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## PHILLIPS WELL MAKING MORE THAN 1000

## Third Annual Community Fair Opens

### FINE EXHIBITS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

MERCHANTS BOOTHS GOOD; MANY AMUSEMENT FEATURES

Merkel's Third Annual Community Fair opened Thursday morning with fine exhibits in all departments and still others coming in. A number of attractive merchants' booths display the wares of local business enterprises. A Carnival company, shows, ferris wheel and midway offer many amusement features. A football game between Merkel Hi and Loraine Hi will be played today on the local high school grounds. Large crowds already are gathering and promises to reach greater proportions as the Fair goes along, continuing over today and Saturday.

Regardless of the fact that a great oil gusher has been brought in near Merkel, and the farmers are taxed to their utmost with their crops, the Fair promises to be a splendid success.

The exhibits of every kind and character are indeed fine, and the displays from communities and individuals are tastefully arranged and make a fine show themselves. The poultry exhibit is very fine, and is worth the trip to the fair building alone.

Let's make it the best ever. You'll miss it if you miss it.

### CITIZENS PLAN CITY'S ADVANCE

A mass meeting of the citizens of Merkel was held one evening recently for the purpose of discussing the best ways and means of coping with the situation of caring for the city's best interest brought about by the recent discovery of oil within our gates. This has already brought about a condition that demands and should have the immediate help and cooperation of every man and woman within our borders; a condition that should have the careful thought and assistance of every one interested in the development of Merkel as the center of activities in the new oil field.

At this meeting a committee was appointed to go over the city and solicit from every firm and citizen financial aid for carrying on Chamber of Commerce work, which work will be for the upbuilding and development of Merkel during this the biggest rush ever experienced by a West Texas town. This committee, composed of representative business men and citizens, made a drive throughout the entire city Thursday and succeeded in raising a monthly budget of over \$500, to be used in the employment of a secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and other incidental expenses. This is indeed a nice showing to begin with, but it is not enough to meet the emergency, and will no doubt be increased.

Merkel has the opportunity of its life-time. It can soon be a city of 10,000 population by the right efforts upon the part of its citizens, or it can adopt the small town ideas and remain a

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### LEASES AND ROYALTY BRING BIG PRICES

The discovery of oil by the Phillips Petroleum Company in their Joe Winter No. 1, eight miles northwest of Merkel last week, has already brought many thousands of dollars in wealth to many citizens of this city and surrounding country.

Mr. J. C. Mason, one of Merkel's enterprising citizens, sold a one-thirty second royalty in his 160 acre farm which is adjacent to the land on which the discovery well is located, for the handsome sum of \$7,000, to C. M. Caldwell and associates of Abilene, Texas.

Mr. J. S. Swann, prominent banker and stockman sold the lease on 300 acres to the Phillips Petroleum Company for \$30 per acre. This land is about two and a half miles north of the Winter well.

Mrs. Emma Carter, formerly a citizen of the Shiloh community for many years, now residing in San Angelo, has sold leases and royalty to the amount of \$12,500.

Mr. R. E. Windham, a farmer near the well, sold one fourth of his royalty in 120 acres for \$6,000.00.

Mr. G. M. Sharp, popular groceryman of this city, who owns several farms in the vicinity of the well, has sold considerable leases at \$35.00 per acre.

Among the many in and about Trent, who have profited greatly by the oil rush, are Messrs. Alex and Tom Williams, hardware merchants of that city, who sold to Mr. Yancey, representing some of the big companies, a lease on 80 acres at \$100.00 per acre, making \$8,000 cash.

W. O. Boney, Arthur Clark and Orb Stanford sold to the World Company of Fort Worth, leases on their land at \$30 per acre.

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### MERKEL SCHOOLS OPENED SEPT. 6TH.

On Monday, Sept. 6, the local school system started functioning and is now running along smoothly. For the first time in four years we are not over crowded. This year we have plenty of room in both the Grammar school and High School. None of the teachers are over-run with students. We don't know how long this condition will prevail, however, and we suspect it will not be long in view of the present oil developments, and the early harvest of cotton, but we feel we will be able to care for 100 more in the grammar school and 40 more in the high school.

Mrs. Sublett is carrying on the work of enrollment at the grammar school, and has everything going nicely. The teachers are enthusiastic and ready to work. We have had the assurance from the P. T. A. that they will be with us in putting over a program of constructive work.

In the High School we have this year the greatest choice of subjects ever offered in any one

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### JOE WINTER SELLS ROYALTY FOR \$29,500

One of the greatest sensations since the producer came in occurred Monday when Mr. Joe Winter sold one-fourth of his one-eighth royalty in 318 acres to the Landreth Oil Company for \$29,500. Mr. Winter confirmed the report.

Mr. Winter, a genteel man of about 60 years, has a kindly face and twinkling grey eyes. He demonstrated in the Farmers State Bank at Merkel that he could more than hold his own in an exchange of banter with friends. "Good luck!" he said. "I'm the unluckiest fellow you ever saw. "Why," he continued, "I could not win a bet to save my life. About three weeks ago I was over at the well and the driller was trying to sell me a German police dog for \$25. I made him this bet then; I agreed to buy the dog for \$50 if the well came in, provided the driller gave him to me if it didn't. Now I've got to pay for that darned dog."

Mrs. Winter is of the same type as her husband—except that she's larger. She's of a gentle nature, friendly, motherly, and a friend to every one—but she's far from excited over the fortune that's been emptied into her lap. She will talk on any subject—but she won't pose for a picture.

For twenty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Winter have lived on their farm six miles northwest of Merkel. They have toiled to win the half-section of rich Jones county land on which they live. But what they prize more than anything is the host of friends they have made.

"We had three children," Mrs. Winter said in answer to a question—and she likes to talk about home and such things better than oil wells—"but only two boys are living. One is married and Bud, 25, is at home with us. When my brother's wife, Mrs. Walter Phillips, died we took her daughter, Elva, who was six weeks old, and raised her as our daughter. She's Mrs. Pete Rutledge now."

But Winter is elated over the oil well but he keeps it to himself. Tuesday he was wearing the same hat, a broad-brimmed, grey felt, which he wore the day the well came in. It is bespattered with oil but good for many days of service.

The fact that they leased land to the Phillips for \$1 an acre with a fifty-cent renewal agreement, does not worry the Winter family. Someone had to lease the land at that price and Mr. Winter is glad he did it. His dividends already have amounted to more than if he had held the land for \$100 an acre—which might have never come. Besides, they have an oil well which will pay them about \$150 a day on the basis of 800-barrel production. Then there's room for many more wells on the farm.

Mr. Jack Canon returned this week from a visit to his farm on the Plains. We learn he has contracted for the sale of his land at about double the price he paid for it. Mr. Canon has made several profitable deals on the plains this year.



This is the way the Phillips Petroleum Company's Joe Winter No. 1 looked when it went over the derrick top the second head.

### COMPANY GET SUPPLY HOUSE SITE

One of the biggest and most active companies recently securing large acreage in the Merkel oil field, has already secured a site for their supply station in Merkel, which means that this city will be their active operating headquarters. While this may not be for publication, it is also intimated that this company plans to establish a large gasoline refining plant at Merkel when the same is needed to care for their interests.

The fact that the roads to the field from Merkel are the best, and the further fact that our water supply is both good and plentiful, and that our city has a sewerage system and other accommodations was the prime reason for this company deciding to make these locations in this city.

### LATHAM STARTS NEW BRICK BUILDING

Last week Mr. F. H. Latham, one of our citizens who has been in the thickest of the new oil boom, who has perhaps reaped his share of the profits brought about by the rush, closed a deal last week for the purchase from the Farmers State Bank of a lot 20x40 feet, located just west of the bank building. He at once let a contract for the erection of a new up-to-date brick building, and work has already been started on the building.

### Lawyer Locates Here

Judge DeBusk, of Sweetwater, an attorney, has located in Merkel since the oil rush opened, and at this time is making his headquarters at the Farmers State Bank. He is a young man and comes well recommended both as an attorney and citizen.

### NEW LOCATIONS PROMISE ACTIVE DRILLING CAMPAIGN NEAR HERE

In spite of attempts to keep actual production at the well from being known, and various rumors that salt water had ruined the well, estimates by various oil men have placed the production at from 600 to 1800 barrels per day. A representative of one of the largest production companies operating in Texas said "it looks like a 1000 barrel well if I ever saw one".

As has been stated, the first showing was struck at 2,510 feet and since has been cleaned out and sunk seven feet into the pay sand. The truth of the matter is, the well has never been turned loose, and no one knows just what the well will make when drilled through all the sand.

Production began to increase at nine o'clock Monday night when the discovery well was swabbed to a depth almost reaching its bottom. A continuous stream has flowed into the pipeline leading to the storage tanks since that time, ranging in size from a small stream to five inches across. Tuesday morning the third tank was filled and the oil turned into a ground tank. Possibly fifty barrels ran into the pit before another storage tank could be completed.

Pipe Line Being Laid  
A crew of men was put to work Thursday morning laying a pipe line from the well to the Texas & Pacific railway four miles south, which is the quickest that a pipe line has ever been known to have been laid from a wildcat well. This is good evidence that the company is sure that the well is producing oil in quantities far greater than any wildcat this soon after production was started.

It's A Well  
All doubt that the well is a commercial producer has vanished. Oil men have developed sudden reticence in the face of the indisputable evidence brought to light by the last few days developments. They talk very little now of the prospects, but are hurriedly leasing all available land.

Additional proof of bright prospects for heavy production and still other locations came Tuesday as reports of new leases became known. Prices paid for leases within three miles of the well range from \$50 to \$300. The Phillips Petroleum Company the Marland interests, the Ixex Company, the Gulf Production, the World Company, the American Refining Company and other companies are in the field angling for leases.

The interest shown by lease men from both independent and big companies, is perhaps greater than any since the wild days of the Ranger and Desdemona booms. Big things are taking place faster right from the start than were ever experienced in those fields. The rush seemed to start thirty minutes after the well went over the top the first time, and has increased in interest and magnitude every day since until now there are great throngs of oil men and people crowding the streets in Merkel, Trent, and Abilene.

It is possible that the drilling in last week by the Phillips Petroleum Company of their Joe Winter No. 1, which at last minute reports was holding its gauge flow of more than 1000 barrels

per day, will cause the greatest drilling campaign to begin at once that has been experienced in any West Texas oil field.

It is stated positively that the Marland Oil Company will soon begin preparations for four tests on their property. The Phillips Company will drill two offsets and possibly others already located on their extensive holdings.

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### T.&P. TO BUILD MORE TRACKAGE

As we go to press information is received that the Texas and Pacific Railway Company is now making plans for adding four new side tracks in the local yards, in order to properly care for the great rush that is sure to come as the result of recent oil discoveries near here.

This is being done, we understand, because of the fact that many of the big companies, including the Phillips, have decided to make Merkel their shipping point.

### "NOODLE CREEK" IS NAME GIVEN MERKEL OIL POOL

The "Noodle Creek Pool" is the official designation given the new oil producing area opened up by Phillips Petroleum Company in Jones County, where it corners with Fisher, Nolan and Taylor counties.

The discovery well, which was completed Tuesday was reported flowing about 45 barrels of oil per hour. The oil is of 40 gravity. The well also is making about 200,000 feet of gas daily. The production horizon is from 2,490 to 2,514 feet.—Star-Telegram.

### Oklahoma City Doctor to be Associated With Dr. Grimes

Dr. Frank Estes, of Oklahoma City, has arrived in the city, and beginning next Monday will be associated with Dr. R. I. Grimes in the practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Estes comes most highly recommended and we welcome him to our city.

The Merkel Mail is \$1 per year today and Saturday only in Merkel territory.

## To Our Patrons

Commencing September 1st. this Bank will

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## PETER DE PAOLA IN ABILENE RACES

Peter De Paola, the 1925 sensation of the auto racing world, who is now in second place among all drivers of the country in their annual race for the national championship, signed a contract in Detroit Sunday to race at the West Texas Fair on Wednesday and Friday afternoons of next week. De Paola, a nephew of Ralph De Palma, took the 1925 race in Indianapolis covering the 500 miles in 4 hrs. 56 minutes and 39 seconds in a Duesenburg. He also won the 1925 Altoona 250 mile race and the Laurel, Md., 250 mile event. He is the holder of the 1925 A.A. A. Speedway records at seven distances. De Paola is the third Indianapolis Speedway winner to appear at Abilene.

Several other famous race drivers will appear with De Paola at the fast West Texas Fair track, among those already entered being George Souders, Dick Calhoun, Harry Milburn, Babe Stapp and Fred Frame. Stapp and Frame have won many events on the Pacific coast. Frame drives a Miller Special and Stapp has a Chrysler which has just been specially built for him. Souders, Calhoun and Milburn are well known to West Texas race fans and the appearance of this trio together insures a thrilling race. Other entries of particular interest are expected to come in within the next few days.

### CITATION ON PUBLICATION

For Probate of Will THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas To all persons interested in the Estate of Mrs. L. J. Turner, deceased. F. Z. Turner has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mrs. L. J. Turner, deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in October, A. D. 1926, the same being the 18th day of October 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 3rd day of September, 1926. W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk County Court, Taylor County, Texas, by Penn Gilbreth, Deputy

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## BADGERS OPEN WITH LORAIN

The Merkel High School football team, the "Badgers," play their first game of the season today with the Loraine High School team on the local gridiron at four p.m.

Although the Badgers did not go into training before school opened, as they have done, they are in the lead of most high school teams in point of practice because the Merkel school opened a week earlier than most others. Though this is his first year to coach the badgers, Coach Carlton soon learned that he had plenty of material in the twenty candidates for various positions that have been working out every day since school opened. But it is largely new material. Only four of last year's Badger team returned this year, the others playing their first year. Herein lies the problem of Coach Carlton; building a team of practically new material. The Chaney twins will be sorely missed from the backfield, as will Jimmie Toombs, Laler Toombs, Witcher, Mayfield and others in the line. But there's Lester Tittle, Rogers, Daniels and Joe Bailey Toombs from last year, and prospects look bright for new material to make wonderful developments.

Following are the names of the players, their positions, number of years playing, and weight. Lester Tittle, fullback, 4 years, 210 lbs., Maben Rogers, quarter, 4 years, weight 145. Montie Daniels, half, 3rd year, 155 pounds, Joe Bailey Toombs, 2nd year, center, 150 pounds; Joe Bray Cypert, end, 1st year, 155 lbs.; S. E. Gilmore, tackle, 1st year, 150 pounds; Foster Watts, tackle, 1st year, 144 pounds; Shorter, half, 1st year, 162 pounds; Bryant, half and guard, 1st year, 147 pounds; Rex Roberts, guard and center, 1st year, 140 pounds; Max Roberts, half and tackle, 1st year, 160 pounds; Charlie Largent, center, 1st year 137 pounds; Tolbert Proctor, end and tackle, 1st year, 156 pounds; Foy King, guard, 1st year, 152 pounds; Watt Miller, guard, 1st year, 155 pounds; Richie, guard, 1st year, 130 lbs.; Mack Swafford, guard, 1st year, 133 pounds; Bernice Tucker, guard, 1st year, 135 pounds; P. B. Horton, guard, 1st year, 158 pounds; and McClain.

The probable line-up will be: Quarter, Rogers (captain); full, Tittle; right half, Shorter; left half, Daniels; right end, McLean; left end, Cupert; right tackle, Watts; left tackle, M. Roberts; right guard, Gilmore; left guard, Horton; center, Toombs.

Let's help the Badgers win this first game and start the season right. We expect to publish the complete schedule next week.

### Intermediate League Program

Subject: "God's Ownership, our Substance."  
Leader, Milton Case.  
Scripture: Luke 12:13-21; Isa 52:2, by leader.  
Song: Prayer.  
Preparation, Louise Booth.  
Tested by the Bible, W. A. Whitely.  
A successful Tither, J. T. Darsey, Jr.  
My offering for the Kingdom by Lynn McSpadden.  
Song: Benediction.

### Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

"Paul's Missionary World."  
Leader, Clarence Sharp.  
Map of Paul's World.  
1. Paul's sermon at Antioch, J. E. Boaz.  
2. Paul's sermons on the second journey, by Beth Hamm.  
3. Sermons on his third journey, by William Sheppard.  
4. Paul's Alphabet, by Ruth Simpson.  
Everybody welcome. Come hear a good program at 7 p.m.

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### Choral Club Organized

On last Wednesday afternoon the Choral Club, under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, met and elected officers. Miss Tommie Durham was elected as president, and Miss Intha Bird secretary-treasurer and press reporter. Members of the club are very enthusiastic, and expect to have the best choral club that Merkel High School has ever produced. They say "watch us put it over."

Rev. Chas H. Little returned yesterday from Lamesa, where he had been to attend the meeting of the Abilene Presbytery. He reports a great meeting and fine time.

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## ANNOUNCING

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Saturday Night—



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Our children are precious. What are you doing for them? The church helps them to become noble and great. Are you bringing them there?  
Our Sunday school is waiting for you. Efficient teachers and graded system of instruction.  
We invite you to worship with us at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.  
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," Psalms 122:1.  
W. R. McCarter.

## MERKEL BAPTISTS

Sunday School begins promptly at 10 a.m. with a place for all. This is the last Sunday for the teachers to be with their classes till promotion day. It is hoped that every teacher will be in place early Sunday morning and make this last Sunday with the class count.

Sunday, the 26th, will be promotion day, when all pupils will be promoted from one class to another, in all departments up to the Young People's department.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Morning subject, "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" Evening subject, "How to Abound".

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7 p.m. Since we have an Adult union we now have a place in the training service for everybody.

Strangers, visitors and new comers are especially invited to come and find a welcome in all the services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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## Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

For Sept. 19, 1926.  
Subject, "Following Jesus Every Day."

1. Introduction, by Alvin Parrack.
2. A true Christian Loves Jesus, by John Jones.
3. A true Christian Loves Others, by J. D. Ashby.
4. Poem, "His Question, by Margaret Miller.
5. A true Christian Obeys the Commands of Jesus, by J. E. Lassiter.
6. A true Christian Loves the

Bible, by Kathleen Harmon.

7. Story, by Ruth Davis.
8. A true Christian Loves God's House, by Juanita Harmon.
9. A true Christian wants to do the things that please Jesus, by Himalaya Swafford.

Mr. George Darley of Brady was here this week, guest in the J. R. Baze home.

J. S. Matchett of Hamlin is a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. C. P. Stevens, this week.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p.m.  
General church night service Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Supper served at 8 o'clock, followed by a program from all departments of the church and Sunday school. A cordial welcome to all these services. Chas. H. Little.

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### W. O. W. NOTICE

The meeting nights of the W. O. W. Lodge have been changed from second and fourth Mondays to second and fourth Friday nights. W. M. Elliott, C.C.

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### Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

Twenty-Fifth Dividend  
The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Friday, October 1, 1926, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Monday, September 20, 1926.  
R. A. NICKERSON,  
Treasurer.

Services at Noodle Sunday  
Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at Noodle next Sunday. Every one is cordially invited and urged to attend the services.

The boys of today are taught sanitary and healthful living conditions in hundreds of Boy Scout camps. In most of these camps Fly-Tox, the modern safeguard to health and comfort is part of the regular equipment. Get Fly-Tox from your retailer, always in bottles with blue label.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Horton and little son, Robert Andrew, of Arlington, Texas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lucas of Noodle.

## The Merkel Mail

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### CAR REGISTRATIONS SHOW FORD IN LEAD

A recent survey of car registrations shows that Merkel registered 32 cars during the three months of June, July and August 1926. Fords led the list with 18 cars during the three months, which was three times the number of the second highest, Chevrolet taking second with 6 registrations. Dodge came third with 3, Chrysler next with 2, and Essex, Buick and Hudson had one each.

### PHILLIPS CHIEF DENIES MERGER; RECORD EARNINGS

New York, Sept. 14.—Frank Phillips, president of Phillips Petroleum Company, Tuesday denied rumors of a merger involving his company.

No negotiations were pending, he said, there being no occasion to consider a merger or anticipate any new financing.

Earnings for 1926 would be the largest in the company's history, those for August amounting to \$3,750,000 after charges, a new record for any month.

Earnings for the eight months this year were \$21,138,000 with a balance of \$13,138,000 for dividends and surplus. Daily gross production of crude in August was 70,000 barrels, a gain of 100 per cent over August last year.—Star-Telegram.

### CITATION OF APPLICATION For Letters of Guardianship

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF Lula D. Hannah, Minor; Douglas Hannah has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minor; which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in October A. D. 1926, same being the 18th day of October A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minor may appear and contest such application, if they see proper to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this 14th day of Sept. 1926. W. E. Beasley, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Penn Gilbreath, Deputy. 17t2

Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton, and Miss Annie Houghton, all of Oklahoma City, arrived this week to look over the oil situation. Mr. Houghton was here during the balmy days of the Sears well excitement and their many friends welcome them back to Merkel. Mr. Houghton always maintained the belief that oil would be discovered here in commercial quantities and the Phillips discovery well has proved his belief.

### Idlewise Club

Tuesday afternoon, September 7th, Mrs. Warren Smith was the gracious and pleasing hostess to the Club members and several guests, at her cozy apartment on Oak street.

All marked their places at tables artistically arranged for playing auction bridge. After several hours spent at this diversion, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Earl Baze, served a refreshing iced plate with cake and dainty sandwiches to Mesdames Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze, Bill Brown, Sie Brannon, Roy Largent, Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Maurine Hearn, Alva Wheeler, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Kathleen Sudderth, Lucy Tracy, Julia Martin and Mary Cleo Booth.

Dr. S. W. Johnson will be in Abilene Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18, attending a West Texas Dental Society meeting.

An ad was placed in this column a week ago for a lost suitcase. It was the property of Mr. John L. West, Floydada, Texas. The suitcase was found by a lady near Sylvester and returned to the owner. Ask the man who placed the ad. It

### THE BLAIR HOTEL

Is now open for business. Boarders and roomers wanted. North of tabernacle, 2 blocks from main street. Mrs. J. S. Blair, proprietor. tf

# Better than Ever-

Following their traditional policy of constant improvement with no yearly models, Dodge Brothers, during the past eight months, have vastly bettered their motor cars in many vital respects.

Indeed, there has never been an equal period in Dodge Brothers history when so many refinements of a popular and fundamental nature have been made.

The public is registering its appreciation of this progressive industrial service by purchasing every motor car Dodge Brothers can build—in spite of the fact that Dodge Brothers production, during these months, has broken all previous records by an impressive margin.

## MERKEL GARAGE

Ross Ferrier & H. L. Propst  
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## DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS

## Announcement

We have sold the old Woodrum Filling Station, in the Porter Building, and will continue to operate our new "Drive In Filling Station" on Kent Street, where we are much better prepared to serve our friends and Customers than ever. We will continue to handle nothing but—

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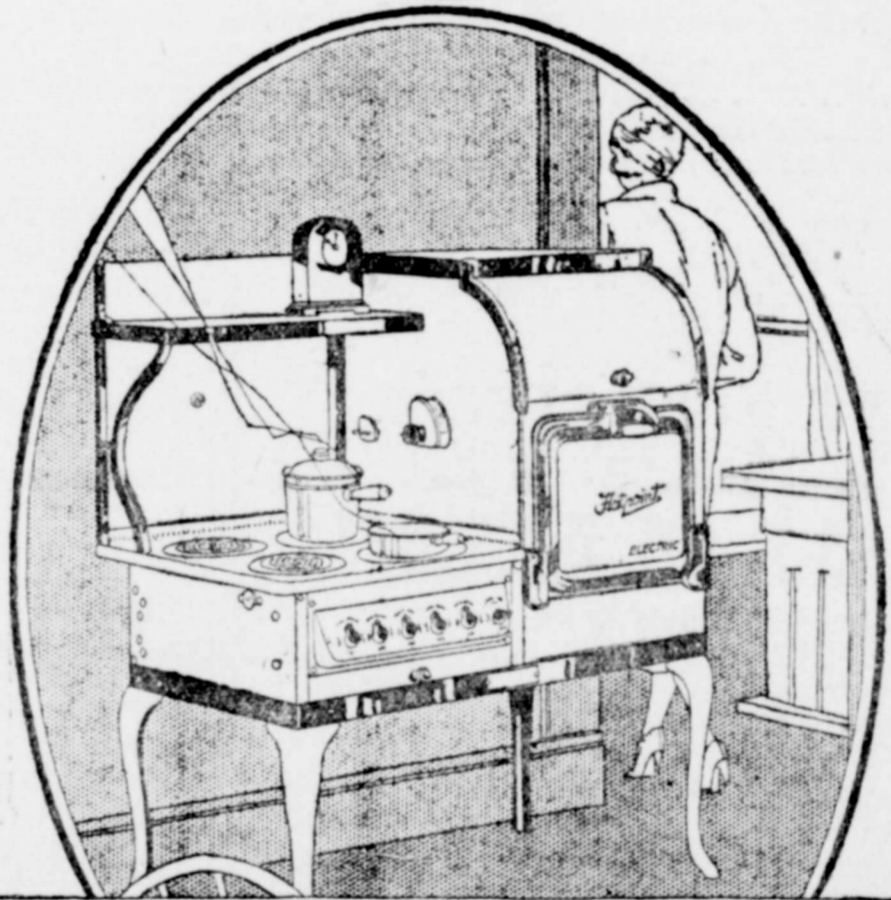
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## West Texas Utilities Company

**COMPERE ITEMS**  
By Alma Stout

Health of the community is very good at present.

Every one in this section is busy picking cotton.

Mr. Allred and Harvey Allred went to Fort Worth and Dallas last week to get cotton pickers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spurgin visited at Mrs. Stout's a while Saturday night.

Several from here visited at the oil well Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family visited at Mr. Tom Harvell's a while Sunday.

There was a good attendance at Sunday school Sunday morning. Rev. Gibbs preached at the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, but will be unable to preach any more as he and his family will move to Oklahoma some time next month. We regret to lose them from our community.

Mr. Andrew Stout and family spent Sunday with Mr. G. W. Stout and family.

Misses Fannye Mae McKinney and Miss Virgie Marshall spent Saturday night with Miss Flora Tarpley.

Mr. Willie Outlaw returned home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Marshall entertained a few friends with a musical entertainment Saturday night.

Miss Ann Fannin, who has been making her home with Mr. A. M. Stout and family, left last

Sunday morning for Coahoma, Texas, where she will make her home with her sister.

Several of the young folks of this community attended the party at Warren Saturday night.

Mrs. Allred and family motored to Colorado last Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs spent Monday night with Mrs. Stout.

Brother Bryant was a visitor in this community Monday and while here called on Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. Allred and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin, Grandma Spurgin, Mr. Ed Spurgin and family and Mr. Stout and family. He left Monday evening to attend the Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Miss Laverne Bond spent Sunday afternoon with Misses opal and Virgie Rister.

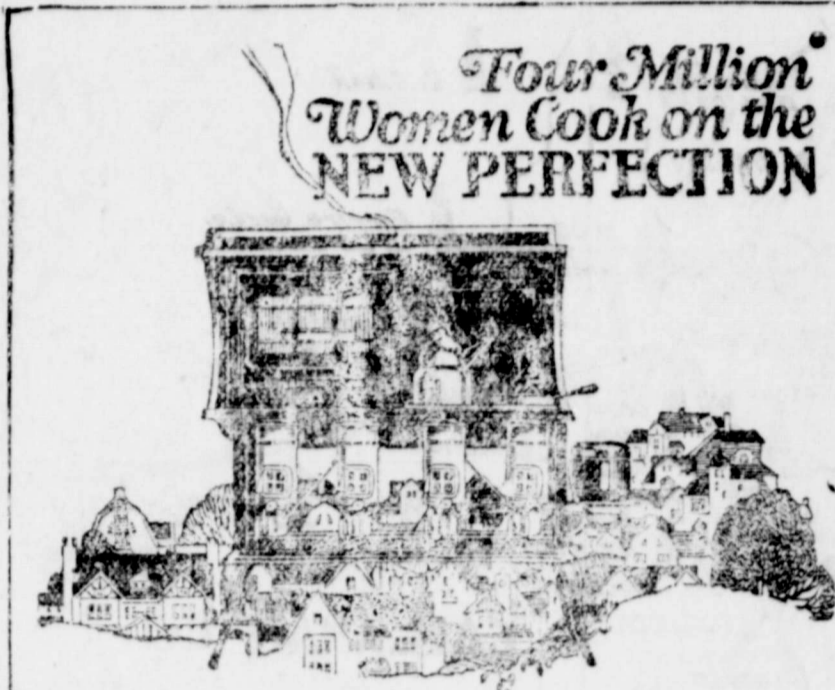
Mr. Ed Loyd and Albert Chaney spent Sunday with Mr. Charles Orie Childers.

Mr. Dewey Ramsey will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at eleven. Sunday school at ten. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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

FURNISHED rooms for house-keeping or bed rooms, for rent. Mrs. J. E. Bowders, phone 26. Trent, Texas. 1tp

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**WARREN NEWS**  
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all busy picking cotton. Health of this community is very good at present.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all reported a nice time.

Mrs. Emmet Patterson spent last week-end with her mother who was very ill. Mrs. Finck of Hodges is her mother.

Mrs. Nora Lanier spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin.

Misses Ollie Hobbs, Lottie Gressett spent Saturday night with Misses Rose and Cordie Ellington.

Mrs. R. L. Newman visited Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy Tuesday.

Mr. C. T. McCormick visited in Abilene Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman Sunday of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harvell, "Dug" Douglas, Ollie Foster, Lottie Gressett visited at Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Sunday.

Miss Nora Foster spent several days in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. Robert Sumpter spent Saturday night with Mr. T. B. Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Tarpley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin and Houston Lanier visited Mr. Howard Tarvin a while Sunday morning.

Mr. W. E. Pelly, who has been at Mr. Tom Harvell's the past two weeks very sick, was carried to the Abilene hospital last Sunday morning and at last reports was resting very well.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone of this city had as her guest last week Mrs. A. Touchstone, Miss Bess Touchstone, Mrs. Ruby Harris and son Lynn, and Laura Carey, all of Dallas.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.

After October 1st we will not give Gold Bond Stamps. Get your premiums this month. The Bragg Dry Goods Company. 1f

Mrs. E. F. Davis of Rosebud, Texas, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Reeves.

Tarbutton's Jewelry and Shoe Shop located between Everybody's and Corner Garage, in same building with Smith's Barber Shop. Satisfaction in this house. 1tp

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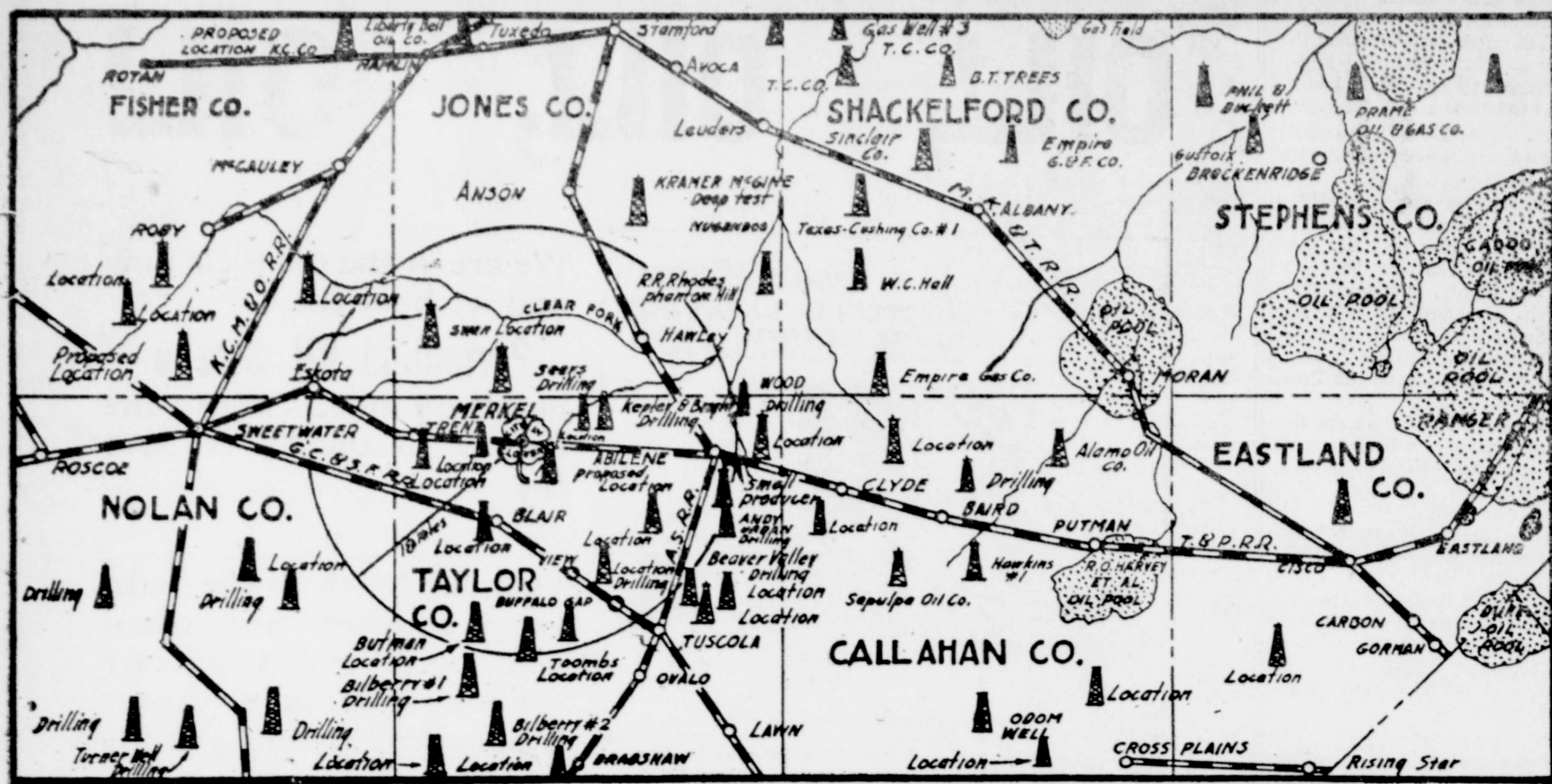
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W. J. Patton



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AMERICAN YOUTH CANDIDATE



Miss Helen F. Dodge of Pennsylvania, holder of a Carnegie medal for heroism, has been nominated as a candidate for the American Youth Award established by the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which is to be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 in celebration of 150 years of American Independence. Miss Dodge, the daughter of George H. Dodge of 5944 Walton avenue, Philadelphia, jumped into the Toms River at Ocean Gate, N. J., fully dressed, and, while having use of only one arm, saved the life of a drowning girl.

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**College for Engineers**  
To supply trained engineers, especially for the automobile, motorcycle and bicycle industries, a technical college will be established at Wolverhampton, England. The total cost of construction will be about \$800,000, of which one-third is to be paid by the county of Stafford and the remaining two-thirds by the city of Wolverhampton. The buildings will be divided into five sections: (1) general and administrative, (2) biology, (3) commercial, (4) domestic, and (5) technical, comprising engineering production with workshops and drawing offices, material section, including chemistry, metallurgy, and general science subjects, mechanical and electrical engineering, and building construction. It is intended to make provision for evening as well as day students.

**Senior League Program**  
Hymn; Prayer.  
Subject: "How to use the Bible in Winning Men."  
Leader, Tommie Durham.  
Scripture lesson, Acts 8:26-35 by leader.  
Part 1, Hallie Pike.  
Part 2, Inice Brown.  
Part 3, Opal Patterson.  
Part 4, Anna Lou Russell.  
Part 5, Ruby Faye Golladay.  
Hymn; Benediction.  
League at 7 o'clock.  
The Merkel Mail is \$1 per year today and Saturday only, in the Merkel territory. It

BROADWAY FAVORITES IN "PRINCESS FLAVIA" AT THE STATE FAIR

Howard Marsh and Evelyn Herbert, Broadway favorites, are to head the company of 200 which the Messrs. Shubert will send from New York by special train to present their most imposing operetta, "Princess Flavia," at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24. A musical dramatization of Anthony Hope's "Prisoner of Zenda," the most popular romantic novel of all ages, "Princess Flavia" will be given in the Auditorium each evening throughout the State Fair at 8:15, with matinees at 2:30 on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hope's swashbuckling tale of love and intrigue in the mythical kingdom of "Ruritania," has been rendered into entrancing operetta by Harry B. Smith, and the glorious music by Sigmund Romberg, composer of the never-dying "Student Prince" scores. Romberg will personally direct the opening performance Saturday night, Oct. 9, and his presence will mean the outstanding event in the theatrical and musical history of the Southwest. Howard Marsh, of commanding height and stalwart form, sang the part of "The Prince" in the original "Student Prince" company, in which he made a distinct and lasting impression. He is endowed with a pleasing personality, marked histrionic ability and a most appealing voice. Miss Herbert created the part of "The Princess" in the original Broadway offering of "Princess Flavia." She is highly attractive, with a most winning stage presence; possesses a melodious, well-trained and distinctive voice, and has a particular gift for personable appearance in the gorgeous costumes she is called upon to wear.

Building Storm Cellar

The weather bureau says that many plans for a storm cellar have been proposed, but all that is necessary is any sort of a room or hole under the surface of the earth convenient to get into. Naturally one would prefer to have a door to it, close enough to keep out snakes and toads. It can have cement walls and floor, or these may be of stone, plank or just the earth, if that will stand. All these details, as also many others that some designers have suggested, are only unimportant details. One only wants a room of any kind under ground, in which, at worst, he probably will never need to stay more than five minutes in a lifetime. While in the "cellar" during the passage of a storm the door to the cellar should be left open.

Another Breed of Pups

Charles Ponzi, who made a fortune in Boston some years ago through the manipulation of foreign exchange, and then smashed horribly, said in Jacksonville the other day: "I'm down here in Florida to try and make another fortune. Florida real estate, you know. I want to pay back all my creditors, too. "I'm like the chap who complained at his club about the heavy losses he had sustained in Wall street. But a broker slapped him on the shoulder and said: "Cheer up, brother. You mustn't go on like this because you've dropped a plunk or two. Come down to my office some morning and I'll give you a few pointers." "It isn't pointers I'm after," said the loser; "it's retrievers!"

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**COMPOSER COMES TO STATE FAIR**  
  
**SIGMUND ROMBERG**  
 The composer of "Princess Flavia" will personally direct the opening performance of that outstanding operetta in the Auditorium, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, on Saturday evening, Oct. 9. "Princess Flavia" will be the Auditorium attraction throughout the 1926 State Fair, Oct. 9-24.

**MARKED CHANGES IN STATE FAIR GROUNDS**  
 A marked change in the grounds will be noted by visitors to the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24. A new street connects "Implement Row" with the live stock department on the north side of the track. The carnival attractions will be placed just below the race track grand stand in what was formerly the infield. Twelve big circus or hippodrome acts will be given, free, before the grandstand twice every day. The new location of the carnival shows will relieve congestion on Amusement Row and give more "elbow room" there. Concrete paving has been laid in front of the auditorium and on the street running through the Gaston park section, while new concrete pedestrian walks have been placed about the "Spanish Village" or main exhibit building, and the Fine Arts building. Additional free attractions, including band and organ concerts by Thavius' Band and singers and Ralph Emerson of Chicago, will be given daily in the auditorium, while every night, with matinees Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, "Princess Flavia" will be the attraction.

**HOURS TO REMEMBER AT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**  
 Hours to remember in connection with the offering of "Princess Flavia" in the auditorium at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24, are 2:30 and 8:15 p. m. Matinees will be given on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2:30. All evening performances will begin promptly at 8:15.

**ORGAN SOLOIST AT STATE FAIR**  
  
**RALPH EMERSON**  
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FOR SALE—Racket store on Kent street. See L. C. Patton, owner. 1t

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

FOR SALE—About 150 bushels of Hastings Oats at \$1.00 per bushel. See I. I. Vancil, Sylvestor, route 2. 3t4p

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FOR SALE—Pure home-made Sorghum Syrup at \$1.00 per bucket at J. T. Dennis Store. Or C. T. Oliver's home on the Ab Tittle farm. 11t2p

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

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

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**LEASE AND ROYALTY SALES BRING FORTUNES TO LOCAL CITIZENS**

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acre, with a guarantee to drill within 60 days or forfeit another \$30.00 per acre.

We are informed that Mr. Charlie Hutcheson, who resides just east of Trent, has secured a drilling contract on his land.

We understand that Mrs. James, whose farm is two miles east of the Winter well, sold to the Phillips Company at \$75.00 per acre for 80 acres.

J. M. Williamson sold the Phillips Company 80 acres lease for \$50 per acre. This land is 2 miles northeast of the discovery well and is located between the Phillips and the location made for a new well by Johnson & Gibson on the old Sears block.

Mr. W. L. Gunter was among those who sold to the Phillips, receiving \$50 per acre for 160 acres two miles from the discovery well.

Some few weeks before the gusher was brought in Mr. J. C. Mason sold one-fourth of his royalty in his 160 acre tract to Messrs. R. O. Anderson, Max Mellinger, W. D. Hutcheson and F. H. Latham for \$800 or \$200 each, and within three days after the well came in Mr. Latham cashed out for \$1,600. The next day Mr. Mellinger was paid \$2,000 for his, and in the afternoon of the same day Mr. Hutcheson received \$3,000 for his.

Mr. R. L. Bland, former citizen of Merkel, now residing in Abilene, who owns 640 acres 2 miles south of the well, has sold 400 acres lease at prices ranging from \$50 up to \$125.00 per acre. The Texas & Pacific Coal and Oil Company, of Ranger, who drilled Ranger's discovery well, paid Mr. Bland \$125 per acre for 100 acres.

Mr. L. A. Watts, we are informed, sold to W. L. Diltz 100 acres lease at \$20 per acre. This land is three miles southeast of the well.

Mrs. Dr. Williams, for many years a resident of Merkel, but now residing with her son in Abilene, sold the lease on her 4 acre tract one and a half miles north of the well at \$100 per acre, or a total of \$8,400. This was purchased by the Gulf Production Company.

Messrs. J. A. Patterson, Jim Boaz and associates, who are dealing in leases and royalties, sold 40 acres of the old Floyd Chaney farm at \$35 per acre. They paid \$20 per acre a few days before.

Dr. R. I. Grimes, S. D. Gamble and associates sold to the Gulf Company 50 acres off the southeast corner of the Dunn land at \$50 per acre. They paid \$22.50 for this lease a few days before.

Another old timer, Mr. Hugh Grayson, who owned a small tract of 53 acres just a mile or so north of the well, was paid the handsome sum of \$150.00 per acre for the lease by the Gulf Company.

Mr. Ira Thornton, who owns 130 acres just southwest of the well a mile, was paid for one-fourth of his royalty \$13,000 by the Godley Oil & Gas Company of Dallas. The Mid-West Company own the lease on Mr. Thornton's land and are expected to



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Another piece of nice profit came to C. T. Derrick this week when he sold the Gulf Production Company 100 acres lease, located one mile south of the well, at \$150 per acre, or \$150,000. Mr. Derrick thought he might have gone strong when he first bought this lease from R. O. Anderson and associates, paying them with a 160 acre Lynn county farm, valued at \$25 per acre. Mr. Anderson and associates paid \$1.00 per acre for the lease before a showing was had in the Phillips well.

**CITIZENS IN MEETING TO PLAN CITY'S ADVANCE**

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small town. It all depends upon the attitude of its citizens at this time. There must be a united and cooperative effort upon the part of all, every citizen, man, woman and child. Don't sit around and say "I don't see why the Luncheon Club or Chamber of Commerce don't do this or that"; go to these organizations and point out the necessity of those things and see how quickly they will be done.

**MERKEL SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.**

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term in the last four years. We have twenty different subjects offered and that makes it possible for any straight grade student to have an option as to the subjects they take. This arrangement was made possible by the new system of schedules that we have. The new system was adopted because so many of the students had in the past two years so butchered up their courses that something had to be done to make it possible for them to get back straight.

Some will and are objecting to the new schedule. I'm making this statement not because I think I have to but just to enlighten them on the need of it. The local school district is in need of an economical administration. We all know that. Our taxes are high enough. Alright then, the Superintendent should arrange his teaching force so that the most could be done with the least expense. I have done that. We have reduced the faculty by one teacher, and are thus saving something over \$1000.00. The next question is are the teachers over worked. No. They have no more work than they have been accustomed to. They have about all the State Department will O.K., but none over the line. Next have the students the same advantages? They have, some of them taking five subjects. All are taking as many as four, and that is something new here. I know in the years before this there were pupils who were only taking three subjects, and sometimes because they could get no more. Its different now. If your boy or girl comes home complaining about the schedule, just come up here and see the superintendent about it. I wish you would. I would like to get things "out of the rut" for a while here. I take into consideration the facts that people who criticize the system

know nothing about arranging a schedule of classes much less a course of study. So, as I said above, this is not an apology for the working of the schedule; it is to show you people the plan I have of giving you more for your money and better service than you have ever had.

The great trouble I have seen is in the children trying to pick the "snap" courses and not taking the prescribed work. This comes about because they have a "choice" in what they take.

That being the case they sometimes abuse that choice and go home to tell mama "we can't get so and so". So much for that.

I'm hoping the people of Merkel will not lose sight of their schools altogether since the oil boom has set in. Now is the time to step in and help the school grow along with the other institutions. The people are excited about the oil. That is alright, but don't lose sight of the institutions that have

been here and will remain here after the oil is all gone.

As I have said many times, I want the hearty cooperation and interest of all forward looking patrons and citizens. We need you and you need what we can offer you. Come to see us.

IRVIN L. JACKSON, Supt.  
P.S. Remember the first football game of the season this afternoon at 4 p.m. Merkel versus Loraine. Come out and see it. Admission 50 cents. Be a booster for M.H.S. athletics.

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