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## GOVERNOR SIGNS NUMBER OF BILLS

Austin, March 28.—Approximately 90 bills passed by the 41st legislature were signed and filed Monday by Governor Moody.

Neither the Wirtz bill to discipline "Hoovercrats" nor the Sunday movie bill were among those filed. Most of the bills approved were local measures.

The proposed constitutional amendments to raise the governor's salary, to tax constitutional lands and to enlarge the scope of investment of the university permanent fund were signed.

Among the bills of general nature which received approval were:

The anti-blackmailing bill; physical education in schools; teaching of U. S. constitution in schools; making wife desertion a felony; trapping of fur bearing animals; increasing maximum school tax rate; regulating livestock brands; regulating day nurseries; prohibiting pipe lines in the Gulf of Mexico; prohibiting collection of accounts by officials; regulating commercial colleges; making old Spanish trail a state highway; establishing justice of peace trial fees to be paid regardless of outcome of case.

## Nine Sweetwater People Bitten By Puppy With Rabies

Sweetwater, March 28.—Nine persons, six of whom are children, were bitten here by a small Spitz puppy known to have rabies and all are now in Austin taking the pasteur treatment.

The children bitten include Cleommis Cooper 13; Reginald Cooper, 11; Raymond McFarlan, 9; McMalone Counts, 8; Erna Morris, 11 and Eloise Cooper, 10. Three adults—Clyde Glass, Mrs. R. N. McFarland and A. J. Hargins also were bitten.

The dog was definitely known to be mad when word was received from Austin where the head had been sent for examination, after having bitten Clyde Glass on the hand. Authorities at Austin sent word here for all who had been bitten by the dog to report there for treatment.

## J. P. Sharp Outlines Practice if Elected As Mayor of Merkel

To the Voters of Merkel:

As my friends have announced me through the columns of the Merkel Mail as a candidate for the office of mayor, and as reasons have been urged why the present incumbent should be re-elected, I feel that it would not be amiss for me to name some of the things for which I stand.

I believe that the time has arrived when public officers should practice as rigid economy in the expenditure of the public funds as they would if it were their own private business, and since the people pay in as taxes the funds that are required to properly meet the requirements of a well governed town at least an annual statement of the receipts and disbursements should be published in the Merkel Mail in order that they may know whether the funds have been extravagantly or economically expended.

We have reached the constitutional tax limit, and, in my opinion, we have reached the limit of valuations on which taxes are to be assessed. I believe that Merkel should keep pace with other towns of the same size and I am firmly convinced that can be done without adding to the burden of the tax payer.

I am opposed to the appointment of any officer or laborer who will not give value received in the performance of his duties and who is temperamentally unsuited to deal with the public.

I believe in the strict enforcement of law without fear or favor.

If elected, I shall give ready ear and careful consideration to the opinion of the humblest citizen on any matter which he believes affects him unjustly.

If you are in sympathy with the things above mentioned and see fit to honor me with your votes I shall do my best to merit your confidence.

J. P. Sharp.

(Advertisement)

### Brady Improvements.

Brady, Tex., March 28.—Brady will spend approximately \$100,000 on extensions and improvements to the municipal water and light systems this year without voting a single dollar's worth of bonds, the revenue of the plants to take care of the entire amount.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance and aid in helping us during the illness of several members of the family. Their kind acts will be long remembered.  
Dan Reidenbach and family.

## Taylor County Grand Jury Convenes With Heavy Docket Ahead

More than fifty criminal cases were before the Taylor county grand jury for investigation when that body convened at Abilene Monday morning, an accumulation of less than six weeks. Included in the list of crimes on the calendar are theft, assault bootlegging and forgery. The general criminal docket was set down for next Monday by Judge W. R. Chapman.

The grand jury, which contains the names of three Merkel men, is as follows: W. C. Neill, J. B. Jones and L. W. Cox, Merkel; Dave Floyd, Buffalo Gap; J. D. Harrison, Guion, and Luther Clark, Roy Danby, T. M. Skipper, W. E. Beasley, J. K. Fuller, J. O. Shelton and J. A. McMahan, Abilene.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and assistance extended at the time of the death of our dear son and brother. These kind acts will be long remembered and we want you to know of our sincere appreciation of each one's efforts.

H. L. Jones and family.

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29—Vera Baker sponsor.

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### A TOAST TO MERKEL.

Merkel is a pretty place,  
 The scenery here is fine;  
 The water and the climate  
 Are perfectly sublime.

You can look our town all over  
 And see the homes of different make;  
 You will come to the conclusion  
 That Merkel takes the cake.

Merkel is a-building up,  
 And the job is being done well;  
 But arn't we going to strut our stuff  
 When we get the new hotel?

She will reach five stories up  
 And spread out on the ground,  
 And when we get that lofty house  
 Merkel will be renowned.

And other things we are doing  
 And things that can't be beat;  
 Just take a look a little later  
 Down our paved Oak street.

And there is our fire department  
 In our new city hall;  
 For promptness when the sirens sound  
 It can't be beat at all.

We are building many houses  
 Of cobble stone and wood,  
 The brick and the stucco structures  
 Are looking pretty good.

Old Merkel is up and fighting  
 And she is going to win,  
 For look at her spreading out  
 And folks a-moving in.

There are plenty of vacant lots  
 On which to make a home,  
 For once you settle in Merkel  
 From her you'll never roam.

The generous hearted people,  
 No better can be found;  
 They'll lend their kindly service,  
 In reserve it does abound.

There are other things I could recall  
 Numerous to be mentioned;  
 I am stepping out  
 Attracting much attention.

Look our town over  
 Street,  
 By women and clever men  
 "Merkel" can't be beat.  
 —By Pauline Salter.

### MERKEL IS SUCCESSFUL COUNTY MEET.

by Lester Beene, who collected points, Merkel won second place in athletic events of the county meet Saturday at Abilene by winning 29 1-2 points, while Hamby collected 32 to first place. Norman Sloan collected 8 points for Merkel. Despite the fact that physical disabilities kept several of Merkel's best men from competing, by placing second Merkel will compete at the district meet also. Merkel Junior boys won fourth place with a fighting team which showed up well for Merkel.

The summary of Merkel luck in the follows:

**Senior Divisions**  
 20 yard high hurdles—Morton, Beene, Clemmer, Hamby; Alton Whitaker, Merkel; Bennett, Potosi. Time 20.4 seconds.

100 yard dash—Johnson, Hamby; Sloan, Merkel; Beene, Merkel; Bowley, Hamby. Time 11.2 seconds.

880 yard dash—Beene, Merkel; Walford, Lawn; Elvis Richardson, Merkel; Hohertz, North Park. Time 2.34.

220 yard low hurdles—Lewis, North Park; Johnson, Hamby; Finis Cade, Merkel; Boyd, Potosi. Time 28.5 seconds.

440 yard Dash—Sloan, Merkel; Grant, Lawn; Gooch Hamby; Whittle, Lawn. Time 57.8 seconds.

High jump—Allen, Bradshaw; Beene, Merkel; O. Ohlhausen, Wylie; T. Ohlhausen, Wylie. Height, 5' 4".

One mile run—Landers, Lawn; Lee Darden, Merkel; Hohertz, North Park; Dees, North Park. Time 6.31 minutes.

220 yard dash—Johnson, Hamby; Copeland, Lawn; Lewis, North Park; Windham, Lawn. Time 25.4 seconds.

Pole vault—Bowley, Hamby; Morton, Wylie; Alton Whitaker, Merkel, and Allen Bradshaw tied for third. Height 8 feet, 6 inches.

Discus throw—Johnson, Hamby; Whittle, Lawn; Brown, Bradshaw; Alton Whitaker, Merkel. Distance 93 feet.

Shot put—Allen, Bradshaw; Brown, Bradshaw; Johnson, Hamby; Clemens, Hamby. Distance 34' 6".

water supply, the size of its faculty, etc.

Reading, "I am an old maid," Bessie Terry.

Several hand saw numbers by Charles Pickens, accompanied by Beulah Leow Lee.

Reading by Beulah Leow Lee. The group was visiting five other towns during the day.

### COUNTY MEET AT ABILENE.

The students of the Merkel schools who competed at the county meet, Abilene on last Friday, March 22, won for Merkel a total of 132 points in the contests. Seventy-seven of these points were won by the Grammar school entries. The following is the results of the contests as to the places secured by each contestant and the points accredited to each:

Jr. Boys, Playground Ball, 15.

Jr. Girls, Playground Ball, 15.

Essay by Opal Buckey, first place and 15 points.

Sub junior spelling, first place, 15 points.

Arithmetic team, first place, 15 points.

Jr. girls' declamation, Neil Hughes, first place, 2 points.

### High School.

Track, second place, 10 points.

Boys' tennis doubles, Milton Case and William Sheppard, 10 points.

Boys' tennis singles, Milton Case, 10 points.

Senior boys' declamation, Carlos Montandon, second place, five points.

Senior girls' declamation, Odell Hunter, second place, five points.

Senior spelling, Odell Hunter, and Vernie Derrick, first place, 15 points.

### BOB LYNN VISITS HIGH SCHOOL

We were glad to have with us on last Monday, Mr. Bob Lynn, who holds the world record of ice skating, broad jump, and kicking. He won these two places at the Olympic games which are held every four years and were held at Amsterdam, Holland, this past summer, 1928. He won an endurance skating contest by skating 42 days or 10008 hours in succession with only a rest every five hours during a recent skating contest in Chicago. He kicked nine feet seven inches at the Olympic games and made eighteen feet six inches in the ice skating broad jump, thus breaking two world records. Mr. Lynn said that he could jump

and pole vault, but he did not do this at Amsterdam. He jumped 6.4 and vaulted 13.3. He has 247 medals and 21 cups, besides a free trip around the world with expenses paid as prizes for his athletic feats.

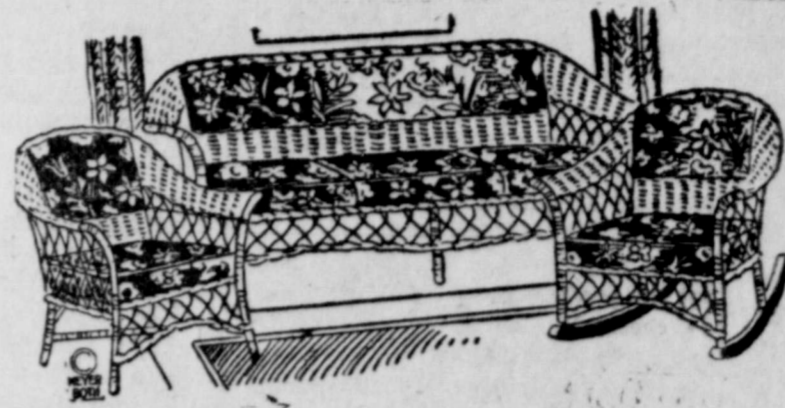
Seventy-one contestants from the United States went to Amsterdam. They were weakened by seasickness and for this reason were not at their best.

Helen Wilson made 23 flips in a dive from a 75 foot board, thus breaking even the world's record for men.

Mr. Lynn has made three trips around the world and he plans to go again in August. He is twenty-four years old. Beginning when he was only

ten years of age, he travelled with vaudeville for nine years and since then has been in different phases of athletics. For one year he was athletic director on the floating university that goes around the world. His father is superintendent of schools at Las Cruces, New Mexico, but he considers Chicago his home. He will be official field operator at Abilene Saturday and will there demonstrate his high kick.

The Olympics will be held in Los Angeles in 1932 and Mr. Lynn is scouting for prospects for the United States. He advises both boys and girls to take care of their bodies by living moderately.



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nt News and Personal Notes

Windsor Beckham of Lamesa... a few of our people attended... Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Reeves... Ed Burks is remodeling his home... Alex. and Tom Wilson are building a modern rent house...

Dora Doings

The singing here Sunday was enjoyed by a large crowd... Rev. Badgett filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday... Miss Jean McRee is in Abilene this week assisting Minn Cinderella Shope during the Easter rush...

Chapel News

Th of our community is very... Berryhill filled his regular appointment at Zion Chapel Sunday and night... Imogene Hays of Merkel spent week-end with Mrs. H. R. Chancey... Mrs. E. C. Spurgin, Saturday...

Kermit Improvements

Kermit now has, in addition to numerous important improvements, an \$18,000 railroad station being completed a new \$250,000 court house, a school house just starting costing \$100,000, and a contract of \$189,000 recently been awarded by the highway.

Mt. Pleasant News

Rev. Houston Scoat filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday... Mt. Pleasant is proud of their spellers... Miss Nola Mae Anderson spent Sunday with Eleanor Mae Hogan... Miss Cecilia Henry of Merkel and William Lofland of Abilene were guests of Mount Pleasant school Friday morning...

NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are busy putting up their land after the recent rains... Mrs. J. W. Love is very ill in the Merkel hospital... Mrs. F. C. Rodden of Ballinger spent the week-end with her parents... Watch these columns for something big coming to Phillips Drug Store.

Ladies

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1926 Ford Coupe, new rubber, A one condition, worth the money... 1927 Ford Roadster, good rubber, good condition... 1924 and 25 Ford Tourings \$40 to \$100... 1924 Ford Coupe, fair condition...

MISCELLANEOUS

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- FOR SALE—Turkey eggs for hatching at Carsons Grocery Store. Saturday March 30. 25c each.
FOR SALE—Ford truck with gearshift; 25 model. See P. H. Douglass.
FOR SALE—Second hand windows, doors and screens. C. K. Russell.
FOR SALE—Four extra good milk cows. See Henry Ellerbee in Merkel.
FOR SALE—Second year Kasch and Qualla cotton seed; \$1.50 per bushel. J. D. Sandusky. See samples at South Side Gin.
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FOR SALE—120 egg electric incubator at a bargain. Herbert Patterson
FOR SALE—Dark Cornish game eggs. See Robert Hicks.
FOR SALE—Good used Ford cars. Blue Front Service Station.
FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting, Owens farm strain, 75 cents per setting. Bill Harwell Merkel, Route 1.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Mud chains for truck late Wednesday p. m. between Merkel and Hoehn well. Swafford Coal Yard. Phone 44.
LOST—Black hog on highway, three miles west Merkel. Please notify Henry Ellerbee.

LOST Studebaker tire carrier on road between Phillips Gasoline plant and Merkel Thursday night March 21. Finder please notify Ivy Daniels for reward or leave at Merkel garage.

LOST—On streets of Merkel leather coin purse containing \$1.35. Finder may keep money but please return the purse to the Merkel Mail office.

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WILL TRADE lot for good milk cow. G. L. Bishop, Merkel, Texas.

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WANTED—Bedroom with or adjoining bath; also garage. Apply Merkel Mail.

Blair Items

Mrs. John Meeks is attending the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Jim Campbell of Mt. Pleasant, who is seriously ill.
Hugh Campbell, who stuck a nail in his foot last week-end, is doing nicely at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and children of Seymour are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.
Glenn Abbott spent last week-end with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of Tye.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore of Cross Roads visited relatives at this place Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Doan are visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Rotan, Texas, for several days.
Brother and Sister Stutts and daughters, Mrs. John Reynolds, and Mrs. Gladys Cunningham of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Monday.
Misses Mae Melton and Vernie Owen and Preston Doan of Merkel were in our midst Sunday.

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A box of our delicious assorted chocolates and bon bons with luscious centers—an Easter greeting sure of appreciation.
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There are but few business men who are not sold on advertising. The fact that more of it is being done throughout the United States day by day and year by year is proof positive that it pays.
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It is to these that this message is directed. The Merkel Mail has among its personnel men who have had extensive training in advertising design and writing. In addition, we have a complete cut service with which to illustrate any advertisement.
We are always glad to render every possible service to our advertisers. The writing of the advertisement and the use of the cuts are a part of our service. All you need to do is to tell us what you want to advertise and we will do the rest.
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### TEXAS GINNINGS SHOW GOOD GAIN

Washington, March 28.—Cotton ginnings for Texas during 1928, as announced by the Department of Commerce as of March 20, this year, amounted to 4,937,455 bales compared with 4,229,367 bales during 1927, or a gain of nearly 700,000 bales.

Ellis continued as the banner county with ginnings totaling 122,923 bales as against 114,987 bales for 1927. The next county was Williamson, with 111,905 bales compared with 94,478 in 1927, while McLennan county was third with 110,912 bales against 75,826 in 1927.

Other leading counties producing 50,000 or more bales: Hill 101,995, gain of 26,000; Navarro 94,909, gain of 21,000; Hall 82,503, gain of 32,000; Bell, 78,891, gain of 25,000; Nueces, 78,823, loss of 19,000; Kaufman 77,304 gain of 14,000; Collin 73,046, gain of 29,000; Fort Bend 66,787, gain of 17,000; Milan 68,829, gain of 13,000; Limestone 62,657, gain of 14,000; Hunt 62,161, gain of 19,000; Wharton 62,932, gain of 20,000; Runnels 50,008, gain of 14,000; San Patricio 57,419, gain of 4,000; Caldwell 51,751, gain of 19,000.

Among the counties showing losses were Childress with 29,620, loss of 14,000; Dawson 28,967, loss of 12,000; Haskell 35,198, loss of 15,900; Jones 41,020, loss of 22,000; Knox 29,833, loss of 19,000; Lubbock 35,644, loss of 11,000; Lynn 34,217, loss of 7,000; Wilbarger 33,032, loss of 32,000. Production in Tarrant County was 14,574 bales compared with 17,812 in 1927.

### COMPERE NEWS

Due to the good rain of last week, there will be lots of feed planted this week. Everybody is rejoicing over the rain.

The men of this community met last Thursday and worked out the Compere cemetery.

Our Sunday school is still doing good and is larger every Sunday and we hope that it will continue to grow.

The singing was good last Sunday night and we want to ask everybody to come to singing at Compere every Sunday night. Everybody come in the spirit for singing and let's make it a real singing, as the singing has been dead for several months, so we can bring it to life again by good spirit and good singing.

Don't forget the P. T. A. Friday night and everybody come and let's make it a real P. T. A. Also everyone is invited to an Easter program next Sunday night at Compere.

Will Burlson and family visited Lee Stanley Sunday.

Mrs. Emfra Wilburn and Bill Wilburn motored down to see Chester Bones and wife Sunday.

Little Melvin Lucas is very sick with the measles.

Foy Wilburn and little ones spent Sunday afternoon with Sarah Lee Lucas.

Otto Hudson is down with the flu but is doing fine.

Aletta Foster is in the hospital at Merkel, still suffering with a broken arm. All of her friends are grieved about her and hope she will soon be at home again.

### Spur to Be Served With Municipal Power

Spur, Tex., March 28.—The municipal power plant at Spur is nearing completion and it is planned to start operations about April 15. Construction work was delayed by injunction proceedings in federal court, but the supreme court handed down a decision in the city's favor and the work was started immediately.

Initial costs of the plant were paid from profits from the city-owned waterworks system, more than the necessary amount having been cleared by the water works since May 1, 1927. Included in the first cost was the location, building, spray pond and fuel tanks, amounting in all to about \$15,000.

The total annual production of crude raw material of Texas averages \$1,500,000,000, approximately seven per cent of that of the United States.

Texas' largest tree is a giant live oak at Rio Frio, in the southeastern part of Real county. The spread of its branches is 100 feet.

### Trench Mouth Healed

Your friends dare not say so but your sore gums and foul breath don't make folks like you any better. Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy heals worst cases if used as directed. It is not a mouth wash or paste, and is sold on a money back guarantee. Phillips Drug Store.

### High School Bands to Contest For Six Prizes at Abilene

Abilene, March 28.—Six loving cups will be given as prizes when the first annual contest for West Texas high school bands is held in Abilene April 17 under the auspices of the Simmons University Cowboy Band. The contest will be held the morning before the concert of the Royal Belgian guard Band that evening, and the Belgian musicians will serve as judges of the event.

High schools are to be divided into classes A and B, according to the rating given them by the Inter-scholastic League, and three prizes given in each division.

The grand prize will be a \$100 cup given by the Cowboy Band to the winner in class A, not to be kept permanently by any band until it has won three of the annual contests. A smaller cup will be given to the winner to be kept permanently. A loving cup will also be given to the winner of second place.

The same arrangements have been made for Class B except that loving cups are slightly smaller.

The contest is under the supervision of the Simmons University school

of band music, D. O. Wiley director. Competing bands will be allowed to choose their own selection and also play one number to warm up on, Mr. Wiley announces. Awards will be made on the same basis as in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce contests. Visitors will be furnished sleeping quarters while in Abilene.

### 25 Children Born to Williamson Couple

Georgetown, March 28.—Twenty-five, so far as the records disclose, is the largest number of children of any family in Williamson County. This number was disclosed recently when the last will and testament of William Belz, of this county, was filed for probate. The will disposing of the property of this prosperous citizen, distributes the proceeds among his 22 children and his wife, Wilhelmina Belz. In addition to the 22 living children, the couple have three dead, making a total of 25 born to them.

The Henry Ford Trade School was started Oct. 26, 1916, with six students. At the beginning of this year, 2750 were enrolled. Boys are taught to be skilled workers at the school.

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### Cattlemen Choose San Angelo; Elect Pampa Man President

Houston, Texas, March 28.—Cattlemen of Texas concluded their fifty-third annual convention here Thursday with election of T. D. Hobart of Pampa as president and selection of San Angelo as the 1930 convention city.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

I, Pauline Johnson, City Secretary of the City of Merkel, Texas, do, pursuant to the hereinafter set out ordinance, give notice of the matters and things therein contained.

PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.

ORDINANCE of the city council of the City of Merkel, Texas, determining the necessity for levying an assessment against the property and owners thereof on a portion of Oak street, in the City of Merkel, for a part of the cost of improving said street, and fixing a time for a hearing of the owners or agents of said owners of said property, or of any persons interested in said improvements, as provided by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, and directing the City Secretary to give notice of said hearing, and examining and approving the report or statement of the consulting engineer, and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL: That, whereas, the City Council of the City of Merkel has heretofore by ordinance duly passed and approved ordered the improvement of

OAK STREET from 2' south of the most southerly rail of the Texas and Pacific's south passing track to the south line of Coombs Street in the City of Merkel; and,

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the improvement of said Street have been duly prepared and approved as required by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, which is usually known as the General Paving Law, and was formerly shown as Chapter 11, Title 22, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1911; and,

WHEREAS, said work of improvement was let to General Construction Co. to improve with a 6-inch plain concrete pavement, including excavating, grading and filling, constructing concrete curb and gutter and other necessary work in connection therewith, in accordance with said plans and specifications; and,

WHEREAS, written contract has been entered into by and between the City of Merkel and General Construction Company for the construction of said improvement; Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL: That the report or statement of the Consulting Engineer filed with the City Council, describing the abutting property and giving the names of property owners and number of front feet and the cost of improvement chargeable against each abutting property and its owner, has been duly examined and is hereby approved; that the City Council does hereby determine

assess three-fourths of the total cost of said improvement against the property abutting on the street, and against their proper- ties in accordance with the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925; That said assess- ment shall be made after the notice is given to property owners and all interested persons, and the hearing herein provided, and that the said portion of the cost of improvement to be assessed against such property owners and their property shall be in accordance with the Front Foot Rule plan, in the proportion that the frontage of the property of owner bears to the frontage of the whole property to be assessed, provided, that after such hearing, if such plan or apportion- ment is found to be not just and equitable in particular instances, the City Council shall so apportion all said cost as to produce a substantial equality between all such property owners abutting on said street, having in view the enhanced value of that property and the benefits derived from such improvement, and the burdens imposed upon them by such assessment, and that in no event shall any assessment be made against any owner or his property in excess of the enhanced value of such property by reason of such improvement; That the proportionate cost of such improvement which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their properties shall become due and payable as follows: One-sixth thirty days after the completion and acceptance by the City of

Merkel of the improvement, one-sixth one year after said date of acceptance, one-sixth two years after said date of acceptance, one-sixth three years after said date of acceptance, one-sixth four years after said date of acceptance, and one-sixth five years af-

ter date of acceptance, together with interest from said date of acceptance at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable annually, and reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of collection in case of default; That the total proportionate part of such cost which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their respective properties and the names of the owners of property abutting upon said street aforesaid, properties to be improved, and the description of that property and the several amounts proposed to be assessed against them respectively for the paving, curb and gutter and the grand total thereof, is as follows:

Table with columns: NAME OF OWNER-DESCRIPTION, Front Feet, Rate Per Front Ft., Amount. Lists various property owners and their assessed amounts.

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prescribed by the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, by publishing said notice three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Merkel, the first of said publications to be made at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. Said City Secretary may also mail a copy of said notice by registered letter to each of said property owners, if known, or their agents or attorneys, if known, or their letters to be deposited in a postoffice in the City of Merkel at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. However, said notice by letter shall be cumulative only, and notice by publication shall be full, due and proper notice of said hearing. It shall not be necessary to the validity of said notice of hearing to name any property owner abutting on said street, and the fact that any such property owner or owners are incorrectly named or not named at all shall in no wise affect the validity of the assessment against said property, nor the personal liability against the real and true owner or owners of said property. No error or omissions in the description of the properties abutting on said street shall in any wise invalidate said assessment or any certificate issued in evidence thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL: That the fact that said portion of said street is in such urgent need of repair creates an emergency and imperative public necessity for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety requiring that the rules providing that ordinances be read more than one time and at more than one meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended, and that this ordinance shall be passed and take effect as an emergency measure, and take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 20th day of March, 1929. H. C. WEST Mayor

ATTEST: PAULINE JOHNSON City Secretary. (Seal)

Quash Indictment Against Wurzbach San Antonio, March 28.—Federal Judge Duval West sustained a motion to quash the indictment against former Congressman Harry M. Wurzbach, charged with the receipt of political contributions from federal employes during the 1926 Republican primary campaign. John D. Hartman, federal district attorney, excepted to the court's ruling and gave notice of appeal to the United States supreme court.

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That a hearing shall be given to said owners, their agents and attorneys, and any person or persons interested in said improvement, before the City Council of the City of Merkel, as provided by the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, which said hearing shall be had on the 8th day of April, 1929, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. in the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, and which said hearing may be continued from day to day and time to time, as may be necessary to give all said property owners, their agents and attorneys, and any interested person or persons, a full and fair hearing, and said owners, their agents or attorneys, and any interested person or persons, shall have the right to appear and be heard in any manner concerning the said improvement or said assessment, or the benefits thereof to their said prop-

### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Llano is looking for a man financially able to furnish and lease the new up to date, 36 room modern Llano Community Hotel. This building will be completed April 15 at a cost of \$85,000. It has steam heat, fans, phones, and hot and cold water.

Word comes from Del Rio of a new dam to be built on Devil's river to have storage capacity of 8,460 feet. Permission to use water to the extent of 550 cubic feet per second for generation of hydro-electric power goes with the permit. The other dam is completed and has been in use for some time.

Frona is experiencing a building boom. Many new residences are going up, and three permanent store buildings are being constructed on main street. Many of the residences are of brick or stucco.

Two miles of gravel base of the Highway No. 7 have been laid near Sweetwater. Work has started at the Coke county line and the crews are working northward. A gravel base 11 inches deep has been rolled to about 8 inches.

Eastland is to have an exhibit at the Western States Exposition which is to be held in connection with the 75th anniversary of the California State Fair at Sacramento. An expressive display of western products and resources has been planned.

A prize winning pen of ringlet Barred Rocks chickens has been purchased by a Dalhart poultryman. The pen cost \$85.00 and won first honors at the Madison Square Poultry Show in

New York. The formation of a poultry show in Dalhart recently has aroused considerable interest in poultry raising.

The first shipment of certified seed which is being purchased through the efforts of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce, has arrived and been sold to farmers at cost. Dwarf maize, Texas Blackhull kaffir, and redtop sumac was included in the shipment.

An ornamental lighting system is being installed along the main thoroughfare of Brady's residence streets. All important streets in North and South Brady will share in the new system of illumination which is being done by the Brady Water and Light Works.

Forty blocks of paving of alleys and down town, residential section streets will be started in Stamford beginning April 1. The contract was let for this several weeks ago. The work will be done of brick and concrete.

Donley county cream shipments continue to increase. At Clarendon 214 ten gallon cans worth about \$12.00 per can formed a shipment which recently brought \$2500 to the town. Some cream is shipped out by truck to nearby creameries.

Plainview is building up. The new Hilton Hotel will bring the skyline from four stories to eight. Montgomery-Ward, J. C. Penney and other well known companies are building in the town, and permanent buildings are being erected for the Panhandle Plains second annual dairy show.

Ladies. Watch for the Methodist ladies cap and apron sale and 50c dinner March 30th Saturday. Take a rest and bring the family out to dine with us.

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### Chevrolet Company Inaugurates Plan For Service Protection

Detroit, March 28.—In preparation for America's biggest motoring season, the Chevrolet Motor Company announced here today the development of a comprehensive program for the service protection of the millions of its cars that will be in use this spring.

It was with a view to making Chevrolet service even more accessible, thorough, rapid and economical to the owner that the present expansion and perfection program was undertaken, J. P. Little, manager of the parts service division, explained.

So extensive has been the development of the service activities of the company, he said, that there are now 20,960 points in the United States where the Chevrolet owner may obtain authorized Chevrolet service or genuine parts. This is perhaps the fullest service coverage ever offered by an automobile manufacturer, Mr. Little declared, and assures the Chevrolet owner of the widest possible parts and service protection.

The program contemplates the opening this year of eleven new parts warehouses, in addition to the 28 now in operation. Several of these will be in operation in May, with others opening at intervals until October 31 when the last of the group will be finished. New warehouses are being built or will be constructed this year

in the following cities: Indianapolis, Ind; Birmingham, Ala; Salt Lake City, Utah; Richmond, Va; Great Falls, Mont; El Paso, Texas; Wichita, Kansas, and Knoxville, Tenn.

### Two Men Burned to Death at Borger

Borger, March 28.—Two men were burned to death and a third perhaps fatally burned in a fire which, spread by a high wind, burning four business house "shacks" on Main Street of this oil town Sunday afternoon.


One of the dead was identified as J. W. Farmer, 60, of Borger. The other victim was not identified.

Otis Hilderbrand, 60, a veteran oil field worker, walked calmly from the flaming building where his comrades died, almost a living torch.

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- Sliced Bacon, fancy northern, per lb. 35c
- Fresh Bacon, home killed, per lb. 25c
- Pork Sausage, best in town, per lb. 25c
- Loin Steak, from baby beef, per lb. 30c
- Round Steak, from baby beef, per lb. 30c
- Fancy Fresh Water Cat Fish, per lb. 35c
- Heinz Sweet Mixed Pickles, per lb. 40c
- Heinz Sour Pickles, per doz. 25c

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**SOCIETY**

**SHIVE-RUSSELL.**

The many friends of Miss Christine Russell will be interested to learn of her marriage last Saturday evening to Mr. Bayard Shive of Big Spring. The ceremony was solemnized at that place, the Rev. Bailey pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. Shive is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell. She will be remembered as a popular graduate of Merkel High school, also graduate of Draughon's Business College of Abilene. Because of her competent, gracious and charming manner she won herself a place in all affairs religious, social and civic and a host of friends offer congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Shive will make their home in Big Spring.

**IDLEWISE.**

Miss Iva Bragg complimented members of the Idlewise Club and a number of friends on Tuesday afternoon. Massed violets throughout the entertaining rooms furnished inspiration for tallies and score pads; candies and refreshments were in the favored green and purple color scheme. Games of bridge progressed until tea time when the hostess was assisted by Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Dee Grimes in serving an ice course with dainty corsages of violets as plate favors to Miss Virginia Potts of Hillsboro, Mesdames H. J. Van Vacter of Carter, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Lee Davis of Elk City, Oklahoma, Mesdames Kirby Beckett, George Caple, Bill Brown, George White, Warren Smith, Jim Sears, Matt Dillingham, W. T. Sadler, Misses Vennie Heizer, Lucy Tracey, Christine Collins, Mary Eula and Boog Sears.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.**

Mrs. Claude Young was hostess to members of the Thursday Night Club on Monday evening this week. Games of bridge interspersed with victrola selections furnished happy diversion for the evening. At the refreshment hour a dainty salad course was served to Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Jack Anderson, Claude Young, Misses Iva Bragg, Melba West, Christine Collins, Vera Baker and Roberta Sloan.

**SEATED TEA.**

An affair of unusual beauty was given in the home of Mrs. Charlie Jones, complementing Mrs. Virginia Walker of Chicago and Mrs. W. T. Sadler who was, until her wedding recently Miss Mary Cleo Booth. Members of the house party were Mesdames Jones, Walker, Sadler, Booth, M. C. Jones of Abilene and H. C. Harbers.

A beautiful color scheme of pink and green was stressed in all party appointments and cut flowers used in profusion as house decorations. A Fine Arts program of unusual interest was provided by local and out of town artists. Little Miss Mina Margaret Wheeler of Abilene opened the program with some delightful readings followed by two numbers in vocal duet by Misses Melba West and Mona Margaret Jones. Miss Lucy Tracey made two appearances in her usual gracious manner and Miss Mona Margaret Jones beautifully rendered two vocal selections. Mrs. E. Yates Brown thrilled her listeners with piano solos and also her excellent support to the vocal soloist.

Mrs. James Wheeler of Abilene, reader, was forced to respond to encore after encore. Refreshments at the tea hour reflected the colors of the afternoon. The guest list included Mesdames Walker, Sadler, M. C. Jones, Abilene, Fanny Long, James Wheeler, Mina Margaret Wheeler, Abilene, Fannie Rister, W. B. Brown, Grace Anson, Anderson, Barnett, Boze, Eckett, Booth, Brackeen, Bragg, E. N. Brown, W. S. J. Brown, T. E. Collins, Cookston, Dennis, Ferrier, Frederickson, Palmer, Dee Grimes, Gamble, R. I. Grimes, Hamm, Hicks, Huddleston, C. M. Largent, Roy Largent, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Lassiter, Lowe, McDonald, Teaff, Patterson, Petty, Walker, Richardson, Anderson, Young, Hamilton, Russell, Latham, Scott, Mayfield, Smith, Thompson, Warren, West, Harvey, Marvin Cummings, Misses Iva Bragg, Lucy Tracey, Vennie Heizer, Mamie Walker, Vera Walker, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Addie Holler, Johnnie Sears, Christine Collins and Melba West.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Miss Grave Lindsey was honored by a guest part on last Monday night, from 8 until 12 o'clock.

Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served to the following: Misses Oma Rider, Margie Coats, Opal Johnson, Mable Niggen, Beadie Bailey, and the hostess, Janet. An-

ton Farmer, Rex McLean, Forest Bailey, Leon Coats, Hoyt Willis and Fred Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, D. D. Coats.

**Petition Asking School Bond Vote**

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issue and a number of those present signed the petition asking the school board to call the election.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, reporting for the civic welfare committee, recommended that a canvas be made of the town for donations to charity work in amounts of \$5, \$10 and \$25, and that a card be printed for display by the donors stating that the owner is a contributor to the charity fund, and in this way refer all charity applicants to the committee handling the fund. He also suggested charity applicants to be required to fill out blanks outlining each individual case applying for help.

**LADIES' NIGHT TUESDAY.**

Ladies' night will be observed by the club next Tuesday night, at which time an enjoyable program will be presented. A committee, of which L. B. Scott is chairman, is perfecting the arrangements.

At the Tuesday meeting Miss Melba West played the accompaniment for the club and also rendered a piano solo, which was greatly enjoyed.

**Personal Mention**

R. C. Montgomery of Waco was a week-end visitor to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caple.

Miss Iva Bragg had as her guest this week Miss Virginia Potts of Hillsboro.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Christine Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Shipley of Waco, en route to Alpine, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither have as their guests Mesdames Lee Davis of Elk City, Okla., and W. F. Van Vacter of Carter, Oklahoma.

Mary Zoe West and Jas. H. West, Jr., children of Jas. H. West have returned from a visit with their aunt, Mrs. W. B. Brown, at Anson.

Louis Berryman of Winters was a visitor this week in the home of Rev. Ira L. Parrack. Mr. Berryman is a ministerial student at Simmons University.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Hudson and little daughter of San Angelo spent the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins. This was little Doris Jane's first visit to her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and three children, Alton, Nell Marie and Curtis Woodrow, spent Sunday with Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. J. E. Badgley, at Roscoe, where a family reunion was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and little son returned last Sunday after a week's visit with relatives in Rockwall and Terrell, also spending several days with Mr. Douglas' sister, Mrs. M. V. Sibley of Arlington. They also attended the Stock show at Fort Worth.

Last week-end Mrs. T. T. Davis enjoyed a visit from a number of her relatives, among them her mother, Mrs. J. E. Badgley of Roscoe; a sister, Mrs. Claude Caviness and daughter, Mable of Wichita Falls, and a nephew, Edwin Taliaferro of Loraine.

W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater, who was the victim of an automobile accident there last Saturday and suffered a broken leg, is the brother of Mrs. Bob Martin of this city. While the injury was very painful Mr. Calvert is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Trantham of California have been this week's guests of Mrs. Trantham's mother, Mrs. L. R. Robbins. They left Wednesday for Abilene, where they will make their home. Mrs. Trantham will be remembered as Miss Ruth Newberry, and Merkel is her girlhood home.

Where cold drinks are colder. Phillips Drug Store.

**Presbyterian Church.**

Sunday school at 10 a. m. The attendance at Sunday was the best in several months, although some regular attendants could not be present. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Easter, "The Resurrection of Christ." Special music for the occasion. Evening service at 7:30. Session meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Come worship with us. Strangers and visitors always welcome.

Wm. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Cabeza de Baca was the first white man to enter Texas. He was shipwrecked on the Gulf coast in 1528 and reached Mexico City after crossing the southern part of this state.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upon solicitation of his friends H. C. WEST has consented to his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of the City of Merkel, April 2, 1929, and the Merkel Mail has been authorized to make formal announcement of such.

The friends of J. P. SHARP announce him as candidate for Mayor of Merkel at the ensuing city election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

The Merkel Mail is authorized by the friends of W. O. BONEY to announce his candidacy for alderman in the city election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends of A. T. SHEPPARD have authorized the announcement of his candidacy for re-election as alderman in the election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce B. T. SUBLETT as a candidate for alderman in the ensuing city election to be held on April 2.

Friends of BROOKS PATTERSON announce him as a candidate for alderman in the city election to be held Tuesday, April 2.

At the solicitation of friends, MISS PAULINE JOHNSON has consented to allow the use of her name for re-election as City Secretary and Tax Collector ex-officio, and her friends make this announcement.

Friends of C. R. TITTLE announce him as a candidate for school trustee, Merkel Independent School District, in the election to be held Saturday, April 6.

Friends of BISHOP HUNTER announce him as a candidate for school trustee, Merkel Independent School District, in the election to be held Saturday, April 6.

Friends of DEE GRIMES announce him as a candidate for school trustee, Merkel Independent School District, in the election to be held Saturday, April 6.

Friends of BOB McDONALD announce him as a candidate for school trustee, Merkel Independent School District, in the election to be held Saturday, April 6.

**Brooks Patterson in Alderman Race Tuesday's Election**

In the regular announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Brooks Patterson as a candidate for alderman in next Tuesday's election, he having been put forward by his friends and the announcement authorized by them.

Mr. Patterson is well known to the citizens of Merkel, having been reared in this section and prominent in the business affairs of the city. In placing his name before the voters as a candidate for alderman, his friends claimed that his experience as a business man and his interest in everything pertaining to the best interests of Merkel, qualify him to serve as alderman. They are asking consideration for him at the hands of the voters on the basis of qualification and merit.

**Honor Students of Union Ridge School**

Students of Union Ridge school have retained good grades this month, notwithstanding several cases of spring fever. School conditions in general are good. Honors for the month are:

- First grade: Doswell Casey, A. B. Harris, Blanton Carey, L. S. Tipton, Fay Oliver, Effie Bel Pannell.
- Second grade: Clyde Jones.
- Third grade: J. T. Oliver, Thomas Gay, Reed Whatley.
- Fourth grade: James Hass.
- Fifth grade: Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Anna Mae Harris, Alice McAnich.
- Seventh grade: Mary Bell Douglas, Lillie Claud Barnett.
- Eighth grade: Bernice Clark, Bessie Jones, Bessie Lou Pannell, Clements Carey, Blanche Carey.

**Colored Baptist Revival.**

B. F. Johnson of Eastland and J. L. Mann of Breckenridge are doing the preaching at a revival meeting which started last night at the Mount Olive Baptist church (colored), to continue until next Tuesday night. The public is invited to attend.

The center of population of Texas is about 13 miles southwest of Waco.

Ysleta, near El Paso, is the oldest town in Texas. It was founded in 1682.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER COMING**

**Representative Southern Baptist Convention Board to Check-Up Local Baptist School.**

Monday, April 1, Walter Jackson of Abilene will come here as a representative of the Sunday School board of the Southern Baptist convention and look over the records and check up on the equipment of the Sunday school of the Merkel Baptist church to see if they are entitled to continue to hold the standard of an Advanced Standard Sunday school. For the past two years this Sunday school has enjoyed the distinction of being the only Sunday school in Texas holding this, the highest standard held by Southern Baptists. They are one of three in all the Southern Baptist convention.

After a careful check of the records and the equipment Mr. Jackson will remain over to meet the officers and teachers of the Sunday school in their regular monthly meeting Monday evening at 7:30. The pastor is urging a full attendance of all officers and teachers and also asking all members of the adult, young people's and intermediate departments to meet with us Monday evening, as Mr. Jackson has consented to speak to our people following his report of his findings.

Refreshments will be served in the basement of the church and we will have a general social of these departments together with all others who will come.

There will be all regular services at the church Sunday and through the week. The pastor is back from one of his best training classes held with the Hodges Baptist church and will speak at both hours. Strangers and visitors are invited to all services. The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "A Message from the Risen Lord." There will be suitable music and songs.

A full attendance at the Sunday school hour is urged, as the local Sunday school is joining with all Baptist Sunday schools in observing Sunday as Home and Foreign Mission Day.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.  
Watch our windows for specials every week. Phillips Drug Store.

The present negro population of Texas is estimated at 779,000.

**Junior League Program.**

Song service; prayer; roll call; Scripture, Psalm 100, by leader, Imogene Middleton; story, "Friends," by Mildred Richardson; reading, "Home," by Nell Hughes; piano solo, Mary Grace Dunn; special number, "Zellophone," by Duncan Briggs; Bible story, by Alice Church; song; benediction.

**STUDENTS' FINANCE FUND**

Write for details of loan help worthy students prepare business positions thru approved. Address H. G. Payne, Trustee, Students' Finance Fund, Abilene.

Watch these columns for the big coming to Phillips Drug

Try a Classified Ad in the

**QUEEN**  
*SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES*

TODAY AND SATURDAY

HOOT GIBSON

—IN—

**"CLEARING THE TRAIL"**

Also Chapter 8, "Tarzan the Mighty" and comedy, "Only Me"

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

RONALD COLEMAN

—IN—

**"THE RESCUE"**

Also Comedy and News Events

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

AL WILSON

—IN—

**"THE CLOUD DOGGER"**

Also FREE CHINAWARE and Kinogram News and comedy, "The Question Mark"

COMING SOON

LON CHANEY

—IN—

**"WEST OF ZANZIBAR"**

**This Store Is Ready With Everything Needed For Easter**

**RISSE & COATS**  
LATEST IN  
STYLE AND QUALITY



Handsome Spring Coats and Dresses, all new goods, bought to sell regularly at \$13.50, as a special Easter offering they go at

**\$9.95**

Then we are showing another big lot of Spring Coats and Dresses, highest quality and elegantly made, bought to sell at \$18.50 and \$19.50, special for Easter

**\$14.95**

**Your New Easter Hat Is Here**

The new straws, the latest styles are here in a wide range of patterns. Your every Easter need can be supplied here.— GLOVES, HOSIERY, SHOES.

**Men, See Our Straw Hat Display**

**MAX MELLINGER**