

# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Organization has been perfected by the Parent-Teachers Association and the High School to "put over" the Chautauqua in first class shape. Mr. Clinkscales, representing Ratcliffe Chautauqua Circuit, Washington, D. C., was in town several days this week perfecting arrangements. The local organization consists of Walter Jackson, chairman, R. A. Burgess, assistant chairman, R. O. Anderson, secretary-treasurer. The Ticket Committee consists of R. A. Burgess, chairman, Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Lytton Howard, captains of Reds, and Miss Gyrllie Howard and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, captains of Blues. The Arrangement Committee consists of L. D. Levy, chairman, W. O. Boney and L. B. Scott. The Advertising Committee consists of Walter Jackson, chairman, Jim Black and Lytton Howard.

The Red and Blues have perfected organization and are arranging to take the town and surrounding country by storm Friday afternoon and Saturday. They hope to sell 1000 season tickets. The Chautauqua is guaranteed \$500, and all over will go to the Parent-Teachers Association for improvement to the school grounds. The entertainment is of a high class nature, helpful in every way, and those attending will be amply rewarded for their time and money. Clocks will be placed in the business district to record the progress of the teams. Those who buy tickets will be tagged, which will make the purchaser immune from further attacks by the soliciting committee.

With the splendid condition of the country, those who guaranteed the fund to secure this high class entertainment, believe that the citizens will show their appreciation by patronizing it.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

## OIL OPERATIONS ARE CHECKED

Very little new development has taken place in the oil situation this week. Sears and Bland wells have had considerable underreaming trouble. The Bland well has been flowing water a few days, indicating the same structure at about 2100 feet that was encountered in the Sears well at 1900 feet. Both wells are troubled with caveins which are deterring the work.

Work on the Trent derrick is progressing as rapidly as material can be assembled, through the biggest delay will result in not being able to obtain casing. The Butman people hope to get down to business in a short time.

### DOCTORS LEASE OFFICES

A deal was closed this week between Mr. Geo West, and Drs. Gambill and Miller, whereby the doctors have secured a lease for a term of years on the entire second floor of the West Building, the lower floor of which is occupied by the Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

Dr. Gambill has moved from over Farmers State Bank and is occupying the offices formerly used by Dr. McMaster. Dr. Miller has for several years occupied offices on this floor.

On account of their growing practices, these doctors realized the need of more room and in securing a long lease on this very desirable location, it assures them of permanency and ample room for their excellent medical, Dental and Surgical equipments.

A large comfortable reception room attended by an office girl will be used in common by the patrons of the doctors. Adv.

J. A. Hamner left Sunday for Willis, Tex., to spend the winter with his daughter.

R. C. Hall returned home Saturday from Brooklyn, N. Y. He received his discharge from the services in August.

## THE CHAUTAUQUA COMING

OCTOBER 13—14—15

From beginning to the end there will be variety to the program. Topics will be discussed of a highly educational nature. On a route through the Pacific Coast country, every town booked for the Chautauqua to return the coming season.

### RATCLIFFE CHAUTAUQUA CIRCUIT

has a reputation that is not questioned in all the country. They have the leading artists of the country lined up and propose to put on a program here second to none.

They are particular that this program be not confused with former efforts put forth here.

Remember the dates and get a season ticket.

By buying a season ticket you save money and get the advantage of every performance. Tickets may be transferred, so if you can not attend every performance some one else can use your ticket.

## State Fair of Texas Presents Many Amusement Features

Coliseum Attractions at Victory Fair at Dallas Include Artists of World-wide Fame.

The Victory Vaudeville consists of Ten Big Acts—140 People, including THE DUTTONS JACK ALFRED & COMPANY A Dainty, Society Equestrian Family Unique Comedy Artists HORACE GOLDIN & COMPANY

Master-Magician, Conjurer, Illusionist, Inventor of Legerdemain, in a marvelous program of astounding acts seemingly to defy all the laws of nature, with his Company of Oriental Mystics. Barbara Babington, Beautiful Ballad Soloist.

IVAN BANKOFF & COMPANY IN "THE DANCING MASTER" A wonderfully beautiful dancing act from the Russian Imperial Ballet Ivan Bankoff is the most renowned character ballet dancer Russia has produced. With Miss Phoebe Brown, Colfax, Wash., Premier American Danseuse.

DUNBAR'S WHITE HUSSARS A Beautifully Costumed Company of Artist-Musicians Presenting a Bawling Variety of Ensemble, Specialty and Solo Numbers with a dash and precision all their own.

THE AMERICAN SYNCOPATED ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK Most Unique Dark-skinned Musical Organization in the entire World. A Musical Treat for "High Brows," Jazz Addicts and those just "Melody-Hungry" Plaintive Negro Spirituals, Folk Songs. A Wonderful Vocal Quartette.

TWENTY BERBER CARAVAN A very Whirlwind of Acrobatic Feats, Herculean Strength, Skill and Spectacular mid-air exhibitions of ocular and muscular training, gracefully performed, in an inimitable style peculiar to the Far East Arabia. There are three other novelty acts in this, the greatest and largest bill ever presented in Texas.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS Dallas, Texas J. N. SIMPSON, Pres. W. H. STRATTON, Sec.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

LEASE FOR SALE—40 acres in Jones County vicinity of Sears Well at \$20. dollars per acre, located Northwest corner of the League 360 Goliad School Land. Write or wire W. F. MacDermott, 1401 Cosden Building Tulsa Oklahoma. 26t2p

FOR RENT—5 room house, south side. See O. D. Assn, Kent St. 3t2p.

FOR SALE—Three young mares, broke and in fine shape. W.E. Lowe. 3t2c

FOR SALE—Second hand Ford just the very thing for a farmer to do light hauling with. See W. A. McSpadden. 3t1p.

WANTED—A School girl to assist with house work for room and board. Will be treated and respected as one of the family. See Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. 3t1c

HOGS FOR SALE—Car of hogs will be here Monday. Be on hand and get your pick at Boney Waggon Yard, Earl Lassiter. 3t1p.

Notice to Everybody Concerned I am back at my same old stand, ready to buy your chickens, turkeys, eggs, butter, hides, sacks and rags. I will pay you the highest market price and will sell you apples, potatoes etc., as cheap as any one else. Come to see me. W. P. Duckett. 26t5

Fresh honey at G. M. Sharp's

COAL—Orders wanted. I will have car of coal about October 15. Call 291 or see T. J. R. Swafford. 19t4p

FOR SALE—Good single buggy and harness. Jim Black 3t1c

LOST—White Mohawk tire for Dodge car attached to extra rim. Size of tire 32x3 1/4. Finder please notify G. B. Brown. 3t1c

WANTED—Hands to haul 100 tons of cotton seed from Butman Gin to Blair and load back with coal to Gin. Sam Butman, Sr. 3t3p

A. B. Rowley of Tulia is in Merkel on business.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

Notice to Rural Patrons of the Post Office

The postal regulations state that rural mail is only to be given out when it does not interfere with other work in the office, while our present rush is on it will be impossible for us to give out the mail at general delivery while we are busy waiting on the public or before the carriers have it put up. H. C. Williams P. M. 26t5

Buy your groceries at A. L. Jobses. Prices right. 3t2c

Ira Armstrong of Dallas is spending a few days in Merkel.

## IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY BROTHER

One of the most appalling accidents known in this section occurred at the home of Mr. McIninch, near town, last Sunday afternoon. Some parties had been out hunting and came in and stood the gun up on the inside of the house near the door. While no one was looking, a little four-year old boy picked up the gun, which was accidentally discharged. The load struck his sister, Mary Neil, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Neil, square in the heart. The little girl hardly breathed, death being instantaneous. The force of the gun kicked the little boy out of the door.

Burial took place Monday afternoon, Rev. Callaway of Tye, officiating.

We greatly sympathize with the bereaved parents. They are old timers in this country and stand well.

Miss Nean Jackson of Roscoe will be at the School building on Monday morning and would be glad to meet all the parents, who are interested in Expression.

Prices right at A. L. Jobses on Kent St. 3t2c

LOST—Several shoats got out of pen. Reward Davis Beasley

Mrs. Bettie Strickland renewed her annual subscription to the Mail this week for about the thirtieth time, dating back to the days of Mary Jane Cox, when time was young for this paper.

Prices right at A. L. Jobses on Kent St. 3t2c

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook and family have moved back to Merkel from Rising Star. Prosperity will bring back most of the old timers, and Mr. Alsbrook claims to be in the very front rank.

Mrs. W. Strickland and children arrived a few days since from Walnut Springs to join Mr. Strickland, who is employed with the Barrow Furniture Company

## MERKEL DELUGED WITH COTTON

Cotton is the order of the day in Merkel. What do we care of oil when the fleecy staple is turning out \$200 a bale? As we go to press the register in the cotton yard was 4500 bales, with fully 300 bales at the several gins waiting to be ginned. It is quite a show to see the whole country lined up at the gins.

The power service for Merkel is absolutely rotten. Merkel is being imposed upon. Word comes that lights are on every day in Abilene, while in Merkel there can be no dependence in them. The gins have been tied up a good portion of the time on account of the lack of power and lights.

We are about ready to predict a 20,000 bale crop. Our estimate heretofore amounted to only 17,500. We reserve the right to increase the estimate.

## RELIEF FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

The people of Merkel are called upon to help the flood sufferers of South Texas. It is an opportunity, and it is a duty. Last year when drought was playing havoc with West Texas, the people of other sections donated liberally to this section. While the publicity was hurtful to the west, yet the people who did the giving did so out of a noble heart. If we can in a measure return a good deed, now is the time for action. Those who wish to make a donation are asked to leave their amounts at either of the banks.

Out of her plenty, Merkel might make a liberal offering. Portions of the country are in destitution and if our people can relief want and give the sufferers a chance to start out again, then they have done well.

Cheapest coffee in town at A. L. Jobses Store. 3t2c

Mrs. J. M. Fogleman of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs. E. L. Horton this week.

## VICTORY FAIR HIPPODROME FEATURES

Before the Grand-Stand at Dallas

There will be twenty-five big acts—the headlines are: Stupendous, Spectacular, Pyrotechnic Production. Featuring the U. S. Troops' Omslaught to Victory.

"THE BATTLE OF CHATEAU-THIERRY" Barnes' European Hippodrome A Galaxy of Scintillating Stellar Attractions. Thavia's Gold Medal Band in Concerts Preceding Each Performance.

Aerial Acrobatic Feats Mercilessly Burlesqued by the Famous Clown HIP RAYMOND

Rapid-fire Acrobatics Wonderful Juggling Contortion and Perch Work And Dexterous Water Spinning

TAKETA JAPS America's Marvelous Diving Nymphs KAWANO JAPS

THE FAMOUS BERLO SISTERS A Whirlwind of Acrobatic Comedy

THE LA VAIN TRIO LA MAISE BROS. A Canine, Pachydermic and Chimpanzee Novelty, presenting "The Monkey That Made a Man Out of Himself."

LITTLE HIP AND NAPOLEON

An Example of Diametrically Opposite Styles in Acrobatics Bizarre Feats of Pedal, Manual and Herculean Strength and Marvellous Cranial Equilibristics

BORSINI TROUPE THE FOUR ROSES With an electrically controlled apparatus, twirling recklessly at terrific momentum, high in the air, in a thrilling flight

THE VALDANOS STATE FAIR OF TEXAS Dallas, Texas

J. N. SIMPSON, Pres. W. H. STRATTON, Sec.

## ELEVENTH HOUR NEWS FLASHES FROM STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

ALL SHOWS AND DEPARTMENTS ARE READY FOR THE INSPECTION AND ENJOYMENT OF PUBLIC AT DALLAS.

Confederate Veterans Day at the Victory Fair has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 14th. The Reunion of the 36th Division will be on Sat. Oct. 11th, A. O. U. W. Day, Sun. Oct. 12th. Cotton Ginnings' Day will be Monday, Oct. 13th. Navy Men's Day, Wed. Oct. 8th. Texas vs. Oklahoma Foot Ball Game, Sat. Oct. 18th.

The Canadian Government will make an exhibit of the Agricultural resources of Western Canada at the Victory Fair.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will have educational exhibits from many of its Bureaus at the Victory Fair, demonstrating how Uncle Sam helps his more than one hundred millions sons and daughters.

The Bench Show of the Texas Kennel Club will be held at the Victory Fair from Oct. 9th to 12th inclusive. A splendid showing of dogs is expected to compete for the liberal premiums offered.

More than one thousand Rabbits and Hares are promised for the Rabbit Show at the Victory Fair. The Rabbit show will be from Oct. 14th to 19th. Liberal premiums are offered.

The American Syncopated Orchestra, of New York City, instead of appearing in only two or three special concerts, as originally proposed, have been engaged for two concerts daily, in the coliseum, every day during the Victory Fair.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF  
CONDITION OF  
**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12, 1919

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$314,975.96
Bonds, Stocks, W. S. S.	4,719.52
Banking House	8,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,750.00
Other Real Estate	900.00
Cash and Exchange	99,127.45
Interest Guaranty Fund	3,494.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$434,967.82</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,738.27
Bills Payable	30,516.50
Deposits	335,713.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$434,967.82</b>

**BAD AUTO ACCIDENT**

Late Saturday afternoon two cars from Merkel collided on a bridge a short distance from Abilene. Mrs. Tom Largent was driving her car and Bruce Johnson was driving the other car. Most of the occupants of the cars were thrown out. Mrs. C.M. Largent seemed to be bruised up worse than any one else. Mr. Johnson also was slightly injured. Will W. Haynes, of French Pasture, was in the car with Mr. Johnson. The car belonged to his father, W. D. Haynes. Both cars were badly damaged. It seems that the drivers mistook the distance to the bridge and found themselves upon each other before they knew it. It is miraculous that a more serious injury was not sustained.

**HOUSE WIRING RATES**

On account of high cost of labor and material, after Oct. 1st. Electric house wiring will be \$3. per drop.

All orders given up to October 1st. will still be \$2.50 per drop.

Yours truly  
**MERKEL POWER COMPANY**

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, who have been in Wichita Falls for some time, have moved back to Merkel. Mr. Swann has resumed his connection with the Farmers State Bank. The tremendous increase in business of this popular institution demanded his return.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

**Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured**  
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, etc.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

**Rev. Owens Changes Pastorate**

Sept. 24.—Merkel Mail: After this week's issue, let my paper be sent to Iowa Park, Texas, instead of Petrolia. Will close my work here next Sunday, after having served this church for 20 months. I go to Iowa Park on a salary of \$1800.00 with good home and all moving expenses paid by the church. My kindest regards to all my Merkel friends. I crave an interest in their prayers  
Cordially, L. B. Owens

Previous to his acceptance of the pastorate at Petrolia, Rev. Owen served as pastor of the Baptist Church here for a number of years.

**RHEUMATISM IS TORTURE**

As Many Merkel Readers Know Only too well

Many pains that pass as rheumatism are really due to weak kidneys—to the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, dizziness and some urinary disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine that is publicly recommended by over 150,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out uric acid, which is often the cause of the backache, rheumatism and lumbago. Merkel people have learned their worth. Read this Merkel resident's experience.

Mrs. Wm. OBriant, says: "I was troubled with rheumatic pains and had a steady ache in the small of my back. Nervous headaches bothered me and I was troubled with kidney weakness. I felt tired and drowsy most all the time. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the Drug Store and took them. I am glad to say they gave me fine relief. Doan's regulated my kidneys and took the pains out of my back."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. OBriant had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business September 12, 1919

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$263,133.62
U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	11,552.34
Unearned Interest	260.07
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
U. S. Cert. of Ind.	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>171,490.14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$466,848.67</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	39,775.16
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	10,000.00
Due Federal Reserve Bank	35,661.94
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>350,161.57</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$466,848.67</b>

Modestly we recognize the responsibility that comes with leadership in the Banking business in this community.

This has not been a spasmodic attainment, but has obtained throughout all the years.

Read and compare the above statement.

Your business appreciated. Service the best.

"SINCE 1904"

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

**LOCAL NEWS**

John Davenport of Duncan, Ok., spent several days this week in Merkel on business. Mr. Davenport owns a farm at Nubia.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

J. N. Shelton is digging a well and making other improvements to his property in Merkel.

Three good mares for sale See W. E. Lowe. 3t2c.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Monday, a fine 10 pound girl. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

J. S. Swann spent several days this week in Fort Worth on business.



**A TEXAS WONDER**  
The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

**It's a Good Time to Buy**

Goods are Going to be Scarce and High

**BUY QUICKLY AND SAVE DOLLARS**

Come See the Newest in

- Suits      Skirts
- Waists    Coats
- Hosiery    Gloves
- Kid Boots    Beads
- Handkerchiefs

Step in and see Our New

- Hats      Ties      Sox
- Belts      Pants
- Shoes
- Cuff and Collar Buttons
- Shirts      Caps

**PRICES, STYLES AND QUALITIES ARE RIGHT**

- Cotton Flannel
- Table Demask
- Ginghams Outings
- Kimona Silks & Crepes

- Men's Overalls
- Jumpers    Gloves
- Ties    Underwear
- Stetson Hats 7 to 7½

**WE SAVE YOU MONEY AND BREATH**

Because we sell For Cash and at One Price

**The Brown D. G. Co.**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnes of Eastland visited relatives in Merkel Monday.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

Joe Daniels of Chattanooga, Tenn., visited G. W. Johnson on Sunday of the past week.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change. A pleasure to supply you. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marquis of Weatherford purchased the J. L. Banner home and will move here about November 1.

Quick, intelligent and accurate service in all departments, looked after personally by trained officials. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Vick, of Weatherford who recently purchased the Burns place, moved in the past week.

Don't wait till it is freezing to bring in your winter clothing, but bring them now and be ready for the norther. Mrs. Cash.

W. D. McDonald of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel this week

**Constipation.**

The beginning of almost every serious disorder is constipation. If you want to enjoy good health keep your bowels regular. This is best accomplished by proper diet and exercise, but sometimes a medicine is needed and when that is the case you will find Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action easy and pleasant to take. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.

**Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days**

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

**E. P. Beene**

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No 710, A. F. and A. M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother E. P. Beene, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 27th day of September, A. D. 1919, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, E. P. Beene, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, A. F. and A. M. that in the death of our brother, this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a hand to help a brother or friend, and aid in his reformation.

While we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it Further, Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy to the Merkel Mail for publication; and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

W. W. Wheeler,  
N. D. Cobb,  
Walter Jackson.

Committee.

**Indigestion, Bilioussness, Constipation.**

Chamberlain's Tablets have restored to health and happiness hundreds who were afflicted with indigestion, bilioussness and constipation. If you are troubled in this way give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased for they will benefit you.

# FLOOR COVERING

☛ We have one of the best assortments of Rugs to be found any place, and can save you from 10 to 20 per cent over the present price. We bought our Rug stock early and are giving our customers the advantage of the saving we made. You had better come and get your rugs now while our stock is complete and you can get just what you want.

## LINOLEUM

☛ Our Linoleum stock is running low but we still have a number of patterns to select from. We would advise you to buy your Linoleum now for two reasons—First, we will have to get more for the next shipment; second, right now is the best time to lay linoleum. You will find that you get better service out of the linoleum laid now than you will to wait till cold weather.

## FURNITURE

☛ Our Furniture stock is very low at present, but he have several cars already in transit, and within the next ten days we expect to have one of the most complete stocks of up-to-date furniture ever shown in Merkel. Give us a chance at your furniture wants and we will save you some money.

# Barrow Furniture Co.

### THE CRUISE OF THE WEST CARNIFAX

We're on our way to New Orleans  
From our trip across the sea  
We've done our bit in Europe  
And Homeward bound are we.

We've been the first to visit  
The land that tried to be  
The peer of every nation.  
The land called Germany.

We ran across their sunken  
mines  
And crossed the dark North Sea  
To bring this fallen nation  
The food they sorely need

Our ship the Good old Carnifax  
At her after truck now flies  
The strip that is a blessing  
To our bright and anxious eyes.

There's not a lad among us  
But knows its meaning best  
It's the sign that says we're sailing  
To the land we love the best.

We've had a pleasant cruise and  
all

But now we are on our way  
To the only place on God's green  
earth.

The good Old U. S. A.—Boys on  
the Carnifax.

### WASHING

Be independent of your wash-  
woman. Let us see you an Electric  
Washing Machine, long easy  
terms. With our electric machine  
you can do your own washing in  
two hours and with but little  
trouble and labor. Let us explain  
... MERKEL POWER CO ...

C. R. Scott of Wills Point  
dropped into Merkel the past  
week and purchased a 160 acre  
farm one and one-half miles  
west of Trent. He expects to  
move about November 1. His  
plans are to build a nice bungalow  
and otherwise improve the  
property. The deal was perfected  
by the Merkel Realty Company.

Read the statement of this  
bank on second page of this  
paper, also in last weeks issue. The  
F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

# LUBE PETROLEUM CO.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE—ABILENE, TEXAS

Authorized Capital Stock \$100,000.00

Par Value of Shares \$1.00 Each, Fully Paid and Non-Assessable

An Un-Incorporated Joint Stock Association, Operated Under Articles of Association and Declaration of Trust. See the Application for Share at side of this Advertisement for Reference to Non-Personal Liability of Shareholders

## Results; Not Promises

☛ If we were unscrupulous it would be easy to make extravagant promises of big profits: but such promises would be no more substantial than a mere vagary, a wild fancy or an idle dream. And if we make an honest prediction of profits, what care you for the prediction? It may please, but it will not satisfy. What concerns you are profits. Pretty stock certificates do not necessarily represent value, nor do they assure safety, conservative business methods or economical management. It is easy to tell what others have done but that is no proof of what we are going to do, and any estimate thereof at this time would be much like unto a guess.

☛ Of course we confidently hope for success or this company would not have been organized; and while we confess our ambition to success is great, our desire not to lose our shareholders' money is greater; we mean by this that of the two we would prefer not to succeed than to lose your money.

☛ We expect to drill our first well in what is known as the shallow oil field about 17 miles from Toyah in Reeves County, Texas, and are at this time offering for sale a limited amount of shares at \$1.00 per share. If you are willing to risk your money with us in an honest effort to get results, use the accompanying form of application.

### OFFICERS

C. L. Hailey.....President  
H. Manley.....Vice Pres.  
W. T. Branch.....Sec.-Treas.  
B. Tidwell.....Field Manager

### DIRECTORS

C. L. Hailey W. T. Branch  
W. L. Davis H. Manley  
Geo. W. Brock  
C. L. Hailey, General Attorney

#### APPLICATION FOR SHARES IN THE LUBE PETROLEUM COMPANY

Authorized Capital Stock \$100,000.00

Lube Petroleum Company,  
Dear Sirs:

Abilene, Texas.

I hereby make application to purchase ..... shares of the par value of \$1.00 each in the LUBE PETROLEUM COMPANY (a joint stock association having its principal office in Abilene, Texas, and operating under Articles of Association and Declaration of Trust dated September 12, 1919 which vest control of its affairs in a Board of Directors, pledge its assets in the hands of trustees for the payment of its liabilities and contain provisions for exempting its shareholders, officers, directors and trustees from personal liability) and agree to pay \$..... in cash for such shares, which are to be fully paid and non-assessable and Certificate therefor to be issued later.

All conditions binding upon the parties hereto are contained either in this application, said Articles of Association, said Declaration of Trust or said Certificate to be issued as aforesaid, which constitute all the terms, conditions and provisions of this contract of purchase. And it is agreed that no conditions, agreements or representations (oral or otherwise) not contained in this application or said Articles of Association or said Declaration of Trust or such Certificate form any part of such contract of purchase, and that no officer or agent of said Company has any authority to make any agreement, promise or representation not expressed in this application, said Articles of Association, said Declaration of Trust or such Certificate. If shares authorized for sale are oversubscribed said Company may reject this application on refunding the amount paid hereunder.

This ..... day of ..... 19.....

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They talk of the South and name instances of lawlessness, but when in all the annals of Southern history has a mob deliberately attempted to mob the mayor of a city? We know of instances when officials have been captured and bound while the mob went about its solemn work, but to take him out and deliberately hang him because he attempted to do his duty, is an out rage almost beyond human belief. Omaha, that great city of packing fame is put to shame. Her Mayor is dead, a martyr to duty. It was his lawful duty to speak out for law and order, and in the performance of this duty his life is taken. Everlasting shame will rest upon that city if the murderers of the Mayor are not ferreted out and hanged. The negro that caused the uproar perhaps received his just punishment, but the attack on the Mayor heaps shame upon the city.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Special service at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. Come and see.

Read the statement of this bank on second page of this paper, also in last weeks issue. The F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

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## CHURCH NEWS

**At The Baptist Church**  
Regular services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. J. M. Parker of Fort Worth will occupy the pulpit at the morning and evening services. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to be present, especially are the members urged to attend. The B. Y. P. U. meets at 6 p. m.

**Methodist Church Notice**  
Sunday School Promptly at 10. We hope to see every teacher and scholar in their place Sunday morning. At the 11, o'clock hour the subject will be Christian Loyalty and we want to make this a special service at which time we expect to take our Annual Conference Collections. If you are a member of the church be on hand and help to make this the best Sunday of the year both spiritually and otherwise. God is wonderfully blessing our country with health, peace, and plenty and may we not be ungrateful in this hour.

W. M. Murrel, Pastor.

**B. Y. P. U. Program**  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Subject, Building Of Personal Character.  
Leader, Mrs. Hancock.  
The Reason Considered For Our Activity in Building Character, Mr. Tom Brown.  
The Task of Building Character. 1st part, Mrs. Jackson  
3rd. part, Gyrle Howard.  
4th. part Myrtle Ellington.  
7th and 8th parts Mrs. Nix  
The Results of Our Success in Character Building, Nell Swann.  
Song.  
Business.

**League Program**  
Subject, Our Relations to Others.  
Leader, Josie Smith.  
Song, Prayer, Song.  
Scripture Lesson and Announcements.  
Liv Happily With Your Neighbor and Friends, Mary E. Sears  
Making sacrifices for friends, Roy Tucker.  
Duet, Ruth and Nellie Holloway.  
Make Friends, Loyce Dry.  
Reading, Mary Hutcheson.  
Calling the Roll.  
Song.  
League Benediction.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
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### Mrs. Bell Dead

Mrs. Bell, mother of W. H. Bell, who resides five miles south east of Merkel, died on the 27th. The body was shipped to Allen, Texas, for burial. Mrs. Bell was 72 years of age at the time of death. She was a member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. W. M. Murrel.

### Seed Oats For Sale

Winter oats, free from Johnson grass at 80 cents per bushel. T.L. Stevens, Rt. 1, Trent, Tex. 26t3p

Ben Wheeler and brother, J.W., left Wednesday for Atlanta and other points. They will meet a brother from Oklahoma. Ben Wheeler has not been back to his old home for 30 years.

Many a lad is "sitting on the world" when the world slips from under him. Hang on to your seats with War Savings Stamps. They

**HOGS FOR SALE**—Car hogs will be here Monday. Be on hand and get your pick at Boney Waggon Yard. Earl Lassiter. 3t1p.

Mrs. J. E. Hull of Tennessee, sister-in-law of Rev. W. M. Murrel, is visiting the latter and his family.

Car flour, meal bran and shorts daily expected. Prices as low as the lowest. A. L. Jobbe. 3t1c

## SALVATION ARMY PLANS COMPLETE FOR HOME DRIVE

Texas Campaign for Home Service Fund of \$600,000 Fully Organized.

### SOLDIERS TO ASSIST ON SPEAKERS BUREAU

Workers Who Saw Oversea Service to Show Gratitude By Giving Help

Dallas, Texas—Fully organized in all of the Texas counties in the southwestern home service zone for the Salvation Army the state corps of organization men are going back over the field in an effort to solidify their work, according to Herbert B. Ehler, southwestern director of finance.

The campaign will open September 29. It will be preceded by a week devoted to Salvation Army work. Governor Hobby has set the entire week aside by executive proclamation. In this week special appeals will be made to the public by the Salvation Army through speakers and soldiers' quartets.

#### Overseas Men to Talk

The speakers bureau has made arrangements for a number of service men and women to talk in the largest cities of the state. Overseas heroes will be routed throughout the entire southwest. All of the five overseas Salvation Army officers who are available will be assigned work.

"Pa" and "Ma" Burdick will be available for a limited number of engagements, Lieutenant Colonel George Wood, commander of the southwestern district announces. No strenuous campaign will be outlined for them, however, because of their age and the inconvenience and discomforts of travel at this season of the year.

#### Fighting Men Will Help in Campaigns

Waco, Texas—Fighters of the American expeditionary force are offering their services daily for the Salvation Army's \$600,000 home service drive in Texas which begins September 29, according to R. E. Logsdon, state campaign director, who has been arranging a number of novel campaign features with the soldiers. Twenty-five men who have seen overseas service volunteered to help at Waco, Tuesday. The offer was accepted by E. A. White who was selected chairman for the city and county drive. The men will be used as solicitors among the most able to give, Mr. White announced.

#### Legion Offers Service

J. M. Pollard, post commander of the El Paso American Legion tendered the services of the post to Major Richard F. Burges, district and city chairman at El Paso. Burges is a member of the post and a veteran of foreign service.

"You may rest assured that the legion will be glad to cooperate with you," Post Commander Pollard wrote Mr. Burges. "Advise us how we may be of service. The Salvation Army at a time not yet forgotten 'direct service' to many of us and we eagerly accept the opportunity to repay, in a small measure at least, the debt we owe."

Freestone county was organized Tuesday with E. P. St. Clair of Teague as chairman. Comanche county is rapidly perfecting an organization under the leadership of E. P. Woodruff of Comanche.

#### Many Cities Demand Corps Organization

Demands for corps of Salvation Army workers are being made almost daily upon Lieutenant Colonel George Wood, commander of the southwestern division of the Salvation Army. Colonel Wood is now preparing his forces for the home service campaign which will open September 29. Many cities that have never had forces of Salvation Army workers are planning to erect homes for corps. Wichita Falls, Texarkana, Port Arthur and Waco fall into this class. In each city a determined campaign will be made for building funds. In addition, each of the present twenty four corps cities will build for their workers.

#### Wood is Pleased

"I am very much pleased with the result of our efforts to meet this demand for expansion," Lieutenant Colonel Wood said in speaking to state campaigners at Dallas recently. "Our greatest difficulty is not in getting money but in getting the necessary workers."

"The end of the war, however, is greatly decreasing the tenseness of our working corps situation. I fully expect that by drafts on big eastern corps and with graduates from our training schools, we shall be able to care for the demand without serious difficulty."

#### Many Meals Are Given Away

In addition to its many other acts of mercy and compassion the Salvation Army last year gave away 12,123,643 meals at maternity hospitals and rescue homes. It supplied 255,735 beds.

## Life

Where humanity weaves  
"Gilt you bum"  
Light and welcome  
A subtle transformation  
Where home fires burn,  
Looking into the future  
In glory's fires.  
The instrument.

By W. Alexander Imlay

Weaving eternal figure eights through the streets of a great city in the southwest a Saturday evening crowd shifted in a human phantasmagora under brilliant arc lights. It was early winter. In the fashionable district well clad men wore new overcoats and silken mufflers. In the lower end of the city men pulled thin summer coats tightly about their necks.

Women beating their way along the thoroughfares felt the chilling wind on sleeky silk clad ankles. Children of the slums hopped swiftly along, homeward bound from errands seeking the warmth of tenements, for their chilled bare feet.

A gutter rat stood in the doorway of a cheap restaurant. The odor of frying onions and steak tantalized his nostrils. It was for the warm air that came through the open door that he tarried.

"Gilt, you bum," he heard. A second later the toe of a tall man's boot had forced him into the street.

"No one wants a down and outer," the sniffling thing moaned as he slunk away.

Women of the street passed him with a leer. A "down and outer" was the last thing on earth they sought. What they wanted was money for food and warm quarters. The "rat" could supply neither.

A swarming light in the street ahead drew his attention. Upon a curb close to it he spelled out "W-E-L-C-O-M-E."

"Ha! Ha!" he laughed cynically, but he entered.

Next morning the "rat" was no longer a rat. He had been fed and clothed. He had been bathed and given a bed. Hope burned high in his heart.

Through the offices of his new friends he was given work. It is useless to follow him for, of course, as in all articles of this kind, the "rat" made good.

Deaten and cuffed; scorned and unwanted he had at last come to his own.

Five years later we find the "rat," without a semblance of the thing of the gutter which had been clinging about him.

In a pleasant room, with a flower in the window, we find him reading the daily paper. A woman speaking in soft tones is lulling a child to rest.

Outside the wind howls. A cow bawls in the stable at the rear of the lot on which the cozy home is built.

The one time down and outer is moving up. He has a wife and child. He owns a home. He has a cow.

"We must make some steps to issue our child the surroundings of Christianity," the wife tells the one time thing of the gutter, after the child is sound asleep in its crib.

"Well, what shall we do about it?" he replies.

The woman places her cheek next to his and whispers. The honest citizen is at peace. He nods his head in acquiescence.

Sunday comes with bright sparkling morning light. The honest citizen and his wife dress in their best and start for church.

It is a church of brick and stone. Glazed windows break early morning light into thousands of prismatic crystals.

The minister takes his text—

"Even as you do unto others." His sonorous voice rings out in full periods. The one time child of the slums in entranced.

A great organ peels its message of life and love—

The honest citizen and his wife walk forward.

They join the church.

No one knows he has been a thing of the streets and the cindepath. That has been forgotten. But—

Many are brought to American churches each year who took their first upward step with the Salvation Army backing their effort.

#### House Indorses S. A. Campaign.

"Those of us who have been fortunate enough to see something of the work of the Salvation Army with the American troops have been made proud by the devotion and self-sacrifice of the workers connected with your organization. I congratulate you and through you your associates and I wish you the best of fortune in the continuance of your splendid work."  
—E. M. House.

#### Many Cared for by Salvation Army.

661,218 men and women were cared for last year by the Salvation Army. 5,179 mothers were given outings. 21,651 children were sent to the seashore. In medical aid alone the Salvation Army cared for 293,151 persons.

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### STOPS ICE DELIVERIES

On account of being unable to get labor, we will not make any more Ice Deliveries after Saturday, September 27th.

We will keep a man at Ice house as long as it will pay, but when it ceases to pay we will shut it up. We can not blame men for not accepting a short job, as our ice job would be for the season is about over, when they can secure a five or six months job.

We have offered \$120.00 per month for ice deliverymen, and could not get them at that.

This is a case of which we could not help ourselves.

We also appreciate the fact that our ice service has not been what it ought to have been all this summer. On account of labor, we did not pay high wages all summer, but we paid more than the service we got out of them.

To those that go to the Ice house for ice, the man in charge will have instructions to not let any ice out without either coupons or money. Those that have coupons left on hand at end of season or when you choose we will redeem them, paying your money back.

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### SPECIAL

Mens heavy bleached ribbed underwear, extra good quality, special, per garment ..... 85c

### DRESS & MILITARY BOOTS

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### EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL

\$1.25 Blue chambray work shirt, two pockets, special ..... 79c

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After weeks of suffering, in which disease wrecked havoc with his physical frame, death came to the relief of Ellis P. Beene last Saturday afternoon. He made a brave fight, but complicated disease could not be resisted.

Mr. Beene was born May 29, 1883, at Coryell, moving with his parents, to this part of the country in 1901. He was married to Miss Carol Wilson of Waldo. He was converted at the age of eleven and joined the Methodist church.

Mr. Beene is survived by his widow, daughter, Juanita, and father.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Murrell, burial taking place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. The burial ceremony was conducted by the Masons.

With implicit faith Mr. Beene calmly entered into the valley of the shadow of death. He spoke of soon joining his sainted mother, who preceded him about two years ago. He told his loved ones good bye as he drew near the time of departing.

He is gone from the walks of life and his business associates, friends and loved ones will see him no more forever, but his influence lives and the kindness of his life remains as a cherished benediction to those he left behind.

Out of town relatives present were: E. E. Wilson, of Hereford, brother of Mrs. Beene, Altho Beene, Hereford, a cousin, C. B. Beene, an uncle, of Coryell, Mrs. Ruby Johnson, a sister of Mrs. Beene, of McGregor.

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Miss Ruth Vaughn of Ranger spent several days this week with Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy

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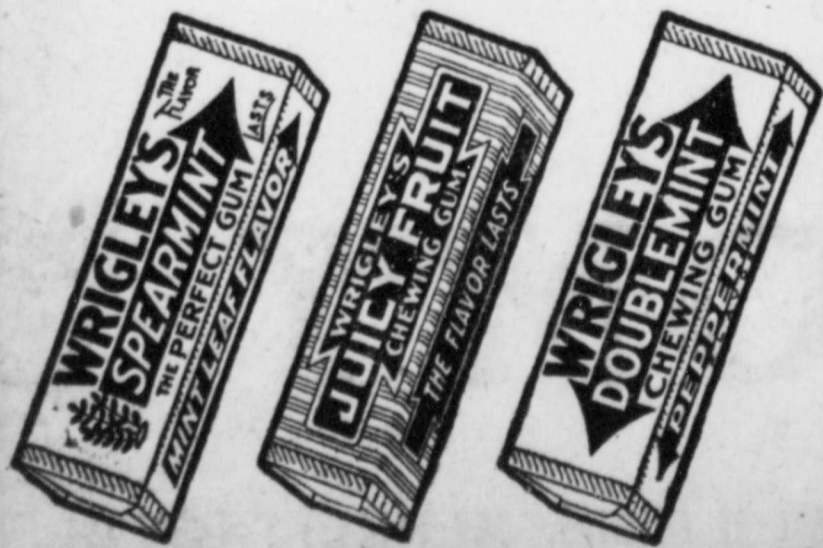
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# \$100.00 Invested in Hog Creek Oil Stock Brings \$23,000.00 in Two Years

HOG CREEK CO. IS REPORT-  
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BRING \$23,000

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 29.—  
R. L. Steiner, who during the  
early Healdton days sold the Gun-  
sburg-Forman holdings to the  
Ohio Cities Gas Company and re-  
ceived a fee of most than \$200,-  
000, and has come to the front  
again with one of the most re-  
markable sales known to oildom  
if reports are true.

Steiner has sold the Hog Creek  
Oil Company to Eastern parties,  
it is said. The stock of this com-  
pany was divided into shares of  
\$100 par value. The report which  
has reached here says each share  
sold for \$23,000, less the Federal  
tax.

This company was organized  
in Ardmore by Morris Sass, Dr.  
J. W. Potter and Tom M. Dees.  
The latter then lived in Midlothi-  
an, Texas, but has since moved  
to Dallas. Many Ardmore people  
were solicited to take stock, but  
few purchases were made. Dees  
held 408 shares, Morris Sass had  
twenty-three and Mrs. Walter  
Neustadt held one share.



**Pocahontas Leasing and Royalty Co. was organized on same plan as Hog Creek Oil Co. and is now paying a 10 per cent dividend and prospects look mighty good for more than that much each month.**

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**REFERENCES ---** Walter Jackson, Editor Merkel Mail; J. T. Browning; Security National Bank, Dallas  
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**I**T is characteristic of  
folks after they pass the allotted  
"three score years and ten," to look  
back over the days that are gone  
and thoughtfully live them over.

I find myself, at seventy-one, frequently  
drifting back a quarter of a century, when  
I see myself in the little drug store I owned  
at Bolivar, Mo., making and selling a  
vegetable compound to my friends and  
customers—what was then known only as  
Dr. Lewis' Medicine for Stomach, Liver  
and Bowel Complaints.

For many years while I was perfecting my  
formula I studied and investigated the  
laxatives and cathartics on the market and  
became convinced that their main fault  
was not that they did not act on the bowels,  
but that their action was too violent and  
drastic, and upset the system of the user;  
which was due to the fact that they were  
not thorough enough in their action, some  
simply acting on the upper or small intes-  
tines, while others would act only on the  
lower or large intestine, and that they  
almost invariably produced a habit re-  
quiring augmented doses.

I believed that a preparation to produce  
the best effect must first tone the liver,  
then act on the stomach and entire alimen-  
tary system. If this was accomplished, the  
medicine would produce a mild, but  
thorough elimination of the waste without  
the usual sickening sensations, and make  
the user feel better at once.

After experimenting with hundreds of  
different compounds, I at last perfected the  
formula that is now known as **Walter's  
Remedy**, which I truly believe goes further

and does more than any laxative on the  
market today. The thousands of letters  
from users have convinced me I was right,  
and that the user of **Walter's Remedy** as a  
family medicine, even though he may have  
used it for twenty-five years, never has  
to increase the dose.

My knowledge of medicine and the re-  
sults of its use in my own family and  
among my friends, before I ever offered it  
for sale, caused me to have great faith in  
**Walter's Remedy** from the very first.

And now as I find myself nearing the age  
when I must bow to the inevitable and go  
to another life, my greatest pleasure is to  
sit each day and read the letters that each  
mail brings from people as old or older  
than I, who tell of having used **Walter's  
Remedy** for ten, fifteen and twenty years,  
and how they and their children and  
grandchildren have been benefited by it.

It is a consoling thought, my friends, for  
a man at my age to feel that aside from  
his own success, one has done something  
for his fellow man. My greatest satisfac-  
tion, my greatest happiness today, is the  
knowledge that tonight more than one  
million people will take a **Walter's Remedy  
(NR Tablet)** and will be better, healthier,  
happier people for it. I hope you will  
be one of them.

*A. H. Lewis, Pres.*

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Twinkle, twinkle all the night  
Little star, up there so bright  
How I wander what you see  
In that place so dear to me.

Do you see my sweetheart there  
With her golden silken hair?  
Is she still the same to me  
As she promised she would be?

Does she sit out in the swing  
Like we used to every spring,  
Dreaming of me every day  
In 'Francais' so far away,?

Does she flirt with the other boys  
Or does she say "Get out,  
There's a soldier across the sea  
That will some day come to me

If she does, please tell her this  
That I'd die for just one kiss  
That for her my heart yearns  
Gee, how fast that candle  
burns

Little star just say fir me  
Things aint what they used to  
be.

Tell her she had better marry  
Either Tom, or Dick or Harry  
Tho my hair is raven black,  
By the time they send me back  
It will all be turned to Grey,  
Withered up and blown away.

So if you will kindly tell her  
To go ahead and take that fel-  
low  
Tho folks say we made a pair  
Maybe she don't really care.—  
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furniture and stoves at the very  
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er, and family of the Warren  
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L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr.

# LOCAL NEWS

T. L. Sheppard, rural school supervisor, of Austin was in Merkel this week on business. He says his duties take him all over Texas and no place looks better than the great Merkel country. He says a line drawn east, west through Austin and south shows almost a total failure. He has traveled all over South and East Texas and never saw a gin crowded with wagons waiting for their cotton to be ginned until he returned to Merkel. He thinks land values here are entirely reasonable.

Read the statement of this bank on second page of this paper, also in last weeks issue. The F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain visited friends in Merkel this week on a return trip from Colorado and other places west. They left Tuesday for their home in Fort Worth.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

**You Do More Work.**  
You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.  
**GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC** restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.  
**GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC** is not a patent medicine, it is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. These reliable tonic properties never fail to drive out impurities in the blood.  
The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, folks would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC when a member of their family had Malaria or needed a body-building, strength-giving tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dye left Monday night for Dallas, where Mrs. Dye will undergo an operation at the Baptist Sanitarium.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change. A pleasure to supply you. F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dye of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dye the past week.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

## Late Season Styles are Here in Millinery Ready-to-Wear, Piece Goods MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS, SHOES, ETC.

A constantly increasing number of women come to our store for their coats, suits, dresses, skirts, sweaters, blouses and millinery. This is clearly evidenced by the greatest volume of business ever done in this section of our store.



Our stock is complete, styles are beautiful and prices astonishingly low. A big showing of dresses this week in tricolette, serges, satins, taffetas and tricotines moderately priced at \$16.50 to \$69.50

### New Skirts and Blouses

A splendid showing of handsome new skirts and blouses, prices range \$4.95 to \$19.95



## EXTRA MILLINERY SPECIALS

The past week added one hundred new shapes and pattern hats to our already big millinery stock and one hundred beautiful pattern and ready-to-wear hats will go on sale Saturday at extra special prices in values to \$10.00 at \$6.95 and values to \$7.50 at \$4.95.

### EXTRA SPECIALS

For Saturday special we will sell the best grade of outing at 28c  
A case of bright new dress ginghams, worth 35c, on sale at 25c

### SHOES

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Noah Blackwell and family who moved away a couple of years ago, have moved back to their old home on the farm of C. M. Largent.

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Miss Dorothy Duckett of Strawn visited homefolks Sunday.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

J. A. Duckett of Dallas visited homefolks Monday and Tuesday.

You can rest assured that the best bargains may be obtained from those who advertise their wares. Patronize our advertisers

If you are a stranger or visitor in town come to the Methodist church Sunday morning we will be glad to have you worship with us.

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. Ballard's Snow Liment possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. L. C. Miller of Tojar came in Wednesday evening to visit her son R. J. Miller and family.

Don't forget Rose and Buford at the old City Barber Shop.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### Lowe-Teaff Wedding

Last Saturday afternoon Miss Dovie Mae Teaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, was married to Mr. A. C. Lowe of Burkburnett. The young couple, accompanied by the bride's sister Mrs. Gen. Jones, and cousin, Miss Ova Hurst, called at the home of Dr. J. C. Burkett of Abilene and he performed the ceremony.

They left Monday for Burkburnett, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Lowe is a Merkel girl and numbers her friends by the score. Mr. Lowe comes highly recommended. Their romance dates from the days when Camp Bowie was alive with young America.

We congratulate them upon their choice of helpmates and wish them many years of joy and happiness.

### Haney-Reeder Wedding

On last Tuesday morning in his office Judge Wheeler, united in marriage, Floyd T. Haney and Mrs. Althea Reeder, in the presence of a few friends of the couple.

Mr. Haney is a prosperous young man of Ranger, and comes highly recommended as a man with a great future, while Mrs. Reeder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gardner, of Stith, and is well known in that community.

We join with a host of friends in wishing this couple all the joy of a prosperous future.

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