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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, as this is the 75th birthday of the Merkel Mail maybe we can dig up a few memories that will carry us back a few years.

I can't handle but about 50 years of the 75 and that's mostly the history of the Canyon and things that happened.

Fifty years ago a little coal burner passenger train pulled up at the depot at Merkel after two nights and a day of traveling, coming up out of the Piney woods of East Texas.

My parents and 12 children were on that train. I recall we went to the Collins Hotel which is now known as the Merkel Hotel. We were there two days and nights before we got out to the Canyon.

The late Sam Butman Jr. and his wife came in after us in a truck and we spent the rest of the night at the Butman ranch house.

I recall when we awoke the next morning we were in a big old world, we thought, but really we were just in Mulberry Canyon, surrounded by a large range of mountains. There were several thousand acres of good farming land at that time in the Canyon, and a family living on every 160 acres. It was back in those days when we had the old brush arbors for camp meetings or old time revival meetings. I recall when we had a little Methodist Church at Mount Pleasant, one at White Church, one at Nubia and the other one at Blair. These four churches were named or called Blair Charge. Now all of the churches are gone and all four communities go to a little modern white brick church that the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. gave to the people.

I recall some of the old church

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WELDON TITTLE
... Merkel Senior

Merkel Senior Of the Week

Weldon Tittle, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle is this week's Merkel Senior.

Weldon has played football for four years, and has lettered three of these years. He has been on all-district teams his Junior and senior years and was on the All-Area team his senior year. Weldon has also participated in track and has played basketball.

As a class officer for three years, Weldon has held the offices of vice president his junior year and parliamentarian his sophomore and senior years.

Weldon was chosen as the most popular boy in Merkel High School his junior year, and this year was chosen by the Quarterback Club as the Back of the Year.

MERKEL ELECTS MORE FAVORITES



KAREN RAY
... Shop Sweetheart

By Honey Anne Steck
These students were elected by the Merkel High School in recent elections.



ANN SMITH
... Band Favorite

were elected by the Badger Band as band favorites.
Ann, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., and



BILL HOLLOWAY
... Band Favorite

Bill, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holloway.

Elected Most Friendly boy and girl were Linda Doan and Howell Cooper. These students were



LINDA DOAN
... Most Friendly

elected by the entire student body.
Linda, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandusky, and Howell, 18, is the son of Mr.



HOWELL COOPER
... Most Friendly

and Mrs. Ted Cooper.
Karen Ray was elected by the shop boys as Shop Sweetheart. Karen, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ray.



JANICE SHUGART
... Football Sweetheart

Janice Shugart was elected by the football boys as Football Sweetheart. Janice, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Odessa Shugart.

STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN
March 9, 1965

JOHN CONNALLY
GOVERNOR

Mr. Dave Brumbeau
The Merkel Mail
Merkel, Texas

Dear Dave:

The community newspaper occupies a unique position in our democracy, and the contributions it makes to the community, state and nation are vital to the preservation of our freedoms.

For 75 years the Merkel Mail has occupied an important place in the life of its community and state.

Please accept my warmest congratulations on this 75th anniversary of publication, and my sincere best wishes for continued success.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

John Connally

Merkel Track and Field Meeting Scheduled at Badger Field

The first Merkel Track and Field Meet will be held Saturday, March 27, at Badger Field.

Plans are to make this an annual event.

The Merkel field meet comes one month after the Fort Stockton event held February 27. Other recent meets were Iowa Park, March 6; and Rotan, March 13.

Preliminaries of the Merkel meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Finals are scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the first place team, second place team, first place relay team in the 440 yard relay and first place team in the mile relay.

Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each of the 14 events.

Anyone who has not been contacted and would work to help make the event a success are asked to contact Coach J. T. Stubblefield.

Results of the Fort Stockton event for Merkel participants were Felix Costello, fourth in the mile run with 4:15.8. Charles Dannheim, fifth in high jump with 5' 10".

Results in the Iowa Park meeting were Howell Cooper fifth in the 880 with 2:09.2; Felix Costello third in the mile run with 4:51.2; Richard Walker third in high jump with 5' 8".

Results of the Rotan meet were Howell Cooper third in the 880 with 2:06.6; Robert Shouse fifth in the 180 yard low hurdles with 22.5; Shouse second in discuss with 137'7"; Nealon McWilliams fifth in 440 yard dash with 53.2.

Felix Costello was second in mile with 4:45.5; Charles Dannheim tied for third and fourth in high jump with 5' 8"; Richard Walker sixth in high jump with 5' 4".

William C. Nalley Dies at Age 62

Funeral arrangements have been scheduled Thursday for William C. Nalley Jr., 62, who died last Saturday in Texas City.

A son, Thomas B. is en route here from Spain where he is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

The funeral is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday in the Merkel Church of Christ with Minister Dwight Holland officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill, with Elliott's Funeral Home in charge.

Born August 19, 1902 in Trinity County, Mr. Nalley graduated from Breckenridge High School and attended the University of Texas, living in Merkel for a time.

Survivors include the son; two brothers, Joe of Merkel and Roy of Leakey; three sisters, Mrs. M. G. Bryan of Trent, Mrs. W. E. Clements of 1802 S. Willis in Abilene and Mrs. Frank Bradley also of Abilene.

Dr. Sadler Resting After Heart Attack

Dr. William T. Sadler suffered a mild heart attack late Monday night in his home at 602 Oak, and will be convalescing for at least six-weeks, stated Dr. Don Warren, attending physician.

Dr. Sadler came to Merkel in 1926 during the Noodle Dome oil boom and joined the late Dr. Grimes in opening a hospital in a downtown building here in Merkel. Twenty years later, in 1946, Dr. Sadler built the Sadler Clinic-Hospital which he now operates with Dr. Warren.

Merkel paid tribute to Dr. Sadler in 1959 by naming him "Outstanding Citizen." A week was set aside as "Dr. Sadler Week," and a plaque was prepared and presented to him with this ending message, "By his nature humble and unassuming, he has through

Starbuck Boy Dies Merkel Rites Held

George Starbuck Jr., infant son of Lt. and Mrs. George Starbuck, died March 9 at the Naval hospital in Yokusuka, Japan.

Graveside rites were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel with the Rev. Patrick Whelan of the St. Vincent Catholic Church in Abilene officiating. Burial followed with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors are the child's parents of Yokusuka, Japan; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. DeSimone of San Diego, Calif.; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck of Merkel.

TRENT NABS STATE TITLE SECOND TIME

Trent Gorillas came out of Austin with their second Class B Championship in two years by beating Round Top-Carmine 69-65, in a very close game.

Coach Newton stated it was the hardest game they have played this year, and also the hardest on his nerves. Newton made two split-second decisions late in the fourth quarter to stave off the leading pointer of Round Top-Carmine, Marilyn Aschenbeck. Newton sent Barbara McAninch to a guard position, which she had never played before, and told her to keep Aschenbeck from scoring. Barbara did just that. In the remaining 4 and a half minutes of the game Aschen-

beck scored only 4 points, making a total of 51 for her. With 13 seconds remaining in the game, with the score of 67-65 in favor of Trent, and Diana Lewis at the free throw line, coach Newton called a time out and moved Barbara back to the forward position to grab a possible rebound. Again the decision was the right one, as Barbara grabbed the rebound when Diana missed her free throw. With 5 seconds remaining in the game, Ann Riggan cinched the game for Trent with a jump shot to make the final scoring shot for Trent.

Trent ended up their year with a 40-1 record.

Another tribute paid to Dr. Sadler was by his fellow doctors when in 1961 the Taylor-Jones County Medical Association named Dr. Sadler as the first recipient of the "Gold Care Award" in this area.

At presstime Dr. Sadler is reported to be resting well and feeling much better.

By DAN ALLEN
The Merkel Little League will attempt for the fourth time since last season to have a re-organization meeting and selection of directors at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 22, at the Taylor Telephone Co-op Inc. Building.

All current officers, managers, coaches, parents and guardians of boys who will be 8 years old before July 1st and not over 13 years old until after August 1st are urged to attend.

The Directors of the Merkel

MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Bill Beard, native of Merkel, has taken over the management of the Merkel Country Club.

He said his object or policies to begin with will be "to make more abundant golf and Country Club facilities for a more expressive life for all."

He has a bachelor of science

degree in horticulture and park management from Texas Tech and was golf course superintendent for two years at Harlingen, Tex., established a golf course at Laughlin Air Force Base, and is presently employed by the parks and recreation department at Abilene.

Beard is married to the former Joan Southern. The couple has two children, Sheri and Guy Howard. They live at 1882 Dayton Drive in Abilene. The family attends Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

Detailed plans for the Country Club include the enlargement and improving of the greens for the golf course; establishing new and larger tees, and building a new putting green. Those, he said, are the projects for this year.

"I would like to express my appreciation to the members and citizens of Merkel and hope to have their continued support in this endeavor," Beard said.

A meeting with members to discuss policies and organization of a golf club has been set for 7:30 p.m., March 23. Those now members, former members or anyone interested is urged to attend.

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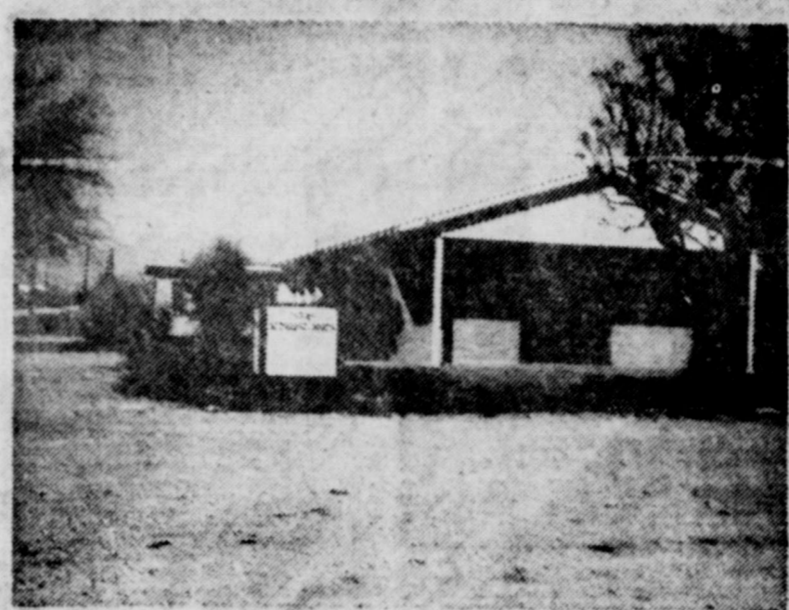
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Card of Thanks

I wish to express my appreciation to all who visited me in the hospital, the cards that were sent and the many prayers for me. A special thanks to Dr. Sadler and all his staff for everything they did for me.
Walter H. Kelso
Anson, Texas



Trent Methodist Parsonage



Trent Methodist Church

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH WILL OBSERVE HOMECOMING MARCH 21

The Trent Methodist Church will observe a special day's activities Sunday, March 21, 1965 consisting of church and parsonage dedication and homecoming. Invitations have been sent to all former church members, pastors and district superintendents inviting them to the day's special activities according to Rev. Tommie Beck, the present pastor.

UP THE CANYON

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day programs that we had with dinner on the ground. The late Robert S. Stutts of Abilene was Pastor of the four churches of the Blair Charge.

I remember we hauled down some cedar brush back in the early twenties and built an old-time brush arbor in the corner of the Butman land, just across the road from the Pioneer Church house, and old brother Stutts brought Dr. Edd Landreth out to fire up the revival meeting. That was the first revival meeting for Dr. Edd to preach in the beginning of his ministry. We didn't have many singers back in those days. Dr. Edd did the singing and he did a real good job of it, too.

I guess it was about the third night of the meeting when Dr. Landreth preached on "honky tonking." Old Brother Stutts stayed with him with that baritone voice with a loud amen. Dr. Landreth made a big hit with the communities and went on out and made one of the most outstanding preachers of the northwest Texas Conference, and about the most loved preacher in the Conference. He is a brother of Mrs. Roy Baccuss of the Blair Community.

I must have been about 11 years old at that time and still wearing knee britches. Shortly after, my mother made me a pair of long trousers. I never did like them as well as I did the short ones and I didn't wear them very much.

In my thinking over the past history of a few business firms and the owners I came up with the Collins Hotel, owned and operated by the late Mr. and Mrs. Collins and family.

The former Annie Collins, now Mrs. Annie Grafford, lives in Dallas and pays a visit to Merkel every year.

Others I remember so well and want to pay tribute to are the late Mr. Bell who owned a leather shop and made leather supplies. He was the father of Burnie Bell who lives in Merkel. The late Tom Warren, Merkel banker, who really made a success of the banking business in Merkel, and the building is a credit to any town, large or small.

Looking back over the year and thinking of all these fine people and the things they did, I would say that the way to make a town better or a better rural community would be to work closer together with each other.

Samuel A. Kelley Ex-Merkelite Dies at Age 88

Samuel A. Kelley, former long-time resident of Merkel, died at Santa Barbara, California, last Tuesday. He had been ill for three years.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. last Friday at Welch-Ryce Associates Chapel in Santa Barbara, followed by burial beside his wife at Carpinteria Cemetery, Carpinteria, Calif.

Born in Bel County, Sept. 3, 1877, he spent most of his life as a farmer in Texas. Mr. Kelley married Birdie Ann Stewart at Comanche, Aug. 4, 1901. She died at Santa Barbara Nov. 23, 1962.

Mr. Kelley was a Baptist and retained his membership in the Primitive Baptist Church of Anson.

Survivors include five children: Mrs. Annie Akens, with whom he made his home, Summerland, Calif.; Mrs. Oma Russell of Littlefield, Mrs. Dovie Adair of Montecito, Calif., Emmett Kelley of Yuba City, Calif., and Stewart Kelley of Summerland, Calif.; two brothers, Ross Kelley of Pasadena, Tex., and C. H. Kelley of Medina, Texas; four sisters Beulah Lewis and Maude Stokes, both of Medina, Bess Dozier of Anson and Ollie Alston of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

School Menu

School cafeteria menu for the week of March 22 through March 26:

- MONDAY**
Meat Loaf
Tomato Sauce
Blackeye Peas
Carrot Curls
Rolled Wheat Bread, Butter
Apricot Cobbler, Milk
- TUESDAY**
Red Beans with Ham Shanks
Macaroni-cheese
Ham and Vegetable Salad
Corn Bread or Sliced Bread
Apple Cheese Crisp, Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Baked Turkey
Giblet Gravy and dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Home made Bread, Butter
Pumpkin Pie with fresh eggs
Milk
- THURSDAY**
Oven Fried Steaks
Gravy, Rice
Green Beans, Hot Roll
Butter and Syrup
Stewed Prunes, Milk
- FRIDAY**
Hamburgers
Onions, Tomatoes and Lettuce
Pickles, Dry Beans
Home made buns
Fruit cup cakes, Milk

Safety Stickers Due April 15

AUSTIN—Less than one month remains for some 1,500,000 vehicles registered in Texas to secure the 1965 safety inspection stickers," Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today.

"The period set by law for securing the 1965 sticker ends at midnight, April 15, and there can be no extension of that deadline," Garrison pointed out. "Any Texas motorist whose vehicle does not display the new sticker after April 15 is subject to arrest by any sheriff or his deputy, any city policeman, or by officers of the Department of Public Safety."

Garrison suggested that congestion at inspection stations would be lessened if known defects in a vehicle were repaired prior to presenting the vehicle to the station for inspection.

Busy Bees Begin Sewing Projects

The Busy Bees met in the homemaking room March 15. Each member cut out a shift to make for their project.

Stephanie Walker served cold drinks and cookies to Sandy Hogan, Nancy Bagwell, Mary Jo Reddin, Jan Beasley, Cle Juan Douglas, Mrs. Lonell Teaff, Mrs. Dolly Reddin and Leona Hogan.



GERALD JOHNSON
... Featured Singer



ODIS CARRUTH
... Pastor Evangelist

REVIVAL — The First Baptist Church of Trent will hold a revival March 18 through March 28, with Rev. Odis Carruth conducting the services, and featuring Rev. Gerald Johnson, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, as the special singer. Weekday Morning services will be at 10:00 a.m. and evening services will start at 7 p.m. Sunday services will be at the regular time.

Maine Sardine Heroes Are the Greatest!



Meaty Maine Sardines are a wonderful addition to that all-time favorite of the young crowd—the hero sandwich. Flavorful and rich in high-quality protein, they pack a nutritional wallop which belies their small size. Caught and canned in Maine, the little fish have been a popular food since the days of the Indians—both because of their food value and because of their low cost. When used as an important ingredient in a hearty sandwich, their flavor combines well with cheese and with spicy pickled peppers.

Teen-agers will love these homemade heroes and Mother will be happy in the knowledge that her youngsters are getting the nourishment they need for buoyant good health.

MAINE SARDINE HEROES

- 4 long Italian hard rolls
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 lb. Munster cheese, sliced
- 2 large or 8 small pickled sweet peppers, stemmed and seeded
- 2 cans (4 oz. ea.) Maine Sardines, drained

Cut rolls in half lengthwise. Brush inside and out with oil. Sprinkle with oregano. Place cheese slices on bottom half of rolls. Cut peppers into bite-sized pieces. Place on cheese. Arrange sardines over peppers and cover with tops of rolls. Serve cold or place in moderate (350°F.) oven until heated through, about 20 minutes. Yield: 4 hero sandwiches.

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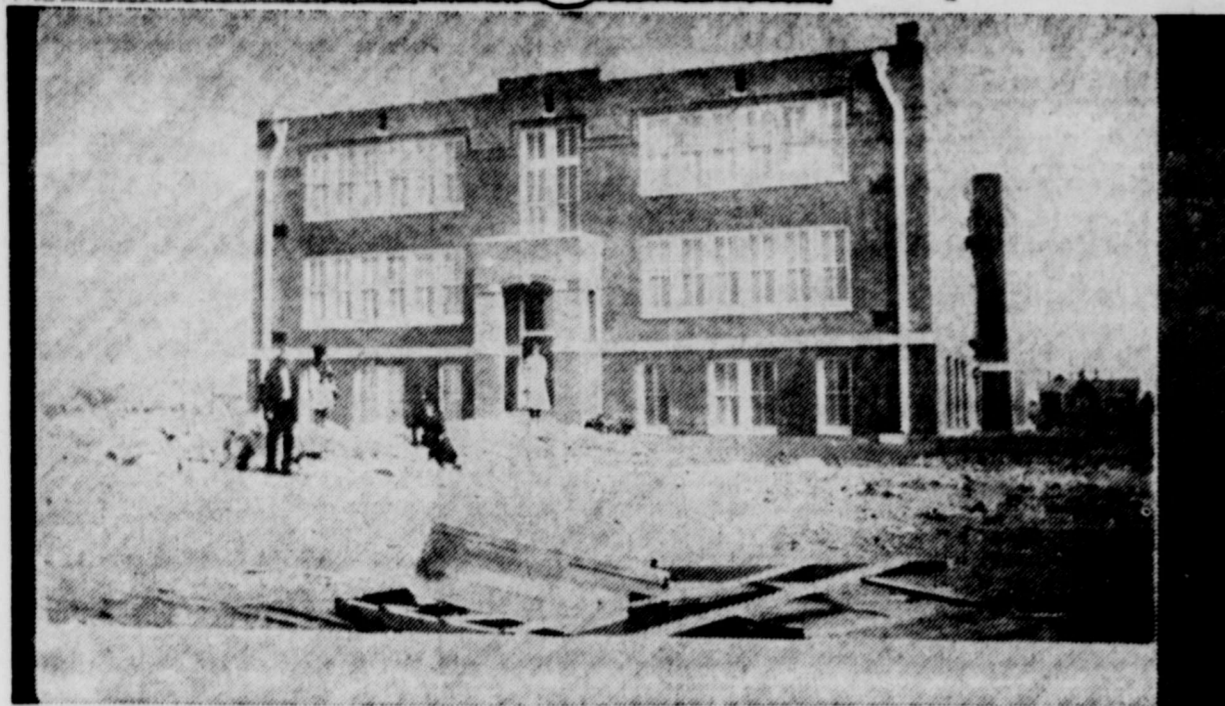
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Pioneer Memorial Holds WSCS Meet

The Pioneer Memorial W.S.C.S. met March 10 in the parsonage. Mrs. E. C. Ray led in prayer and minutes were read. Mrs. Ford Butman gave a devotional on prayer.

Mrs. Dewell McLean gave the program and Mrs. Joe Seymore dismissed the meeting.

GUESS HOW MUCH MONEY IS IN THE JAR IN CRAWFORD'S WINDOW WIN \$10 IN MERCHANDISE



SECOND BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE — Merkel school administrators spoke glowingly of this building, which contained the bricks of earlier schools. Later this building housed only the primary grades and the high school was moved out. It has since been demolished and a new elementary school built.

MERKEL SCHOOLS DEVELOPED AS TAYLOR COUNTY GREW

School is a special word in the history of Merkel.

It has meant more than just the presentation of knowledge to children.

The school has been the center of activity. School in a special broad definition has played the role in Taylor County as economic force, social force, recreational leader.

"In Merkel's first days one box car served as a post office, church, school, telegraph station and railway station."

This statement appears in the excellent "History of the Merkel Schools," which was written by Mrs. H. C. Reid in 1961. The information for this article is taken from Mrs. Reid's works.

The box-car-school-house beginning of the Merkel schooling was tied in with the arrival of the railroad in 1831. Growth was slow. By 1885, Merkel's population was listed as 25. J. L. Vaughn moved into the community in 1882 and served as railroad agent as well as postmaster. The A. M. Thornton family came to Merkel in 1883. Mrs. Thornton taught school in the depot. There were seven children — four Thornton children and three Vaughn.

Merkel was growing and new families were moving in; there were at least a dozen children; that needed to be in school. A new place was found for teaching, which was the dining room of the house owned by Philam Cox. It was not finished and was being built on the corner of Kent and Pecan St., now called Kent and North Second St., where Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Yard stands. Miss Fannie Boyles taught for a short time in the spring of 1884 in this dining room.

The next year a young man named Thomas taught for about four months. He was a surveyor who had come from Tennessee. "Professor Thomas" was urged to help the settlers establish their boundary lines. Thomas became the Taylor County surveyor.

Mr. Cox completed his home and sent for his family. Merkel was without a teacher and a schoolroom.

Now the time had come to try and get a real school building. Citizens began to seek donations of cash, lumber, hardware and labor. In 1885 the first public school building was erected on the corner of Runnels and North Second Sts., where the Assembly of God Church now stands. The building was built by everybody, including children who drove nails in 2X4s as far as they could reach. The first school was built of rough lumber and equipped with rough board seats that were crudely constructed. A stage was constructed at one end of the little 20 by 40 foot building. Someone gave an organ and the building was used for singing, preaching, home talent shows — and teaching.

Things looked good. But friction was mounting up.

The first teacher was a man named Merriman. One of the board members hired him after he was discovered walking along the track west of town. Merriman lasted until he got drunk. The next teacher was Mr. J. V. White, who lived east of town. He was a pretty good teacher — really good with the rod. Some of the boys tried to protect their legs by tying shingles around their legs. Mr. White decided he would rather be a blacksmith. A man named Jones and his wife both taught for awhile.

But again the school needed a teacher.

J. L. Vaughn, one of the board members, reported at a board meeting that he could wire a man he knew in Pennsylvania and ask if he would like to come to Texas and teach school. He left the meeting to send his wire and got an answer in a few minutes. He reported back to the meeting. That he could send a message and get an answer in such a short time surprised the other members. They doubted. And said so.

Bitter words. Vaughn withdrew from the board and started plans for his own school.

He rented a building on the corner of Oak and South First Sts. with the installation of some board benches in this building, a former livery stable, was converted into a school.

Frank Haynes was hired to teach.

This development of a second school caused the town to be divided socially and the railroad was the dividing line. Then John Haynes, Frank's brother, started teaching the school. He was handsome. Older girls started taking an interest in school. Besides a handsome teacher, the new school had new courses such

Merkel Bridge Winners Named

Winners of the fractional master pool session held at Taylor Elec. Coop building Thursday night were: 1st—Lt. Robert Richards of Sweetwater and Mrs. Dorothy Sloan of Abilene. 2nd—Dorothy Flowers and Bob Preston of Abilene. 3rd—Mrs. Frank Peebles and Suell Turner of Abilene. 4th—Mrs. Ruth Jones and Mrs. Mable Lillius of Abilene. 5th—Roy Dalziel and Belle Kimbrough of Merkel.

Announcement

An invitation is extended to the public by the Noodle 4H Club to attend an "Achievement Tea and Favorite Food Show." The show will be staged at the Noodle School on March 22, at 7 p.m.

Barbara Marcee, agent in training in Jones County, will judge the Favorite Food Show.

as calisthenics, body building, posture.

Education beckoned.

At first this was a semi-private school. But about this time the county began to divide four leagues of school land into sections. Vaughn was instrumental in talking the county representative into giving five acres for a school and college. This was located where the elementary school now stands.

An association was organized and chartered and was known as the Western Normal and Commercial Association. The dream of a better school site and building came true in the summer of 1887 with the building of a two-story frame house on the five acres of school land. Again, men, women and children helped to build the school. It had three rooms on the first floor and an auditorium above. The auditorium had fairly comfortable seats — homemade, but with backs. The school rooms had real patent desks, the "store boughten" desks for Merkel children.

The "college" opened its first year with the livery stable location. The second year about 100 students started to the new school, which included all grades from elementary on up. In April 1888 the school became known as the Merkel Normal and Commercial College, but the college part lasted only about four years. The building continued to be used as a public school.

Meanwhile, back in the building on the northside, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who followed the teacher who had left teaching to become a blacksmith, were followed by George M. Watt as teacher. Then came Mrs. J. H. Ensminger. In 1886-87 the building was enlarged to a two-room structure. J. C. Calvert, I. S. Allen and Miss Nona Calvert were the last to teach in the northside school.

During the winter of 1895-96 the northside building was abandoned and the students went to the southside "College" school. Professor B. W. Hudgins was now in charge of the entire "consolidated" school. During his stay the number of pupils increased from 150 in 1895 to 300 in 1900.

The first class to graduate was in 1899. Graduates were May Williams, Annie Woodward and Miss Lee Fields.

There was no record of a graduating class in 1902. Legend relates that O. F. Chestain, who was head of the school at that time, decided the class of 1902 did not know enough to graduate so he retained the entire group.

In 1902 the old college building was torn down and Merkel built its first brick school. There was a steady growth to Merkel and by 1907 this building was no longer large enough.

Another building was built on Bettis Heights at the end of El Paso St., near the home of J. S. Swann. Here again the town became divided because of the schools on each side of town.

The Northside school was short lived, being used only from 1907 to 1915. It was considered unsafe after a crack sliced into the wall.

Because of a fear of the crack, many pupils were kept home on windy days. Rumor is that when the building was torn down, it was necessary to use explosives. (To Be Continued Next Week)

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

The Merkel Elementary School Junior Band will attend the Cisco Band Festival Saturday, March 27. We want to wish our band luck in the festival.

The Girl Scouts will meet in the Merkel Elementary Library, Wednesday March 17 at 3:30.

The Junior Conference Volleyball Meet will be held at Jim Ned Thursday March 25. The girls will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the boys game will start at 5:30. We are sure that these boys and girls will do a good job of representing Merkel at this meet. You will want to attend and boost our teams to victory.

The Merkel Elementary Badger track team will journey to the annual Sweetwater Track Meet Saturday, March 29. We are hoping that there will be another trophy in the display window by Monday.

Many "eye catching" fire posters have been turned into Mr. Walker's office lately. The deadline for the fire posters was Monday, March 15. The posters will be judged and the prizes will be awarded by the Midwestern Firemen's Association.

The parents of the pre-school children who had color pictures taken last Tuesday, March 2, may now pick them up at Mr. Walker's office at any time convenient to you.

We want to extend our thanks to the parents who attended the Parent-Teachers Conference Association here at Merkel Elementary. Of the 530 letters of invitation sent out, 344 families responded by attending. This represents a 65% response. The personnel of Merkel Elementary are grateful for this turn-out, and they realize that other parents would have come had they had the opportunity.

The 7th district of the Texas State Teachers Association will have a workshop concerning proposed legislation regarding teachers' salaries. It will be at Haskell at 7:30 p.m. March 23. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Junior News From MHS

There was an all student assembly in the auditorium, March 11. The Southern Assembly Programs presented Bill Pfuderer, sponsored by the Junior class. Mr. Pfuderer's program was called, "Contrast in Shakespeare," in which he acted out scenes from famous Shakespearean plays such as, "The Tempest," "Romeo and Juliet," and "Comedy of Errors." He stressed how funny it would be if these plays had been written in modern teen-age language, instead of Elizabethan Age language.

The Junior Class has been working hard the last few weeks on the Junior Plays, which will be presented Friday, March 19, in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The four plays are under the direction of Mrs. Higgins. The plays are entitled, "Life O' the Party," "Hercules' Night Out," "Thanks Bobby Six," and "The Ghost Wore White." Mrs. Higgins stated the plays would be exceptionally good this year. Admission will be .50 for adults, and 25 for children.

Mrs. Henry Will Attend Air Show

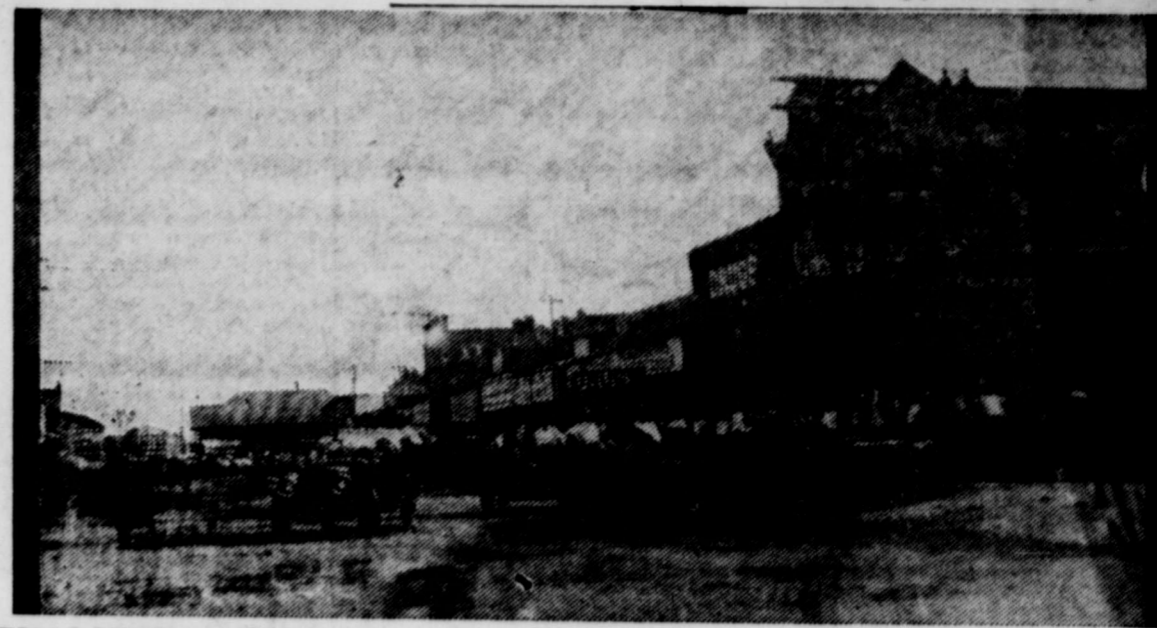
Mrs. Douglas Henry of 211 Oak will attend the air show of the Confederate Air Force Sunday in Harlingen.

Mrs. Henry will fly with her son, Col. and Mrs. Gerald Martin of Hereford. The Martins will pick up Mrs. Henry in a private plane.

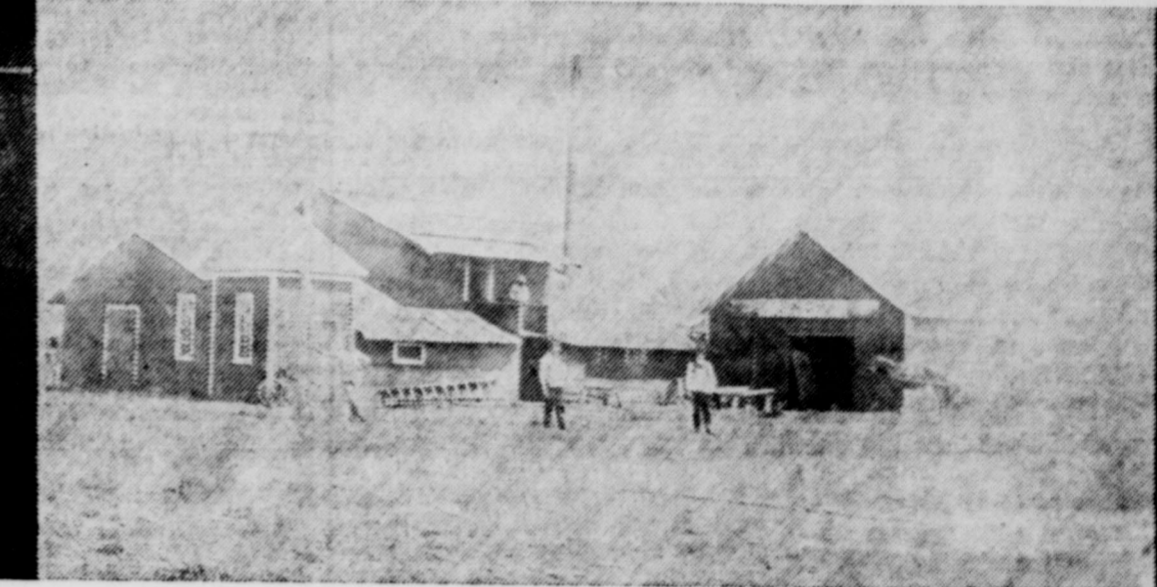
The Confederate Air Force is a flying museum dedicated to the preservation of toy Navy fighters of World War II.

Martin is owner of a Navy Grumman FM 2 Wildcat, and will fly in the air show.

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TIN LIZZIE — Merkel street scene after the event of the automobile, probably just prior or after World War I. Notice streets are not paved, horses are still in evidence.



INDUSTRY — The Planning Mill at Merkel and the black smith shop were two of the early day industries in the Badger city, which have been replaced by progress.



WRECK OF MYSTERY — Can Merkel Mail readers identify this scene? If anyone can identify it, please call 8-5712 and give the facts to the editor. Picture and identification will be run next week.

April Designated Career Month At Merkel High

Recognizing the values which can come from personal contacts with business leaders, the faculty of the Merkel High School hope to arrange for occupational lectures during the month of April. Teachers representing the different departments of the high school will invite leaders in the various occupations to appear before their classes.

The teachers feel that discussions lead by leaders in the different business areas will prove inspirational and informative. Emphasis will be placed on training, qualifications, and opportunities in the different fields. Local business leaders are urged to participate in the project.

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STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended the funeral of Lee Kelso at the First Baptist Church in Anson Tuesday afternoon, March 2.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert How and children of Edmondson visited several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended the funeral of Mrs. Effie Martin Thursday afternoon at the Merkel Methodist Church.

Homer D. Payne of Lubbock visited during the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Stith Baptist Church will meet at the Hodges Baptist Church with the WMU of Hawley and Noodle churches for an all day Mission program Thursday.

Jim Burns celebrated his 88th birthday March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy, moved to their new home last week. We welcome them back to Stith Community.

Mrs. Wesley Mashburn is visiting in Midland with her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Brinlee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale visited in Merkel Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Dink Whisenhunt and Windi Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne visited Mrs. Lee Kelso and Vada at Anson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Strong and Melinda of Odessa spent the week end with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell.

Rodney Mashburn was hurt Tuesday of last week at school playing football. He was taken to Sadler Hospital for X-rays. No bones were broken. He missed two days of school.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn spent the week end in Abilene with Mrs. Claudia Mashburn.

Roy Mashburn and Rodney were dinner guests Sunday in Mrs. Claudia Mashburn's home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendrick and children of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and

Rodney Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended a singing Sunday afternoon at the Primitive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fife and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onie Clark in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Marjanda Tarpley attended a luncheon party in the home of Ann Carson in Merkel Friday night.

Mrs. Clyde Maxwell and daughters of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley Tuesday.

Gaston Gregory of Big Spring spent Friday night in the Tarpley home.

Several families of the Community attended game night at the Community Center Saturday night. Games of 84 and 42 were played. There were games for children also.

Refreshments of cookie chips and dips and coffee were served.

Mrs. Bulah Bradley and Mrs. Pat Byrd attended the Leaders Training Meeting on "quick meals," held at the Jones County H D C office in Anson Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mrs. Pick Payne, Mrs. Ira Stanley, and Mrs. Ray Perry attended the all-day Home Mission Program at the Hodges Baptist Church Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry and Mrs. W. O. Perry visited W. S. Fain at the hospital in Olney Sunday. Mr. Fain is a brother of Mrs. W. O. Perry.

Mrs. Jerry Byrd honored her daughter Cindy with a party on her sixth birthday Tuesday evening at the Stith Community Center. Pinning the tail on the donkey was one of the games played.

Approximately 15 children were served cake and cold drinks.

Mrs. Paul Bradley attended the funeral of Mrs. Otis Westbrook at Elliott Chapel of Memories Wednesday afternoon in Abilene.

Rev. Jesse Swindell made a business trip to Wichita Falls Tuesday of last week.

Tommy Carson of Merkel spent Thursday night with Randon Ely.

Mrs. C. O. Willingham of Albany visited Mrs. Jessie Lenior and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs and children of Fort Worth visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

Mrs. Ina Kelso has been real sick at her home but is reported to be better. Mrs. Benny Hobbs and Mrs. Bulah Bradley visited her Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry visited with her sister Mrs. Effie Nash in a hospital at Vernon. Mrs. Nash is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton, Kathy and Roger, of Monahans visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hale returned with them for a visit. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and children of Midland.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

Any intelligent journeyman artisan knows the best way to keep a fire going is to pour gasoline onto it.

With this in mind, it is difficult to understand the thinking behind the current drive to open the nation's gates wide to a flood of new immigration when there are millions of unemployed people already in the nation.



There is a quota system admitting C. W. Harder and the people to this country, and the quotas are based on the percentage of people of any particular origin that makes up total population.

For example a normal quota will admit some 65,000 British a year but only 100 from Upper Volta. But the British, the Swedes, the Swiss and many others have in recent years shown a disinclination to leave their homeland to take up the tax burdens of a resident of the United States. But in many of the under-developed lands of the world there is an eagerness to get to America far in excess of their permissible quotas. Hence it is now suggested that quota be scrapped and anyone admitted regardless of land of origin up to the total number of all permitted. This could result in the entire population of Upper Volta and Tanganyika eventually moving to U.S.

The proposal to scrap the quota laws is accompanied by a gambit that those with useable skills in the U. S. would be admitted, regardless of national origin. And this is where the paradox comes in.

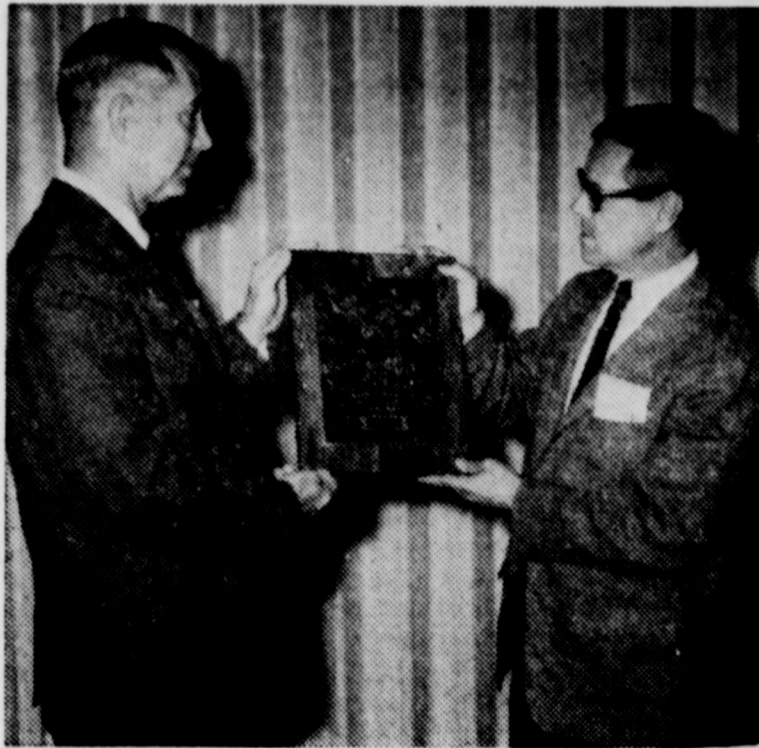
For after all, with job retraining, et al, vast public sums are being spent to teach new skills to many present Americans. So the question becomes of where these retrained people are to find work, if the jobs they are being trained for are filled by newly arrived foreigners with such skills.

In addition, there should also be considered the American drive, with tax billions, to upgrade economic level of much of the rest of the world.

As already stated, both the skilled and unskilled of the more advanced nations of the world have shown a reluctance to move from their homelands. If the skilled people from the underdeveloped lands are permitted to come into the U.S., then what happens to the development of their own lands?

Under U. S. foreign aid, billions are spent to develop skills among the natives so they can help develop their own countries. But if these natives with their newly acquired skills shake the dust of their native lands off their feet and head for America, who is going to be left at home to keep store?

For example, the Republic of Congo at present is held down to 100 immigrants per year. This is a case in point. If any of the Congolese are trained in medicine, they had better be kept home instead of gallivanting off to America. After all, if the recent rate of slaughtering medical missionaries continues, they are going to need every trained native they can develop.



A WINNER FOR THE FIFTH TIME

For the fifth consecutive year West Texas Utilities Company has been awarded first place in the Bureau of Safety Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Contest. The 1964 award was presented to WTU President S. B. Phillips (right), by Ray Gillan of the Bureau of Safety at the annual management conference in Abilene.

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Watts and Hogan Plan June Vows

Nancy Rebecca Watts and Lynch Hogan will be married June 12 at 8 p.m. in the Methodist Church of Merkel, with the Rev. Howard Marcom officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watts of 501 Yucca here in Merkel, and Mrs. and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan, Route 4, Abilene.

Miss Watts will graduate in May from Merkel High School. Hogan is a graduate of Merkel High, and is a Junior at McMurry College.

vite the Goodman, Stith and Comperre clubs to meet with the Noodle club in the near future for a program on "quick meals." At this meeting, an invitation was given to Noodle club members to attend a 4-H Achievement Tea, to be given the evening of March 22 at the Noodle School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reese of Austin and Mrs. Etsel Hunter and son, Wayne of Arlington were

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NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. David Sevey of San Angelo visited her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway Sunday. In the afternoon they all drove down to visit another daughter, Mrs. Ernest Dixon of Abilene. Mrs. Ernest Dixon spent five days last week in the Sadler Clinic in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and Terry from Anson spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Elsa Maxwell. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maxwell and girls also visited.

Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys from Hobbs spent the week end with the Bill Caldwell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Womack and family visited Friday night with his mother, Mrs. Clara Womack and brother, Joe Womack of Hawley.

Don Wicks from ACC in Abilene, who directs the singing at the Church of Christ and also teaches a class, took his Sunday School Class, Sandra Womack, Gary and Tommy Best, to Abilene to see "Those Callows."

Minister Paulus from Abilene preached at the Church of Christ Sunday in the absence of Norman Hogan.

Major Joe F. Tarpley, San Jose State professor of Air Science, has been re-assigned to Lackland AFB effective this August, according to SJS president, Robert D. Clark. Lt. Col. Vernon L. Head, 1948 graduate of San Jose State, has been named as his successor. Lt. Col. Head is presently on special assignment in Viet Nam.

Rojean Perkins from ACC spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Borden Perkins and Jim.

Looks like spring is getting near. Mr. Dock Callaway found a peach bloom on his tree Sunday.

Major Tarpley will return to his home state of Texas to be on the staff and faculty of the Officer Training School at Lackland. He will remain at SJS next semester.

One of the real highlights of his stay at San Jose State came earlier this year when he saw one of his cadets, Cadet Col. Robert Gillham awarded the top AFROTC honor for the region when he was awarded the Legion of Valor.

Maier Tarpley is married and the father of 2 children, Ann 8 years, and Lee 6 years. Tarpley is the son of Mrs. Dock Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wheeler of Denton, and Sara Wheeler of Crane spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler in Trent.

Those on the sick list at this writing are Clayton Dillard, Dale Deen, Patti Maxwell, Shelia Sloan, Mrs. Carol Best, Mrs. Edd Womack and son Douglas.

Linda Perkins spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Borden Perkins. Linda is in school at ACC.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Windham drove to Austin Saturday to see the Trent girls play basketball.

The Norman Hogans were dinner guests of the Troy Sloans Sunday.

Mrs. Bettye Benham and Mrs. Edd Womack Saturday afternoon and acted the good Samaritan by doing the family ironing as Mrs. Womack has the rumps. Mrs. Benham is a sister of Mr. Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. D. L. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and children, of San Angelo spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynol Vancil of Dallas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Vancil Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Hobbs of Merkel is spending a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Putnam.

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Man of mystery. That's the description of the founder of the Merkel Mail in looking back 75 years.

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Mystery? For instance there was HIS name — Mary Jane Cox.

Some insight on the type man Cox was came from a letter sent to the Merkel Mail on its 40th Anniversary. It was from Fred B. Robinson, a candidate for governor of Texas in 1930.

Robinson was a former newspaper man.

This is what he said about Cox: "Mary Jane Cox, founder of the Merkel Mail, was one of the most colorful and interesting members of the 'craft' in Texas.

"He attended meetings of the Texas Press Association whenever possible and by his ready wit was always a welcome and popular attendant.

"I remember that at one meeting where he was in good humor, he received a telegram telling of a serious illness of a daughter back home, probably in Merkel, and I never saw a greater change come over the countenance of anyone. My recollection is the child recovered, yet the reverence of Mary Jane for one of his own flesh and blood could be plainly seen.

"I really believe 'Mary Jane' was a nickname, yet am not certain about this, or rather do not know what his real name was. Certainly, neither Mary nor Jane are masculine names.

"The last time I saw 'Mary Jane' was here in Waco, just outside where I am writing (Meropole Hotel) and he was enroute to the 'Magic Valley,' Harlingen or near there, and my information is, he passed away a few months (or years) later.

"Mary Jane Cox had his faults, like all of us, yet he had a heart of pure gold. He was famous at press conferences for wanting to 'punctuate' his remarks, and always radiated good humor whenever he spoke.

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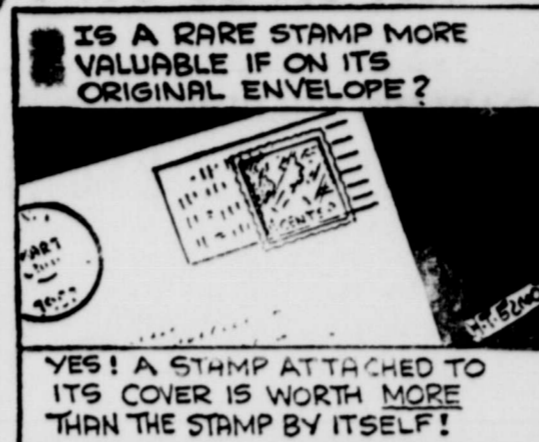
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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TO: Jess Willard Upton, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th day of March A.D. 1965, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 13th day of January A.D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 1647 on the docket of said court and styled Betty Beatrice Upton, Plaintiff vs. Jess Willard Upton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on June 25, 1937, and became permanently separated on or about Sept. 1, 1961. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and for custody of the minor children, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Taylor. In the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Ester A. Perez, Defendant.

Whereas by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 29th Day of January, 1965, in favor of the said Federal National Mortgage Association, and against Ester A. Perez, No. 10,171-B on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 3rd day of March, 1965, at 11:00 A.M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, being the property on which Vendor's Lien was foreclosed in said judgment in favor of Plaintiff, to-wit:

Being all of Lot Seven (7), Block Three (3), WOODLAW ADDITION, an addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;

And on the 6th day of April, 1965, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right,

title and interest of Ester A. Perez, in and to said property.

Dated at Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of March, 1965.

GEORGE MAXWELL
Sheriff of Taylor County,
Texas
By: Leon Sledge, Deputy.

Noodle 4-H Club Plans Food Show

The "Busy Little Hands" of the Noodle 4-H Club met in the Homemaking Department at Noodle School.

Faye Cockran presided over the meeting, and Lettie Griffith read the minutes which were approved as read. Joyce Hogan and Dianne Doan led the opening exercises.

The group prepared wiener sandwiches and banana pudding under the leadership of Karan Sullivan, Junior Leader.

Plans were made for the 4-H Favorite Food Show to be held March 22 at 7 p.m.

The city of Elsa, Texas, is dusted regularly by airplanes with DDT to maintain a high standard of health conditions.

Safety Tips From AMA

There is a right way and a wrong way to do everything, including the taking of medicine.

When medicine is taken correctly, the exact dose is taken at the proper time under conditions that insure against error.

A pamphlet of the American Medical Association offers a few useful directions for taking medicines. —

—Store medicines in a cabinet, preferably locked, away from the reach of children.

—Keep only medicines currently in use.

—Destroy old prescriptions, because many drugs lose potency or may be chemically changed by time.

—Read the label in a good light before opening the bottle or box. Read it again before taking the medicine.

—If you have more than one box of pills or capsules to take, be sure one is closed before opening the other. This avoids switching covers, and also the labels.

—When pouring from a bottle, keep the label up so that any dripping will not soil it and make it hard to read.

—When taking medicine at night, be certain that the light is on and that you are wearing glasses if you need them. It is easier to misread and misunderstand labels at night when you are sleepy than when fully awake during the day.

—Keep medicines away from the bed. Make it necessary to get up to take them. Keeping drugs and medicines on the night-stand by one's bed is dangerous because an overdose may occur if the medication is accidentally re-

peated while sleepy.

—Keep medicines in the original labeled container. If you carry pills in a pocket pill box, identify them with a label. Never put medicines in containers identified with foods.

—Avoid using medicine for children which is disguised as candy. Poisoning — or at least overdoses — can occur when children find and take medicine which looks and tastes like candy.

Mrs. Mansfield Hosts TEL Class

The T.E.L. Class met on March 11 in the home of Mrs. John Mansfield with Mrs. S. C. Keith as co-hostess.

Opening prayer was by Mrs. Charles Mignery, and the meditation thought by Mrs. Sam Swann.

At the end of the business meeting refreshments were served to Mrs. Clay Satterwhite, Della Brown, E. R. Clack, Lucy Ford, May Hendricks, Ira Moore, Sam Swann and Eunice Massey.

Visitors were Claud Warren, Jim Kuykendahl and Charles Mignery.

**BOGEN
PAY SYSTEM**
MODEL 15
AMP WITH
TURN TABLE
45.00

**EMERSON 3 Speed
TAPE RECORDER**
Stereo Master 400
49.95

**2 BARBELL
SETS**

**ELECTRIC RAZORS
AND REPAIR**

.22 RIFLES

TENNIS RACKETS
2.95

**Royal Portable
TYPEWRITER**
Like New . . . 29.50

**McCUE
DRUG**

McCall Studio

Professional

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Baby Pictures

1516 HEATH

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THE BARE FACTS.

NOT ONLY DO WE SERVE CUSTOMERS

IN 7 CONUTIES

BUT WE GIVE THEM THE

BEST SERVICE

**TAYLOR TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE, INC.**



THE LATEST IN
THE GOOD OLD DAYS WAS
A "TURN OUT"
TODAY THE LATEST IS A NEW CAR
FROM
PALMER MOTOR COMPANY

COUNTRY STORE

SALE

BLUEHANDLE

MOP

WET

16 oz. EACH **49¢**

NABISCO
RITZ
12-oz. Box **29¢**

OLD FASHIONED SAVINGS ON FAMOUS BRANDS!

IMPERIAL

SUGAR

5 LB. BAG

39¢

With 5.00 in Purchase
Or More
Exclusive of Cigarettes

MONARCH CUT 303
Green BEANS 2 for **33¢**

HORMEL VIENNA
SAUSAGE 3 for **49¢**

HORMEL 300
CHILI Plain Can **39¢**

COFFEE FLOUR CRISCO TISSUE

OUR DARLING GOLDEN
CORN 2 for **33¢**

LIBBY'S 14 oz.
CATSUP 2 for **33¢**

WHITE HOUSE
APPLE Juice Qt. **25¢**

Maryland Club
(ONE LIMIT)
Pound Can **69¢**

Light Crust
(2 LIMIT)
5 Lb. Box **39¢**

OIL
(ONE LIMIT)
(48-oz. Jar.)
3 Lb. **63¢**

ZEE
(2 LIMIT)
4 Roll Pack **25¢**

Supreme
Chocolate Fudge or
Dutch Chocolate
COOKIES
POUND BAG **29¢**

MILK
PET
3 TALL CANS **39¢**

ROOTBEER
FROSTIE
6 BOTTLE CARTON **29¢**

DEL MONTE
TUNA
2 FLAT CANS **49¢**

METZGERS 1/2 GAL. CTN.
Butter MILK 2 for **69¢**

METZGERS
Whipping CREAM 1/2 Pt. **23¢**

FROZEN FOODS
BIRDSEYE
AWAKA
DRINK 9-OZ. CAN **29¢**

WELCH 12-oz.
GRAPEFRUIT Can **29¢**

KEITH
FISHSTICKS 2 for **49¢**

PATIO MEXICAN
DINNER Each **39¢**

DEEP FREEZE SALE

12-LB. SPECIALS		9-LB. SPECIALS	
Round Steak 3 lbs.		Round Steak 3 lbs.	
Club Steak 3 lbs.		Club Steak 3 lbs.	
Sirloin Steak 3 lbs.		Ground Beef 3 lbs.	
Ground Beef 3 lbs.			
ALL FOR \$7.95		ALL FOR \$5.39	
1-2 BEEF 125 LBS. TO 300 LBS. HALVES	Lb. 43¢		
HIND QUARTER BEEF	Lb. 53¢		
FRONT QUARTER BEEF	Lb. 38¢		

CUT AND WRAPPED FOR YOUR FREEZER ALL TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS — ALL 90 TO 120 DAY FEED LOT STEAKS — CHOICE HEAVY BEEF!

GOOCH RANCH STYLE
BACON 2 LBS. **1.05**

FRESH
CALF **LIVER** LB. **39¢**

WISCONSIN
CHEESE LB. **59¢**

ALL MEAT
BOLOGNA LB. **39¢**

CHOICE BEEF — CUT FOR A BAR-B-Q TOO
Short **RIBS** 5 LBS. **\$1.00**

FRESH
Ground **BEEF** 3 Lbs. **89¢**

CHOICE BEEF 7-Bone Lb. **49¢**
Chuck **ROAST** Blade Cut **39¢**

BALLAD or PILLSBURY
BISCUITS 3 for **19¢**

EL FOOD GRAPE JELLY OR
RED PLUM 18 oz. JAM 2 for **59¢**

CAL-TOP 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES Each **19¢**

KOUNTY KIST 12 oz. WK
CORN 2 for **25¢**

DEL MONTE 303 GREEN
PEAS 2 for **39¢**

LIBBY'S PINEAPPLE-GRAPEFRUIT
DRINK 29-oz. Can **19¢**

Betty Crocker VALENCIANA SAUCE
RICE 13-oz. Pkg. Only **10¢**

MEADOLAKE
OLEO 2 Lbs. **39¢**

TOP JOB GIANT SIZE **49¢**

DOUBLE GIFT BOND

STAMPS

EACH WEDNESDAY ON \$2.50 PURCHASE

Garden-Fresh VEGETABLES

FRESH
LETTUCE lb. **10¢**

SUNKIST
ORANGES Lb. **10¢**

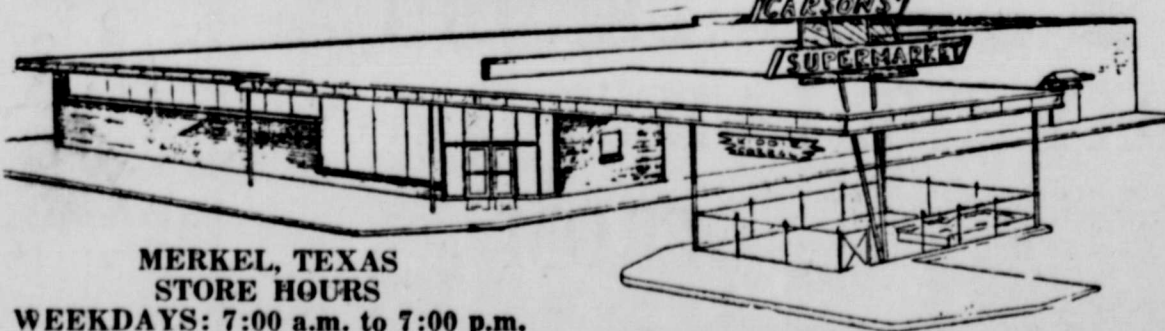
FRESH
GREEN ONIONS Ea. **5¢**

FRESH
Cello Radishes 2 for **15¢**

WASHINGTON EX FCY.
Del. Apples Lb. **19¢**

MAINE
SPUDS 8 Lb. Bag **65¢**

CARSON'S SUPERMARKET



MERKEL, TEXAS
STORE HOURS
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAYS 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE
FREE DELIVERIES — MON., WED. & FRIDAY AT 4:00 P.M.

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY FRI. & SAT MARCH 18, 19, 20



The Merkel Mail

VOLUME 76, No. 2

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MARCH 19, 1964

First Editor Had Strong Idea About Advantages of Merkel

Volume 1, No. 1 of the Merkel Mail, published March 20, 1890, isn't available today.

Information about that first edition must be gleaned from later publications.

One of the "gleanings" is that someone on that first publication thought a great deal of the Merkel area and its future. The writer of the article about Merkel had some very strong ideas about the working of water conservation and improvement — and he stated these ideas as FACT.

The article as reproduced in later editions stated:

Every since the Texas and Pacific Railroad has opened up the western country, the passersby on the train have been attracted and charmed by the beautiful country surrounding Merkel and the steady growth of the modest but enterprising little town. No prettier or more fertile spot can be found in the west. The town of Merkel was started in 1883 and the growth has been steady. There has been no effort made to get

up a boom at any time, but the beauty of the location, the fertility of the soil and the abundant supply of good water has induced a number of intelligent and enterprising citizens to make their home in and around Merkel. The present population is about 700.

Merkel is located 17 miles west of Abilene. It is five miles from the Jones County line and seven miles from Nolan and the southwest corner of Fisher counties. By rail it is 430 miles west of Texarkana and 438 miles east of El Paso. Geographically it is nearer the center of the state than any other town. The elevation is 2,000 feet above the level of the gulf.

One of the greatest attractions of Merkel and the surrounding country for 15 miles north and south is the inexhaustible supply of good, pure water that is to be found at a depth of from 25 to 30 feet. This water is cool and clear and free from mineral and is not affected by the longest drouths, either in quality or quantity. It can be used with success for ir-

rigating, if necessary, at small cost, compared with California and other places where irrigation is the sole dependence for agriculture. Every farm and ranch in the surrounding country and almost every house in Merkel have wells of fine water.

The soil is mostly a dark, sandy loam and varies from two to six feet in depth and is underlaid by a strata of gravel. The surface of the country being gentle, undulating and well supplied with water courses prevents any stagnant water or masy lands. The soil is remarkable for remaining moist through the several drouth, when less favored land would be parched and vegetation destroyed.

The geological formation of the country indicates that at some period of the world's history this was the bed of the Gulf of Mexico. The receding waters left a deposit which is the soil of this vast region. The washings of this soil, carried eastward by the various streams, have formed the rich valleys of the Brazos, Colorado and other rivers in Eastern Texas.

This soil is very rich and is adapted to the cultivation of corn, cotton and small grain. Sorghum and millet are never failing crops, while milo maize, dhurra and kafir corn can be successfully raised for forage. All kinds of vegetables and vines grow well. The experiments in fruit culture have proven that the peach, apricot and plum do well. The apple has not been so successful except on older soil and by a little irrigation. The almond tree flourishes and the native pecan could be cultivated with profit. Grape culture is very successful.

The climate is mild and owing to the elevation and purity of the air, is free from the fevers and malaria of the low countries. As a health resort it can be recommended for persons suffering of pulmonary, bronchial or malarial diseases.

With the exception of some severe winters during January, the winters are not severe. There is very little cold weather until af-

ter Christmas and February is always pleasant. The continuous breezes, mostly from the south temper the heat of the sun in the summer and the nights are always cool and refreshing. The winters are usually dry, the first rains begin in April, which are often very heavy. The occasional showers grow less frequent until in June there is usually a few weeks of comparatively dry weather, thus giving the farmer time to reap and store his harvest, which is then ready. The mid-summer rains of August are heavy and last a week or two; it puts the soil in good condition for fall crops and covers the prairie with a good crop of grass to supply cattle and other stock with food during the winter. These rainfalls are very regular and with the exception of the memorable drouth (1860) has never been known to fail within the memory of the oldest inhabitants.

As the country becomes more cultivated the rainfall will be more abundant, as the water will be retained in the cultivated soil and the evaporation will be more regular than when it runs off the unbroken surface of the prairies into the water courses and is gone. The meteorological changes that follow the settlement and cultivation of every new country will cause the vapor-laden winds from the gulf to discharge their aqueous contents before passing to the north. The dry belt of all the western country is fast receding westward along with the Red Man and the buffalo will soon be a thing of the past.

Texas has always been noted for its stock-raising qualities. The rich grasses of these plains cannot be exceeded for the production of beef. This is the natural home of the horse; here he is free from many of the diseases that are common in the eastern states and the spirit and endurance of the Texas ponies are proverbial. With the importation of the heavier breeds, a race of horses is springing up that cannot be excelled in any country.

The rich grasses and herbage near these mountains are favorable for sheep and goats. The wool products of Texas is very large and the Angora goat has been found to be very profitable. All kinds of stock except sheep do well without care or protection during the winter. Nature abundantly provides for them. Sheep should be fed a little during the months of January and February, although thousands pass through without it.

The natural location of Merkel is favorable to a mercantile center. The passes from the southwestern part of Taylor and part of Nolan county and the beautiful and prosperous farming district of Mulberry canyon all have one outlet to the plain six miles south of Merkel. The direction of the water courses and natural roadways favor easy and direct roads from the north and south. Many stockmen prefer shipping from this point on account of the ease of access and abundance of water. As the country advances, more and larger business houses will be necessary to buy the products and furnish the supplies of this large section of country.

The gin at this place ginned over 400 bales of cotton last fall and the large acreage of wheat now growing will necessitate the erection of a mill this fall.

The society of all this westry country is first class, and there is as large a percentage of church members as any portion of the United States. The Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Christian organizations. We have three denominations have flourishing organizations. We have three large Sunday Schools, a flourishing Women's Christian Union and a Band of Hope. The Western Normal and Commercial College association, chartered July, 1886, has a large two story building for educational purposes and the public free

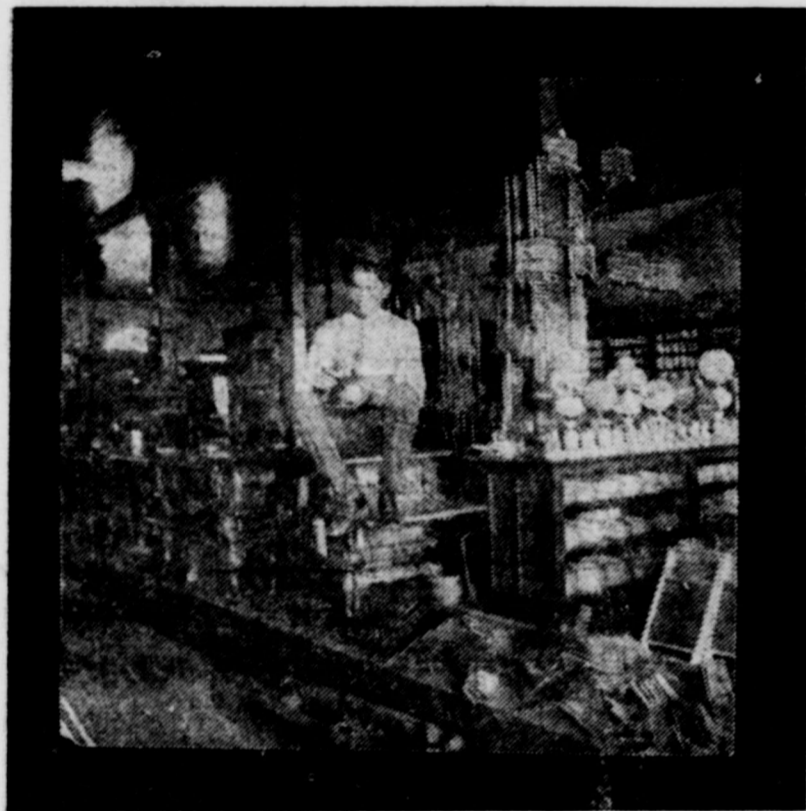
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MERCHANDISING IN 1908 — The J. S. Thomas second-hand furniture store on Kent St. in Merkel is a collector's item for the quality of the photograph taken with existing light. Left to right are Owner J. S. Thomas and Henry King, a visitor. Picture is the property of Mrs. Vernon Simpson.



SHOW CASE — This was one of the dwellings used on post cards to help show that early-day Taylor County was opulent, civilized and a good place to live. It is the Walker Cottage in a picture published by J. H. Hammans and Bros.



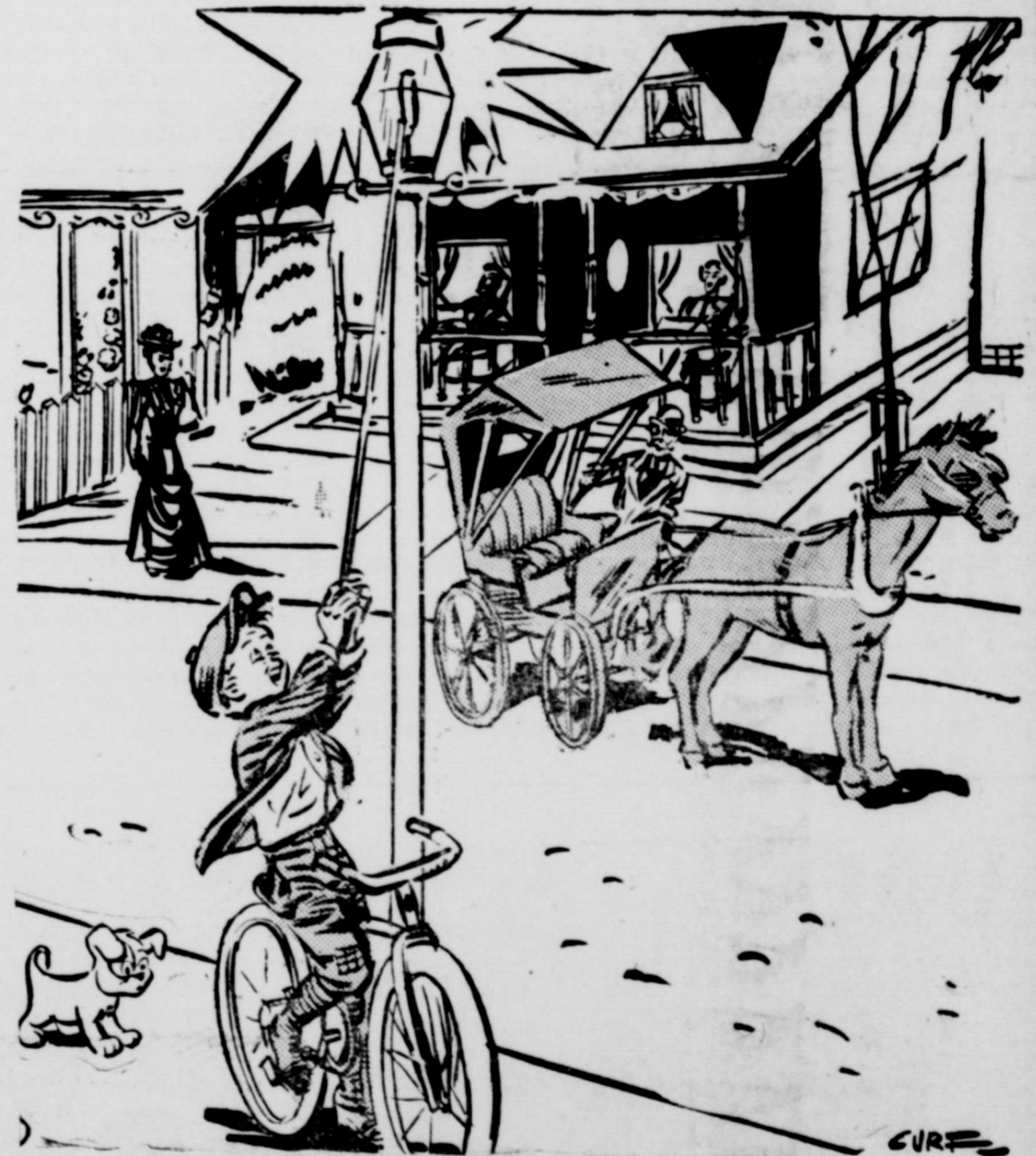
"HOT" SEAT — Frank West is perched casually on top of the first in a line of wood-burning stoves, lined up for sale in front of a display of coal oil lamps.



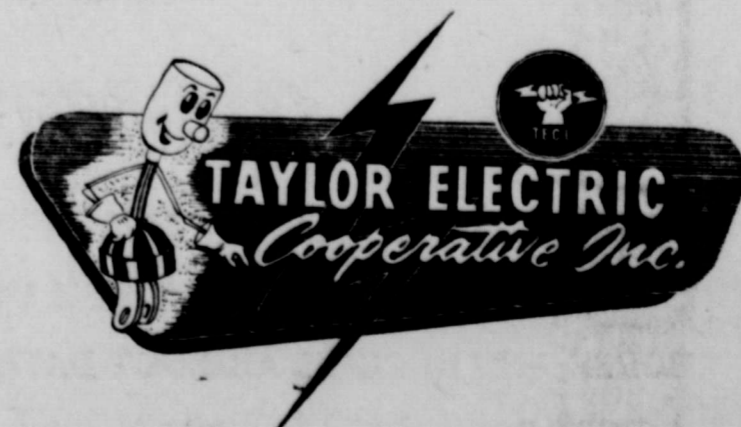
A red-hot Sunday outing. Taking the new horse trolley out past the water works to the end of the line and back. Who said they didn't have fun back in the "Good Old Days"?

WE'LL SAY IT'S MORE FUN TO TAKE A SUNDAY RIDE IN A NEW CHEVROLET COME IN AND TEST-DRIVE THE NEW MODELS!

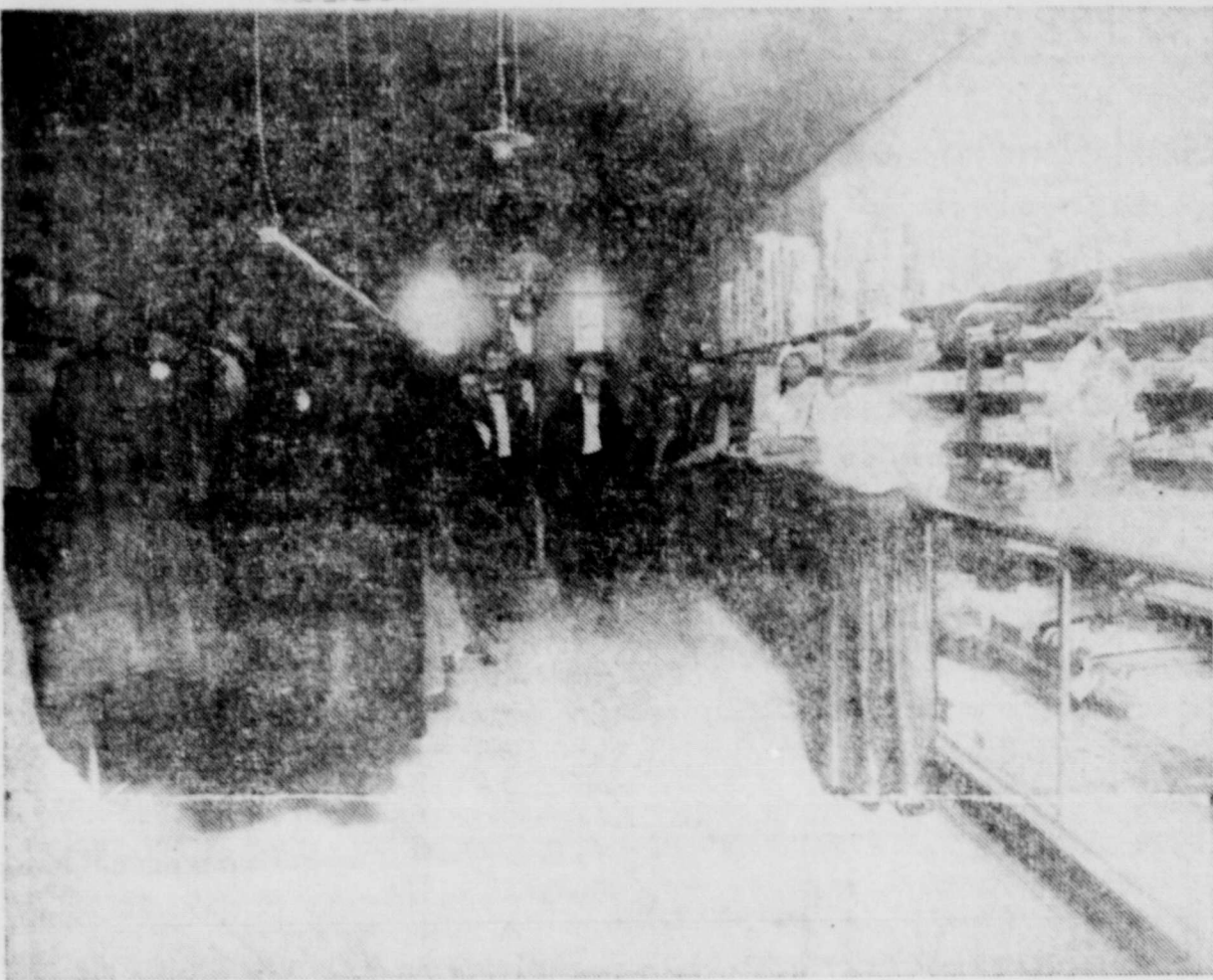
MAX MURRELL CHEVROLET



One of the big thrills of the "Good Old Days" was giving the lamp lighter a hand on his evening rounds. The prestige gained in doing this was worth much more than money. Yes, those were never-to-be-forgotten days, weren't they? Of course, on the other hand, getting light by merely flicking a switch has some advantages too . . . hasn't it?



FURNISHING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO 8 WEST TEXAS COUNTIES



DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES — The J. T. Dennis Dry Goods & Grocery Store between 1912 and 1918. Left to right: Felix Dennis, man wearing cap unidentified, J. T. Dennis, owner (behind showcase), unidentified lady shopper and sales lady, Mrs. Dixon.

HARD SELL WAS WHAT FIRMS IN EARLY NEWSPAPERS LIKED

Blood and sweat. Dollars and cents. There's been a lot of both mixed up in the saga of the Merkel Mail's 75 years of advertising history.

The first twelve years of the Merkel Mail are missing in the dust of time. Volume XII, No. 33 is the earliest copy known to exist at this time.

Advertisers in that October the 11th edition were not modest. For instance in a full-page ad The Star Company boldly acclaims that "Prosperity comes to all who trade with us." And talk about price competition, one sentence in that advertisement stated:

"Space forbids our naming all the good things we have in store, but we guarantee the prices to be as low as the lowest and if any concern in their 'Zeal for business' quotes lower, we'll go 'em one better." The grammar ain't the purest, but what businessman today is tough enough to make a statement like that?

Big type and pictures weren't part of the advertising scheme of that long ago day. But read through the small type and you'll find prices like these: Standard brands calico, fast colors, 25 yards for \$1. Men's solid leather grain shoes, the kind that others sell at \$1.50, our price is only \$1.25.

Two articles that today are given full advantage of advertising don't make the scene in the papers of the turn of the century.

The item most conspicuous by its absence is the automobile — not on the American scene yet. But there was mention in a few local ads about wagons.

For instance the Star Company said:

"The Weber is King of the road, the best ironed, best painted and lightest draft wagon on market. It has been on the market for over 55 years and thoroughly stood the test. Sold on liberal terms.

Ingenuity was a common commodity in advertising in those days.

J. P. Sharp and Co. concocted the following copy for their display advertising:

Old Lady . . .

Where will we buy our Cloaks, Hats, Groceries and Dishes to-day? You need a nice dress and shoes, and I am going to get me a new Coat and a pair of Boots and the boys want an overcoat."

"Why at Sharp's, of course. You know that's the best place to trade, and we have always found things just like they say and we'll go and load our wagon."

S. T. Eason, the Barber on North Front St., says he has "A genteel shaving parlor for genteel people."

J. M. Patex, another barber on North Front St., counters with "First class work and prompt and polite attention to all." Presumably, if one were not genteel, he

could find himself at home at Pate's.

Doctors in that way-off period, apparently were not so over-worked and didn't have a code of ethics banning advertisement.

Ed J. Leeman was "editor and proprietor" of the Merkel Mail in 1901 and he saw fit to include the following in his exchange columns:

"We desire to impress upon our readers everywhere that the advertisements contained in this paper are not inserted merely as space-fillers. Is is a well established fact that if the only good they accomplish for the publisher was the money received for them, newspaper advertising and newspapers would long since have disappeared from the busy marts of the world. Advertisements are intended to convey — news that will help people to buy and sell intelligently, and in doing this they should add to the value of the paper to those who subscribe for it. So if you find your local paper a dull, commonplace affair — not worth the dollar you pay for it and you happen to be a skeptic on advertisements — keep up with our local advertisers for a while. If you don't get some benefit we'll knock off the price of your subscription and look upon you ever afterwards as either a fool or a liar."

What publisher today would have the courage and ability to express anything so well?

MEDICINE MEN MADE INTERESTING NEWSPAPER ADS

The king of early-day advertisers who make reading the country weekly of yesterday a delight today, were the Patent Medicine people.

Turn-of-the-century editions of the Merkel Mail had their quota of these accounts. One of the early-day patent medicine houses did a thriving business in trading printing equipment for advertising space. The proof press used at the Merkel Mail today was one of those obtained by trading advertising — no cash involved.

If today's generation is skeptical it is merely because they didn't know or can't remember a grandmother, an aunt or uncle or acquaintance who swore he had been "cured" through one of these medicines.

And the medicine men were quick to latch on to the testimonials.

Example:

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at Rust and Pittard's drug store.

If you think that claim was perhaps exaggerated, read this one:

Aunt Lucindy

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her, says it's fine for swellings, tooth-ache, colic, weak back and back-ache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty-nine grandchildren and ought to know what she is talking about.

A Tripple Hanging

Smith, Brown and Jones hang all their hopes of recovery upon Cheatem's Laxitive Chill Tablets. They will be around soon shaking hands with all their friends. 25c. No cure—no pay.

The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Colera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Our stomach is our best friend. A baking powder named Perfect is the next.—J. T. Warren.

"One night my brother's baby was taken with croup," writes Mrs. J. C. Snider, of Crittenden, Ky., "it seemed it would strangle before we could get a doctor, so we gave it Dr. King's New Dis-

covery, which gave quick relief and permanently cure it. We always keep it in the house to protect the children from croup and whooping cough. It cured me of a chronic bronchial trouble that no other remedy would relieve."

The most stubborn cases of bronchitis succumb to Ballard's Horehound Syrup

What's Your Face Worth?

Sometimes a fortune, but never a sallow complexion, jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, all signs of liver trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion.

HERBINE

Pure juices from natural roots. Regulates the liver, stomach and bowels, cleanses the system, purifies the blood.

Cures malaria, biliousness, constipation, weak stomach and impaired digestion.

Caesar Conquered Briten

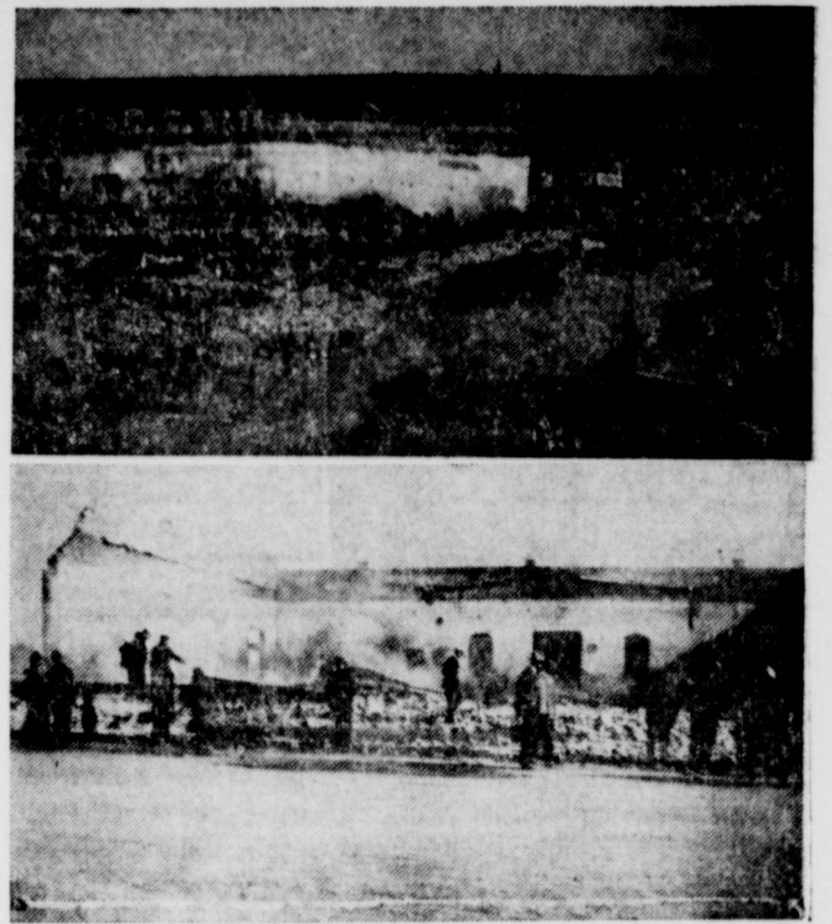
Malaria was conquered by Simpson's Liver Purifier (tin box). Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

Heaven Help Us

In our troubles, but use Hunt's Cure for itch, tetter, ring worm, itching piles and eczema. Guaranteed.

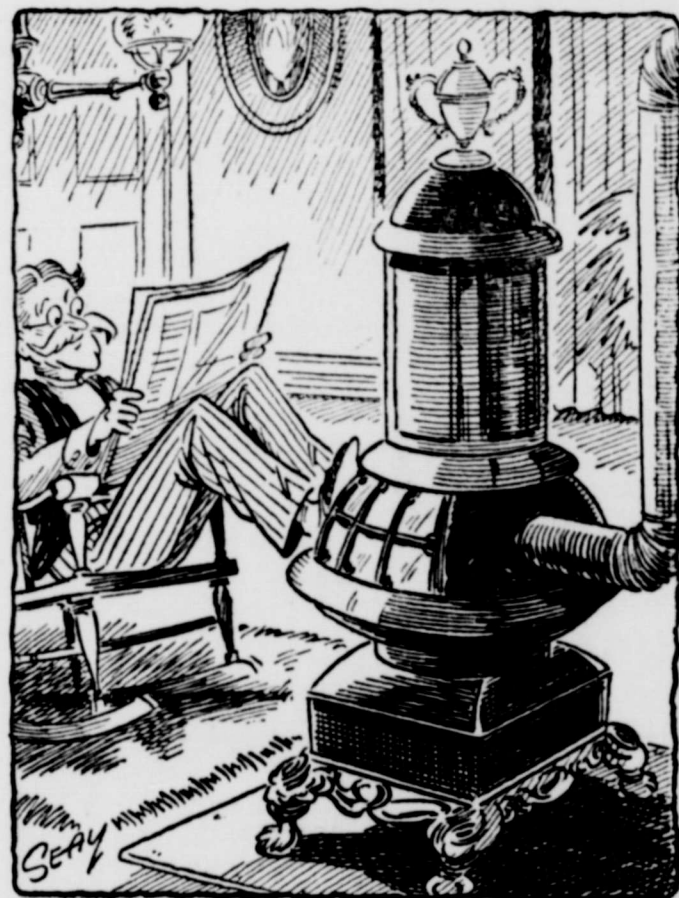
NO HAIR.

"My hair was falling out very
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BIG FIRE — A blaze in 1925 destroyed Max Mellinger's Dry Goods Store, Acuff Picture Show and Cash Dry Cleaners in Merkel. Left Standing is West Texas Utility building and Hancock Bakery. Photo by Vernoe Simpson from top of Farmers State Bank Building in Merkel. The bottom picture taken by Simpson is looking north from the sidewalk to the Barrow Furniture Store, now Hick's Auto Store.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MERKEL MAIL
ABILENE COIN SHOP
RARE COINS & SUPPLIES
BUY — SELL — TRADE
COINS - STAMPS - ROCKS - MINERALS -
HOBBY NEEDS - NOVELTIES
RETAIL & WHOLESALE
NATIONAL TELETYPE SERVICE
WE HAVE WEEKLY BID BOARD
COIN AUCTION
2155 SOUTH 1st ABILENE OR 3-1914



75 YEARS AGO

THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

Solid comfort! Maybe, back years ago when Merkel was young. But the "good old days" can't compare with today's modern electrical age. Now, thanks to Flameless Electric heating, solid comfort is enjoyed throughout the home, not just in front of the stove.

West Texas Utilities
Company an investor owned company



EVEN ON THEIR WAY TO CHURCH KIDS CAN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO YELL "GET A HORSE." NOW THAT HORSE AND BUGGIES ARE OUT DATED, WE YELL "GET A FORD."

HENRY - OWENS FORD CO.

KENT & N. 7th

PHONE 928-6625

Best Wishes From Neighbors on Our West

CHURCHES PLAYED IMPORTANT PART IN LIVES OF PIONEERS

Pioneer Merkelites were religious.

The first edition of The Merkel Mail chronicled the fact that Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Christian denominations had flourishing organizations in 1890.

The fortieth anniversary of the Mail quoted a history of each of the churches from that first edition.

History of the churches as quoted began:

METHODIST

"In A Brief History of the Merkel Methodist Church," incorporated in the Year Book recently (1930) published by this church, it is stated that according to the best information available the church was organized during the pastorates of the Rev. R. F. Dunn about the year 1882, with perhaps not more than 15 members. Marlon S. French, who now lives in Arkansas, was superintendent of the Sunday school and Mrs. G. W. Boyce, (then Miss Sallie G. French) was one of the charter members.

Included in the list of preachers who have served this church as pastor are R. F. Dunn, H. M. Glass, J. W. Dickinson, M. L. Moody, A. K. Miller, J. H. Chambliss, with J. M. Paterson as assistant, J. C. Carter, W. A. Gililand, L. J. Hider, C. W. Irvin, E. Hightower, R. S. Heizer, R. B. Young, C. A. Evans, C. S. Fields, J. W. Rowlett, S. J. Vaughn, J. M. Sherman, A. M. Martin, R. A. Clements, E. R. Wallace, W. P. Garvin, L. A. Humphries, C. S. Cameron, W. M. Murrell, C. W. Foot, M. C. Hays, T. J. Rea, W. R. McCarter, W. J. Mayhew and T. C. Willett, the present pastor. At least ten

of the former pastors of this church have been raised to the sublime degree of presiding elder and perhaps all of the other living one are "groaning so to be," to quote again from the Year-book.

The present building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. C. S. Field, who is now an honored supernumate of the Central Texas Conference, living at 3704 Stratford, St., Dallas. The Sunday School annex was built during the pastorate of Rev. C. W. Foot, who is now pastor at Quanon, Texas.

According to record of the Year-book, supplemented by information gathered since, Marlon S. French and Mrs. G. W. Boyce are the only living charter members, the next oldest member being Mrs. J. L. Harris, whose membership is now in its forty-second year. J. O. Hamilton has been a member of this church 39 years.

BAPTIST

In a brief sketch of the Organization and early history of the First Baptist Church of Merkel, prepared by Judge W. W. Wheeler, Nov. 10, 1922, it is stated that due to the loss of the official records it was impossible to get at the day or the month of the organization of this church, but the year in which it occurred is determined definitely as 1885.

Rev. Scarborough, father of Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, who is now president of the Baptist Theological seminary at Fort Worth, was living at that time on a farm - ranch about 18 or 20 miles north of this place, and it was he who organized the First Baptist Church of Merkel in that year with a charter membership of nine," the personality of whom,

according to Judge Wheeler's report, "were G. W. Scarborough and wife, and a son, C. B. Scarborough and Ada Scarborough, G. W. Dunning and wife, O. X. Ginn and wife, T. B. Story.

At the time there were no public buildings in Merkel, not even a school building; and the organization was made in small residence then owned and occupied by O. X. Ginn and at that time by O. X. Ginn and at the time of Judge Wheeler's report occupied by W. P. Duckett on North Kent St.

After the organization, Rev. G. W. Scarborough was called as pastor of the church and O. X. Ginn was elected church clerk. Soon after this a small one - room school building was erected on the ground where the tabernacle now stands and the First Baptist Church of Merkel moved its place of worship to that building with their meetings once each month on the third Sundays, with the business meetings of the church on the Saturdays before.

In the year 1890, Rev. S. H. Blair, then a missionary for a large district throughout this country, was serving the church as pastor, by agreement with his home association that he might give one - fourth of his time to the service of this church. "There was no understanding as to what he got was more in the way of an offering," to quote from Judge Wheeler's report again.

After building their own church in 1893, the next thought was to organize a Baptist Sunday School; and in October, 1893, a few of the members of the church and a few members of the Presbyterian Church (who joined in the work)

met in the new Baptist Church building and organized the Sunday School that survived through the influence of the early days and gradually developed into the Standard Graded Sunday School, which ranks so high through Texas and the South. Judge Wheeler was selected first superintendent of the Sunday School, with B. A. Cox, now of Abilene, as secretary, and the services of the first superintendent were continued until 1902 without interruption.

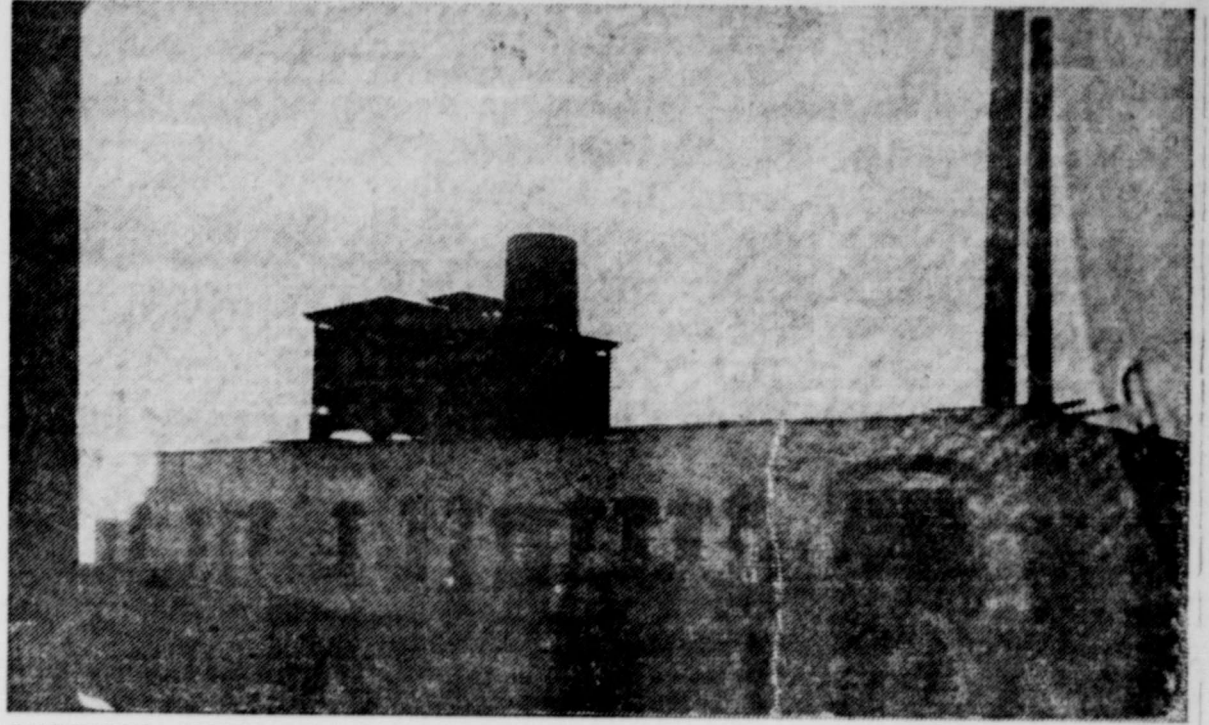
In the latter part of 1894 or the early part of 1895, Rev. Mr. Blair gave up the missionary work and left the country, and G. W. Smith was called to the pastorate of the church. He was the man who in the early 90s saw the need of a college in this section of the country and made a special trip to New York City to see Colonel Simmons and explain to him the possibilities of a Baptist College at Abilene and influenced him to start the institution.

The present (1930) magnificent building that houses the Baptist congregation was built about ten years ago, while the Rev. Ira L. Parrak was pastor during his first charge. The latter resigned, effective the first of March to accept a call to the church at Chillicothe.

PRESBYTERIAN

Grace Presbyterian Church was organized as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Jan. 3, 1896, by Rev. A. A. Baker, who became its first pastor. At the time of organization there were eleven members, five of whom were members of his own family, and the other members being D. C. Hutcheson, wife and family, they being the parents of W. D. Hutcheson, who was a boy at the time.

Of the charter members, there were five still living in 1930: Mrs. A. A. Baker, wife of the pastor; her son, James L. Baker, San Jose, Calif.; her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Warnick and Mrs. Tee Skilling and Mrs. John Campbell. More information was gathered



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from an article in the Presbyterian Advance, dated March 8, 1917, that follows in part:
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In 1930 the Merkel Mail noted that the "present" building was started (the fund campaign) on Thanksgiving Day, 1915, and cost more than \$8,000. Rev. H. E. Bullock was serving as pastor when the building was constructed.

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