDIES
BOX FINE STATIONERY
COMB AND BRUSH SET

FOR HIM—
BOX OF OUR FINE CIGARS
A BEAUTIFUL SMOKING SET
PERFUME SETS

Hundreds of other items in our big stock ready for your Christmas selection. We have anticipated your every want in Christmas goods and cordially invite your inspection.

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MERKEL DID FINE WORK IN ENTERTAINING BIG WEST TEXAS CONVENTION.

Merkel has every right to be proud of the manner in which the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention was cared for. On every hand committees from the Lions Club and the citizenship generally were showered with congratulations regarding the completeness of arrangements.

More than one visiting speaker referred to the decorations throughout the business district. Others commented on the attention that had been given to every detail by the committees from the Lions club. Visiting newspaper correspondents appreciated the providing of press table, pencils and paper. In fact, nothing was left undone, and Merkel will be the beneficiary.

It is no easy task for a town the size of Merkel to entertain a West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention. It requires time, work, and lots of it. Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, Sie Hamm, T. G. Bragg, R. O. Anderson and Sam Swann who composed the Lions club committees named to prepare for the convention, worked diligently and successfully, as did President L. B. Scott and practically every member of the Club.

Aside from the arrangements, Merkel has every right to be proud of its contribution to the convention program. Mayor H. C. West bespoke the sentiments of the community in welcoming the delegates. Mrs. E. Yates Brown added further laurels to her fame as a musician in piano accompaniments both at the convention and at the noonday luncheon. Miss Lucy Tracy, in a number of readings, completely captivated the delegates and visitors. L. R. Thompson, presiding at the opening of the convention and as toastmaster at the banquet, reflected credit on the "old home town."

Abilene is entitled to much credit for its contribution to the entertainment features. The famous Cowboy Band of Simmons University was on the "job" throughout the day. The quartette from the same institution was equally popular, as were the singers from Abilene Christian College and the octette from McMurry College.

The Merkel Band, under the direction of Joe Ward, is also entitled to recognition and praise. They worked early and late in sounding the "note of welcome" that was in the breast of every Merkel citizen.

Last, but no means least, was the "feed" prepared and served by the ladies of Merkel, assisted by Mrs. F. C. McFarland. Turkey and all the trimmings were served in elegant style to 300 West Texans, hungry from long rides and a busy morning session. The sumptuous meal and the excellent manner in which it was served reflects great credit on the Merkel ladies. When the success of the Merkel convention is mentioned the ladies who fed the large and hungry crowd are entitled to a large portion of the glory.

Merkel was proud to play host to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention. Important matters were discussed and plans outlined affecting the welfare of all West Texas. The convention afforded Merkel the opportunity to demonstrate to West Texas leaders the fact that it is among the progressive towns of this section, imbued with the spirit that is making West Texas the most talked section in the great Southwest.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH. The great Methodist wheel has turned again and I find myself in Merkel as the pastor of the Methodist church. I am well pleased and hope the Methodist church and the town community will not be too much disappointed in my coming. We have a very graciously received and we fully look forward to a happy and we hope helpful and prosperous year. We desire to be a helpful member in the community and will be glad to contribute our part to every movement which has for its object a better, cleaner, healthier and happier community.

We will have the usual services at church next Sunday and will be glad to have you worship with us.
T. J. Willett, pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Be on time; let's close the year with an increased attendance. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Church night Thursday Evening, December 20th, at 7 o'clock. We want every member of the church present. A program will be arranged that will be interesting to all ages. Come worship with us.

Wm. Elliott, supt.
R. A. Walker, pastor.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Santa Claus Letters

Letters to Santa Claus.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a truck and tractor set, candy, fruits and all kinds of nuts
M. J. Lucas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a stick horse with a head, teddy bear and a delivery car.
Melvina Lucas

Mr. Santa Claus,
North Pole.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy nearly four years old. If you think I have been a good boy, please bring me a gun, I would also like to have a teddy bear, a toy billiard table, some candy, nuts and

fruits. Please remember Mother and Daddy too, and all the other good little boys and girls. We still live at Noodle Dome, so will have no trouble in finding us. Your little friend.
Jimmie McNeese

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a sleepy doll with hair, doll bed and a broom.
Katherine Lucas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a large sleepy doll with long curly hair, and a doll buggy.
Sarahlee Lucas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a pair of house shoes. I want some nuts and some oranges. I hope to see you in town Saturday. Goodnight.
Clara Deutschman.

In Memory Guy Cade.

Death has again visited the Shiloh community and has taken from the home Guy Cade, whose remains were laid to rest in the Trent cemetery. Guy joined the church and was baptized in his teens. I knew Guy all his life. He was intelligent and industrious and stood at the head of his classes in school. Kind and affectionate to his mother, his friends were numbered by those who knew him, always and willing to help each and every one that was in need. When left to manage the farm he worked hard and was very successful until his health gave way, he never recovering from this. Those left to mourn his death are his mother and three brothers of this community and two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Olford of Houston and Mrs. Elenor Anderson of Lawn, besides a host of friends.
—A friend.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas, that the annual meeting of stockholders will be held at the office of this bank January 8th, 1929, at three o'clock for the election of Directors and to attend to any other business as may come before the meeting.
Farmers State Bank



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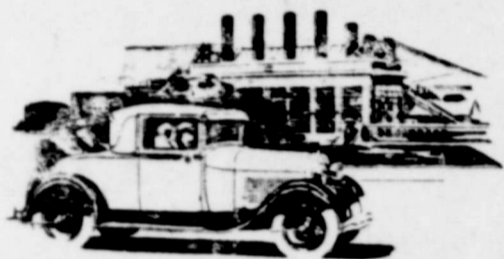
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The utilities of a city are combined in your motor car



YOUR automobile is something like a miniature city. There is an electric light and power system, a water system, a fuel system.

In the new Ford, you will find each of these systems of the latest design and best materials. Every part has been made to serve you faithfully and well at a minimum of trouble and expense.

Take, for example, the generator—one of the most important parts of the electrical system which supplies the current for lighting and for engine ignition.

In the new Ford, the generator is of the power-house type and is distinctive in many features. It has been specially designed to prevent most forms of trouble. Oiling is necessary only once a year. About the only thing you need do is to have the charging rate changed as the seasons change.

Closely allied to the electrical system is the ignition system. It, too, is of new mechanical design in the new Ford. There is but one high tension cable and that connects the coil with the distributor. Even cables from the distributor to the spark plugs have been eliminated. Special care has also

been taken to make the distributor water-proof, thus preventing short circuits from rain, etc.

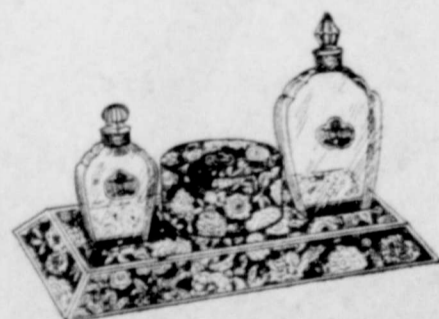
The entire electrical and ignition systems of the new Ford are so simple in design and so carefully made that they will give you surprisingly little trouble. Yet that doesn't mean they should be neglected. Certain little attentions are needed from time to time.

The storage battery should be given water and the connections kept clean. The generator charging rate should be changed as indicated. Spark plugs should be cleaned at regular intervals. Distributor points should also be kept clean and the distributor cam given a light film of vaseline every 2000 miles.

These are just little things, but they mean a great deal to your car. You can have them looked after at very small cost by the Ford dealer when you take the car in for oiling and greasing.

A thorough checking-up at regular intervals will lengthen the life of your car and give you many thousands of miles of carefree, economical motoring.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY



1c SALE ON BEN HUR BEN HUR VANITY SET

In two designs in the New Art Moderne Color. Makes an excellent Xmas Gift.

Call in and see them.

\$3.00 each

Two for \$3.01

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The Christmas Gift problem can be solved easily and economically if you come here.

Toilet Sets, Beautiful Stationery, Smoking Sets, Overnight Sets, Exquisite Bags, The Finest Candy.

Large Stock of Toy and Dolls

Hundreds of other desirable Gifts Items, all conveniently arranged for easy and comfortably shopping.

City Drug Store

For Today --and Many Tomorrows

An Appropriate Xmas Gift



MODEL 40 A. C. SET
Uses 1 rectifying and 6 A. C. tubes. Less tubes, \$77.
Radio Speaker—3 sizes, each \$20.

You will enjoy its finer performance, its power, its tone, the speed and certainty of the Full-vision Dial, as much a year from now as on the day we installed it.

It is low priced because production to satisfy a demand of 33,000 a week can make good radio more economically. Get entertainment and pleasure for today and future years with your all-electric Atwater Kent—today!

SEE US FOR—

SILVERWARE, DISHES, CUTLERY, GUNS AMMUNITION, TOY WAGONS, TRICYCLES AND SCOOTERS, ETC. FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

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SOCIETY

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.
 Mrs. Tom Henderson was the honor guest last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson, in Nood-Ford, where all of her children gathered, bringing well filled baskets to celebrate her birthday.

At the noon hour a delicious dinner sprang spread, the lovely birthday cake glowing with its lighted candles gracing the center of the table.
 After the table was spread, Mrs. Henderson was sent for and was most surprised and very happy when she entered the dining room and built invited to extinguish the candles. The Christmas motif was carried north in the decoration of the dining room and places were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and their children at home, Thomas Jr., Atwell and Ina Faye; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and children, Jaunita Hays and Ernest Nelson Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A surprise dinner was given at the home of Mrs. A. A. Baker by her children and grand children on last Sunday, it being her 85th birthday. A number of her friends remembered her with gifts. The afternoon was spent in old time jokes and very telling. Misses Mona Marquette Jones, Vera Walker, Melba West, and Mamie Walker favored the guest by a song entitled "In the End When We never Grow Old." Mrs. Baker bestowed her prayers and cast wishes upon each child and friend.

IDLEWISE.

Miss Mary Eula Sears was a most gracious hostess to members of the Idlewise club on Tuesday afternoon of this week.
 Gorgeous floral decorations consisted of massed chrysanthemums and straw flowers from California. Games of auction bridge proved a happy diversion until tea time when the hostess assisted by her sister Miss Boag Sears, served a dainty refreshment of Flapper salad, cracker sandwiches with coffee to Mesdames S. D. Dumble, Jack Durham, Sam Cummins, Tom Largent, Charlie Jones, G. Grimes, Harvey, L. B. Scott, Sie

Hamm, Geo. White, F. C. McFarland, Matt Dillingham, Roy Largent, Warren Smith, Jim Sears, Harry Cookston, W. S. J. Brown, Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins and Lucy Tracey.

WESLEY EDWARDS COMPLIMENTED.

A charming affair of beautiful appointments was given Saturday evening by Mesdames Wesley Edwards and George White when they entertained with a six o'clock dinner honoring Mr. Edwards on his birthday. Every detail was extremely beautiful, reflecting the excellent taste and cordial hospitality which always characterize the entertainment given by these genial hostesses.

The rooms were lovely with handsome yellow chrysanthemums where a delicious five course turkey dinner was served on card tables.

Bridge was the diversion of the evening. The cards seemed to possess a delightful fascination inspired by the occasion and every one was filled with the spirit of pleasure. As the guests progressed around the honoree, many expressions of love and care and thought was manifested in this perfect hospitality.

Those sharing in the evening's pleasure were: Messrs. and Mesdames Wesley Edwards, H. O. Barber, Niel Gross, Tat Elder, Dr. and Mrs. Ed Rudd, all of Mary Neil, Texas; Messrs and Mesdames Walter Booth, Joe H. Booth, T. L. Hughes of Sweetwater, Bob Campbell of San Angelo, R. O. Anderson, Charlie Jones, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, R. I. Grimes, J. C. White and Geo White.

DINNER BRIDGE.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent last Thursday evening enjoyed an in-honor affair complimenting Mr. Largent on his birthday. A floral center of exquisite pink roses adorned the table where a delectable three course dinner was served.

Bridge games progressed as the evening diversion for Messrs. and Mesdames Warren Smith, Miss Mary Cleo Booth, Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Harry Cookston, Dr. W. S. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Largent.

GLEANNERS LASS PARTY

The pretty new home of Mrs. F. C. Hughes on Oak street was the scene of a lovely Christmas party Wednesday afternoon when Mesdames Charles Idding, J. E. Kirchman and F. C. Hughes entertained members of their

Sunday school class. Colorful suggestions of the approaching Yuletide were climaxed in a Christmas tree burdened with gifts. Gay contests interspersed with readings by little Miss Marguarite Kirchman and the disposition of gifts entertained the guest until tea time when a delectable salad plate with sweets and coffee was passed to approximately thirty-five guests.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS

The Willing Workers' Class of ladies of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. Murray. After the scripture reading and prayer an interesting discussion was held of the work and plans were laid for the coming year.

At the close of business hour Mrs. Murray, assisted by her daughters, Madeline and Mable, served a delicious refreshment course.

The class will met next on January 8 at the home of Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Merkel Men on Jury.

S. R. Fleming, M. C. Graham, Sam Butman Jr., E. H. Bryant and Sam Swann of Merkel have been summoned for petit jury service next week.

On track car coal, also car hulls. Swafford, Phone 44.

Cotton, wheat, and gasoline, are the three leading exports of Texas in the order named.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished in South Merkel, my home place all conveniences. Mrs. F. E. Church.

FOR SALE—5 room house on lot and half, south side, cash or terms; also household furniture, (cash only) dining room suite, bed room suite, 2 kitchen cabinets, 2 oil stoves, 2 linoleum rugs, 1 bedstead, 2 mattresses, breakfast set, 2 rockers, 1 dresser. Mac D. Taylor at Tourist Cafe.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment; all modern conveniences. Riddle Garage No. 53.

FOR RENT—Modern stucco house. W. R. Hampton.

FOR SALE—800 bundles of feed. Mrs. W. Z. Harris at Charlie Higgins' residence.

Salt Branch News

A play, "That's One on Bill," by Lillian Mortimer is to be given Friday night at the school house at 7:30 o'clock.

The cast of characters includes—Uncle Jimmie (a young bachelor), Jack Hays; Bill Haily (His nephew), Jarrett Pinckley; Battling Bennie (a pugilist), Paxton Hays; Harry Dover (engaged to Lil), Bill Hayes; Ned Collins (puppy—to be rich to work), Rufus Rice; Patricia Niles (Patricia Pansy La Gloria), Marie Pinckley; Lil Haily (her friend), Pauline Pinckley; Mob Allen (Uncle's choice for Bill), Martha Brookes; Mrs. Haily (mother of Lil and Bill) Braunell Armstrong; Rosie (the maid), Oudia Rice.

A three act play. Time of playing two hours. No admission will be charged.

On track car coal, also car hulls. Swafford, Phone 44.

Swift's Jewel Compound 8 lb. bucket \$1.25. Dunn Bros. Cash Store.

Meyer's Best Flour, \$1.70 for 48 lb. sack. Dunn Bros. Cash Store.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of our large volume of business since moving to our new location we are able to give to the public the benefit of a cut in prices on our meats. We handle the best HOME killed young meats, always and have secured the services of Mr. Brooks Patterson as meat cutter who is too well and favorably known to Merkel people to need any recommendation here.

We thank the people of Merkel for their liberal patronage in the past and hope to merit it in the future, by always giving quality meats at lower prices and more cheerful service.

Give us a trial and be convinced.
QUALITY MARKET
 O. F. Weidenbach, Prop.
 Phone 2

Santa Is Coming to Toy Town Saturday Afternoon December 15th.

Bring the children to see him while you do your Xmas shopping—Only nine more days to buy—Don't wait until our stock is depleted.

Gifts of beauty and usefulness for all the family.

Sears Variety Store

"Home of Bargains"

Practical Gifts at Practical Prices

Christmas 1928

Well, folks another year is just about to draw to a close and we are reminded again that we must remember those we love with some gift that will gladden their hearts.

Don't matter with us whether it is Baby, Sister, Brother, Daughter, Son, Mother, Father, Friend

or Sweetheart, we have something that is suitable to give them.

The border of this ad is only a few of our many gifts. Come around and let us help you to make your selections. Make this year a **HARDWARE CHRISTMAS**. Give something that will last.

Liberty Hardware Company



MERKEL

TRENT

Personal Mention

S. D. Gamble and Dr. R. I. Grimes attended the game between Amarillo and Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Mrs. Dan Wiess were Abilene visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell and family were in Abilene Friday night to hear the "Singing Fool."

Mrs. M. E. Young of Mesquite is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Polly, and will remain through the winter.

Sie Hamm, W. L. Diltz Jr. and Sam Derstine were in Abilene the last three days of this week, doing jury service.

HALF HOLIDAY FOR BANKS.

In order that our employees may see the football game Friday afternoon of this week at Paramore Field, Simmons University, between Abilene High School Eagles and Cleburne High School Yellow Jackets, semi-final game in the High School Inter-scholastic race, the undersigned banks of Merkel will observe a half holiday, and will not be open for business after 1 p. m. Friday, December 14, 1928.

Farmers State Bank.
F. & M. National Bank.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 per ton; also bundle Maize Sam Swann

"Shadows of the Night" Is Thrilling Picture Showing at Queen

"Shadows of the Night," a picture with an interesting background of newspaper reporting and underworld life, comes to the Queen theatre Friday. For the first time the screen reveals what actually happens before that front-page story catches your eye at the breakfast table.

With a record group of comedy players assembled, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," will be at the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Heading the cast is Ruth Taylor a comparatively unknown screen actress who was chosen for the role of Lorelei Lee, blonde, gold-digging heroine, after a nation-wide search. Another girl of the same status plays her girl-friend, Dorothy, brunette wisecracker. She is Alice White, former script clerk who turned actress and has appeared in less than half a dozen pictures.

When Colleen Moore returned from location, where ocean scenes were filmed for her new First National picture, "Oh Kay!" coming to the Queen Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday she was pronounced by her fellow players to be a first class able seaman.

A decidedly nautical atmosphere was supplied by the scenarist for several episodes of this humorous

screen story, in which the vivacious Colleen made numerous scenes aboard an old wind-jammer, rowed a skiff, and even acted as skipper and crew of a fast little sloop.

CANYON NEWS

Misses Elma Hale and Novis Whiteaker spent last week-end in Abilene. They attended the teachers Institute Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Butman was delighted to have an old friend and pal, Mrs. Bob Engsminger of Springdale, Arkansas, spend Saturday night and Sunday with her. Mrs. Engsminger has recently visited her son in California. During her stop at Merkel she visited many friends and relatives.

Mr. J. D. Jones is improving slowly. He is able to be up some, but is still very weak.

Grotha Miller of the Nubia community spent Sunday with Mary Butman.

Ben Butman made a flying trip to Abilene Saturday night.

Tommie Russom was a visitor in Sweetwater Sunday.

Bro. Marvin Williams preached Sunday and Sunday night at Nubia. Both sermons were greatly enjoyed. He will preach next Sunday at White church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson are the happy parents of a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Toombs of the IXL community are sporting a new car.

Brothers Clubbed to Death and Bodies Thrown Into River

Port Lavaca, Texas Dec. 13.—Willett Moore, 26, and his brother James, 28, formerly of Alva, Okla., were shot and clubbed to death at Kenyon Island in the Guadalupe river and their bodies thrown into the water, according to Calhoun county officials. P. F. Robideaux, muskrat raiser and trapper who lives on Kenyon Island, is held here under charges of murder while efforts are being made to find the bodies of the two men.

All Toys and Dolls at Half Price City Drug Store.

The official count of Texas ballots gives Hoover, republican, a majority of 26,004 votes over Al Smith, democratic nominee, for president.

Libby's Peaches, heavy syrup, large can 25c. Dunn Bros. Cash Store.

Funeral Services For G. W. Cox Jr.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning for G. W. Cox Jr., age 32, living four miles south of Merkel, who died instantly from a pistol shot wound early Wednesday morning. Services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. W. J. May-

hew, former pastor, Rev. Ira L. Par-rack and Rev. R. A. Walker. Deceased had been in ill health for some time. Justice of the Peace W. W. Wheeler held an inquest, his verdict being that "death resulted from a pistol shot wound, self-inflicted." Mr. Cox is survived by his wife and four children, two boys and two girls, six brothers and three sisters.

All Portraits

made until December 23rd, will be ready for delivery Xmas Eve.

It's time now to think of a very personal gift for those you love. There's nothing so distinctive as your portrait.



RODDEN STUDIO

"Photographs Tell the Story"

CLOSING OUT SALE

Friday Morning at Nine o'Clock

Our doors will open up with the biggest Sale in our history—this is our final sale in our old stand as we have promised to vacate same January 1st. You will be as astonished at the cut prices—no Bankrupt stock—but clean fresh goods at Bankrupt prices. This sale will mean more to the buying public than any previous sale because it comes just in time for a big saving on blankets, gift comforts, men's shirts and work clothes, shoes, hose, sweaters, ladies' and children's dresses and coats dolls gift handkerchiefs, etc.

SATURDAY SPECIAL

Saturday A. M. 10:00 to 10:30
We will sell five yards good Dress Gingham for—

25c
(5 yard to customer)

Gifts for Ladies and Children

Silk Underwear, Fancy Brassiers, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Sweaters, Pur-ses, Beads, Towel Sets, Linens, etc..

This is the sale you can't afford to Miss. Every purchase will mean a big saving.

Gift Blankets

One lot tan and grey \$2.25 Blankets-66x80 priced special while they last the pair

\$1.59

Gifts for Men and Boys

Shirts, Hose, Handkerchiefs Ties, Sweaters, Belts, Muf- flers, etc. Make selections early while stock is complete.

Men's Overcoats

Men's \$15.00 Overcoats priced at—

\$9.85

Nothing reserved Every- thing on sale.

Extra Specials

Good Suit Case

79c

Men's \$1.25 Work Shirts 2 for—

\$1.45

One lot Men's Work Shoes worth much more priced

\$2.65

Men's Dress Shoes and Ox- fords, new stock

\$2.95

Men's \$1.25 Dress Shirts 2 for

\$1.59

One lot Ladies' Silk Hose the pair

29c

15c Grade Mattress Ticking the yard

11c

FRIDAY SPECIAL

We will sell 25 customers 3 yards Wool and Silk Dress Patterns for

\$1.00

Ladies Coats and Dresses

1/2 Price

One lot Ladies Coats

\$4.95

One lot Childrens Coats

\$2.95

One lot Wool Dresses

\$1.95

One lot Ladies Silk and Wool Dresses

Priced

\$3.95

Don't Forget the Opening Day Friday, Dec. 14

Bragg's Cash Store

NEWS AND PERSONAL NOTES OF COUNTY DURING THANKSGIVING

TRENT

The Methodist ladies met at the church Monday and Tuesday and completed the beautiful quilt on which they have been working for some time. It has sixty names on it and any one wishing to see the quilt may go to Mangum's store. It will be well worth your time.

Miss Evelyn Hague, A. C. C. student, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hague.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and daughters, Misses Ora and Maurine, were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Parks made a flying trip to McCamey last week.

Miss Lily Harris spent Thanksgiving with friends at Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Syns have moved to Abilene.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Watson and family visited Mrs. Watson's mother in Pecos a few days last week.

Allen and Estelle Terty, students in John Tarleton, spent Thanksgiving with the homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds of Abilene, accompanied by Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, visited relatives and friends here recently.

Mesdames A. C. Terry and J. K. Winn were shopping in Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Billings of Abilene, accompanied by Mrs. Sorrells of Fort Worth, visited in Trent Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Waters and son, Billy, who is teaching school near Stephenville, spent Thanksgiving with her husband here.

Clark Hamner had the misfortune to get his car burned up here Saturday. A can of gasoline, which was setting on the exhaust, exploded.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian, room mother of the ninth and tenth grades, presented each student of these grades with two bulbs, each, the gifts being very much appreciated by the students.

Clois Murdock is visiting his brother, Carl Murdock, and family of this place.

Mrs. Billy Pass of Abilene, accompanied by her friend, Mrs. King, also of Abilene, visited relatives and friends in Trent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Parks motored to Breckenridge Wednesday last week.

Henry Erwin and family visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Stevens and family here last week.

CANYON

Brother Lawrie and family and Jim Casey and family, Abilene, enjoyed a big Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mathews.

The Butman P. T. A. meeting Thanksgiving night was a decided success. After a devotional and short business session, the school children entertained in a splendid Thanksgiving

program. The next meeting will be Friday night, December 14.

Miss Nina Lois Anderson was a visitor at Butman school Thanksgiving day. Nina is attending Merkel high this year.

J. D. Jones is slowly improving; however, he is not able to be up. Mr. Jones spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving day, as all of his children, except his son Julius, were at home with him. He was resting fairly well on that day.

Frank Gipson's baby son, L. T. is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman are the proud owners of a good looking Studebaker roadster.

Brother Marvin Williams will preach at Nubia Methodist church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

HORN

Miss Virgie Hatfield is improving slowly from a spell of cold and fever since she had her tonsils removed.

Mrs. J. N. Hatfield and Mrs. Wesley Davis spent the afternoon with Mrs. Luther Hatfield and Mrs. Goza Tuesday.

Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr spent the night at Mrs. Benningfield's Sunday.

Our teachers, Misses Lena and Nina Bonds, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family spent the day at Grandma Hobb's Sunday. She being very sick with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr.

We are soon to have an oil test in our community. They will start putting up a rig on Mrs. N. E. Horn's place and are to be ready to start drilling by the December 10. There are several rigs going up around here.

SALT BRANCH

J. O. Armstrong preached last Thursday night at the Thanksgiving service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty visited Mrs. Leatha Petty Sunday afternoon. Miss Braunell Armstrong was the guest of Gladys Petty Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Ferguson and children of Amarillo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halsted.

Vida Mae Richardson is much im-

Sore Bleeding Gums

Only one bottle Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied druggists will return your money. Hamm Drug Company.

proved after a serious illness of several weeks.

Miss Beulah Wilson spent Friday night with Miss Braunell Armstrong.

Misses Martha Brookes and Pauline Pinckley spent Saturday in Abilene.

Miss Braunell Armstrong entertained a number of her friends with a party Friday night.

Mrs. Bob Brown of Amarillo is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Teaff and Mrs. W. B. Robertson of this community.

Misses Gady Petty and Margaret

Miller spent Saturday night with Mrs. Wilma Robertsson.

HOME LAUNDRY.

We are prepared to meet your laundry needs of every kind. Prices reasonable. Best of service. Will call for and deliver. Give us a trial and we feel sure you will be pleased. Located just south of the school building.

ALLINE SHELBURNE.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 Per Ton Sam Swann

Two Killed, Number Hurt in Collision

Dalhart, Texas, Dec. 13—D. W. Robertson, engineer of the Fort Worth & Denver fast passenger train No. 2, and T. W. Molesworth, engineer of the red ball north-bound freight train

injured perhaps fatally and two were killed; two other trainmen were injured perhaps fatally and two negro porters were hurt slightly when the two trains collided head on about two miles south of here early Sunday

Your favorite cigar is always moist when you buy it at—Hamm Drug Co.

MERKEL THEATRE

Under New Management SHOWING GOOD PICTURES IN A GOOD TOWN.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DEC. 14 and 15

"WILD BILL HICKOK"

With Wm. S. Hart

A thrilling western from start to finish. Comedy and News Events

SPECIAL—MIDNIGHT MATINEE 12:01 SUNDAY DEC. 16

"COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE"

With Betty Bronson and Alec B. Francis From the Story by Judge Ben B. Lindsey

Showing Also Monday and Tuesday

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

Family Nights—the Whole Family for 50c

"ROMANCE OF THE UNDERWORLD"

With Edmond Lowe and Nancy Drexel.

A love story of the Underworld. Comedy, "His Sunday Off"

COMING

"THE WEDDING MARCH"

Eric Von Stroheim's great success

MRS ANGES IS HERE AGAIN FRIDAY

Conducting "THE COUNTRY STORE" at Merkel Theatre

BIG HOLIDAY TIRE SALE

Owing to the fact that we are heavily stocked on Tires and Tubes we now offer

BADGER AND UNITED STATES ROYAL CORDS

At Prices never before offered In Merkel

Our Balloon stock is complete, ranging in sizes from 29x4.40 to 33x6.00.

We also have a supply of Alcohol and PRESTONE ANTI-FREEZE for your radiator.

Be Safe. Let us test your Radiator. Cold Weather is now here.

"Service that You will Appreciate"

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not merely for their smartness and all wool quality but for the high value they give our customers.

Get your order in today, so you will have that new suit for Xmas.

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"Better Work in Less Time"

Modern Dry Cleaners

Across the Street from Postoffice

Barrow's Big Pre-Holiday Furniture Sale

Continues in Full Swing!

20 to 40 Per Cent Discount ON BEAUTIFUL FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHINGS

BUY NOW FOR YOUR OWN HOME BUY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
While These Money-Saving Prices Prevail

"THE GIVER OF GIFTS THAT LAST IS THE GIVER REMEMBERED"

Make this a Furniture Christmas—give gifts that all the family will enjoy. You will find our stock replete with beautiful things that will bring happiness, comfort and cheerfulness to your home and to the homes of your friends at Christmas Time.

THERE'S ONLY 8 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Barrow Furniture Co.

The Store That Sells For Less

Merkel, Texas

J. T. DENNIS' REMOVAL SALE

Sale Opens Friday, December 14, Promptly at 8:30 o'Clock

ATTEND THIS SUPER SALE OF SALES!

WE HAVE TO REDUCE OUR STOCK JUST HALF BY JANUARY FIRST IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE ARE OFFERING BOTTOM LEVELS AND YOU WILL GAIN WHERE WE LOSE. WE CANNOT QUOTE EVERY ITEM AND PRICE HERE BORS AND FRIENDS ABOUT IT, THE MORE THE MERRIER. BUT DO NOT FAIL TO BE HERE YOURSELF. THE GRADE SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE AT UNHEARD OF VALUES! PRICES WILL SKYROCKET DOWN TO ROCK LACK OF SPACE ONLY BY ATTENDING WILL YOU REALIZE THESE GREAT SAVINGS. TELL YOUR NEIGH- BORS AND FRIENDS ABOUT IT, THE MORE THE MERRIER. BUT DO NOT FAIL TO BE HERE YOURSELF. THE SALE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 26th.

Be Here When Our Doors Open and Get the Pick of This Stock and Bargains!

YOU WILL SAVE AND SAVE

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| One Lot Men's Silk Ties
Regular 69c each This sale special
48c | One Lot Boys' Knee Pants
Values up to \$1.50 pair special for this sale
25c |
| One Lot Men's Xmas Ties
Special
98c | One Lot Boys' Knee Pants
All woosted, values up to \$2.50 special pair
79c |
| One Lot Men's Bleached Union Suits
Silk trim heavy weight regular price \$1.25 Special for this sale pair
99c | One Lot Boys' Blue Overalls
good weight, sizes 4 to 16, regular price 95c each special for this sale
75c |
| One Lot Men's Khaki Work Pants
Regular price \$1.75 special for this sale
\$1.29 | One Lot Men's Blue Overalls
Suspender back, good quality, all sizes regular \$1.50 value special for this sale
99c |
| One Lot Men's Heavy Grey Work Shirts
Regular value \$1.35 special for this sale
95c | One Lot Men's Moleskin Pants
Heavy quality special for this sale
\$1.95 |
| | Men's Flannel Shirts
Good quality regular price \$1.75 special for this sale.
\$1.45 |

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|  | 36 in. Bleached Domestic special yard
10c |
| | 36 in. Heavy Brown Domestic special yard
10c |
| | One lot 36 in. Heavy Outing good for comfort tops special
12 1/2c |
| | One lot Cretomes regular 35c yard special for this sale yard
25c |
| | One lot Cretomes regular price special for this sale yard
17 1/2c |
| | One lot Wool Plads regular price up \$1.25 yd. special this sale yd.
69c |
| | 54 in. All Wool Tweed regular \$1.75 yard. Close out yard
\$1.29 |
| One lot heavy Flat Crepe 40 in. wide regular price \$2.50 sale price
\$1.95 | Imperial Cambay all patterns special yard
23c |
| 12-Momy Silk Pongee regular 75c yard this sale yard
49c | One lot of curtain Marguisettes and Scrims value up to 35c per yd. to close out yard
23c |

SPECIAL SALE ON MEN'S, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

- LOT NUMBER 1-25c PAIR
- LOT NUMBER 2-50c PAIR.
- LOT NUMBER 3-98c PAIR
- LOT NUMBER 4-\$1.49 PAIR

WE HAVE MARKED OUR ENTIRE STOCK MEN'S, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES SPECIAL FOR THIS SALE. WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR SHOE PURCHASE.

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| \$1 in. Bleached Sheeting regular price 39c yard special for this sale yard
28c | Children's E-Z Union Suits
short and long sleeves, knee and ankle length, regular price \$1.00 for this sale
89c |
| \$1 inch Brown Sheeting, regular price 35c yard, for this sale yard.
25c | |

FREE \$10 FREE

At 9-15 A. M. Saturday the second day of Our Sale Five Live Guineas will be thrown from the top of our building—each Guinea will be tagged—each tag will be worth \$2.00 in merchandise—your selection from our store.

\$25 In Merchandise FREE

READ ABOUT THIS FREE MERHCANDISE

On the Opening Day of Our Sale, Friday, December 14th, the first ten customers making purchases amounting to ten dollars, will be given a due bill for \$2.50 to be applied as cash on their second purchase of ten dollars. Be here early, and be one of the lucky customers to get \$2.50 FREE.

Merkel Texas **J. T. DENNIS** MERKEL, TEXAS

In Our Grocery Department

- IRISH POTATOES PK. 15 lb. **40c**
- BRER RABBIT SYRUP (gallon) **75c**
- PRIMROSE OR OUR DARLING CORN pr. can **15c**
- 2 1/2 lb. CALUMET BAKING POWDER **50c**
- 4 lb. MARKET DAY SPECIAL RAISINS pkg. **30c**

500 STOCK REMNANTS MARKED AT SPECIAL PRICES

this sale to close out quick—Be sure to look at them—These remnants consist of Silk, Gingham and Prints. Also curtain materials from one to five yards.

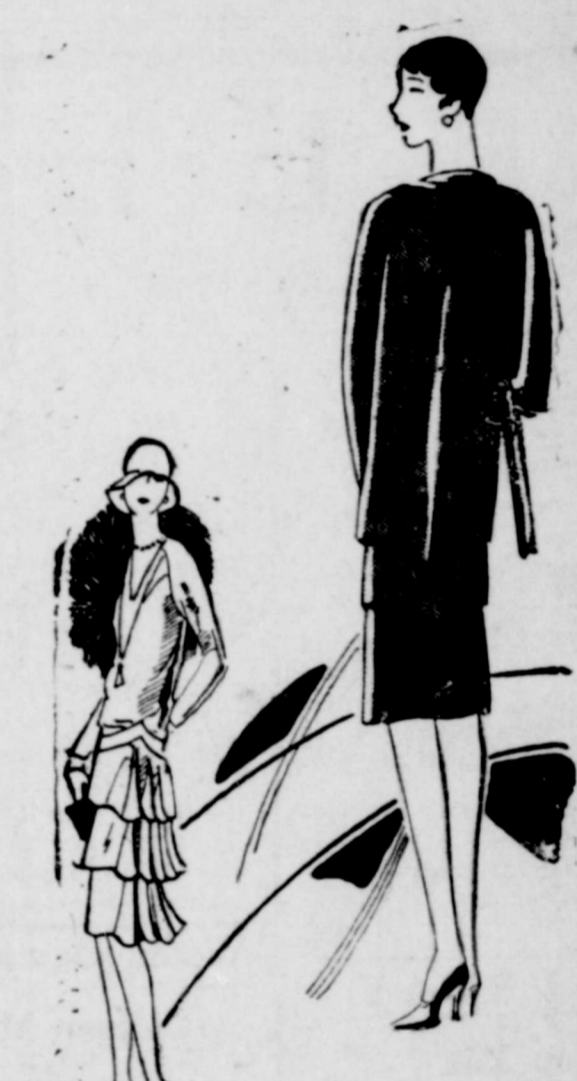
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| BLANKETS
8 part Wool Plad Blankets, nice and warm. Regular price \$5.95 pair, special for this sale pr.
\$4.69 | MEN'S WHITE BROADCLOTH SHIRTS
Regular Price \$1.95 special price for this sale
\$1.50 |
| Double Thread, Fancy Bath Towels, regular 65c pair, special this sale each
25c |  |

A Statement By Mr. Dennis

We wish to thank each and every customer for the patronage given us through the year and assure you of our appreciation for a continuance of same.

Next year we will be located in new quarters and will have a larger and more complete stock to pick from, both Dry Goods and Groceries.

- ### LADIES' COATS
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- One lot Ladies' Fur Collar Coats new styles value up to \$17.50 special for this sale
\$9.95

- 
- One Lot Ladies' Silk Dresses**
 New styles regular price \$12.75 to \$14.95 Special for this sale each
\$8.95
- One Lot Ladies' Silk Dresses**
 Purchased for this sale to sell quick at
\$3.95
- One Lot Ladies' House Dresses**
 Short and long sleeves, value \$1.95 to \$2.50 special this sale
\$1.48

- ### Ladies' and Children's Hose
- Ladies' "Society-Maid" Silk Hose all new colors, nice shear quality, regular price \$1.95 a pair
\$1.69
- One lot Children's Ribbed Hose, colors, Champ and Camel, regular price 25c and 30c close out for this sale a pair
19c
- One lot Children's Silk Rib Hose, regular price 50c, special for this sale a pair.
43c

- ### Men's Hose
- One lot Men's Fancy Silk Hose, regular price 50c special for this sale a pair
43c
- One lot Men's Fancy Socks special to close out a pair
23c

- ### Our Men's, Ladies and Childrens Sweaters
- are marked special to close out in this sale. Come in and see them.
- Ladies' Christmas Box Handkerchiefs**
 Packed one-fourth dozen in box
24c up to \$1.00 per Box

NOXIOUS GAS IS FATAL TO FAMILY

Edinburg, Texas, Dec. 13.—A family which came to Texas to make a "start" in life and died from noxious gas fumes Sunday was to be sent back to its Troy, Ala., home for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Boutwell and their three children—Helen 9; Gerald, 7, and Doris, 5, were found dead in a tourist camp near here, victims of suffocation caused by a gas oven. Presumably the windows of the hut had been shut and the stove lighted against the chill air.

C. Montgomery, part owner of the camp, investigated and discovered the bodies after neighbors became concerned because the Boutwells had not been seen about.

Boutwell, his wife and the children came here Nov. 27 to cultivate a 40-acre fruit farm left them by a relative. Lumber for the new home already had been bought and was to have been delivered soon. The land had been set out with 2,200 citrus trees.

There are four customs districts in Texas, the Sabine district, the Galveston district, the San Antonio district, and the El Paso district.

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 Per Ton Sam Swann

Three Dallas Girls Attacked on Road

Dallas, Dec. 13.—Three Dallas girls reported to authorities they were taken from their escorts and attacked by two masked men 5 miles from the city. The escorts of the girls, all 17, were forced to walk six miles into town after being driven from their automobile at pistol point.

The abduction occurred after a dance. The automobile containing the boys and girls was sitting at the side of the highway when two men approached and thrust a pistol into the driver's face, the girls said. After searching the three youths, the highwaymen took charge of the automobile and drove further into the country as the boys started the long trek to town.

After attacking the girls, the men let them out just before dawn within the city limits. Two of the girls accompanied officers today on a search of the vicinity where the attack occurred, but the third was too seriously injured to leave her home. The victims were unable to give a description of their abductors.

Football Gate \$94,975.50.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—Texas University and Texas A. & M. College athletic department will get \$46,634.43 each from the gate receipts of the two schools' annual Thanksgiving football game here.

Gate receipts for the game totalled \$94,975.50. Expenses were \$1,706.44. The remainder is split evenly between the schools.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Woman Dies, Leaving Five Sisters More Than 71 Years Old

Mineral Wells, Dec. 13.—The death at Wichita Falls of Mrs. Margaret Meek Etheridge, 88, a former resident of Mineral Wells, who was buried here last week, was the second break in a group of seven sisters, the oldest of which is 94, the youngest 71, daughters of John Meek, who migrated to Texas from Tennessee in 1836.

All of these pioneer women raised large families, and the descendants of John Meeks now number more than 250.

The first break in this remarkably preserved sisterhood occurred Nov. 8 of this year when Mrs. Rachael Meek Brooks, 92, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Underwood, at Paluxy.

The surviving sisters are: Mrs. Orlena Earp, 94, of Morgan Hill, Texas; Mrs. Caroline Wood, 80, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Eugenia Graham, 76, Clyde; Mrs. Artemicia Young, 73, Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Elizabeth King, 71, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Etheridge's death occurred at

the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eula Meadows in Wichita Falls.

Santa Fe to Extend Angelo to Del Rio

Austin, Dec. 13.—Officials of the Texas railroad commission, far from being surprised at the statement given out in New York by W. B. Storey, president of the Santa Fe, that extension of the Orient from Presidio to the west coast of Mexico is being seriously considered, declared Saturday that the Santa Fe likewise is planning to extend from San Angelo to Del Rio. This information came from several Santa Fe authorities, although announcement of definite plans is unlikely until new surveys are run.

Convicted of Murder.

Corpus Christi, Dec. 13.—Robert Lothringer, Beeville, Texas, barber, was found guilty of slaying E. C. Y. Young, shot to death as he lay on a Corpus Christi hospital bed, and was sentenced to 11 years by a jury here today.

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Loser of Wager Goes Under Surgeon's Knife to Pay With Appendix

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 13.—Although Antonio secured the services of a clever lawyer to keep him from paying the pound of flesh to Shylock, Al Gutierrez of Rio Grande City, near here, considered payment of his bet, very similar in nature, as the most honorable thing to do and early Saturday he sent over his appendix in a bottle of alcohol to Charles Celaya, Rio Grande City banker, in payment of a wager the two made. The incident was revealed here Saturday afternoon by Celaya, former Brownsville and University of Texas athlete and until recently a State Bank Examiner. Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Celaya made the wager in an argument over the location of a squeak in an automobile, and when an impartial mechanic had located it and Mr. Gutierrez lost, he said "Tomorrow I will send you my appendix." Mr. Gutierrez was a picture of health, but he went to the hospital and ordered his appendix taken out.

Abilene Man Killed * In Automobile Crash

Abilene, Dec. 13.—An automobile crash claimed the life of George Hayes 30-year-old Abilene butcher, when the truck in which he was riding with three Simmons university students, sideswiped a parked automobile near north Eighth and Hickory streets and overturned. Hayes' head was horribly crushed. Death was instantaneous.

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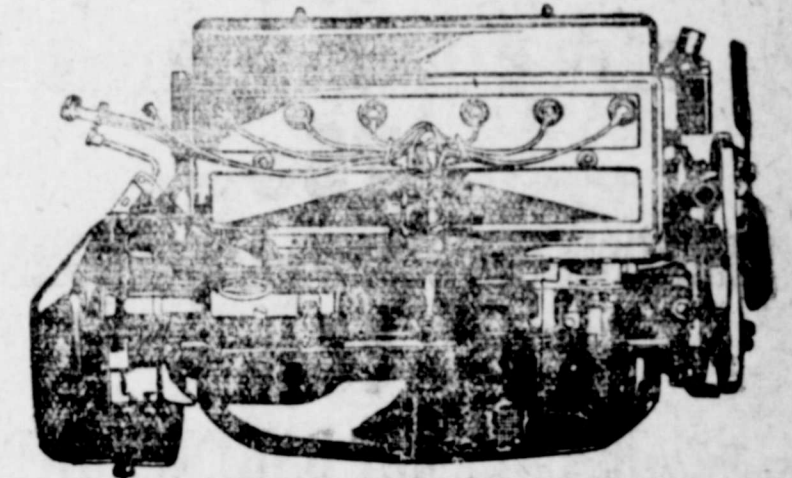
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