

"MICROBE OF LOVE" COZY--HOME TALENT

On next Monday night at 7:45 o'clock, "The Microbe of Love" will be given at the Cozy Theatre. This is a musical comedy being given by local talent for the benefit of the high school library.

The "Microbe of Love" which the bachelors of the town were warned against last week, is actually here and ready for business, the inoculation will take place at Cozy Theatre, Dec. 8th. You simply can not afford to miss this sight for it will be worth \$10.00 of anybody's money.

The "Microbe of Love", with out a doubt is the most delightful home talent production ever staged in this part of the country.

The play is a three-act comedy dealing in Dan Cupid's method of conquering so-called marble hearts. Many funny situations are produced by the love sick spinsters and bachelors.

The ridiculous OLD MAIDS and GOOD LOKING BACHELORS, pretty chorus GIRLS, precious CUPIDS, Mr. and Mrs. Henpeck and the charming MADAM WILD appeal to all classes. But the scene that stands out done is the LEFT OVER SISTERS, they simply bring the house down, so bring along your pocketkerchief because you will get until you cry. Check your mental faculties at the box office when you come in the door you may relax your face and get a genuine treat in the form of a good laugh.

Cast Of Characters

Bachelors—The Bachelor, Deima Compton, B. Careful, Yates Brown, Sim Shry, Jack Durham, Bobby Smith, Mr. Jackson, Very Bold Gus Pee, Never Wed, Loring Sublett, Can't Catch, Tom All Jerimiah Henpeck, Mr. L. B. Lord "Tis A Pity, Jack Ham.

Spinsters—Prunes, Minnie Coats, Long, Christene Collins, Fraud, Althea Boden, Ma Man, Iva Bragg, Lillie Mesome, Madge Pierce, Sathia Loving, Mrs. Warren th, Sophia Swetgum, Elinor nson, Prudence Albright, Martin, Arabella Antique, Joyner, Madam Hyman and Miss Holland. Ura Love, Rogers, Accompaniste, Gay.

Chorus Girls—Mel West, Hazel Lee Rainbolt Dor Durham, Lola Dennis, Lucille Star, Jewel Burns, Mildred Matthews, Helen Booth, Ona Rose, Evelyn Curb, Annie Brown, Tommie Durham.

Other Characters—Mamie Heart, Mamie Ellis, Susie Belle Weed, Comes, Lola Dean, Mrs. Henpeck, Mrs. L. B.

Mae Gamble, Rosemary Betty Lou Grimes, Francis Largent, Louise Dot Swafford.

Chorus Girls—Durham, Inice Brown. Spinsters—Madys Milliken, Ming Fae Golliday.

As stated above, this play is for the benefit of the High School Library. 170 of the best seats These may be had at the Drug Store for 75c. Admission prices are 35c and 50c to all the public may rest assured there will positively be more tickets sold than seats at the theatre. If you get a ticket, you will get a seat. If you

NEW FIRM BUYS DRUG STORE HERE

The Sanders Drug Store in this city, which some ten days ago went into bankruptcy, was sold Monday of this week by the referee, Judge D. M. Oldham Jr., of Abilene, and was bought in by Mr. Sie Hamm, of this city, and Messrs. H. R. Phillips and R. T. Williams, drug men of Rotan.

These gentlemen are all experienced and competent drug dealers; Mr. Hamm having been in the employe of the Sanders Drug Store for the past five years and the other two gentlemen are drug men of years of experience at Rotan and other points in Texas. The new firm will be known as the "Hamm Drug Company", with Mr. Sie Hamm as manager.

This is one among the best and most up-to-date drug stores in this part of the country; is well located in the city, and with such capable and experienced gentlemen connected with same, there is every reason to expect a successful career by the new firm.

Mr. Hamm, the new manager is a Merkel reared boy, well liked and esteemed by all who know him, and with his experience and natural tact this paper predicts for him a splendid success. He informs us that a capable registered pharmacist will arrive soon to take charge of their prescription work.

NEW FIXTURES FOR F. & M. BANK

Officials of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city announce that a complete set of new and up-to-date fixtures have recently been purchased, and will soon arrive for installation.

They are to be of marble and a very beautiful design, and will add much to the appearance of the interior of this splendid institution.

RETURNS FROM TRIP OVER SOUTH PLAINS

Rev. Fred S. Rogers returned Wednesday from an extended trip over the South Plains, where he had been as Superintendent of Missions; looking after the establishing of regular past rates and placing new pastors in charge of Presbyterian church work. He reports the placing of two fellow pastors in charge of regular work on the Plains.

Rev. Rogers also reports the great plains country enjoying great prosperity, the farmers having harvested perhaps the greatest crop ever before grown in that section.

11,820 BALES TO-DATE

According to figures available there has been weighed in all, at the cotton yards, a total of 11,820 bales of cotton. It is probable that the total for the year will be 13,000 bales.

Mr. Hugh McRee of Austin, Texas is here for a visit with his parents.

want a choice seat reserved, go to the Merkel Drug Store at once, and have them reserved your seat for 75 cents. You can not miss seeing the "Microbe of Love", so quit worrying about going early to get a good seat, and reserve yourself a good one now.

BUYS INTEREST IN LIBERTY HARDWARE

We are informed that Mr. B. T. Sublett has recently sold his farm to Mr. H. R. Hicks and purchased the latter's interest in the Liberty Hardware Company. Mr. Sublett also bought the home of Mr. Hicks, located in the south part of the city.

Mr. Sublett is already connected with the Liberty Hardware and after the first of the year will become a member of the firm. He was formerly in the grocery business here, and we are glad to have him again connected with the business interests, and glad to have him again become a citizen of the town.

A WORD FROM THE 'GOOD ROADS CRANK'

We have completed 16 miles of good road in Jones county, that is Noodle to Merkel, Beasley and Compere to Merkel, or county line and the tractor and grader are now at work on the Shiloh road. Beginning at the county line south of J. M. Dunn place and we hope to put up a good grade to Shiloh church and hope to get this done and put in 2 or 3 days in on west Noodle road at Hebron church, making those ditches deeper and broader. Now it is up to the people along these roads not to fill these ditches in making dips out to houses and fields, but to dig back a good way on their land, so they can make crossings on road ditch and not fill in ditch for that will cause road wash and damage. Then in order to make and keep these roads good, every road overseer will need to warn each man who is on his road to run the drags and show him how to set this drag and see that hands take time about doing this work after each rain.

Dragging properly after each rain is the way to maintain our roads. I see the Noodle trucks coming in this year loaded with 6 and 7 bales of cotton, while last year 4 or 5 bales, and they are making much better time than they did last year. Mr. Tom Jenkins told me his two trucks in 3 days hauling seed made \$50.00 more than they did make in the same time last year. Cook told me he now brought in 6 bales and only changed gears one time and that at Noodle creek and we hope to get that fixed soon. Mac Angus said to me before the road was fixed it took him 1 hour and 15 minutes to go to Noodle with 5 barrels of oil and now he makes it easy in 35 minutes, a saving of at least half the gas and oil.

If this is worth the amount to these few men, what is it worth to the people who travel these roads oftener? What is it worth to Merkel? If the 2 tractors can work 2-3 of the time till January 1st, we will have 120 miles of good road made, 40 foot wide.

During 1925 we hope to make this 250 miles and clean the ditches on what has been made in 1924. Let all pull together and talk good broad roads. —Chairman Good Roads Committee.

Mesrs. M. C. Graham and H. M. Mayfield left last week for Waco, where they will attend as delegates, a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons. These gentlemen are no doubt worthy representatives of this splendid fraternal order.

TAX COLLECTOR HAS NEW AUTO NUMB'RS

Automobile owners can register their cars now for the year 1925.

This announcement which has been made from the office of County Tax Collector, D. T. Harkrider. Highway numbers have been received at the office and all old cars are now being registered for the next year.

All cars must be registered by January 1, it was stated, though the new numbers are not to be put on the cars until that time. All automobile owners are requested to register their cars at once in order that a rush during the last few days may be avoided.

The new numbers are red and white. The highway seal that has been used in the past is to be discarded this year and only the numbers on the front and rear of the car will be necessary.

The local office is out of the 1924 numbers and new cars will not be registered until new numbers have been received. The law requires that cars purchased now be registered for the remainder of the year. Registration also can be made for the next year at the same time that the 1924 registration is made. —Abilene Reporter.

TAYLOR DAVIS TO TAKE FARM CENSUS

Under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C. there is to be made throughout the nation a careful and complete census of the Agricultural condition of the country during the month of December, and for this immediate section, Mr. Taylor F. Davis, of Merkel Route Three, has been appointed enumerator. He states that blanks for the farmers to fill out have already been placed in every Rural Route box going out of Merkel, and that he would appreciate it if the farmers would have them ready for him when he calls during the month. The people should be careful to do this for as this paper understands it, the request is mandatory, and by doing so, you will not only make it more convenient to the enumerator, but save your self time and trouble.

Mr. Davis, is a most excellent and capable man for this position and the Mail congratulates those in official position in the appointment of him as enumerator.

REV. STUTTS IN AUTO ACCIDENT

As a result of injuries received Tuesday about noon when the automobile in which he was driving north on Butternut street collided with a milk truck going south, the Rev. R. E. L. Stutts is in bed at his home at 426 Peach street today.

The Rev. Stutts sustained severe cuts on the face and a blow on the back of the head which caused him to be unconscious for four hours after the accident. Bruises about other parts of the body are also causing him pain.

The automobile in which Rev. Stutts was riding was damaged slightly, and the truck also received slight damages. The driver of the truck was not hurt. —Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and little daughter, Bettie Lou spent last Saturday with friends in Abilene.

MR. R. L. GRIMES BUYS FINE HOME

We are informed that Mr. R. L. Grime, cashier of the Farmers State Bank first of the week closed a deal for the purchase of the beautiful home now occupied by Mr. L. L. Huddleston.

This fine home was purchased by Mr. T. G. Bragg last spring, from Mr. Huddleston with the view that he and family would move to same and make it their permanent home, but deciding later not to move from their present splendid home; hence decided to sell it with the above results.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes will move to same about January 1st to take up their permanent abode. This paper with their many friends are glad to know that they have thus become settled in our city.

W. N. HALL IS THE NEW CITY MARSHAL

Following his recent purchase of a 320 acre farm, to which he expects to move about January 1st, Mr. J. L. Winter, who for the past several years has been City Marshal in Merkel, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the City Officials, and on last Monday evening at their regular monthly meeting, the City Council appointed Mr. W. N. Hall to succeed him.

Mr. Winter has been faithful and has done all in his power to make a good officer, and his many friends regret that he and his estimable family are to soon leave the city for their country home.

Mr. Hall a number of years ago, held the office of City Marshal in Merkel, and his friends say made a most excellent officer. The citizenship welcomes him back in official position, and this paper joins his friends in predicting for him a successful career. However, a peace officer in any town or community cannot enforce the laws or succeed as such without the cooperation and help of a majority of the citizenship. In other words, he can enforce the laws just to that extent that the people want them enforced.

E. E. LESLIE RETURNS FROM TRIP TO PLAINS

Mr. E. E. Leslie, our accommodating Ice Man, returned Wednesday from a business trip to Lamesa and other Plains towns, where he spent some ten days selling at Wholesale car loads of apples.

Mr. Leslie like all others returning from that country, reports the people literally wallowing in prosperity, as a result of the harvesting of the largest feed and cotton crop ever before known in that section. Mr. Leslie stated that many farmers who purchased lands in that country last fall had this year produced a crop sufficient to completely pay out their lands and in some instances have money left.

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Why not give pretty stationery for Christmas gifts? When making out your gift list, don't forget to see my beautiful line of stationery before deciding. Comes in neat Christmas Boxes. Samples on display at Merkel Mail Office. Or call me and I will visit you at your home. Phone 64 or 61. Blanche Durham.

LUNCHEON MEETING MOST INTERESTING

The meeting of the Luncheon Club on last Tuesday evening was one of the best and most interesting yet held by the organization. Mr. S. D. Gamble one of our splendid drug men, was in charge as toastmaster, and brought forth one of the best and most interesting programs the club has yet had. It was not so much an occasion for entertainment, but all that was liking in this respect, was made up well in the fact that much was done and discussed in away that is sure to bring about the accomplishment of things that will eventually prove the best interest of Merkel and the farmers of this section.

Mr. Gamble introduced as the first speaker of the evening, Mr. T. N. Carswell, the splendid secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, who made an interesting address regarding the securing for Taylor county, a live, capable County Agricultural Agent. His talk was to the point and highly appreciated by all, and resulted in the club getting behind a move to bring to the county an Agricultural agent; the Luncheon Club agreeing to underwrite the sum of \$350.00 as Merkel's part of the expense to secure the said county agent.

Dr. M. Armstrong and L. R. Thompson also made splendid talks in favor of securing of the right kind of a man for this place.

Mr. S. M. Shelton, who accompanied Mr. Carswell over from Abilene, also made a very fine talk to the Club, which all highly appreciated.

After the meeting had been turned over to the president, Mr. L. R. Thompson, a motion was made to extend thanks to Mr. W. H. Frazier, our splendid commissioner, and the road committee, composed of Messrs. Dr. M. Armstrong, T. G. Bragg, and J. A. Buford, for the fine roads that had been built in this section by and through their splendid efforts.

After this came the election of officers for the year 1925, and which resulted in the re-election of Mr. L. R. Thompson, President, Mr. R. L. Grimes, Secretary and Mr. T. G. Bragg Vice-President

Mr. Donald Marr, was named by the chairman as the next Toastmaster, and which will insure a fine program for all present.

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IN MEMORY OF EVELYN BARBEE

On last Sunday afternoon, November 31, 1924, many hearts were made sad by the departure of Julia Evelyn Barbee. She was taken to an Abilene Sanitarium Saturday, but death preceded the operation and she quietly submitted.

The remains were brought home Sunday evening at nine o'clock. Funeral services were held at Merkel Baptist church Monday afternoon at 3:30, Rev. O. B. Tatum preaching the funeral service, with burial immediately in Rose Hill cemetery. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barbee, five brothers, four sisters and a wide circle of friends to mourn her departure.

Evelyn, as she was known to her friends, was sixteen years of age, August, 26th, 1924. She was a kind, jolly and lovable girl. She resided in our community the last three years of her life, and was a member of the Baptist Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Her bright face and happy smile will long be missed from our circle, but let us remember:

"Our loss is heaven's gain;
We wish not to recall her
For now she knows no sorrow,
no pain,
And, if we but walk the narrow way.

We shall meet out pat some day.
May God's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved ones, is our prayer.

By a friend who loved her.

P. T. A. Program For Wednesday

Devotional, Rev. T. J. Rea.
Reading, J. E. Lassiter.
Number by Glee Club.
Violin Solo, D. O. Huddleston.
Why we should have Athletics in school, Mr. L. R. Thompson.

Debate by high school boys.
This program given by the boys promises to be an attractive number. All parents urged to be present.

BURNS FATAL TO YOUNG WOMAN

Mrs. G. A. Cole, 19, living at 340 Butternut, died at a local sanitarium at 7:45 Wednesday evening as a result of severe burns received at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning when her dress caught fire from a gas reflector.

Mrs. Cole's mother, Mrs. John A. Adkisson of San Antonio, who was visiting her daughter, was bathing Mrs. Cole's month old baby before the gas stove when the mother of the baby walked between her and the fire. The back of her dress caught fire and as she dashed out into the hall the flames were fanned to further intensity and before the fire could be extinguished the back of her body from the neck to the ankles was burned severely. The palms of her hands were also burned terribly and her hair was scorched badly.

She was rushed to a sanitarium in a Kiker-Knight ambulance, but the doctor expressed very little hopes for life from the first. She died at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

Her husband and baby, her mother, Mrs. J. A. Adkisson, of San Antonio; a sister, Mrs. Billie Plumer of San Antonio, and a brother Ray Adkisson, also of San Antonio survive. The brother and sister came as soon as word of the tragedy reached them.

Mrs. Cole was the daughter of Dr. John A. Adkisson who formerly lived at Merkel. She was born and reared at Merkel and is well known there and at Abilene. Her husband is a traveling salesman for the Central Battery and Supply Company of this place.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the residence of Dabney Harvey with Batsell Baxter, president of Abilene Christian College, and Rev. L. N. Stuckey, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, in charge. The remains were shipped to San Antonio, where burial was made by Laughter Undertaking Co.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. Cole before her marriage was Miss Marie Adkisson, was reared in Merkel, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Orr of this city, and owing to the fact that she was born in Merkel and was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Adkisson, she had many friends here, and with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to bereaved loved ones.

POST OFFICE MAKES IMPROVEMENT

Mr. A. V. Dye, local building contractor, last week made some valuable changes in the arrangement of the interior of the Post Office fixtures, which not only adds much to the comfort of the Postmaster and his valuable force of employes, but makes for convenience and better service for the patrons.

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Singing At Nubia

The Mail is requested to announce that there will be singing at the Methodist church at Nubia next Sunday afternoon. Everybody welcome to be present.

End of season sale on second Hand Fords. Merkel Motor Co. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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Say Bud, did you ever sit down at a well filled table, quite a variety of good things, in fact some thing to just suit every one present, you certainly have, haven't you? Did you especially like every article on the table? You did not. Your generous and lovely host did not expect you to "love" everything on the table. What did you do when you saw a dish YOU did not relish? Did you frown, push your chair back and proceed to 'cuss' out the cook or your hostess? Not at all did you act that way. What are we stroking at now, is that in this paper, in last weeks paper and in next weeks paper you will probably see some article you don't relish particularly, but possibly "the other fellow" does. Eat (read) what you like in this or any other "old paper" and stay off the "stuff" that is not good for your digestion. Be as fair with a publisher as you are with a cook. —Hamlin Hearld.

Excellent Swanson Picture

Gloria Swanson will be the big attraction at the Cozy Theatre Tuesday night only, when her latest Paramount stellar vehicle "My American Wife" will be given its premier here. The scenes are laid in Argentine and the story deals with a young Kentucky girl, owner of a racing stable, who becomes enmeshed in politics and love with highly dramatic results. The picture is filled with rapid-fire action and is wholly engrossing. Antonio Moreno makes his debut therein as Paramount's leading man.

MISSIONARY NOTES

The ladies missionary society of the Methodist church met on Monday afternoon at the church with a goodly number present. A program from the Missionary Voice was had first, with Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. giving the Bible lesson and the following ladies appearing on the program: Mesdames M. Ahmstrong, H. M. Rainbolt, J. R. Lamar, R. I. Grimes, Tom Largent, V. N. Ellis, B. P. Middleton and Thos. Durham.

A splendid business meeting followed, with good reports from all officers present. Much money was received on dues and pledges for the year. Also, the Scarrett Fund was paid out in full. A vote was taken, in which it was decided that each member pay ten cents a week or fifty cents a month during December for local funds in the treasury. The following committee was appointed to make arrangements for the All Day Meeting on Dec. 17th., Mesdames Armstrong, J. E. Richardson, and R. I. Grimes. It was reported that purchases had been made for filling the box of supplies to be sent to the Virginia K. Johnson Home at Fort Worth, and would be sent this week.

The next meeting will be Monday with a lesson from the study book, with the sixth chapter for the lesson, and Mrs. L. R. Thompson will teach it.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Devotional meeting—Putting first things first.
Leader—Mrs. Holland Teaff.
1. Jesus tempted to take the easy way, Valerie Dye.
2. Good things offered on objectionable terms, Miss Weeden
3. Daniel's wisdom discovers a way out, Delbert Polly.
4. Story: A statement stands the test, Mrs. Deutschman.
5. The choice of a career, Selena Teaff.
6. Keep first things first in our pleasures, Lewis Giles.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Swiftly, the year 1924 is drawing to its close. Only one more month remains in which to reach our goal of the "Best year yet".

Sunday, December 7, will be a great day. Our annual Vesper services begin at 4 p. m. Rev. E. B. Surface of Abilene will preach. The singing will be done by the High school Choral club, under the direction of Miss Christene Collins. We expect a great crowd, and all who come will be well repaid.

Our Sunday school is one among the best. The New Era Class gave all the opening services last Sunday. This class under the leadership of Mr. L. L. Murray, is rendering excellent service. Come to Sunday school next Sunday and stay for the preaching service. Visitors and strangers made to feel at home. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

OWN YOUR HOME

Alexander Brothers are subdividing the great Yellow Horse ranch 16 miles south of Littlefield on the Plains. Free trips to see this land, by actual prospectors, are made every Tuesday; bus leaving Merkel at six a.m. For particulars see—

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Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas.

Mrs. M. C. Regan, Longworth, backache and mucus colitis.

Emil Kretzschmar, Cat Spring, sore lip and heart trouble.

Mrs. J. I. Bean, Grapeland, pellegra.

Mrs. F. W. Weaver, Electra, gall stones.

W. W. Thomas, route 1, Bivins Ruby, adenoids and tonsils.

W. H. Schneider, Albany, appendicitis.

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☐ We have purchased the Bankrupt Stock of Sanders Drug Store. Mr. H. R. Phillips and Mr. R. T. Williams of Rotan, Texas together with Sie Hamm of Merkel, Texas compose the new firm.

☐ This firm announces that a competent, reliable, Registered Druggist will fill your prescriptions day or night.

☐ We also wish to extend a Cordial Invitation to the former patrons of this store, also to all the people of Merkel and Merkel Community to visit us when in Merkel.

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Kasch planting seed from Whites Lockhart Seed House. See Swafford—Phone 44. Compare with any seed you can buy. Save Money.

Miss Mary Burkes Blair spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister in Abilene.

Miss Maurine Hearn of Roscoe, a teacher in the high school returned Monday from a visit of several days with her parents.

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Mr. W. T. Gray of Waco, field secretary for the Methodist Home, spent last Sunday the guest of Mr. J. H. Dunn and family.

Safety and Service are assured to the customers of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

COZY

Not Occasionally but Always a Good Show

FRIDAY ONLY, Dec. 5th.

ERNEST TORRENCE, MARY ASTOR and NOAH BERRY in "THE FIGHTING COWARD"

Taken from one of Booth Tarkington's Stories Branded the biggest coward in the South, turned away by his proud Southern Sweetheart in humiliation and disgrace—and he came back the wildest eat-em-alive, fighting man ever known.

ALSO—"Fickle Fancy"—2-reel Mack Sennett Comedy

SATURDAY, Dec. 6th.

BUCK JONES in "WESTERN LUCK"

Gentle as a kitten—then suddenly transformed into a roaring lion whose growl made brave men quiver and ladies grow fond. That's Buck Jones in his latest Western Thriller.

EXTRA—"Easter Bonnets"—2-reel Comedy

Note—Matinee beginning at 1 p.m. Continuous Show

TUESDAY ONLY, Dec. 9.

GLORIA SWANSON and ANTONIO MORENO in "MY AMERICAN WIFE"

An eye filling romance, dazzling gowns, beautiful women and an appealing love story.

EXTRA—"Heads Up"—Comedy

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Dec. 10-11

JOHN GILBERT in "ROMANCE RANCH" A Romance of the California foot hills.

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FRIDAY only, Dec. 12

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Effective December 2, the Ford Motor Company announces new low prices on all Ford Cars. A reduction of \$25.00 on the Fordor Sedan and lower prices on all other types make Ford Cars even greater values than ever before.

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SEE THE NEAREST AUTHORIZED FORD DEALER

Brown Dry Goods Company's
CHRISTMAS SALE

Opens Friday Morning, Dec. 5

We find our stocks are very heavy for this season of the year. It is our policy not to carry over merchandise from one season to another, so in order to clean house it becomes necessary to cut prices. This is unusual to have prices reduced before the holidays. This will be your opportunity to supply your winter needs, and also your Xmas presents can be bought here for less. Buy at this store and you can give more gifts.



Men like above all else to receive gifts of wearing apparel. Come to our store for his presents and you will find you have made quite a saving in your Xmas shopping.

Mens Sweaters

Just the present he would appreciate most of all. A full stock in any color you desire, for man or boy. All go on sale at--

- \$2.19
- \$2.75
- \$3.89
- \$4.98
- \$5.95
- \$7.98
- \$8.95



He will be proud of the hose you buy him for a gift if you get them here,

On Sale at--
 19c, 41c, 55c, 69c
 and 85c



Comfort Slippers

For Xmas
 All Colors
 On Sale at
 89c, \$1.19, \$1.49
 and \$2.29

**Make Our Store
 Your
 Xmas Store**

Compare the Quality
 then the Price with others

**Blankets and
 Comforts**

They must go! We have made prices that will move them out in a hurry. We invite comparison on blankets and comforts.

You will find our prices to be the lowest you have seen for years. On Sale

- Comforts: \$2.79, \$3.59, \$4.69
- Blankets: \$2.95, \$3.59, \$4.89

Work Shirts

69c

Made Full---Tripple stitched



GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS

You will find a nice assortment in pretty Xmas Boxes 3 Handkerchiefs to box.
 ON SALE AT--
 19c, 49c, 69c, 89c

LADIES SILK HOSE

The Gift that would please her most. In Colors--

- Beige, Nude, Grey, Russian
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NICE WARM GLOVES

A Very Useful Gift
 in Lined or Unlined

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See our Prices
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**SUITS AND
 OVERCOATS**

An ideal Xmas present for man or boy. Our stock is large. Every Suit and O'coat on sale.

- \$25.00 Suits
- \$17.95

- \$30.00 Overcoats
- \$23.65

The above are only a few of the many big bargains we are offering during our Christmas Sale. Make our store your Xmas Store.

BROWN DRY GOODS CO.

MERKEL, TEXAS

Merry Christmas

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**The one you have been waiting for!
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That has ever been offered in Merkel and the Surrounding Country. We offer our entire stock to the public, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, hats, Ladies Ready-to-wear and infact every thing you need in the dry goods line for your holiday shopping. Our store is full to the brim with bargains. Don't miss this opportunity.

Goods Must be Sold Regardless of Price.

THE REASON FOR NOT QUOTING PRICES IS BECAUSE OF LACK OF SPACE.

Our Sale will open Friday Dec. 5th.

**THE GOODS ARE HERE, THE PRICES ARE RIGHT
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS.**

**Remember
THE
PLACE**

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MERKEL, TEXAS

**The
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End of Year Sale Specials

Young Mens Pencil Stripe Suits, 2 pair pants, Special..... **\$23.95**

\$11.00 Florsheim Shoes, mens and Young Mens..... **\$8.85**

\$7.50 John B. Stetson Hats Special..... **\$5.95**

One lot Ladies Dresses, values up to \$25.00, Special..... **\$13.95**

Best Grade 36 in. Bleached Domestic, Special..... **15c**

9-4 Brown Pepperell Sheeting Special..... **49c**

One lot Childrens Shoes, values up to \$3.00, Special..... **\$1.49**

One lot Ladies Straps, Oxfords and Shoes, values to \$7.50..... **\$2.49**

A. C. Rose Dry Goods

"The Place Where Everybody Trades"

Misses Vera Matlock, Flossie Campbell, Lois Leslie and Jimmie Reece West spent the week end at Dolly Toombs nice country home in Mulberry canyon. The time was enjoyed by all and they amused themselves by taking pictures, truck riding, parties and attending a box supper.

Expecting car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal any day. Swafford, Phone 44.

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OWN YOUR HOME

Alexander Brothers are subdividing the great Yellow Horse ranch 16 miles south of Littlefield on the Plains. Free trips to see this land, by actual prospectors, are made every Tuesday; bus leaving Merkel at six a.m. For particulars see—
W. O. BONEY

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

POSTMASTER ASKS THAT YOU MAIL PACKAGES EARLY THIS YEAR

The time is coming again when the Post Office Department, as "Santa Claus" to one hundred million persons, is anxious to make delivery of all Christmas parcels on time.

Boys and girls, as messenger scouts, can lend great aid by persuading your families to mail all packages early.

Everybody knows that if a great amount of mail is not posted until a few days before Christmas, much of it cannot possibly be delivered until a few days after Christmas; and this is something neither the Post Office Department, the people sending packages, or the people receiving them, want to happen.

Please bear in mind that the only way to avoid this is for every body to mail his, or her, package IN TIME.

REMEMBER—Address Plainly, giving street and number with a complete return address in the upper left corner.

Wrap Securely, using heavy twine and plenty of good paper.

Mail Early, so that there will be a comparatively even flow of mail for the last two weeks or ten days preceding Christmas Day.

Then our troubles will be over. There will be no congestion, no delay, no confusion, and no disappointments Christmas morning.

Please mail your Christmas cards and packages on time, as there will be no delivery on the rural routes Christmas day and delivery will end at 11:00 a. m. Christmas Day in the cities.

MAIL EARLY—AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 15TH OUT-OF-TOWN.

G. E. Comegys
Postmaster

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking those who assisted us in any way during the last illness and death of our darling daughter, Julia Evelyn Barbee. We sincerely appreciate the loyalty of the Hebron Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. also Kiger-Knight Undertakers and the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy and especially do we thank those who gave flowers and all those who assisted in any way.

J. O. Barbee, wife and Children.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon.

Mr. G. H. Johnson of Breckenridge, Texas spent last week end with his wife and daughter.

Kasch planting seed Whites Lockhart Seed Ho See Swafford— Phone 44. pare with any seed you can Save Money.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cost of Pioneer, zTexas were in the J. E. Costphens home week end.

W. F. Chaney and wife first of the week for New ico, where they have some ings they want to look after.

Wagon & Implement SALE

In order to reduce our stock to make room for a new car, and to also reduce stock before invoicing time, we will make some special prices for cash on a limited number of two row planters, cultivators and go-devils, Single row planters, cultivators and disc harrows. Also on our stock of wagons.

We also have a few second hand Implements we can sell worth the money.

These prices will only last until invoicing time, so if you are interested you had better see us at once.

Shelf hardware, plumbing fixtures and supplies of all kinds, so if it's Hardware you want we have it.

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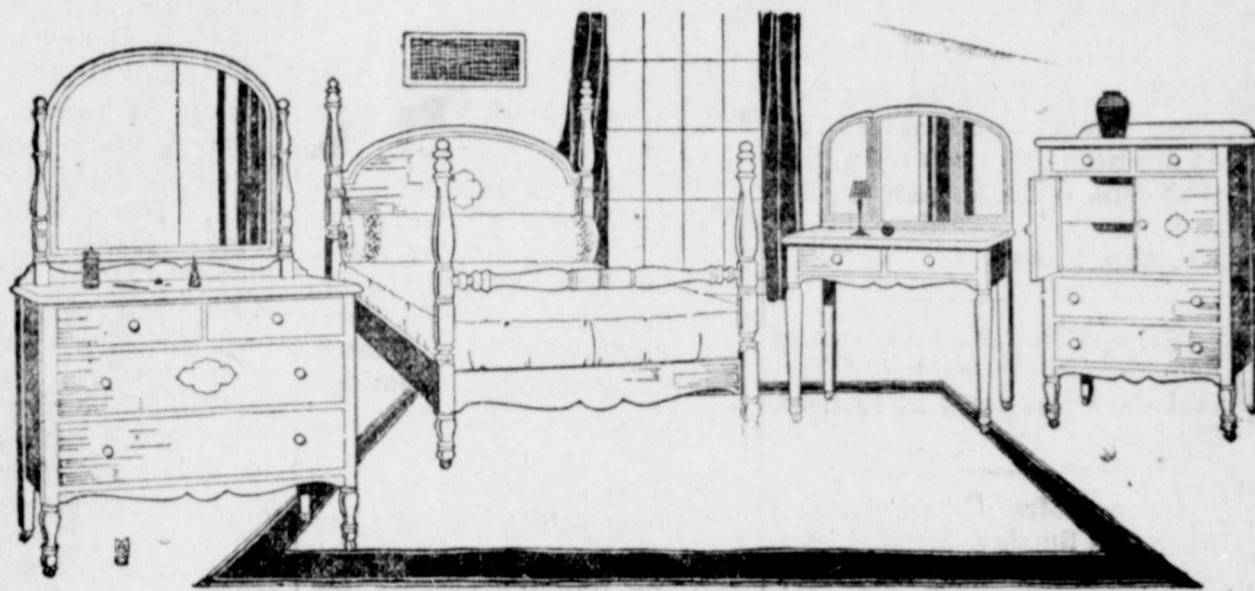
Beginning Dec. 6 Ending Dec. 20

We are over stocked on Merchandise and must unload, during December. For 14 days we are offering our entire \$20,000.00 stock of high grade merchandise at a great Sacrifice. We have priced our goods for this sale, so every article is a bargain. If you need just an odd piece or a full suit, you will find what you want at a real sacrifice price. Our stock was never so complete as now. Make your Xmas gifts furniture. Take advantage of these prices and buy your Xmas gifts now. Below we quote only a few of the hundreds of bargains we are offering during this sale.



A Hoosier Cabinet

Makes a wonderful Xmas gift for wife or mother. We are making a special reduction on Hoosier and all other cabinets. Don't fail to see them before you buy.

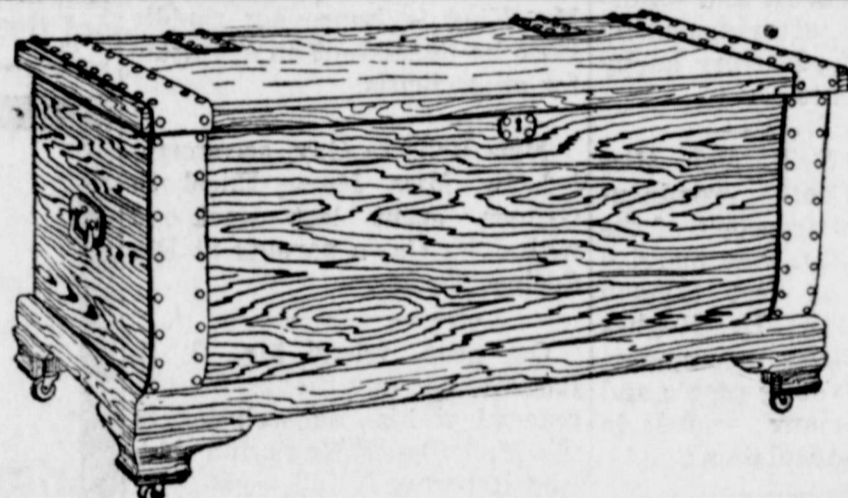


What could be more suitable for a gift for either mother, sister daughter or wife, than a bed room suit. They are always appreciated.

We have a very large stock of Bed Room Suits and are pricing them in this sale at real move out prices. If you are at all interested in bed room furniture, you will buy at these prices. Five piece suits priced from \$64.00 up.

A CEDAR CHEST

---the most useful and highly appreciated gift. Something they all like. Priced during Sale from \$10.75 up.



YOUR HOME IS NOT COMPLETE--
with out a floor lamp.

We have many pretty styles of lamps. Prices reduced for this Sale form 20% to 35%



Buy a Sealy Mattress

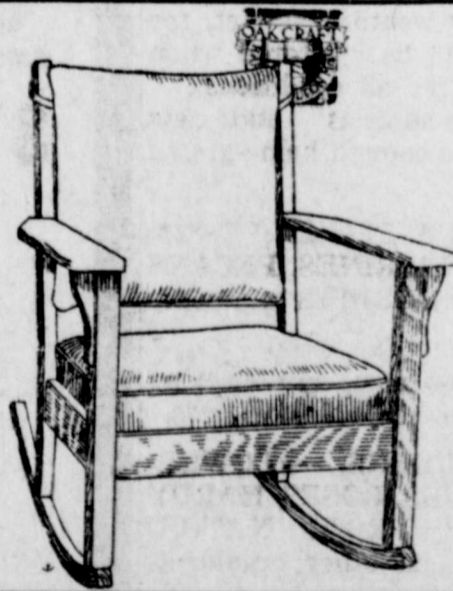
The best mattress made, with a 20 year guarantee. Prices reduced for this sale from \$45.00 to \$35.95



TABELS FOR GIFTS

In most every home another table would prove both useful and acceptable. So why not include a table in your list.

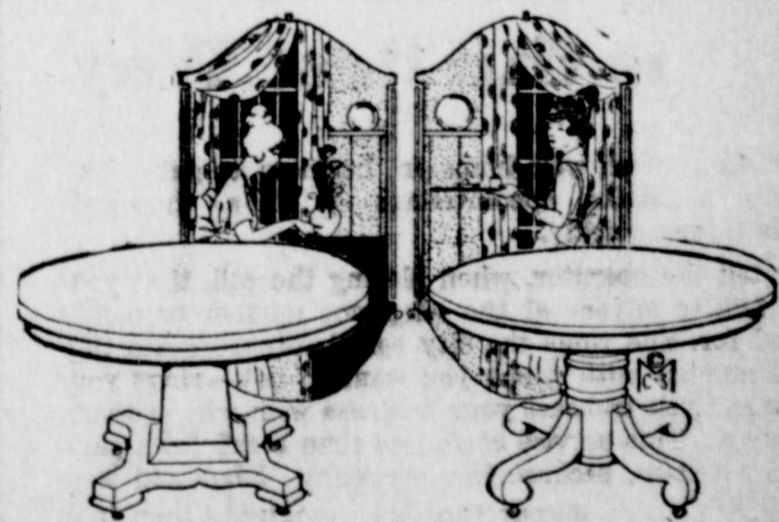
We have a wonderful line of Rockers. The sale prices on Rockers is exceptionally low. An all oak rocker, seat upholstered in Spanish Imitation Leather \$5.75. All other rockers reduced in same proportion.



All dining room furniture reduced for this sale.

Tables from \$13.75 to \$26.75

A Big redtction on all Dining Room Suits



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Beginning Nov. 23, 1924, we will be prepared to figure with you on your plumbing jobs, both your fixtures and the work, or your work where you have already bought your fixtures. Our motto has always been in other lines of work, honest work and fair dealings with every man. We will appreciate your business. Yours for service, 20t4
J. T. COATS
J. N. WALKER.

The price is reduced on all new Fords. It.

Mr. E. Yates Brown returned last week from Fort Worth, where he attended a meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the state, and which time he was unanimously chosen Vice President of the organization.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

To Preach At Comper

Rev. W. H. Albertson announces that on next Sunday afternoon he will preach at the Comper Baptist church. Every one invited.

Mrs. J. C. Williams and daughter Estella of Stamford, Texas are here this week for a visit with Mrs. William's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins and sister, Mrs. Rider.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon and daughter, Margaret visited several days last week at Lamesa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Denis had as guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and daughter, Mary Clovis, of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins of the Salt Branch community.

Messrs. Booth Warren, W. L. Diltz Jr. V. B. Sublett and Guy Darsey, left first of the week for an extended hunting trip to the Big Bend country beyond Alpine. Here's hoping fellows.

Mr. W. P. Banner has recently purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. O. R. Burns, in the City Cafe, and will continue the business as heretofore.

Mrs. T. T. Davis was called to Roscoe last week on account of the death of a sister, which occurred there.

Rev. J. W. Saffel of Plainview was here this week, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

We are grateful to Messrs. L. C. Williams and C. T. McCormick for the renewal of their subscriptions to the Merkel Mail.

Mrs. B. F. Smith of Stanton, was here recently, the guest of her father, Capt. G. W. Johnson and family.

Kasch planting seed from Whites Lockhart Seed House. See Swafford—Phone 44. Compare with any seed you can buy. Save Money. It.

A Ford for every body. Come and get one. Merkel Motor Co.

We have a phone for the use of our customers as well as ourselves. Use it when you give checks to cotton pickers who are strangers. Use it if we can serve you during the busy season. Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

Mr. Robert Rainbolt and wife of California, came in Wednesday night for an extended visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. The young man has been in California for the past three years, and during that time has taken unto himself a wife, and naturally his visit accompanied by his wife, is indeed a very happy one to his parents.

Mr. Oran Neill and Miss Floyce Casey, both prominent and popular young people of the Nubia community, were married at that place on last Sunday evening, Rev. W. H. Hughes pronouncing the ceremony. They are fine young people and we join their many friends in extending congratulations.

Ira Moore was in the city first of the week and made us a pleasant call, renewing for his Mail and Star-Telegram. He stated that his crops turned out better than he expected. Said that he made 20 big bales of cotton and plenty of good feed.

A. Yates and family of Big Spring, are here this week guests of Mrs. Yates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coats Sr.

Miss Sallie Orr returned last week from San Antonio, after a visit of several months with relatives.

Presiding Elder W. E. Lyon and wife of Abilene were here last Sunday and preached at the morning hour at the Methodist church. He and wife were accompanied by Dr. Matthews and wife.

Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren of Knox City is here this week the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff and little granddaughter, Pansy Smith are in Dallas this week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Harvey Warren of Knox City was here last week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Warren and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Marion, of Dallas, accompanied by Mrs. W. T. Potter, all, having formerly lived here several years ago, visited here last week, returning to Dallas Sunday.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Good congregations at both the morning and evening services last Sunday. Also Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Attendance pepped up considerably. Last Sunday evening the pastor began a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. These sermons will continue right on each evening until the series is completed. Next Sunday night the second commandment will be discussed. The commandment concerning Idolatry. In connection with this sermon, Miss Lucy Tracy will read, "The Burial of Moses". This is one of the most majestic poems ever written. There will be special music. What is Idolatry? Are we drifting in that direction? Are you an Idolater?

There are a great many people who consider the Ten Commandments as having to do with the past, saying that they were done away with in Christ. Christ never set aside a single moral law, but they became more binding in Him, by the power of His Spirit.

Some of the subjects to be discussed: "The Old time, and the modern 'cusser'"; "America and the Sabbath day"; "The Jewish Home and the modern home or parents and children." "Thou shalt not kill or the Stewardship of human life"; "The sin of Adultery; marriage and divorce; Midnight petting parties"; "Thou shalt not steal; Home gambling and other things"; "Lying, tattling, back biting, and other sins of the tongue"; "Covetousness."

The service next Sunday morning will be given to the general interest of the Sunday school. Several short talks by different individuals, concluding with a short discussion by the pastor on, "Our Sunday school Objectives."

Mr. King Floyd spent a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves. Mr. King is improving rapidly since he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Roberta Gay, accompanied by Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, spent last week end with Miss Gay's parents at Big Spring, Texas.

Our good friend, Mr. T. R. Lassiter has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail, Dallas News and Abilene Reporter.

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Among the large list of our big stock of interesting Christmas Toys, the following will give you an idea of what we have: Velocipedes at \$3.75 and up; Express Wagons, \$1.35 and up; Scooters \$2.50 and up; Air guns, \$1.00 and up; Dolls, doll carts, Doll Buggies, beds etc.

Schindler's Variety Store "SANTA CLAUSE HEADQUARTERS"

Picnic To Mountain Enjoyed

Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. J. T. Denis and Mrs. A. B. Patterson chaperoned a crowd of girls to Blow Out Mountain, where the day was spent out in the open. Climbing the mountain was one of the main features of the day. Kodaking and out door pranks and games were also amusing.

At the noon hour a bountiful spread of the best things to eat was spread. Hot coffee was carried in Thermos bottles, and added the needed touch for the

hungry appetites.

Those enjoying this day, with Mesdames Dennis and Patterson were: Misses Lola Dennis, Alma Patterson, Opal Patterson, Gladys Milliken, Edith Baker, Lucille Guitar, Myrtle Daniel, Stella Wilson and Byrum Patterson.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children returned last week from Bomarton, Texas, where they had been to spend Thanksgiving with their mother and grandmother.

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We have some shoe material now in stock and a large shipment on the road. Give us a trial on your next shoe repair job. Good work and prices right. Come to see us for anything in the above line.

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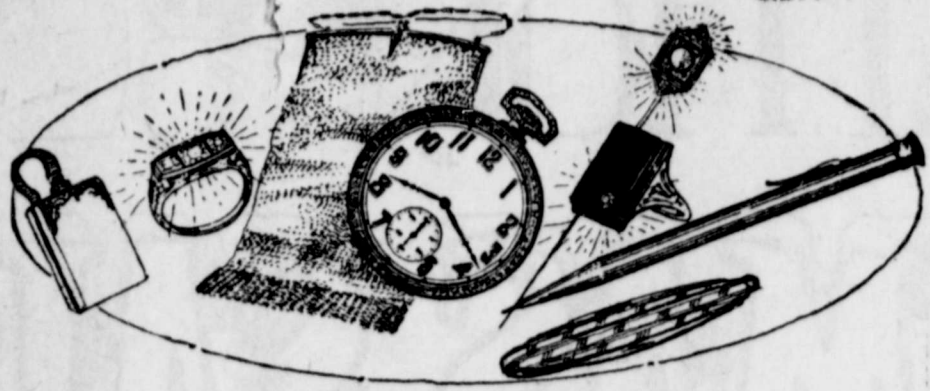
You tell the operator, when placing the call, that you will talk to anyone at the telephone number or name called for. She rings the city asked for—requests the local number with which you want to talk—rings you back and you transact your business with whomsoever answers. This service costs less than a call for a particular person, because less operating labor and less circuit time are required than if a particular person had to be located and brought to the telephone. Your telephone works day and night. Behind the instrument at all times is an immense organization and an immense plant, ready at instant summons to apply themselves to your service.



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FOR SALE, TRADE or LEASE. Farm near Seagraves, also will buy improved or unimproved lots in Merkel. Also prepared to do carpenter repair work. Your work appreciated. See Dan Reid-enbach at Merkel. 28t3pd

FOR SALE—Fords, any make or model, cheap. Cash or terms. See W. E. Lowe. tf.

FOR SALE or TRADE—A good house and lot in Merkel, well located. Will sell or trade and give reasonable terms. See Bill Haynes at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

FOR SALE—1921 Model Ford Coupe for \$200.00 Cash. New paint, new tires, in good condition. Jack Durham at Mail office.

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FOR SALE—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

FOR SALE—Farm, 1 1/2 miles north of Shiloh. Good house, 2 tanks, windmill and cistern. \$40 per acre near Shiloh. J. A. Williams. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Lots of Salt Petre and Meat Smoke at the Hamm Drug Co. 1t.

FOR SALE—My farm 164 1/2 acres. Teams, tools and feed. Price, \$70.00 per acre. Half cash, rest easy. W. E. Petty. 4t2

FOR SALE—1 Hot Blast heat- er. See O. R. Dye at Burton Lingo Co. 1t

FOR SALE—3,000 bundles of good maize. See S. N. Farmer, three miles east of Noodle. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Tis better to own a farm than to rent always. I have several places for sale at a bargain. See J. C. Mason. 1tp

GOOD HUDSON CAR—Would trade for stock or good tractor. See Homer Patterson. 1tp

FOR SALE—My 304 acre farm, 275 in cultivation, 3 sets of improvements, located one-half mile west of Shiloh church, 12 miles north-west of Merkel. A choice home for sale for next thirty days. For prices and terms see owner. J. H. Grayson, Trent, Texas. 5t3p

FOR SALE—Cheapest place in Merkel. Terms to suit. Reason for selling, leaving country. Also 320 acres near Trent. Will give from one to 20 years time. H. D. Simpson. 5t4.

LOOK—We will give 25c per copy, for the first five copies of the Merkel Mail of the issue of November 21st. brought to this office.

FOR SALE—I have some gentle young mules for sale, broke and unbroke. One half cash, and one half fall time if desired. See me at my home four blocks south, one block east of the east railroad crossing. A M Giles. 1tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two nice furnished rooms for light house keeping. Telephone 35. 1tp.

LOST

LOST—A package of 10 yards of Canton Flannel. Bought at Brown Dry Goods. Was placed in wrong car by mistake. Return to Brown Dry Goods. 1tp

LOST—A pair of gold rim spectacles in the city of Merkel. Finder please return to the Merkel Mail Office. 1tpd.

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We will not set days at all this season. So when you have a bale to gin, bring it in we are on the job all the time. We also buy your remnant cotton at the highest prices according to market when you bring it in. We have plenty of Domino Fancy Lump and Fancy Grate Coal on hand. When in need of same call us or come as you wish. South Side Electric Gin, By L. L. Murray Mgr. 1t.

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Vegetable blood purifier, lung Balsom, and Catarrh cure. Prepared by Mrs. S. J. Freeman, of Sylvester. For Sale at Merkel Drug Company and the Hamm Drug Company. 5t4p.

A FAMILY REUNION
A magnificent Thanksgiving dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Emma Cavitt. The following guests enjoyed the dinner: Mr. Ross Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, Misses Iva May and Katherine Tittle, Messrs. Lester and Henry Tittle, Ernest Morris and W. C. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Ire Cavitt and family.

GEORGE HOTEL
Dallas
you will feel at home to spend the day in make our large lobby or spacious parlors a resting place. Rooms, 60 baths. per day and up. Center of the business district.
CHAS. HODGES,
Proprietor.

The price is reduced on all new Fords. 1t.
Mr. W. O. Marshal of Carthage, was here this week guest of his nephew, Mr. Norman Pledger.

SOUTH PLAINS LAND
Easy crop payment \$5 per acre cash, assume school debt due 1950, balance like rent 1-3 and 1-4 of crop. Write today, The Blalock Co. Littlefield, Texas...

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS
We are informed that Supt. Roger A. Burgess has been placed in charge of the drive in this city to sell Christmas Seals, the purpose of which will be to raise funds with which to fight the Great White Pleague, Tuberculosis.

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Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed first-class.
Merkel, Texas

This is a most worthy cause and the Mail sincerely trusts that the people of Merkel will do their bit in buying freely of the Christmas Seals, and there by help stamp out in this country this most dreaded disease.
Miss Lola Dean spent the holi days last week with her parents at Hamlin, Texas.
Just received—Another car of fine apples. Call to see me on Kent street. R. H. Dean. 1t.
End of Season sale on Second Hand Fords. Merkel Motor Co.
Bring your Farm Bureau Cotton to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

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KEL DRUG CO

THE ONE GIFT THAT ALWAYS PLEASES
Far or near, rest assured that father, mother, sweetheart, sister, brother, wife or friend will truly appreciate the thoughtful spirit that inspires the giving of your photograph. Give photographs this Christmas. Appointments should be made now.
RODDEN STUDIO
Merkel, Texas

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HERB TONIC
FOR
Stomach, Liver
Kidney and Blood
SOLD FOR OVER 20 YEARS
All Good Druggists
MEDICINE CO.
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Tutt's Pills
The first dose stimulates the invalid, giving immediate relief, regulating bowels and digestive organs, inducing
GOOD DIGESTION

Make This An ELECTRICAL Christmas

Electrical Gifts for All

<p>FOR MOTHER—</p> <p>THE ELECTRIC RANGE VACUUM CLEANER GRILL IRON WARMING PAD SEWING MACHINE</p>	<p>FOR FATHER—</p> <p>READING LAMP IMERSION HEATER AUTO HEATER COZY GLOW HEATER PERCOLATER</p>
<p>FOR SISTER—</p> <p>BOUDOIR LAMP CURLING IRONS HAIR WAIVERS UTILITY IRON TOASTER</p>	<p>FOR BROTHER—</p> <p>UTILITY MOTOR RADIO SET IMERSION HEATER</p>

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY--
The HOTPOINT Electric Water Heater

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Bragg Dry Goods Company's



FALL EXPOSITION



AND CHRISTMAS SALE

Sale Opens
Friday
December 5

- Ladies \$1.50 Silk Hose in all colors at98c
- Ladies \$1.00 Silk Hose...69c
- All Ladies Hats going at HALF PRICE
- One Lot Ladies Plaid Coats, values to \$26.75, priced special at\$9.75 and \$14.75
- Ladies \$1.25 Winter Union Suits priced special.....98c
- \$1.25 Wool Crepe.....98c
- \$1.25 Baby Blankets.....98c
- \$1.50 Baby Blanket....\$1.29

Why worry and waste time trying here and there for your needs in mens and boys Suits, Overcoats, Shoes, hose, underwear, Sweaters, Shirts, Hats or anything you need to wear when you can positively do better by buying from a house which specializes in dependable merchandise at cheaper prices all the time. Now when prices are cut deeper than ever before for our big Xmas Sale, you are the loser if you fail to take advantage of these price reductions. When we say Sale the buying public realizes a money saving treat is offered. The prices are cut all over the house. Do your Xmas shopping now and give practical gifts such as blankets, comforts, towels, linens, silk and hand-made underwear, hose, knit caps, silk and wool scarfs, etc.

Sale Close
Wednesday
December 24

- \$1.25 Climax 2½ pound Cotton bats98c
- Best Grade light and dark 25c Outings for16c
- One Lot Felt House Shoes, values to \$150, choice.....85c
- One lot Mens 50c Iron Hose, Xmas Special, three for98c
- Mens \$9.50 Travelo Knit Socks for98c
- All Others priced special

Real Staple Bargains

- Good Grade 25c Outing16c
- Good Grade 25c Gingham19c
- Good Grade 15c Brown Domestic12½c
- Good Grade 20c Bleached Domestic15c
- 9-4 Bleached Sheeting45c
- 85-in. Unbleached Sheeting39c
- 60c Bath Towels49c
- 32-in. 35c Red Seal Gingham29c
- 32-in 60c Zephyr Gingham49c
- Extra Heavy Cotton Flannel21c

Mens and Boys Clothing Special

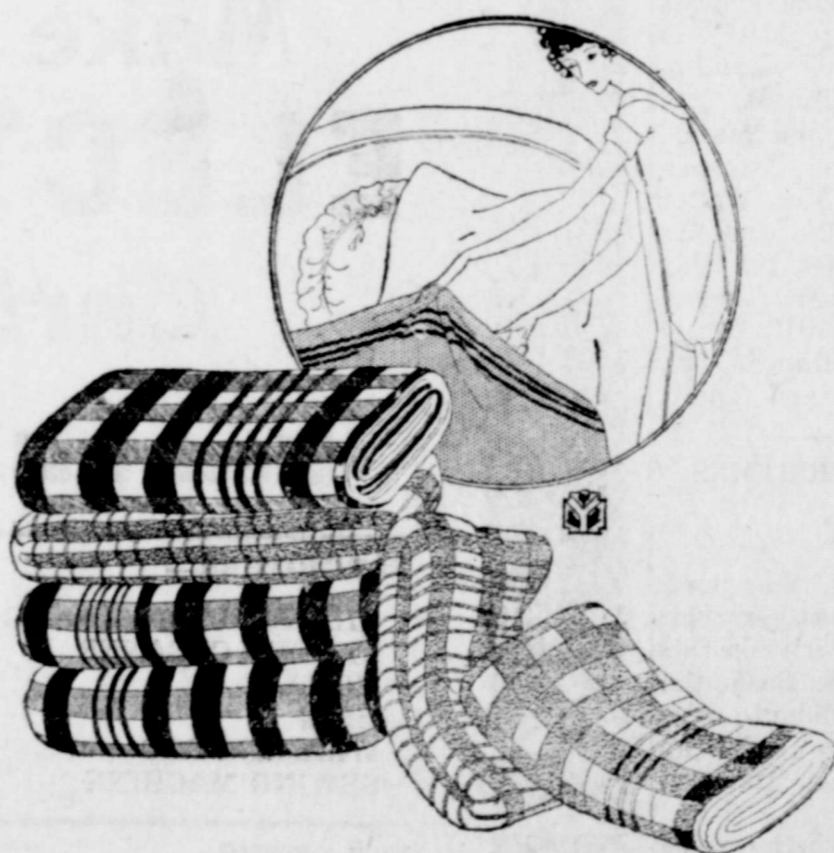
- Mens \$20.00 all-wool Suits at\$16.85
- Mens \$25.00 all-wool Suits at\$21.85
- Mens \$27.50 all-wool Suits at\$23.85
- Mens \$30.00 all-wool Suits at\$26.85
- Mens \$35.00 all-wool Suits at\$29.85
- Mens \$37.50 all-wool Suits at\$31.85
- Boys \$7.50 all-wool Suits at\$5.95
- Boys \$10.00 all-wool Suits at\$8.45
- Boys \$11.50 all-wool Suits at\$9.85
- Boys \$12.50 two pant Suits at\$10.65
- Boys \$13.50 two pants Suits at\$11.45
- Boys \$17.50 two-pant Suits at\$14.85

All Shoe Prices Greatly Reduced

Comforts and Blankets are Practical Gifts---Buy Now

- \$4.95 Soft Cotton Comforts\$4.25
- \$3.50 Good Cotton Comforts\$2.95
- \$4.00 Fancy Plaid Blankets.....\$3.45
- \$3.50 72x84 Cotton Blankets\$2.95
- \$7.50 all-wool Plaid Blankets.....\$6.95
- Down Comforts priced Special for XMAS Selling.
- Rippletti Counterpanes on Sale.

- Trunks, Suit Cases and Hand Bags priced to suit the purchaser.
- All Ladies Coats, Suits and Dresses priced for quick selling.



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A MOST DESIRABLE GIFT FOR HUSBAND OR SON

- \$30.00 Overcoats priced\$23.85
- \$37.50 Overcoats priced\$29.85
- \$40.00 Overcoats priced\$32.85

Say Merry Christmas to Him With a Good Pair of New Shoes

- One lot Howard Foster \$10.00 Shoes at.....\$
- One lot J. E. Tilt \$10.00 Shoes at.....\$
- One lot \$7.50 and \$8.50 Shoes, Big Special.....\$
- All Mens and Boys Caps Marked Special.
- Mens \$1.75 Heavy Union Suits\$

Mens and Boys Sweaters are Acceptable Gifts

- \$8.45 Heavy Coat Sweaters\$6.95
- \$5.00 Heavy Coat Sweaters\$3.95
- \$2.50 Heavy Cotton Sweaters\$1.85
- Boys \$3.95 Wool Sweaters\$2.95
- Boys \$3.00 Wool Sweaters\$2.45
- Boys \$2.50 Heavy Sweaters\$1.95
- All Childrens Sweaters Priced Special.

Ladies Shoes Priced Special

- One lot \$3.50 and \$4.50 Oxfords and Straps to sell at.....\$1.65
- One lot \$5.00 and \$6.00 Oxfords and Straps to sell at.....\$2.85
- One lot \$5.00 and \$6.95 Selby Fine Shoes at\$3.85
- One lot \$7.50 to \$9.00 Selby Fine Shoes at.....\$5.85
- One lot Childrens \$3.50 and \$3.75 Shoes will sell at.....\$1.95
- One lot Childrens \$5.00 Red Goose Shoes sell at\$2.85
- Heavy Mole Skin Pants \$3.50 kind for\$2.95

Mens Work Shoes Ever B

- One lot Mens Work Shoes, reduced to.....\$
- One lot \$4.00 heavy work Shoes.....\$
- One odd lot Work Shoes worth \$4.00 sell quick at.....\$
- One special lot mens dress shoes, pointed toe \$7.00 and \$8.00 at.....\$
- One lot boys shoes sizes 3½ to 5½ close shoes.....\$
- One lot boys shoes, good sizes, regular shoes at.....\$

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