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Phillips Wildcat Well Goes Over Top of Derrick

RAPID DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTED

The following news story from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of Thursday morning gives positive indication that activity will run high and new locations for tests will go forward at once in the Merkel oil field, whether the exact strength of the Phillips Petroleum Company's Joe Winter No. 1 is known or not. The article follows:

Taylor, Jones, Fisher and Nolan Counties and the tier north and south of them are expected to see an extensive wildcatting campaign as a result of the showing of the Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Winters, wildcat near Merkel, where the counties named corner.

New Pool Seen

While present indications are that the Phillips Company has a commercial producer, and has definitely opened a new pool, the campaign is now assured whether this proves to be true or not. A sufficient showing of oil has been obtained by the pioneer venture of the company to insure this development.

The Phillips test was preparing to run casing Wednesday with more than 2,000 feet of oil standing in the hole from the sand barely penetrated at 2,490. The test made several small heads Tuesday and Wednesday.

Overturns Condemnation

The measure of success obtained by Phillips and the campaign which is seen as a result will bring another territory which had been included in sweeping condemnation by many of the larger companies into the area under development.

The area for the most part has had little development, and that by small companies which frequently pioneer where the larger do not care to operate, since the big postwar boom, until Phillips started this operation. The postwar boom development was of the most haphazard sort, as contrasted with the latest play, and for the most part was made by small promotion companies.

Carefully Geologized.

The Phillips operation was made after a careful examination of the territory by its geological department. Local geology is hard to work in the area, but the Phillips party for the most part were interested in the regional geology.

Where some evidences of local structure were obtained on the trend worked out by this party, the block for this test was assembled. Three miles to the northeast of the location is the old Sears test, drilled in the boom period of 1918-19, which seems to have had oil, though failing to make a well and in later days the subject of highly conflicting reports with respect to the amount showing.

The Phillips find, and the activity promised, has brought interest to the highest pitch in all of the towns of the four counties near the well.

JAMES A. PATTERSON BUILDING NEW HOME

Workmen have this week completed laying the foundation for a new and modern bungalow home for Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, located on the site of their former home in the south part of the city. When completed this will be one of the nicest and most modern homes in the city.

ONE-FOURTH ROYALTY BRINGS \$11,000

From what we term a reliable source, this paper learns that bringing in of the new Phillips wildcat well on the Joe Winters tract this week, continues to bring wealth and happiness to many of our citizens. In this instance it is reported that Mr. Ira Thornton, who owns a farm near and adjacent to the Winter farm, sold a one-fourth interest in his one-eighth royalty in one hundred acres, for the handsome sum of \$11,000.00

While we have learned the above from what we believe to be good authority, we do not give it as having been consummated.

BUYS TWO BRICK BUILDINGS ON FRONT STREET

Mr. A. B. Patterson recently purchased the two brick buildings now occupied by the Grimes Smith Drug Company and the McCoy Market. The former he purchased from Dr. R. I. Grimes and the other from his brothers, J. A. and W. F. Patterson.

C. T. DERRICK BUYS HOME FOR \$3,500

Mr. C. T. Derrick, well known and excellent citizen of the Noodle community, has this week closed a deal for the purchase of the T. A. Beideman home located in the southwest part of the city, which includes seven acres of land, at \$3,500.

This is a fine piece of property, well worth the money, and will no doubt prove a good investment for Mr. Derrick.

DENNIS BUYERS HAVE GONE TO MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis left first of the week for the Eastern Markets, where they will purchase the big line of fall and winter goods for their store.

They are expected home the latter part of this week.

THREE NEW LOCATIONS PROPOSED

On the heels of the announcement Tuesday that Johnson & Gibson of Abilene have contracted to start a well on the Sears and three miles east of the Phillips, by October 10, it was learned last night that a well is to be drilled west of the Phillips on the Wheeler lease, and that the Phillips Company will drill an offset 300 yards south of the discovery well.

Supply Men Want Locations

It is said that already a number of representatives of the big oil well supply companies have been here, and after learning all they could as to the prospect of the new well, made inquiry for locations to open businesses.

It is up to the business interests and citizens to be careful to see that these concerns are given the right consideration and attention. Let's see that all are located right here. High prices some times drive such concerns to other towns, but if they are established here will be valuable additions and help the building up of our city. They are men experienced in the oil game and naturally know values.

MAY ENTER FIELD WITH PIPE LINE

It is reported that after a visit to the big wildcat well brought in here this week, representatives of the Prairie Oil & Pipe Line Company are making arrangements for that company to build a pipe line to this new field, possibly the best in West Texas.

It is expected that a line will first be built from the well to the nearest point on the Texas & Pacific railway, which is four miles south, where a temporary loading rack will be built and the oil shipped from there until the permanent line can be built.

COMMUNITY FAIR OPENS THURSDAY

On next Thursday morning Merkel's Third Annual Community Fair will open and continue over Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Every year since the beginning of our fair, it has increased in interest, and this year there is every indication of great improvement. Not only is it expected that this year's fair will far exceed any previous exhibition in exhibits, interest and attendance, but that it will be marked by a greater degree of success in every respect.

While it is true that our town and community is right in the midst of an unexpected wild rush over the discovery of oil near the city, every one is anxious that the fair be carried on to completion and success. Therefore it is urged and expected that every one will lend a helping hand in carrying out the work necessary for its success.

Let every one read carefully the catalogues mailed out, and make preparations to do your part in making the Fair all that any enterprising community could ask for.

The big entertainment features are expected to be here on time, and the fine farm exhibits will begin to come in early next week, and those in charge of this department are expected to be on the job and ready to care for it. Every department head should lay plans for taking care of their special work.

Let's make the fair one grand success.

MR. LATHAM BUYS ARMORY BUILDING

We are informed that Mr. F. H. Latham on Wednesday of this week contracted for the purchase of the building in the east part of the business section known as the Armory building.

This is splendid property and will no doubt prove a splendid investment for Mr. Latham.

MERKEL PREPARED TO CARE FOR BOOM

On behalf of the excellent citizenship of Merkel, this paper hastens to extend wide open arms and a big welcome to the oil men and people who are flocking to our city each day as a result of the bringing in of the Phillips producer No. 1, which many experienced men in the oil game say bids fair to be the opening of one of the biggest and most sensational oil fields in the state. Our citizenship bids you welcome; they extend you the glad hand and stand anxious to serve and make you feel at home.

But few towns ever were so well prepared to care for a big oil boom as is Merkel, which seems certain to be thrust upon her without a moment's warning. We have splendid hotel accommodations, we have an abundance of good pure water, our electric system is as good as the best, and the entire city was recently equipped with a modern sewer system.

We have fine schools and churches, and in fact the town is well prepared to receive and care for the best citizenship that may be expected to locate near this city.

Another thing which may interest the oil man expecting to locate near this field, and that is the matter of good roads leading to the heart of production. This Merkel now has, and the town is already preparing to keep up with developments.

Mr. Oil man, locate in Merkel, the nearest town to the field with city accommodations.

MERKEL DOLOMITE SURVEYED LONG AGO

The newest wildcat strike for West Texas is situated on what is named the Merkel dolomite, twelve years ago when the structure was first surveyed by W. A. Riney, now city engineer at Abilene. This fold is traced easily from just north of the Texas and Pacific right-of-way, three miles north to the Joe Winter well, and for many miles northward. It is continuously visible to a point northwest of Stamford and can be traced to where it passes under the Red River near Burk Burnett, Mr. Riney said Wednesday.

Another structure of the same nature is located about eleven miles west of Abilene, between Tye and Merkel, and extends northward virtually parallel to the Merkel dolomite. A third fold stretching from the vicinity of Potosi, ten miles southwest of Abilene, passing east of Fort Phantom Hill and extending for many miles northeast, was named the Leuders line when surveyed in 1914.

Mr. Riney told of an expedition made several months ago by a party of 28 geologists and surveyors from Wichita Falls along the Merkel dolomite, to the Texas & Pacific railway. Mr. Riney accompanied this party and pointed out to a Phillips Petroleum company representative the structure on which the new well is located, when it was crossed between Merkel and Tye on State Highway No. 1.

6 IN. CASING SET; READY TO DRILL IN

After three days of wild and enthusiastic excitement over the discovery of oil in the Phillips Petroleum Company's Joe Winter No. 1, six miles northwest of Merkel, preparations Thursday night by the company were going ahead to care for the oil when the well is drilled in proper. The erection of storage tanks is the only obstacle to be overcome before the drill will be ready to start cleaning the cave-in preparatory to drilling in.

The well since 10 o'clock Tuesday morning has been flowing by heads, making six gushes over the top of the derrick, and there is every indication that it is a real commercial producer. The exact production cannot be obtained, as the drill has barely penetrated the pay sand and has been choked by a cave-in, but drillers and company officials seem willing to acknowledge that when completed the well will not fall under 250 barrels and possibly go above 1000 barrels. The oil is said to be of a very fine grade and high gravity test.

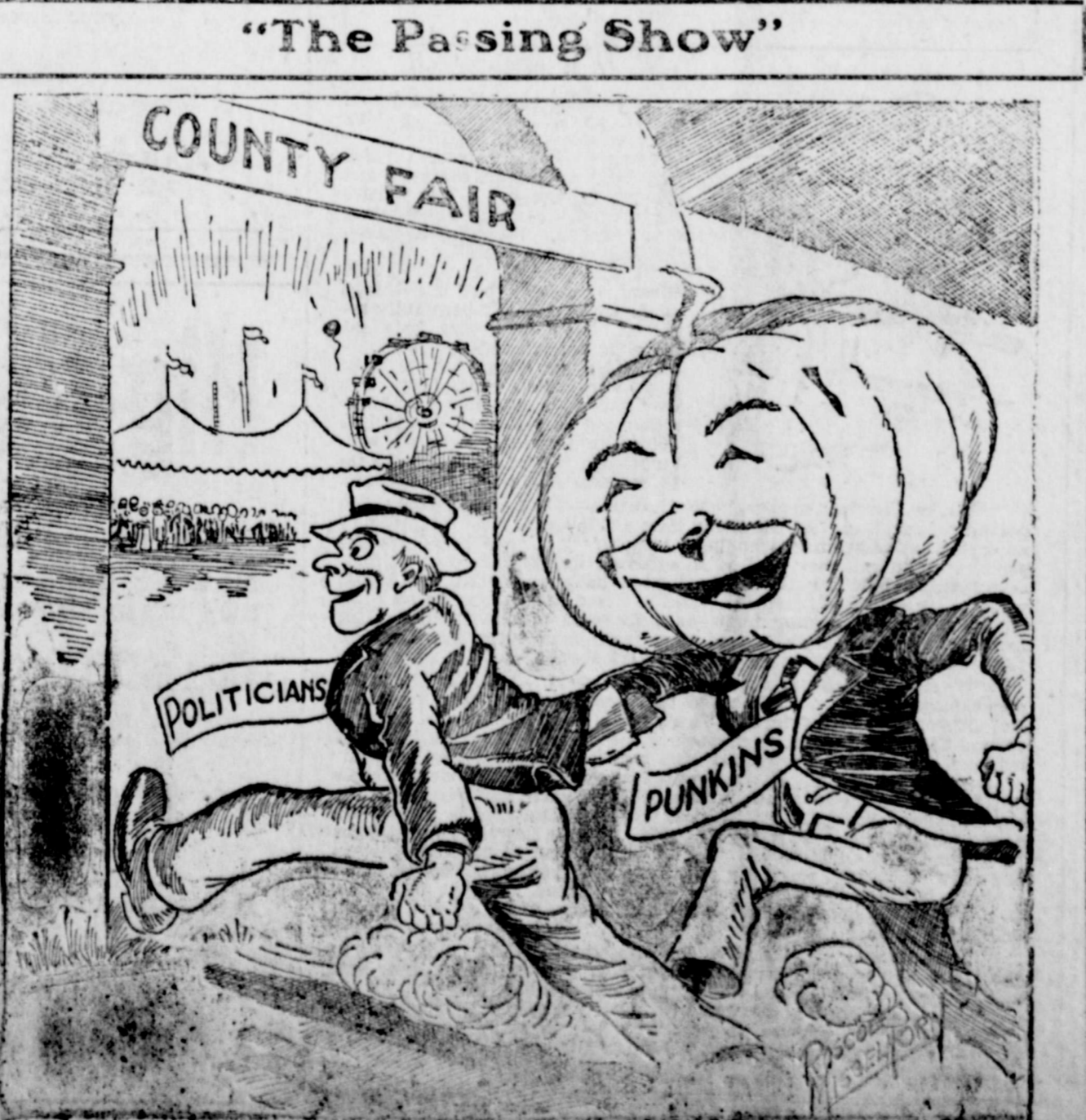
At a late hour Thursday afternoon there were hundreds of lease men and operators on the ground, and actual leasing seemed to be taking on boom appearances. The best prices being paid within a radius of two miles of the well were from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per acre.

The striking of oil by the Phillips Petroleum Company, an Oklahoma firm, in the Joe Winter No. 1 well six miles northwest of Merkel, on Monday of this week has perhaps created the greatest excitement in West Texas ever before happening in the oil game in all this section.

A slight showing of oil was found in the well on last Sunday night, and the amount increased during Monday and early Tuesday morning the well bailed considerable oil. Before noon the well blew in, going over the top of the derrick. It continued to flow by heads every six or eight hours during Tuesday and Wednesday, and Wednesday afternoon and night the six-inch casing was set with considerable difficulty, capped and the flow turned into the 250 barrel tank used as a water tank during the drilling of the well. During the night Wednesday two more storage tanks of 500 barrel capacity arrived by truck, and were erected Thursday, which will be used to measure the flow. We also learn that two other larger tanks are enroute to the well.

Before the well was brought under control hundreds of barrels of oil had flowed from it, running out over the prairie for more than three hundred yards and standing in pools. When the well made its first burst over the derrick the wind was high from the southwest and oil was sprayed for nearly 500 yards to the northeast.

From authentic sources we learn that the company and even the drillers were not expecting the well to come in at this time, notwithstanding the fact that a showing had been found. It was Monday night after the cleaning out of a seventy foot cave-in when the drill was slowly going down, apparently in a very hard substance, when suddenly it seemed to slip through into the sand and out came a gush of gas, and the derrick began to vibrate on and showed that the



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To Our Patrons

Commencing September 1st, this Bank will

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R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

Mr. Rex Roberts of Dallas was here this week a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Roberts.

Miss Zula Woods of Abilene was a guest in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams and Mr. J. W. Shanon on last Tuesday.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

Tarbutton's Jewelry and Shoe Shop located between Every-body's and Corner Garage, in same building with Smith's Bar-ber Shop. Satisfaction in this house.

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MOREHOUSE GIVES PLAN TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM WILD-CAT PROMOTE

American Bankers Association Official Who Has Exposed Fraudulent Schemes for Robbing Savers Draws Up Set of Rules to Foil Crooks.

By W. R. MOREHOUSE,
Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association.

ARTICLE NO. IV

THE solution to the great problem of protecting savings depositors from losing their money in fraudulent schemes is largely in the hands of our bankers. If they will co-operate with those who save they can make it hard for these plunderers to continue business. Hasten the day when our bankers without exception will gladly welcome interviews with depositors who contemplate making investments, will urge an investigation or recommend in the stead of little-known securities investments of unquestioned responsibility. In every case where customers call at the bank excited and nervous over some scheme where by investing a few hundred dollars they expect to make thousands any banker will at once sense the situation.



W. R. Morehouse

The banker knows that the depositor is being rushed off his feet, with "Hurry, hurry and get in on the big clean-up!" and it remains for the banker to caution the depositor against such tactics. In order to prevent this all that our bankers have to do is to suggest that their customers make it a rule always to bring high-pressure salesmen to the bank to be interrogated regarding their promotions. This will break up sales nine times out of ten, for high-pressure salesmen invariably avoid being questioned too closely by bankers who know investments.

Rules to Follow

Our bankers should urge this investment slogan: "Investigate before you invest. Consult your banker first," and so indelibly impress it on the minds of their depositors that they will always be guided by their banker's advice in making investments. Salient points which should be kept before the investing depositor are:

- (1) There are three cardinal points to all good investments, namely safety of principal, certainty of income and salability.
- (2) Safety of principal is more important than a high yield; the promise of big returns is usually a sign of a risky speculation.
- (3) It is like taking a leap in the dark to invest in promotions which are an unknown quantity and for this reason a thorough investigation should always be made.
- (4) It is morally wrong, if not criminally so, for any person to invest in any proposition he feels is a skin-game, or which is tainted by trickery or fraud or opens the way for a favored few to "get in on the ground floor," clean up and get out from under before the scheme collapses. Usually the depositor finds he is not in on the ground floor, there is no chance for him to clean up before the scheme collapses and so he loses all that he has invested.
- (5) If a promotion is as good as claimed, it would not be necessary for high-pressure salesmen to resort to all sorts of questionable methods, it would not be necessary to rush a victim off his feet and sign him up before he could interview his banker, but he could be given time to consult others before investing.
- (6) The only reason high-pressure

pirates go to those who are inexperienced in finance for funds is because they can palm off on them so-called investments which in the eyes of men of experience are valueless.

(7) The glib-talking promoter is not a true friend of the savings depositor but is a wolf in sheep's clothing, he will resort to any kind of trickery to exchange a certificate of stock for the depositor's cash, his glittering promises are fictitious and he is planning how he can entrap his victims and relieve them of their savings and not how he can make good dividends for them.

(8) For every oil well that pays dividends there are many dry holes and abandoned drilling rigs, and for every profitable mine there are many abandoned shafts, and for every successful promotion there are a thousand failures, and because of these facts the savings depositor's chance of winning is too small to justify the great risk involved.

(9) Savers should steer clear of stock, shares or units in world-revolutionizing inventions which are peddled in front of empty stores or sold from house to house or through the mails.

(10) Every novice investor should remember that, as in all lines of business, black sheep have invaded the investment field. They must be shunned, while investment firms and salesmen of responsibility and integrity should be supported.

Let our banks unite in a movement designed to protect the depositor against the schemes of the wild-cat promoter—in a movement that will save our savings depositors from despair and from poverty as a result of having lost all—in a movement that will turn into legitimate investment channels the millions of dollars which are now wasted on fraudulent schemes of one kind or another. The best service a bank can render a novice investor is to keep him from making poor investments by helping him to make good ones.

Wise Uncle Hiram, "Riled Up" and "All Het," Convinces Young William the State Fair Is Best Bet



(A Rippling Rhyme)

"Believe I'll go to the Fair," said old Hiram Hill. "Come on—let's hike; what ya say, Bill?"

Young William, blase, in this jelly bean age; sour, sarcastic and always "up-stage," with youth's "know-it-all" air and supercilious mien, replied: "What's the use—the Fair ain't so keen!"

"It may not be keen," Uncle Hiram retorted, "but the things you'll see there ain't been fully reported. You latter-day kids git me riled and all het—you're powerful wise, but there's lots to learn yet. Say, listen, young man, I've lived lots of years—I've listened to sages and savants and seers; I've delved into tomes crammed with knowledge galore and I've come in to contact with wise guys before.

"You're figuring wrong about education—tain't out of books you get all information. At the State Fair you'll learn, for example, how an expert knows grain by scanning a sample; that Texas' broad prairies produce cattle and sheep—when to cultivate lightly and when to plow deep; what's best for the sandy land—what's preferable for black; when to lay off of one crop and when to 'come back.' You'll find poultry raising an interesting topic—that the eyes of the nation are far from myopic; that they're turned upon Texas from every direction, and that folks are all saying, 'it's a wonderful section.'

"What do you know about 'soil adaptation?' What can you tell about barn sanitation? What do they mean by 'one-crop repeater,' and did you ever feed feterita. There's lots to be learned about proper ground tillage and plenty to be seen in the fine Spanish Village, where exhibits of every character and kind will hold interest keen and improve your dull mind. You can watch any number of factory wheels and feast your optics on automobiles at the Texas Manufacturers' big exposition and the auto show in close juxtaposition. In the auditorium a great big musical show and all sorts of sights down on Amusement Row; see the R. O. T. C. lads drill for swell silver cups; look in at the dog show on the prize-winning pups; watch a gridiron battle—pick the huskiest bunch; have cream-cones and 'sody' and hot dogs for lunch. Get all over the grounds; see all the new tricks—that's what I've been doing since eighty-six.

"Take it from me, Bill, you'll miss a whole lot if you don't go to the Fair—now strike a brisk trot; don your best bib and tucker, let's be on our way; hitch up the flivver; how long shall we stay?"

And young William charged with pep, vim and zest, shouted with enthusiasm as he buttoned his vest: "A week anyway, and if it's all you declare, we won't come back 'till end of the Fair."

(State Fair Foreword)



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'SINCE 1904'

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Mims and Mr. Mims, of Abilene, on a trip first of the week to Mineral Wells, Fort Worth, and Dallas. They returned Wednesday and reported a very pleasant trip.

Call for your Merchants Show Tickets with each 50 cents purchase of gas and oil at the Blue Front Service Station.

Mrs. J. L. Banner returned last Friday from Abilene where she had been visiting friends.

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Preachng at 11 a.m. Special program of music at 8 p.m.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m.
Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

We cordially invite the public to worship with us at all services.

The following program will be rendered at the evening hour:

1. Prelude. 2. Doxology.
3. Gloria. 4. Hymn by congregation.

Voluntary, Choir.
Announcements.

Offering. Anthem; Scripture Solo, Mona Margaret Jones.

"One Sweetly Solenn Thought" by Merkel Quartette.

"Softly the Silent Night", by Merkel Quartette.

Solo, Miss Ruth Watts.
Duet, Mrs. Diltz and Miss Col-line. Selection by choir.

Hymn by congregation.
Benediction.

Senior League Program

Hymn. Leader, Inice Brown.
Prayer, Lord's prayer.
Scripture lesson, Mark 10:17-22, by leader.

Part 1, Elizabeth Harkrider.
Part 2, Castle Ellis.
Part 3, Cora Lee Hulsey.
Part 4, Wrenn Durham.

Special song, Little Mollie Frank Touchstone.

Benediction.
League meets promptly at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

A good day throughout last Sunday at the Methodist church. Sunday School attendance improved. Many members back in place with some new students.

The Home and the Sunday School are cooperating for the building of God's Kingdom. We hope that each home may be made a 100% Sunday school home.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Special service for college students at the morning hour. Appropriate sermon and music. High school students and graduates are especially invited to attend the service.

The public is invited to attend the services. Something of special interest for every citizen.

W. R. McCarter.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

For September 12, 1926.
Subject: "Our B. Y. P. U." Playlet

Characters:

Group captain, Benny Sheppard.
Chinese Girl, Willie Evelyn Boaz
Worker No. 1, D. O. Huddleston.
Worker No. 2, Lois Simpson.
Worker No. 3, David Gamble.
Worker No. 4, Dot Swafford.
Worker No. 5, Joyce Wheeler.
Worker No. 6, Harold Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton visited friends and relatives in O'Donnell, Big Spring and Lorraine the past week.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes if

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Miss Ona Hamblet of Dallas was here this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet. Mrs. Willie Addington, of Abilene, was also here to spend last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hamblet.

Mr. Bill Moore of Sweetwater was here last Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams and daughter of O'Donnell, Texas, were here the past week-end visiting their son, Mr. Roy Adams, and family and many friends.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We have had several callers asking if we were responsible for work done by traveling photographers who for the past two weeks have been canvassing Merkel, and if they were working for us.

We do not even know these people, and wish to right the public in all cases of this kind. In nearly all cases of this kind they do inferior work that does not last long, is not guaranteed and costs more.

RODDEN STUDIO

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Most every one is busy picking cotton.

Some few of this community attended the party at Warren last Saturday night.

Mrs. Blanche Loving, who has been sick for some time is no better at present writing.

Mr. Leo Harris visited Mr. Charlie Blackwell Sunday.

Misses Evelyn and Bessie Lou Pannell visited Misses Jewel and Pearl Skidmore Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Davis and daughter, Alma, Mr. Alva Barbee and wife, Mr. J. H. Clark and family, Palmer and Ruby Skidmore motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon to see Miss Alberta Mullins who underwent an operation about a week ago. We are sorry they reported that she was not doing so well.

The following of this community are attending school at Merkel: Mr. Willie Harris, Mr. William Pannell, Misses Lola Shelton, Jewel Skidmore and Gypsy Eason.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, wife and daughter, Leona, left first of the week for Oklahoma, where they will make their future home.

Mr. O. R. Douglas went to

Fort Worth last week to get cotton pickers.

Mrs. D. I. Shelton had as her guest her sister from Oklahoma.

T. E. L. Class Has Meeting

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the T.E.L. Class of the Baptist Church was held Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. O. R. Dye.

The devotional for the afternoon was led by Mrs. Bob Conder, after which business was attended to relating to class activities.

During a happy social hour the hostesses, Mrs. Andy Brown, Mrs. W. H. Derstine and Mrs. O. R. Dye, served a delicious plate to the following members: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Frank McFarland, Bill Sheppard, John Toombs, Sam Swann, Doyle Pogue, Sid Coats, Jr., I. L. Jackson, Bob Conder, T. E. Collins, Luke Huddleston, Earl Lassiter, Jim Mayfield and one visitor, Mrs. C. O. Lynch of Abilene.

MEN, are you permitting your wife to do your washing and ironing? Make her health and life last longer by sending it to the laundry. Remember that Monday morning and phone 133J J. E. Harris, the Laundryman. tf

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Call for your Merchants Show Tickets with each 50 cents purchase of gas and oil at the Blue Front Service Station. tf



BRASS BUTTONS

For so many years that they are almost past counting, the British fighting men wore brass buttons on his uniform. Bright brass buttons, polished and polished and polished gleaming brighter than gold in the sun. And in the brightness of those buttons was reflected the pride of the British soldier in his country and himself.

War came in 1914. Twentieth Century efficiency in the War College looked at those bright brass buttons and frowned. How foolish, said the experts, to send a man into the field with that kind of gleaming target stuck on his breast for the enemy to spot afar. Away went the bright brass buttons, covered up under a drab coat of bronze varnish. And away went the buffer and the can of metal polish that for so many years had been a necessity in the kit of every Tommy.

And with the buffer and the can of polish went a large slice of the vaunted morale of the British fighting man. For generations in the British army the meticulous shining of those buttons had epitomized the iron discipline that required every British soldier to look as well as act like a soldier. When he quit shining his buttons, he quit shining his shoes, quit cleaning his clothes, quit washing his face. Discipline slumped and morale slackened. And for want of a brass button to shine, the driving force of those great British armies wavered and slowed.

So came swiftly an order from headquarters. And off came the bronze varnish. Back came the cleaning rags and the buffers and the polish. And rain or shine, through mud and dust and filth—through grimy billet and stinking trench, the British Tommy shined his way back to glory and to victory.

Well trimmed lawns and hedges; well kept flower beds; neat, clean buildings with shining, clean windows and well scrubbed floors; tools and equipment bright and orderly and well tended—these things intrinsically have no part in production of the kilowatts of electric energy you use. But they have a very important part in the morale and the efficiency of the organization that day and night, is serving you.

This company believes in BRASS BUTTONS.

West Texas Utilities Company

What Is a Diuretic?

People Are Learning the Value of Occasional Use.

EVERYONE knows that a laxative stimulates the bowels. A diuretic performs a similar function to the kidneys. Under the strain of our modern life, our organs are apt to become sluggish and require assistance. More and more people are learning to use Doan's Pills, occasionally, to insure good elimination which is so essential to good health. More than 50,000 grateful users have given Doan's signed recommendations. Scarcely a community but has its representation. Ask your neighbor!

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**Lamar County Citizens Have
Reunion at E. W. King Home**

A number of former Lamar county families gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King, one mile west of the city, on last Sunday, for a reunion, honoring visitors from that section. Messrs and Mesdames Duke Matlock, R. E. Gray, Smith Gray of Caps, Henry Wilson, S. R. Fleming and L. L. Murray were hosts and hostesses. A nice lunch was prepared and spread picnic style on the lawn at the noon hour. There were seventy-eight present and the day was pleasantly passed in recalling memoirs of other days. It had been from ten to sixteen years since some of the people had met. The visitors enjoying this Western hospitality were Mrs. E. J. Harvey, Robert Harvey and family, Buford Brooks and Cleve Marcum of Milton, Boss Gray and family of Pattonville, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woodward of Minter, Eulen Archer and family and Horace Matlock and wife of Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls and family and Mrs. W. D. Stalls of Bogota, Ocie and Ed Barnard and Collie Rhodes of Deport, Guy Teague and John Paul Roach of Paris. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins and J. C. Mason.

Mr. Fred Harrell of Dallas was here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harrell, and other relatives and friends.

**SENIORS OF '21 HAVE
5TH ANNUAL REUNION**

On Saturday evening, Sept. 4, the members of the Senior class of Merkel High School of 1921, held their fifth annual reunion. At 7:30 they assembled at the home of Miss Evelyn Hamm and from there went to "Shannon's" where they enjoyed a picnic on the spacious lawn.

An enjoyable time was spent together recalling memories of school days and relating happenings since the last reunion.

A delicious picnic lunch was then spread. The seven members of the class present expressed their regrets that the other four members could not be present, and made plans for next year's reunion. Class members present were: Miss Mae Beidleman of Swenson, Texas, Miss Evelyn Hamm, Mrs. Iva Landreth Bac-cus, Mrs. Myrtle Scott Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and Mr. Wade Darsey. Guests were: Mr. Roy Doan and little Troy and Ocie Doan. Class members who were not present were: Misses Loyce Dry of Clarksville, Lucille Russell of Abilene, Messrs. Sewell Harvell of Loraine and Bill Stevens of Lamesa, Texas.

Mr. B. A. Clark and family, who for the last few years have resided in California, arrived Thursday morning and we are glad to learn will make this city their home again. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were both reared here and have many friends who bid them welcome. He will engage in the barber business again he tells us.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Arthur (Doc) Clark has accepted a place in our shop and will be glad to meet his old friends and new ones as well as serve them. He's at Petty and Buford's Barber Shop. It

Mrs. A. F. Morgan of Green-ville came in this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Derstine and other relatives.

**WHY GOVERNMENT PRICE
FIXING WON'T WORK**

One of the most persistent fallacies is government price-fixing on competitive commodities. There is already government price-fixing in commodities and services where competition plays no part in price determination. These are railway transportation, electricity, gas, telephone and telegraph, and so on. Here government price-fixing is solely to protect the consumer. There are two fatal objections to government price-fixing for agricultural products, which represent the most competitive business in the world. These are, first, that it will not work; second, that it is always done for the consumer as against the producer.

Government price-fixing for agricultural products would work if at the same time the government regulated wages, profits, middlemen's margins, the production of all commodities and the rationing of all consumers. In short, if the population were enlisted in one vast army, directed and rationed, price-fixing would work, but otherwise not. If the price is fixed on the wheat the farmer sells, then he cannot keep on producing wheat if wages or the cost of harvesting machinery rise, or if the cost of other material he buys rises. So the next step would be the fixation of other prices, and yet other prices.

The United States government fixed the price of wheat but once in our history, and then it was to benefit consumers, not producers. The government might, in an emergency, fix some agricultural prices for the purpose of elevating such prices. Such action would inevitably and speedily lead to outcry from city consumers and a consequent reversal of policy. Indeed, the consumers, not the producers, are most likely to demand and secure food price regulation by government authorities. The farmer, therefore, who favors any form of governmental price-fixing is working against his own interests. He is putting his head into a noose.—James E. Boyle, Professor of Rural Economics, Cornell University, in the *Banker-Farmer*.

**STRAIGHT TALKS
WITH AUNT EMMY**

On Fifteen Per Cent Bonds

Mrs. Norris beamed as she greeted Aunt Emmy and exclaimed, "Now I know all my financial worries are over! I wanted to tell you right away—"

"What have you bought this time?" Aunt Emmy demanded suspiciously. "Well, I haven't paid the money over yet, but I have found the loveliest investment where my money will be perfectly safe and will earn a nice income for me right away," Mrs. Norris said. "I'm going to buy bonds, good safe bonds, that will pay me fifteen per cent interest—"

"Wait a minute, you'll have to go some, Maud Norris, to tell me about 'good safe bonds' that pay fifteen per cent!" Aunt Emmy broke in.

"They are safe,—the man said so and this booklet says so too!"

"Do you know what a bond is?" asked Aunt Emmy.

"No, but it's awfully safe. I'm sure of that," Mrs. Norris said. "Everybody knows that bonds are safe—"

"My dear, some bonds are safe and some are not. When you buy a bond you simply lend your money to the company putting out the bonds. Bond issues are secured generally by the company mortgaging or pledging some of its property. In other words, it offers a certain asset as security that it will return your money to you on the date the bond matures. It agrees to pay you a certain sum each year for the use of your money, usually something between five and eight per cent. No company can afford to pay too much for its money—and as to fifteen per cent bonds—why it would be very unusual for a company to be able to earn enough to enable it to pay fifteen per cent for the privilege of using other people's money,—moreover, if it is good enough to borrow money at all it can borrow it more cheaply than that!"

"Oh dear!" wailed Mrs. Norris, "then a bond isn't a good safe investment—"

"Don't jump at conclusions so fast!" said Aunt Emmy. "I did not say that. A bond is as safe as a church if the company that issues it is financially sound, has a high credit rating and is making money. Before you buy bonds assure yourself that the company behind them is above reproach."

"But the man who told me about these fifteen per cent bonds was so earnest—I felt sure I could believe him."

"Don't turn over any money to him until you have some advice on the bonds from your bank," admonished Aunt Emmy. "Then, if you find out that the bonds are 'questionable you will escape another bad investment.'—A. B. Ayres.

Mason County, Michigan, bankers are pushing hard to replace scrub stock with pure-bred cattle. The plan as outlined by the county agent is to purchase young pure-bred sires and place them wherever a farmer is found who is willing to co-operate in the proposition. The bankers will advance the purchase price and take a note for one year without interest. The idea is to make it as easy as possible for the farmers to procure their neighbors.

Mr. Wade Darsey has accepted a position in the local Post Office and has entered upon his new duties. Wade is one of Merkel's most excellent young men and will no doubt make good in this position. Besides the able Postmaster, Mr. Taylor Davis, the clerical force in the office is now composed of Messrs. O. J. Adecock, formerly one of the accommodating R.F.D. Carriers, Wrenn Durham and Wade Darsey. They are all capable and excellent men, and along with the very accommodating rural carriers the Merkel people are and may expect to continue to receive the very best of postal service.

OIL — OIL — OIL

There is no doubt in the minds of the people about oil in this country and you may all look for a boom. Every available place will be needed and if you want a home in the city, a lease or a farm I will be on the job to help you secure what you want, and save you some money. Have one good home that will take a good car as part payment. See me. Let me have your listings for sale. Yours respectfully,
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Mr. O. A. Horton of Arlington is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton, of the Noodle community.

ATTENTION—See the Christian Endeavor booth in Woodrum Hotel yard for Candy, Sandwiches and tea during the Fair. 1

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Dr. Frank Armstrong and Deverle Johnson of Fort Worth, were here first of the week mixing with friends and relatives.

Mr. Roscoe Sharp is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and home folks and friends.

Uncle Jake Banner, who has been very ill for several days, is reported improving at this time.

Mrs. Brown, and little son, Harry, of Canyon, are here guests of the former's sister, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and children spent last Sunday visiting in Hamlin.

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Miss Dot Phillips of Dora was a guest of Miss Jewel Burns this week, and other friends.

Fly-Tox tonight and sleep in comfort.

COMPETITION IN WORDS

One who goes into the market to buy a motor car today is naturally confused.

He has read the words *best* and *greatest* so often that they have ceased to be convincing. Where *all* is best, he reflects, there can be no best.

Thousand-dollar cars have been described to him in ten-thousand dollar language. And vice versa.

He finds himself the target in a war of adjectives; the helpless victim in a gigantic competition of words.

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Mr. Etsel Church, formerly with the Witt Chevrolet Company of Abilene, has moved to Merkel to make his home in the old Guitar place on Oak Street. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Church. He will have the agency in Merkel for the Overland and Willis Knight automobiles, and is located in the Blue Front Service Station.

BRUNK'S COMEDIANS HERE FAIR WEEK

The Brunk's Comedians, Fred Brunk's own company, will be a feature attraction at the fair this season. Mr. Brunk is carrying a company of over thirty people this season, including a concert band, some high class big time vaudeville acts, and one of the best casts of dramatic artists ever seen under canvas, who play all late royalty plays such as "Why Men Leave Home," "The Red Shadow," "Goldstein and Murphy," "The Unmarried Mother," and "The Broken Wing".

Jerry Barnes and his eight Merry Melody Makers are with the big company this season, so all of those who attend are assured of a real musical treat for all of the Melody Makers are young union musicians, playing all of the late popular music.

The opening play for Monday night is Avery Hopwood's famous New York comedy dramatic success, "Why Men Leave Home". This play will be presented here just as it was played at the Broadhurst Theatre in New York for one year.

WARREN NOTES By Vera Jones

The health of the community is good at present.

The farmers are all busy gathering their cotton.

All who attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter's Saturday night reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Jones of McCauley spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. V. T. Jones.

Miss Willie Newman and Vera Jones spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsie visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Ted Kelsie.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Dave Tarpley.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy, Therman McCoy, Robert Sumpter, Arthur McCoy and Joe Peterson, Oddie Jones and Ottis Jaynes spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson visited their son, Mr. Emmitt Patterson, Sunday.

Mrs. B. S. Evers spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman McCoy spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited in Merkel on Thursday evening of last week.

CROSS ROADS NEWS

The farmers of this community are beginning to pick cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason visited his father at Sylvester one day last week.

Mrs. Leona Rushing and son, who have been here visiting relatives, have gone to visit her sister, Mrs. E. W. Green, near Hamlin.

The W. M. S. will meet with Mrs. J. W. Hammond on Sept. 14th.

Several of this community attended church at Caps Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Joiner has been very ill but is some better.

Mesdames G. W. Teaff, T. J. Amason, M. G. King, Ruthie Bigham, J. B. Boyett, Kitty Clyde Williams, Bill Haynes, Fred Rucker and Lee Johnson

visited Mrs. W. F. Joiner last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair last Monday night. Mrs. Manton Ely and little son Arvel, are visiting relatives near Lamesa. Her sister, Mrs. Harris Andrews, underwent an operation last Saturday.

Messrs Dennis England, H. D. Boyett visited Mr. Craig Humphrey last Monday.

Mr. D. A. York visited his daughter, Mrs. B. E. Sanford in Brownwood last week. He returned home Sunday.

Mesdames T. J. Amason and M. G. King visited Mrs. N. B. Teaff one afternoon this week. Nelia Hudson visited Evalee and Mary Etta Bigham Sunday.

Hunting Season Open!



Hunting season opened September 1st on Doves, Prairie Chickens, and Plovers.

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"It's Your Fair"

FRANKLIN COUNTY WILL SEND YOUNG FARMERS TO 1926 STATE FAIR

Four hundred boys and girls from Franklin county—members of the county agricultural clubs working under the extension department of A. & M. College—attended the State Fair of Texas in 1925 on "Franklin County Day."

There'll be a thousand of them this year.

That's the advice from W. D. Seale, county agricultural agent of Franklin county, who has written Secretary W. H. Stratton of the Fair association, asking whether the thousand youngsters can be accommodated.

Mr. Stratton has replied that they can, and they'll be at the Fair on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. Those dates follow the close of the regular boys' club encampment on Oct. 14.

Franklin county merchants and business men, appreciating both the educational advantages of the State Fair, and that the farm boys and girls of today are the prosperous agriculturists and producers of tomorrow, inaugurated the State Fair trip last year, as a part of their program of keeping in close touch with the embryo farm owners and operators.

It is expected that other counties will emulate the example of Franklin county.

County Agent Seale also advised Secretary Stratton that Franklin county will have a fine county exhibit, which will be entered in the contest for the \$10,000 premiums offered by the Fair for the best ten exhibits as the result of scoring extending over a period of five years.

THE DALLAS NEWS TO OFFER BARGAIN

We are in receipt of a letter from The Dallas News, stating that its Third Annual Reduced Rates offer will be announced not later than December 1. Once a year, The Dallas News offers its readers an opportunity to make substantial saving on yearly subscriptions. This is a sort of Christmas present from The Dallas News to its readers. Last year and the year before, practically all of the old subscribers availed themselves of this opportunity, and thousands of new readers were added.

Among other things, The News stated that it maintains the highest priced news-gathering organization in the Southwest. Its ten leased wires, aided by an army of regular and special correspondents, bring the news from all parts of America and the remote corners of foreign lands.

This news, concerning the big State newspaper, which has meant so much to the growth of Texas, will be of interest to the entire reading public.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, of Kress, came down first of the week, having accompanied Mrs. Thompson to Temple where she is undergoing treatment at the Scott Sanitarium. Their many friends here sincerely trust that she may receive immediate and permanent relief while there.

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FREE BAND CONCERTS STATE FAIR FEATURE

Free concerts in the great Auditorium by A. P. Thaviv's "Exposition Band" are to be features at the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24.

On two afternoons each week, the concert will be given in addition to excerpts from the well known operas. On such days a nominal admission fee is to be charged. The band concert alone, however, will be absolutely free.

According to the schedule, the free concerts will be given in the morning on days when there are to be matinee performances of "Princess Flavia." On non-matinee days—Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays—the band will be heard in the afternoon. Morning hours will be from 11 to 12:30 o'clock, and afternoons from 3 until 5:30.

Thaviv's organization will come to the State Fair following engagements at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, and the famous Steel Pier at Atlantic City. In the personnel of the band and singers who are to offer the grand opera excerpts, there are artists and soloists of international reputation.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack and family returned last week from a short vacation trip to Round Rock, San Antonio and other points where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Brian returned Monday of this week from an extended trip and visit with their children in California. They have three children in California, and state that they had a most wonderful visit in the Golden Gate state.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes

Mr. Montie Hood was here Sunday from Abilene visiting friends.

BOY SCOUTS PASS SECOND CLASS TESTS

G. N. Quirl, Scout Executive was over from Abilene Monday afternoon for the purpose of giving the local Boy Scouts their tests for second class Scouts. Mr. Quirl was accompanied by Tommy Osborn, instructor in swimming and life saving methods.

The tests in swimming and life saving were given at Shannon's pool. After passing these tests the boys assembled at 8 p.m. at the Grace Presbyterian church, where a court of Honor was held. Rev. W. R. McCarter sat as chairman on the court of Honor, assisted by Mr. Jud Sheppard and Rev. Chas. H. Little.

Those successfully passing the tests were: W. A. Whitely, E. L. Turner, Jr., William Sheppard, Jr., Bennie Sheppard, Elvis Richardson, Lynn McSpadden and John D. Coats.

Awards were presented by Scout Master Herbert Patterson.

SINGING CONVENTION MEETS AT OVALO 12th

The fall session of the Taylor County Singing Convention will meet at Ovalo on Sunday, September 12, and is expected to be one of the largest and best sessions ever held, according to Hermon Rucker, Abilene, route 3, who is president and S. E. Clark, Abilene, route 5, who is secretary.

Representatives are expected from some of the largest Gospel music publishing houses over the entire South with possibly quartets from the James D. Vaughan Co. of Lawrenceburg, Tenn, and the V. O. Stamps Co., Jacksonville, Texas, as well as musicians and gospel singers from over Taylor county and other adjoining counties.

The day session will convene at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and the public is invited to come bring your lunches and be prepared to spend the day in a gospel song feast.

TEXAS RANKS FIRST IN PRODUCTION OF WOOL

Texas, with a production of 25,894,000 pounds ranked first among the wool producing states of the nation in figures estimating the 1926 clip, as announced by a Salt Lake City statistician. Utah was second and Montana third, with Utah's increase the greatest, figuring at more than 2,000,000 pounds over the showing of last year. Some conception of Texas' rank as a sheep growing and wool producing state may be had from the exhibits in the sheep and goat department at the State Fair of Texas. J. M. Jones is superintendent and A. K. Mackey of College Station, assistant in this department. Judging will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Mr. S. F. Haynes returned last week from a visit to his old home in Kentucky. It had been some 29 years since he had visited the scenes of his boyhood days, and though he saw many changes he said he enjoyed the trip very much.

Mrs. H. A. Brubeck is reported on the sick list this week. Mr. Brubeck is employed on the oil test on the Winter place, and they have rooms at the Roy Adams home.

Mr. J. C. Mason returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where he had been called to a meeting of the Executive Board of the Texas Farm Bureau, he being a member.

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FOR SALE—Bundle Sorghum. See W. L. Diltz, Sr. tf

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FOR SALE—Cheap, 4 second-hand doors and windows. See W. S. Slayden at Post Office. 1tp

Chicken Feed—Have some good headed Maize for sale at \$1.00 per hundred pounds of heads. See J. S. Hughes. 11t3p

FOR SALE—200 acre farm, 130 in cultivation, within half mile of schools, churches and gin, 4 mi. of new oil well and not leased. At bargain for few days only. Box 444, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Five or six furnished rooms. Could divide into two or three room apartments. S. F. Haynes, phone 24. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two or three room unfurnished apartment. Nice, south rooms, private entrance. E. E. Church, at Blue Front Service Station. tf

WANTED

NOTICE—We will thrash maize every Wednesday at Joe Higgins, Route one. tf

WANTED—Some more milk customers, night or morning. Phone 9010F4, W. S. Chinn. 1tp

WANTED—To board a girl or woman for her company and a little help. Mrs. Annis. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A sack of copper tubing on highway near Burton-Lingo company. Owner call at this office for same. 1t

LOST—Around Merkel four or five hogs with vaccination tags in ears. Also have some hogs for sale at wagon yard. Henry Ellerbee, Merkel, route 5. 1tp

FOUND—A handbag between Merkel and Trent. Owner may get same by describing contents and bag. M. R. Hail, Trent, route one. 1tp

ATTENTION—See the Christian Endeavor booth in Woodrum Hotel yard for Candy, Sandwiches and tea during the Fair. 1

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
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Merkel, Texas

Phone 164w P. O. Box 224

The Sower



This is the way the cartoonist visualizes the news that The State Fair of Texas is offering special premiums totaling \$10,000 over a five-year period, for agricultural improvement in Texas. The premiums will be awarded in a contest between county exhibits, beginning with the fortieth annual State Fair, Oct. 9-24 next, and ending with the exposition of 1930.

STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

On How to Lose Your Inheritance

"It is so hard for me to get along on what John left me," complained Mrs. Norris to Aunt Emmy. "Junior wants to get a job, but I always wanted him to go to college."
"Yes, yes, I know," interrupted Aunt Emmy, "but what about this mining stock?"
"I'm coming to that. You see I thought I could invest some of those bonds John left, they yield such a tiny income, in something that would bring real money. I needed more money, so when the telephone rang that day and a man, he had the nicest voice, said he had been referred to me by a friend and wanted to talk over some gilt-edged investments, I told him to come right up."
"His name was Mr. Stanhope. He was so nice. He told me all about the big money people are making in platinum mines. Platinum jewelry is so fashionable now. He said he could let me have some stock in a wonderful mine, and that the company would buy the stock back if I ever wanted my money."

"Have you a statement signed by one of the officers of the mining company to the effect that the company will repurchase your stock?" asked Aunt Emmy.
"Why no—"

"Well, you will have trouble getting your money back. A company cannot be compelled to buy its own stock back."
"Oh, I don't know. Anyhow, I got out my bonds and showed them to him—"

"What, you keep your bonds in the house instead of at the bank!" exclaimed Aunt Emmy.
"Why, yes, but in a box that locks—"

and Mr. Stanhope said that he was surprised that a woman with the good business judgment I had should be getting such a small income as those bonds paid—scarcely anything. He said that I should make my money work harder for me. He knew I must have good business judgment, he said, because I brought my children up so beautifully. He offered to take the bonds and change them for his stock."
"Oh, Lord!" exclaimed Aunt Emmy, "did he give you a receipt?"
"Why, of course, he was the nicest man. But Junior said after he left that he didn't like him. He said he looked slick. Boys are so funny. Well, I got the platinum stock but Mr. Barnes at the bank says it's no good. He must be mistaken. But I want my bonds back so I came to you for help. And you're always so lucky about your investments."

"Not lucky, just sensible," corrected Aunt Emmy. "Why, oh why, don't you consult your banker, who understands finance before you risk your money? This is not your first loss. Remember that piece of land you bought that was under water?"
"That was different," said Mrs. Norris blushing, "and anyway, Mr. Stanhope is honest, I can tell that."

"If he were honest, he would not have promised you the things he promised. Reputable houses don't send out representatives who make promises about repurchase of stock. Why don't you 'phone your Mr. Stanhope?"

"I did, but he's out of town. I've written, too, but I suppose I shall have to wait until he gets back. It's been several weeks now, so he should be back soon."

Just then the evening paper came. Aunt Emmy glanced at it, then read it attentively. Her expression grew serious. She handed the paper to Mrs. Norris. On the front page was an account of a financial scandal. The house that sold Mrs. Norris her mining stock was involved and the men who ran the business had been indicted for fraud.—A. B. Agency.

\$10.00 REWARD

to the Ford Owner in this County whose car, now in use, has been in continuous operation the longest with the smallest amount of cost for repairs.

Write us a letter giving us the motor number of car, length of time car has been in use and cost of repairs.

Furnish cost of tires in separate item from repairs.

CONTEST CLOSES ON SEPT. 18, 1926

Merkel Motor Company Ford Dealers

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. tf

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money. tf

It's the QUALITY of our work that has made our business increase so rapidly. Most everybody is using our service. Have you got the habit? Phone 133J when you have cleaning and pressing or laundry work, and we'll call for it. J. E. Harris, the Laundryman. tf

Ask Us This Question

"What will a new Battery Cost?" is the first question a car owner usually asks. He may be thinking about the final cost. But more than likely he is concerned with what it will cost him over the counter.

Come to see us with that question and you will be agreeably surprised when you learn how little a new Exide will cost you--first and last.

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"A COMPLETE SERVICE"

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Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

WEST TEXAS FAIR SOON TO OPEN

Arrangements are about complete for the opening of the Tenth Annual West Texas Fair at Abilene. The Fair opens Monday, September 20, and continues for six days, closing Saturday, September 25th. Secretary C. J. Jones reports that the demand for Exhibit space in all departments has greatly exceeded that of previous years which is an excellent indication of the healthy condition of West Texas. Many well known West Texas Breeders have entered their fine herds of registered cattle, sheep, swine and horses. Extra accommodations are being added in the Poultry Building to take care of the large entries of Poultry. The fine crops this year have considerably increased the interest in the Agricultural Department and the exhibit of farm products will be unusually complete.

The Manager of the Fair has arranged an excellent amusement program for the 1926 Exposition. In place of the Hippodrome Acts before the Grand Stand they have substituted an Auditorium Show to be presented in a huge tent 120x210 feet specially built for the attraction. Ernie Young's Revue "The Passing Parade of 1926" will be the feature. The Revue is a musical extravaganza from the famous Marigold Gardens of Chicago and carries a great cast of beautiful girls and a number of vocal celebrities and dance artists. The costumes and scenic equipment are said to be unusually elaborate and complete. In addition to the Revue, which will be presented in five big scenes, there will be four special vaudeville numbers of unusual merit. The most unique feature of the program will be the "Lomas Troupe" of Pantomime Artists. The Troupe is an importation from the Music Halls of London and their "Mannikin Stilt Parade" is said to be the most novel comedy acts ever seen. "Lohse & Sterling" is a clever acrobatic number. Dainty Miss Nan Sterling won a Gold Medal for being the most perfectly formed Athletic Beauty in Vaudeville. "Fink's Comedy Mules" is a complete one-ring circus of well trained dogs, ponies, mules and monkeys. This act will be a special delight to children and a hilariously funny spectacle for grown-ups. The "Chicago Cadet Band and Glee Club" will play for all acts of the Auditorium Show and furnish a special program in their turn. The Band is an aggregation of young and talented musicians and are unusually skilled in the intricate variations of modern syncopations and "blues". They will play for all parades and occasions.

John T. Wortham's Carnival will be on the Midway. Mr. Wortham is a member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and an enthusiastic booster. He carries a large sign on his office wagon wherever he goes advertising West Texas as "The Land of Opportunity".

Wednesday, September 22 and Friday, September 24, are Automobile Race Days at the Fair. \$6,000 is offered in purses and there will be six events each day.

Four football games have been arranged to be played before the



Advance Fall Styles

Ushering in the newest in Fall Dresses and Millinery—offering the very best in values Dresses and Hats that were created by designers who know but one law—"Beauty" and too, the manufacturer's who produced them must have been a wizard in economy.

There's so much to say about these Dresses that we will say nothing—but we want you to see them at your very earliest convenience, because we know that you will be enthusiastic too. They're priced at our usual small margins of profit policy and you can depend on not paying too much here.

Dresses priced 6.95 to 39.75
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Our new Fall Shoes and Hose are here too in all the wanted shades

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

"The Place Most People Trade"

(Continued from Front page)

6-INCH CASING SET READY TO DRILL

your damned oil well," and closed down for orders.

After several long distance conferences, orders were issued to make preparations for setting the six-inch casing and drilling in of the well.

Within a few hours the news spread over the entire state, and on into other states and almost instantly, it seemed, came the oil prospector, scout and "lease hound" from everywhere. Each day the excitement has increased until today there are hundreds of new people in Merkel interested in the new well.

For weeks before the discovery, lease peddlers found but little or no demand, and there were no buyers. Even thirty minutes before the lid blew off, one man, a prominent farmer owning several hundred acres within a mile and a half of the well, offered his lease at only \$7.50 per acre, and just before the well made its first flow, a local man, Mr. F. H. Latham, half-heartedly told the farmer, Mr. J. M. Dunn, he believed he would take 160 acres at that price, and he had no more than said it when the gas made a light rumble and the oil flowed over the casing. But Mr. Dunn stood pat, and they came to town and the papers were signed. Before this could be completed the news came that the well had shot over the top. Mr. Dunn leased his next acreage at \$50 acre Wednesday afternoon. Up to this time he and his sons had sold more than \$9,000 worth of leases with all their royalty retained. Mr. Dunn put 320 acres of his land in the original Phillips lease.

Of course the man owning the land on which the well is located is always the big man when a big wild cat oil well blows in, and in this instance Mr. Joe Winter is the man. He is one of the pioneers of this section of the West, and owns 320 acres. He put all of his land in the original lease, but still has his royalty. He has been asked hundreds of times if he would sell his royalty, to which he generally replied "if I made you a price it would be so high you would not have it". Finally—now this is confidential, as the writer overheard the conversation—on Thursday morning a big fine looking man, who looked to be a real oil man, had all the marks, met our oil king, Mr. Winter, at a local bank window, and after the usual morning greetings quietly insisted that the man on whose farm the big gusher is located actually make him a price on his royalty. But Mr. Winter again smilingly said "if I did you would not have it". The man again insisted, and Uncle Joe remarked \$250,000.00, and I won't do that until later in the day, and the man asked that he be seen later. He may have been joking, we don't know.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall returned this week from a trip of several months which carried them into many states in the north and on into Canada and back down south as far as Florida. We have not learned whether they expect to make Merkel their home again, but they have many friends who welcome their return.

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Grand Stand, Monday, the first day of the Fair, Abilene High will meet Anson High. Tuesday McMurry College will play Texas Tech of Lubbock. Thursday, Abilene Christian College will play Howard Payne of Brownwood. Saturday, Simmons University will meet St. Mary's University.

MERKEL BAPTISTS

Sunday school 10 a.m. with a place for all.
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7 p.m. We had 65 present in our B.Y.P.U.'s last Sunday and expect 75 Sunday. We now have an adult union and all adults are invited to come with us. This union meets at the same time of the other unions and meets with them in the opening and closing exercises. The Adult Union will elect officers Sunday and get ready for work.

The Association is coming to Merkel soon. Let's get ready for their coming by bringing up our average attendance at all services.

A cordial welcome is extended to all who will come.
Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires.

MR. DAVIS ATTENDS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Postmaster Taylor F. Davis returned Wednesday from Dallas, where he had been to attend the State Republican Convention. He reports a very harmonious meeting, and stated that the prediction was prevalent there among the "higher ups" that the Republican Party would poll the biggest vote in Texas this fall it had ever polled in the state. Mr. Davis informed us that he expects to bring to Merkel some time before the general election, the Republican candidate for Governor, for a speech.

In 1925 a very large city in Michigan was badly infested with mosquitoes. Fly-Tox in car-load lots was sent there by express to supply the demand. These people insisted upon the wonderful product Fly-Tox, developed by the foremost research institute of its kind in the world. Get Fly-Tox at your retailer, always in bottles with the blue label. Adv-It

Mr. J. S. Swann returned first of the week from Fort Worth, where he had shipped a car of two-year old white faced steers, which he reports topped the market at seven cents.

A Bunco Party

Last Friday evening Miss Doris Durham entertained a number of friends at her home with a bunco party. After dainty tally cards were passed interesting games of progressive bunco were enjoyed. This was followed by contests and other games. Delicious refreshments of fruit jello, ice cream and little cakes were passed after the guests had found their partners by matching numbers given to them earlier in the evening. Those enjoying this party were Misses Melba West, Boog Sears, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Gladys Mayfield, Mona Margaret Jones, Sally Brown, Tommie Durham, Elsie Lee Cox and Dorothy Sanders of Abilene. Messrs. Hubert Blair, Marvin Mayfield, Edward McCrary, Wrenn Durham, Jack Anderson and W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. C. W. Roberts and family of Lampasas were here last Saturday, guests of the former's Uncle, Mr. T. H. Kell. Mr. Roberts is editor of the Lampasas Record and while here made this office a very pleasant visit in company with Mr. Kell.

John Shannon and Homer Patterson were in Dallas this week looking for cotton pickers.

OVERLAND AGENCY ESTABLISHED HERE

The Big Four Motor Company of Abilene is this week establishing a branch agency in Merkel, with Mr. Etsel Church, late of Sherman, Texas, in charge as manager. Mr. Church is well known here, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and having been reared here has many warm friends.

The Big Four Motor Company is agent for both the Willys-Knight and Overland Cars, and now have the new Overland Whippet on display here. They have established offices in the Blue Front Service Station and Garage, operated by Messrs. Roy Adams and Charlie Higgins.

MARRIED AT ROBY

Mr. D. M. Floyd of this community, and Miss Pinkie Milligan of Roby, were married in that city on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Floyd is well known here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Floyd, and Miss Milligan is also well known and highly esteemed here, being the sister of Mrs. W. G. Leach, and having visited here many times.

This paper joins many friends in extending best wishes and congratulations.

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The Oil Center

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