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C. OF C. HOLDS AN INTERESTING MEET

Tuesday evening as per schedule, the members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce met at the Presbyterian Church to receive reports of the Secretary as to what had been accomplished and suggestions as to what was in prospect.

Homer D Wade, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was present and made an address replete with timely suggestions and methods of procedure. He stressed the fact that men who support a chamber of commerce were making an investment which brings greater returns than does the same amount invested in other enterprises. He called our attention to the lack of housing and hotel accommodations and expressed surprise that some of our capital was not anxious to supply these needs at once. His talk was constructive and conservative and every one hearing it was impressed that they were receiving the benefit of the experience of the manager of the biggest regional Chamber of Commerce in America.

T. N. Carswell, Secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, followed Mr Wade and assured us of the good will and hearty cooperation of the body he represented as well as of the entire citizenship of Abilene in bringing into Abilene territory any enterprise that would redound to the credit, physical and moral, of that community in which it might be located. Mr. Carswell emphasized the unselfish spirit of Abilene and declared that any other spirit purported to come from Abilene misrepresented her because it was contrary to the spirit of the great institutions of learning which have been the basis of her present growth and the promise of the security of her future.

Mr Reeves, staff correspondent for the Star-Telegram, was present and commented on what had been said. He complimented the members on the fine spirit of cooperation manifested, not only by their presence and what had been done, but especially because of their enterprise in the employment of a paid secretary. Taylor F. Davis, our genial, enterprising and efficient Postmaster, was introduced and told of his visits to other towns affected by the discovery of oil near here, and what they were doing. Mr Davis made some very pertinent suggestions, which, if followed, will insure Merkel's full share in any prosperity that may come by reason of the oil activities in this territory.

Mr. Durham, editor and publisher of the Mail, the unremitting booster of his town, the man in position to give it greatest publicity, and who has never lain down on the job, was introduced and said among other things that he had unflinchingly boosted every community in which he had ever lived; had stood for what he thought were the best things for these communities and that he could not be swerved from that course by any threats or criticism. Mr. Durham assured all present that in working for Merkel he was not actuated by any dislike of other towns and that he regretted if any impression to the contrary was entertained by any other community. Mr Durham has recently added additional modern equipment to his plant and his outside subscription list is daily increasing and the writer recommends his paper as the best advertising medium thru which the people of this territory may be reached.



L. R. THOMPSON
Secretary Chamber of Commerce

1000 ACRE DRILLING BLOCK NEAR BLAIR

From Colonel Tom Spears, prime mover in things general around the Blair community, and all around good citizen, we learn that a block of land comprising about 1000 acres has been leased with a drilling contract to C. D. Ganks and J. M. Waits, of Abilene. The test is to be located on the farm of either Jim Moore, T. J. Melton or T. H. Spears, all nearby.

The contract calls for the spudding in of the well within 30 days after approval of abstracts of title to the lands involved. It is expected that the well will be about one mile southwest of Blair.

ONLY ONE ACTOR RESEMBLES G. W.

Located after a country-wide search, during which thousands of photographs were examined, and more than one hundred actors, including a number of Broadway stars, were interviewed in person, Arthur Dewey was selected for the role of George Washington in "America," the romantic photodrama of the War of Independence, which comes to the Cozy Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 25 and 26.

Dewey was selected because he was adjudged to have the most perfect physical resemblance to Washington. Before the final selection was made Dewey and several other applicants were taken to Washington, D. C., by Griffith, in order that he might compare their visages with pictures and statues of the first president.

Dewey is a descendant of an old Revolutionary family, which in the last century migrated from Lexington, Mass., to the Middle West, settling in Illinois. One of his ancestors, Ashabel Smith, answered Paul Revere's summons, and fought valiantly on Lexington Green.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE C. OF C. RESPONDING

The subscriptions to the Chamber of Commerce were due on the 16th, but the list had been misplaced, and was only discovered Thursday morning.

Mr. Thompson is delighted with the response of the subscribers, most of whom have complimented the things done, are optimistic about the things in prospect, and regard their payments as good investments.

Mr. C. A. Hudson, of Merkel, route four, was here one day this week and stated that he had already gathered 33 bales of cotton, with about seven more to pick, which will give him 40 bales off 115 acres planted.

FIRST LYCEUM NEXT TUESDAY

On next Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian Church, McDonald Birch, master magician, will appear as the first number on the Lyceum which is being sponsored for this city by the Parent-Teachers Association.

It is a good thing once in a while to seek relaxation of mind. An unusual opportunity will be afforded when McDonald Birch, Master Magician appears here with a startling exhibition of bewildering illusions.

Birch's program is entirely out of the beaten track. He carries several trunks of scenery and equipment, and the staging of his production is lavish. Mystery after mystery, surprise after surprise, novelty after novelty, follow in rapid succession. His tricks baffle and completely outwit his audience.

Throughout his program runs a vein of clean, wholesome humor. Feats of mysterious magic art and psychic phenomena are blended into an evening of wonderful entertainment.

LOCATION MADE ON HAYNES TRACT

The block made up some 30 days ago by Johnson and Gibson on the Haynes, Hamilton and Tipton lands, three miles west of Merkel, will soon have a test well started on the S. F. Haynes land, the contract for the drilling having been already let, and the work of erecting the derrick is expected to start within a few days, according to reports.

This test would have already been drilling but for the fact that title to some of the land involved had to be cleared up, requiring some time.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSN. IS PRACTICALLY ASSURED

Local parties are thoroughly informing themselves concerning all matters necessary to the organization of a local building and loan association.

The men interested are conservative business men who well know what they are about, and when they gather the information they will know how to use it to the profit of those who invest with them as well as building Merkel in a substantial and permanent way.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson left first of the week for Dallas, where she will visit friends and attend the Texas State Fair.

STATE BANK MAKES MOVE TO REMODEL

The Farmers State Bank has this week moved their furniture, fixtures and business to the new corner building in the Mellinger block, where they will operate their banking business during the time it takes the contractors to remodel their former home on the opposite corner.

When completed the bank's new home will be one of the most beautiful and modern bank homes in this part of the country, fully equipped with the nicest and latest furniture and fixtures that is usually found in towns much larger than Merkel, and will reflect much credit upon this, one of our splendid banking institutions.

WORLD OIL CO. TO BEGIN DRILLING

A representative of the World Oil Company, one of the liveliest, most progressive and strongest independent oil companies in the state, is here this week making arrangements for starting this company's first well in the now famous and well-known "Noodle Creek Pool." The location has already been made, 330 feet from the south and east lines of section 12, block 19, T. and P. Railway lands, on their Boney, Clark and Stanford lease, located less than two miles north of the Winter discovery well. We understand the rig is up and the well will be spudded in soon and active drilling continued until the Winter pay sand has been reached.

A high official of the company visiting this section and the "Noodle Creek Field," is credited with the following regarding activities here:

"I believe the Joe Winter well is the discovery of the greatest oil field west of Ranger," Mr. Granville said. "It is a wonderful well and the World Oil Company will start three or four wells soon. If production is found—and we believe it will be—our company will drill many wells."

The World company acquired extensive holdings in the vicinity of the Phillips company's recent strike in the southwestern corner of Jones county. This company has a large drilling block 10 miles north of the discovery well on which a location is soon to be made.

A staff of four geologists and land buyers are representing the World Company here and the officers make frequent trips here to direct the concern's operations.

T. & P. OFFICIALS HERE TO ARRANGE TRACKAGE

Officials of the T. and P. were here Thursday arranging for grading preparatory to building additional switches to care for the increased tonnage coming here and for the many supply yards, which will soon be located here, attracted by our good roads and the living advantages—good, pure water in abundance, good schools, churches and sewerage system. Merkel will give them a hearty welcome.

SCHOOL SUPT. IN WORD TO PARENTS

The following is a statement of the work being done in our high school and grammar school.

We have this week given out report cards and have now a fair idea of the work your boys and girls are doing. We have found that about 23 per cent of the students of high school have been able to get on the honor roll, while 20 per cent of the grammar school pupils have done the same thing. We think these students are to be commended, and the parents have my thanks and appreciation in that they saw to it that their children really did some home study.

We have the usual number of normal students and quite a few of the pupils who are making subnormal grades. These folks are capable of doing good work, but from some reason or other they are not doing so. I wonder if the parents of these boys and girls are aware of the status of these students. Do you parents see to it that your boy and girl do some home study? They do not have time at school to do all their work. I'm asking the parents to read over carefully each report card before you sign it and know in advance that any grade below 75 is NOT satisfactory and the student will fail in his or her grade if they are not raised above that mark. If there is anything you don't understand about the card or grades just call (174) the high school building and find out about it.

We have an unusual condition prevailing in our community and it is working a hardship on the students of our school. The oil excitement has caused you parents to forget we have a school to some extent, and you are not on your job seeing that they study at home. There are too many amusements in town that you are permitting your children to attend. I could tell you many things that keep your boy and girl from doing their school work, and I may come to see some of you if you don't come to see me. I'm telling you now to investigate your child's work and satisfy yourself. It costs too much for a student to go to school and not make his grade. We can not afford it, and I'm sure the parents don't want slovenly habits formed by their children, therefore we should get together and see that they do their best.

I'm for a good effective school and I want the parents interested and working with me and the faculty to obtain the greatest good. I'm not going to be silent in the face of unsatisfactory conditions. I'm going to the cause if I can. I think now it is the parents fault as much as any one's if your boy or girl fails.

Sincerely,
IRVIN L. JACKSON.

Buster Haynes came in this week from Louisiana, where he has been for some months visiting his brother.

PHILLIPS MAKES MANY LOCATIONS

Eleven new locations were made on the Winter farm yesterday by the engineering department of the Phillips Petroleum Company, marking out the development to be expected from that company as the Noodle Creek oil field grows.

While the Phillips company will not drill on these locations until the production of the offsets now drilling show their capacity, the marking of the locations are done with faith in the pool and to make it unnecessary for the engineer to return each time a new well is planned.

Two other companies, the Marland and the Midwest, are to share both the expense and the profits of drilling the other offset locations. These companies, not yet in pay sand, will make their locations and determine the extent of their operations after the offsets come in.

Drilling of the Midwest Thornton, Marland's Mason, and Phillips' Walling is going forward as rapidly as a full-time schedule can provide. The Phillips company, according to the figures for Thursday, the latest obtainable, was drilling at 1,275 feet. Its 10-inch casing was set at 1,010 feet.

The Hurley Sears well is past the 1,150 foot mark.

The Midwest company has held a good lead over the entire field. It is down 1,900 feet after having set its 10-inch casing at 975 feet. Trailing behind is Mason No. 1, where the Marland company had trouble with a crooked hole and a fishing job for a joint of casing and came near deciding to skid the rig. This hole has been saved, however, and drilling resumed at about 1,200 feet.

Thursday's gauge of Winter No. 1 was 750 barrels. The flow of the discovery well depends upon the gas accumulation from the almost untouched formation, and it is likely that it will be tubed to make the production steady through a smaller diameter.

HOTEL COMMITTEE MUST FUNCTION

The hotel committee should, without delay determine a satisfactory site for the new hotel which is absolutely necessary at once or as soon as it can be built. Surely we have men in Merkel who would be willing to invest a portion of their money in an enterprise of this character that would pay from the start. The owners of business houses here are asleep if they fail to become actively and enthusiastically interested in a project that will enhance the value of their present holdings. No one can be blamed for refusal to invest without proper consideration, but it occurs to the Mail that a blind man could see with his stick that a hotel here—modern and fire-proof—is a very present necessity, and that we cannot sell Merkel to outsiders until we have sold it to ourselves.

Houses are in demand at large rentals, voluntarily offered, and local capital is apparently sleeping peacefully until some outside capital comes in and reaps the benefits of the urgent present demands.

Messrs. Delma Compton and Loring Hamblet were among those of our city Texas State Fair day and Sunday.

The Next Championship Bout



NOTICE

To Our Friends and Patrons

You will note that the **Farmers State Bank** has this week moved its fixtures, furniture and business to the Corner Building in the Max Mellinger Block, where we will continue to serve you faithfully and to the best of our ability, while our old home building is being remodeled; and which, when completed, will be our future and permanent home, modernly constructed and equipped.

And while we are only temporarily located, we invite our customers, friends and the public to call on us for banking service that is as good as the best.

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

Miss Nettie Neill, stenographer at the Farmers State Bank, returned Monday from Dallas, where she visited relatives and attended the Fair.

At The COZY

Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23

William Fox Presents BUCK JONES in "A MAN FOUR SQUARE"

With an Adventure Picture "THE SILENT FLYER"

With "SILVER STREAK" King of Dog Stars.

Malcolm MacGregor and Louise Chapter 1

"THE JAWS OF DEATH."

Also Fox Comedy, "FROM CABBYS SEAT."

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 25 and 26

D. W. Griffith Presents

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LOVE AND ROMANCE IN INVENTOR'S LIFE

How Alexander Graham Bell Helped the Deaf.

While to the average citizen the name of Alexander Graham Bell is associated only with the invention of the telephone, to humanitarians the world over he is equally well known as the man who first brought to the deaf in America the privilege of intercourse through speech and speech-reading, and it was of this latter achievement that the inventor was proudest. In fact, when Bell knew that his telephone invention was to bring him wealth, his first remark was, "Now we shall have money enough to teach speech to little deaf children."

In Washington there stands the Volta bureau which he established with prize money bestowed upon him by the French for his invention of the telephone. Although the bureau was founded primarily to aid deaf children, it has since branched out into the larger field of work for those who have had normal hearing but have lost all or part of it. True to the idea of its founder, it is an institution of service.

It was no accident or purposeless plan of a careless fate which bestowed on Alexander Graham Bell the mind to comprehend, the heart to understand great needs and their remedies. The life story of the man who gave to the whole world the means of quick and sure communication, and to the small world of the deaf, a new hope, is the story of cause and effect, glorified by love and romance, is the testimony of a writer in the Washington Star. His mother was "hard of hearing," his wife, to whom he was devoted, had been left, when a child, without a trace of hearing. He taught her to talk.

In 1870 Bell secured a position in the Boston school for the deaf. At that time those thus afflicted had been consigned to a small world of their own where thoughts were inadequately expressed only by means of signs. They were known as "deaf and dumb" people. Bell refused to believe that they need remain "dumb" and so worked out a system which taught visible speech. Within three years the leading institutions for the deaf in the country were employing the system in their daily work.

"Call Again"

We were building a new home and had hired a man to dig the trench for the water main in our yard. I had been waiting for him to come all morning, when at noon time I heard a rap and went to the door. A well-dressed gentleman was there, and I said, "I have been looking for you all morning," and pointed out the place where my husband wanted the main laid.

"Well," he said, "I didn't come to dig the trench, but was in the neighborhood looking over the water-main situation, as I am superintendent of the plant."

My face reddened, and forgetting myself completely, I said, "Oh, thank you; I hope you will call again soon." —F. L. R., in Chicago Tribune.

Smith Name Ancient

The great family of Smiths bear a name which is not only commonest, but the oldest in the world. Professor Mahaffy, when deciphering the Petrie papyrus, came upon one bearing the name of Smith, unmistakably written.

"We have never," he says, "found anything like it before, and it is surely worth telling the many distinguished bearers of the name that there was a man known as Smith in the twentieth year of the third Ptolemy, 227 years B. C., and that he was occupied in brewing and selling beer."—Detroit News.

Perfection in Tribute

In a theater in South Africa a beauty competition was held, each person present being asked to write the name of the lady he or she considered the most beautiful in the town.

A little boy who had been present was telling his mother all about it the following morning. He informed her that he, too, had voted. She was surprised, as the boy was rather shy and reserved. However, she did not express any surprise, but simply asked him for whom he voted.

"I just wrote 'Mother,'" was the reply.

Just Say "No"

"The way to win arguments," says a Cass avenue young man, "is to take the negative side. All one has to do on the negative side is to show that nothing can be proved absolutely. Once that is admitted, the affirmative side must resort to faith, and when it comes to that one belief is just as good as another, except in degree of acceptability. Since my own beliefs are acceptable, at least to me, there is no way to attack them, and so I win the argument."—Detroit News.

Progressive Rome

The building program for Rome in 1926, supported by the national government, includes the construction of 2,500 small apartments, totaling 6,500 rooms, at a cost of 60,000,000 lire (current rate of the lira is \$0.04), according to Vice-Consul Ralph A. Boernstein, Rome. The lots selected for the sites of the apartment houses lie on the outskirts of the city, but in sections already partly developed, where there are water mains, gas pipes, street car service, etc.

BOBBED HAIR FASHION STARTED IN 1776

A Boston girl, Miss Louise Thompson, began the bobbed hair fashion back in the romantic exciting days when is laid the story of D W Griffith's thrilling entertainment "America," his latest film to be shown at the Cozy Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Oct 25 and 26.

Private letters of that day tell the story of the defiant little brunette who shocked the powdered respectability of that time by shearing her hair which swept her knees as a defiance to show she was an American girl and would dress as she pleased.

Style then came directly and severely from London. Every woman and nearly every man powdered the hair. Instances are told wherein a woman who had neglected to powder her hair was not admitted to church. And fifteen yards of silk, what with bustles, frills and flounces, was an ordinary dress pattern.

When the Americans decided they were a nation rather than a colony, English merchants refused to ship articles to the American trade. Miss Thompson was one of the prominent young women of Boston who was unable to get powder for her hair. And since she was unable to powder it in prevailing fashion, she announced she was "cutting my hair short," man fashion, and I hope every American girl does it, to show the world we mean to be independent."

With that sensational example the girls gradually cast aside much of the rigidity of English fashions in dress, introducing simple gowns and homespun wraps. Social historians agree that this romantic period marked the beginning of the modern woman, stimulated by the adventures, the daring and the romance of that period in our national life.

This change in woman's attitude has been deftly caught by Mr. Griffith in filming the charm of that day in the gripping story "America" which many foremost critics declare the equal if not the superior of "The Birth of a Nation."

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NOODLE CREEK, NOW FAMOUS FOR OIL, NOTED FOR THEIVES IN EARLY DAYS

Sweetwater, Texas, Oct. 19.—Noodle Creek, a name widely acclaimed now because of the oil development near it, is one which is by no means enjoying its first fame. And furthermore, the name Winter is not connected with it for the first time as a result of the Phillips Winter No. 1 discovery well.

Back in the halcyon days of cattle grazing, Noodle Creek was famous for one of the cleverest bands of cattle thieves that ever menaced the industry in West Texas. One of the newcomers to this section in the late 80's was Joe Winter, Sr., father of the Joe Winter on whose farm the Phillips Petroleum Company on September 7 this year made the oil strike which promises to remake Nolan, Jones, Fisher and Taylor counties by natural means just as the hard work and sacrifices enabled the pioneers to change the barren plains and hills into fertile fields.

The elder Winter had stocked his little claim with about 400 head of cattle, only to discover the sudden disappearance of about 300 of them. It was this raid by the cattle thieves which aroused such resentment in Nolan and Fisher counties that a campaign of prosecution started which ultimately rid the section of the trouble.

When Stealing Paid
In the years from 1888 to 1891, before the effective organization of the Texas Cattle-men's Association and the work of the inspector, cattle stealing was a profitable business. It was easy to drive off part of a herd, alter the brands, and by fast driving run the animals upon the plains or to some ranchman willing to receive stolen stock at a low price. Such methods were followed by the gang of half a dozen or more thieves who made their headquarters along Noodle Creek and spent much of their time in Merkel.

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OIL CALLS THE KILOWATT

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Thirty-five percent of this production, or approximately 280,000 barrels is pumped by electricity furnished over the lines of this company. There are 750 wells in this field equipped with electrically driven pumps. And in addition electricity is driving numerous pipe line pumping stations, machinery in gasoline plants, carbon black plants, and gas compressor stations, is driving two drilling rigs at this time and is furnishing light throughout the field.

Here is a striking example of the diverse usage of electricity in industry—and that, too in an industry where fuel [one of the major items of expense in power production] is extremely cheap. Where unlimited quantities natural gas are available at virtually no expense, electricity, produced at generating stations many miles away, comes in to compete on an equal footing and holds its own.

No source of power known to industry is so convenient, so flexible, so safe, so sure, so economical as electricity. The preeminence of American industry is predicated on this modern miracle. Electric power is essential to its continued growth and prosperity.

That is why this company knows that it must, without fail, always be ready to furnish to the territory it serves electric energy in unlimited quantities and at reasonable rates. It must do this if it is to fulfill its duty in furthering the growth of the industries of West Texas.

And it IS doing that

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

So smooth was their activity that ranchmen of Nolan and Fisher counties, the chief victims, became desperate. It was fairly easy to arrest the thieves, but finding evidence enough to convict them in the courts of that time was another matter. Credit for much of the work of ridding Noodle Creek of its lawless inhabitants is given by Judge R. C. Crane of Sweetwater who has kept valuable records of that time, to Judge R. C. Breedlove, Breedlove, one of the best lawyers in central Texas at that time, settled in the Noodle Creek region just in time to be aggravated by the thieves. Having come here for his health, he had given up law practice altogether. His exceptional ability was so well known, however, that he was prevailed upon to act as special prosecutor after the rustlers were caught. Even before this he had been instrumental in organizing the Nolan and Fisher County Livestock Association, which functioned well in preserving order for several years.

Cases Were Reversed

Breedlove, like other prosecutors, found that while convictions could be obtained, the de-

terminations were reversed almost invariably by the Court of Criminal Appeals on the grounds that the circumstantial evidence had not been corroborated. He sent one thief to the penitentiary, but later obtained a pardon for him in order to use his testimony in convicting others of the gang. These convictions were obtained, but the cases were sent back for re-trial on the grounds that the accomplice could not corroborate the evidence.

At that time however, there could be no bail in felony cases pending an appeal. Consequently the thieves could be kept in jail most of the time. This factor, together with the wide publicity given to the case, discouraged thefts thereafter, although the offenders did not serve time in the penitentiary. Most of them had claims and posed as ranchmen. The principal prosecutions were conducted at Anson.

Joe Winter, Sr., who suffered such a heavy blow through cattle thefts, lived about four miles northwest of the site of the Winter No. 1 discovery well in the Noodle Creek pool, a small stream flows about a mile and a half south of the well.

NEW CAFE NOW OPEN

To the people of Merkel and surrounding country; the oil men and the public in general, we take pleasure in announcing that we now have our new Cafe, "The King David's", open and ready for service. We are located in the New Mellinger Block, and will be glad to have you pay us a visit. We will strive to give you as good as the best in the Cafe line.

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"I thank you, come again." Just five little words perhaps said to a man who purchases a cigar, but returns regularly to make other and bigger purchases because of them; likes the town because of the politeness of some salesman and tells his friends about it. Not much effort is required to smilingly repeat those five words and they may put thousands of dollars in our stores and banks.

**COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
BASIS OF ALL PROSPERITY**

People do really worth while things by cooperation and before cooperation can express itself in accomplishment it must show itself in organized effort. The Chamber of Commerce properly functioning is the medium through which things are brought about. There must be a clearing house for effort. Some one must take the lead. Some one must have the necessary information. Some one must be able to diffuse the spirit of the enterprising. Merkel has a secretary who is not visionary in the sense that he would over-build or lead people into unprofitable investments. He has had a long experience in community work, and knows full well that misrepresentation or an unwarranted enthusiasm would be disastrous not alone to him but to the organization. He seeks and advises only such investments as, in his opinion, will pay and only such improvements as will be permanently profitable. He has the confidence not only of this community but of every community in which he has lived. Get in behind him with your moral and material support and his employment is certain to be a fine investment.

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WHO PAYS THE FREIGHT?

Within the last two years Merkel through the initiative of some of her progressive citizens has accomplished many things the importance of which is just beginning to be realized by those who are usually against any progressive movement. The sewerage system was built; a new and modern high school building erected and good lateral roads extending as far as twenty-five miles from town have been built and maintained. Who were in the main responsible for these unquestionably needed improvements? The merchants and salaried men of Merkel. These are the men who do business in rented property and, of course, share in the profits of the additional trade attracted here. Last year the building of the road to Dora brought us one thousand bales of cotton that would otherwise have been delivered at Sweetwater. We are now on the verge of a wave of prosperity such as Merkel has never known. A chamber of Commerce has been organized and a competent man chosen as salaried secretary, who is bending every effort to bring new industries and to locate every man associated with the new industries and developments now with us. In order to accomplish these things funds were required and to secure them a careful canvass of the town was made and the business men—the men who rent buildings—responded in a fine way. But how about the owners of these buildings? A few have contributed—but the greater part have notified their tenants that they are soon to be penalized for their public spirit by a raise in rents. Perhaps a reasonable raise will be justified, but the tenant should answer it by asking the landlord to contribute to the support of an organization that will make it possible for him to continue in business at a profit. He may reply that he pays taxes on the property, which he does, but not in the

same proportion that the merchant pays on his wares. To the owner of business property who is always willing to share his part of the burden necessary to civic improvement, the Mail takes off its hat, and, if required, will shout three cheers. But the man who stands by and reaps the benefit and rewards of those who pull and push—the man who raises the rent and then raises the devil when asked to contribute to the progress of his community—the man who refers to the progressive citizen as light headed, irresponsible and visionary—the Mail closes that sort of a citizen as a parasite, a blood sucker and a parasite.

Every able man in a community should be willing to bear his share of the expense of making it a good—even the best—community in proportion to his ability to do so. If there were no progressive people there would be no trade; if there were no trade there would be no rentals. Let us quit being cowards and afraid of offending some tightwad by suggesting that he should pay a mite, or nothing, but rather let us keep after him in a public and private, and if necessary in a personal way, until he sees the error of his way.

This article does not in any way reflect on those who have contributed to good roads and other improvements material to the growth of our town, whether they contribute to the Chamber of Commerce or not, for some of them have been extremely liberal in all other matters and are known to stand for progress. To them we lift our hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and children, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Durham and baby daughter, Bettye Joyce, were among those attending the State Fair at Dallas first of the week. The trip was made by auto, the party going by Denton for Miss Doris Durham, who is a student at the College of Industrial Arts, who spent Sunday with them at the Fair.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham and Mrs. C. K. Russell and little daughter, Mary Joe, left this week by auto for Dallas, where they will attend the Texas State Fair and while there visit the ladies' sister, Mrs. John T. Morgan.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb returned Wednesday from a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Coker, at Dallas, and attending the State Fair. Her little grandson, Billie George Coker, returned with her for a visit.

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Everything in Dresses, Coats, Dress Goods, Hats, and Shoes for Mother and Sister.

For Father and Son our line of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothing is unexcelled; likewise those Florsheim Shoes; then our stock of shirts, ties, sox etc. are here in an abundance, awaiting your selection.

For the whole family; Comforts, nice warm Blankets, all at prices well in keeping with the trend of the times.

That the cold days are coming is assured, to wait means a rush to secure these sure-to-be-needed clothing; to buy now will save both time and money, and then you will have more time to make selections that will please you better.

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CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

We are looking forward to a great day with large attendance Sunday at the Methodist Church. Hope that all our people will assist us in making the Sabbath what it ought to be: a day of worship and service.

Sunday school at 9:45. Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Visitors and strangers welcome.

W. R. McCarter.

Quarterly Conference of Merkel Circuit Sunday

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Merkel circuit will convene at Blair next Saturday the 23rd and 24th. Rev. W. E. Lyon will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. Dinner on the ground and the business session at 2 p.m. The Blair Methodist church will be dedicated at the Sunday morning service. We are hoping that the charge will be able to make a fine report at this conference. Bro. Lyon will also preach at White Church Friday at 7:30 p.m. R E L Stutts

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

I will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Subject, "The Thorn in Paul's Flesh". Just what this thorn was will be revealed in this discourse. Also at night at 7:30.

W. G. Cypert.

B. Y. P. U. Social 29th

The Senior B Y P U will give a social in the basement of the church Friday night, Oct. 29. All B Y P U members come, and bring some one with you.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

MERKEL BAPTISTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with a welcome for all.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 and there is a place for every one. The Junior union wants all the children from eight to twelve and the Intermediate union wants all those from thirteen to seventeen. The Seniors want everybody from 18 to 25 or older if they will come with them, the Adult union is for all who will come from 25 to 100.

We were glad to see an enlarged attendance at all services last Sunday. This coming in the face of the fact that two collections had been announced was indeed gratifying. Let's continue to climb as we are expecting the County Convention of Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s for two counties to meet with us the Fifth Sunday.

The pastor was indeed glad to welcome the new members last Sunday, those that were received both by letter and baptism.

The ordinance of Baptism will be administered at the close of the evening service.

All visitors strangers and newcomers are invited to worship with us. Ira L. Parrack, pastor

BAPTIST LADIES TO SEW FOR BUCKNER ORPHANS

On next Tuesday the ladies of the Baptist church will meet at the church and engage in an "All Day Sewing" for the benefit of the Buckner Orphans Home.

This is indeed a worthy cause, and all the ladies are urged to come and bring material and if possible spend the day in this splendid work.

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Saturday, October 30, 1926

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Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Sin.
Leader, William Wozencraft.
Introduction by leader.
Part I. A story serves as a good start, by Bessie Westenhovner.
2. The sin question a baffling subject, Joe Hartley.
3. The sad dark fact of sin, by Mildred Hamm.
4. Sadder still to deny it, by Rubyjo Higgins.
5. Seven effects of sin, by Yates Brown.
6. Rejoice that pardon is possible, by Mary Ellen Ashby.

Intermediate League Program

Hymn. Prayer
Scripture reading: Philippians 4:8 by leader.
Leader, Lynn McSpadden.
1. What is play? by Eleanor Mae Hamilton.
2. Why play? by J E Boaz, Jr.
3. What shall we play? by Lola Mae Riddle.
4. How shall we play? by J. T. Darsey, Jr.
5. How may we know that we are living up to Christ's standards in our play life? by Missie Dye. Hymn; benediction.

Overdoing?

Hurry, Worry and Overwork Bring Heavy Strain.

MODERN life throws a heavy burden on our bodily machinery. The eliminative organs, especially the kidneys, are apt to become sluggish. Retention of excess uric acid and other poisonous waste often gives rise to a dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches and headaches. That the kidneys are not functioning perfectly is often shown by burning or scanty passage of secretions. More and more people are learning to assist their kidneys by the occasional use of Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic. Ask your neighbor!

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Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p.m.
Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.
Choir practice Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.
We cordially invite the general public to worship with us.
Chas. H. Little.

Counter Charge Pads for sale at The Merkel Mail Office.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

The ministry of healing.
Leader, Ruby Lee Slater.
1. The ministry of healing, by Paul Causseaux.
2. Our missionary doctors, J. T. Darsey.
3. Map talks, Clarence Sharp.
4. David Livingston, by J. D. Ashby.
5. Robert Moffott, by Lola Mae Riddle.
6. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, Zella Cook.
7. A Japanese Physician, by

Benjamin Sheppard.

8th part, Doris Brown.
9. Dr. E. G Post, Claude Cash. Everybody welcome. Meeting opens at 6:30.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson came down this week from Kress for a few days visit with Mr Thompson, and many friends, and with the view to preparations for their removal back to Merkel, which will be just as soon as suitable quarters can be arranged. This is just another evidence of the extreme shortage of homes in Merkel.

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WARREN NOTES
By Vera Jones

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The health of the community is good at present.

Several of the Warren community attended the night at Mr Outlaw's Saturday night.

Mr and Mrs Ellis Harris spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes of Salt Branch.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Miss Cortie Ellington Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Friday with Miss Lottie Gressett.

Messers Ottis Jaynes and Charlie Harris spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W M. Jones visited in Anson Sunday evening.

Miss Vela Jones spent the week end with Miss Willie Newman.

Mr and Mrs. Hollis McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B L. Evers visited Mr and Mrs. Ellis Harris on Thursday.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Vera Jones.

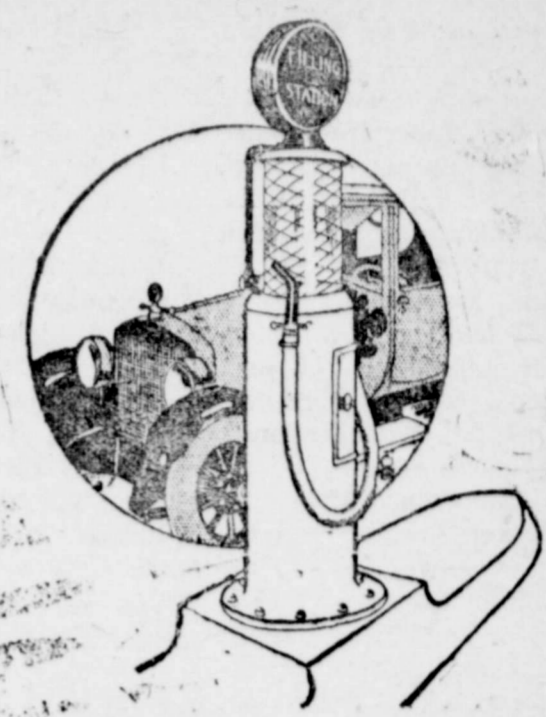
Mr. and Mrs. Guy McClain spent Wednesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higgins.

Miss Ruth Chancey visited Miss Lottie Gressett.

Mr. Bill York spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. E H. Jones.

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This paper is glad to announce the arrival of fall bargain days on newspapers. The Abilene Morning News, a fine morning paper published right here at home, in our own county site, has announced the very low rate of \$4.70 per year for the daily and Sunday.

We are going to offer our subscribers and friends a combination rate for both the Reporter and Merkel Mail, one year each, at only \$5.50. The Merkel Mail costs you only 80c in this combination.

The regular price for the Abilene Morning News is \$7.00 per year; the regular price of the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 in the local territory and \$2.00 outside, a total of \$8.50 for both. During bargain days we will send both papers for one year for only \$5.50. You save \$3.00 by subscribing now.

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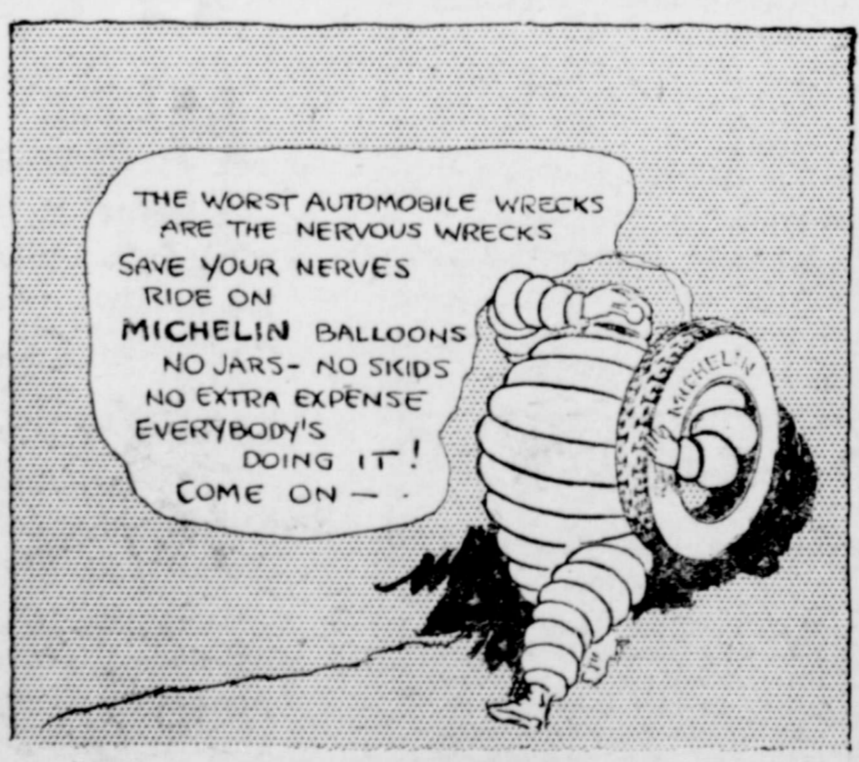
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30 x 3 1-2 Regular Cord	11.00
30 x 3 1-8 Oversize	12.95
31 x 4 Regular Cord	15.50
31 x 4 Oversize Cord	17.50
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33 x 4 Oversize Cord	21.00
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30 x 4.95	19.25
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31 x 5.25	22.00
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31 x 4 Oversize	13.70
32 x 4 Oversize	16.95
33 x 4 Oversize	17.95
33 x 4 1-2 Oversize	22.60
34 x 4 1-2 Oversize	32.40

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29 x 4.40	\$11.25
30 x 5.25, Six Ply	16.85
31 x 5.25, Six Ply	19.50
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FOR SALE—Genuine Loyd-Lom Go-cart. Mrs C B Gardner, phone No. 146. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade—Good new 5-room bungalow on Popular street, Abilene. Will trade for a house and lot in Merkel. See W. R. Wright, Abilene, rt. 3. 1tp

FOR SALE—10 head of work mules, harness, tools to farm with, 18 tons of maize and some bundle feed. Some cows and calves. Place to rent to purchaser about 150 in cultivation. Persons without means need not apply. See H. D. Simpson, phone 56. 1tp

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FOR SALE in Abilene—New 5-room oriental Spanish stucco home, with garage to match, three blocks Abilene Christian College, four blocks high school, one block pavement. Write F G Head, Thurber, Texas. 22t2

FOR SALE—I have lately purchased the 11-room house with two lots on corner of Oak street in Merkel. 2 blocks from depot. This will make some one fine home or boarding house. If in the market for good property write me. Terms one third cash, balance long time. Box 188, Navasota, Texas 22t4p

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FOR RENT—6-room house near McMurray College, Abilene, new house, good repair, gas fixtures in every room. Price \$50 per month. Inquire Chamber of Commerce, Merkel. 1tp

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WANTED—To trade a pair of 7-year old mules for Ford touring. Must be late model and in good shape. R. N. (Big) Campbell. 1t

COMPLETE fountain with corbinator etc all complete. Also want property there for other property, Abilene or any other place, for trade. Williams Real Estate, 1658 Orange street, Abilene, Texas.

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

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF ARVEL FOSTER

Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Merkel, Texas. Whereas on Aug. 27, 1926, death came and took from us our Brother, Arvel Foster. He was a true Mason and loved by the fraternity and by all that knew him.

Be it therefore resolved that in the death of our beloved Brother Arvel Foster this Lodge has suffered an irreparable loss and that this Lodge extends to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy in their sorrows and pray God will comfort them in this dark hour.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call from this life the soul of our deceased Brother Arvel Foster, and call him to life of endless duration, may we who do survive him prepare ourselves for that moment that we may hear the welcome plaudits: Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord.

Be it therefore resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy published in the Merkel Mail.

Fraternally submitted by your committee, M. C. Graham. It

USE the classified ads for sale, for rent, wanted, etc. New subscribers and strangers read the classified ads every week to secure various items. tf

"SPECIAL DAYS" GIVEN FOR 1926 STATE FAIR

"Special days" announced for the 1926 State Fair of Texas, at Dallas, Oct. 9-24, include the following, and it is announced that several additions may be expected:

Saturday, Oct. 9, Opening Day.—A. & M. Day, Sewanee Day, Initial and Premier performance "Princess Flavia," in the auditorium.

Sunday, Oct. 10.—International Day.

Monday, Oct. 11.—Press Day, Georgia Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 12.—Dallas and Dallas County Day, Baylor and T. C. U. Day, Druggists' Day, Elks' Day, Red Men's Day, Service Grocers' Day, Harrison County Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 13.—Farm Bureau Day, Swine Breeders' Day, Hunt County Day, Texas Baby Chick Association Day.

Thursday, Oct. 14.—Ft. Worth Day, Kaufman Day, "Turkey Day" (Denton County) Poultrymen's Day, Texas Jersey Cattle Club Day, Collin County Pure Bred Live Stock Day.

Friday, Oct. 15.—Franklin County Day, Children's Day, W. C. T. U. Day, Texas Welfare Association Day, Texas Music Clubs' Day, Texas League of American Pen Women's Day.

Saturday, Oct. 16.—East Texas Day, Tyler Day, Traveling Men's Day, Texas Commercial Executives' Day, Varsity and Vanderbilt Day, All-College Day.

Sunday, Oct. 17.—Luther Day, Spanish-American War Veterans' Day.

Monday, Oct. 18.—Farmers' Day, Texas Ginners, Day, Texas Manufacturers' and Wholesale Merchants' Day, G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps Day, Texas Congress of Mothers' Day, Wiley and Langston University Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 19.—Holstein Breeders' Day, Confederate Day, Gregg County Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 20.—Kentucky Day, Texas League of Municipalities' Day.

Thursday, Oct. 21.—West Texas Day, Hale County Day.

Friday, Oct. 22.—R. O. T. C. Day, Lions' Day, Insurance Day.

Saturday, Oct. 23.—S. M. U. Day, Red River Day, Tennessee Day.

Sunday, Oct. 24.—Closing Day.

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN NEW QUARTERS**

The office of the Chamber of Commerce is now in the Latham building on Elm street, three doors west of the Farmers State Bank building. Mr. Thompson says he regretted to leave the old quarters on account of the hospitable treatment accorded him not alone by Mr. Jones but by all the "force". There was no charge made for the space he occupied, and many courtesies were extended to him which he fully appreciates.

If you have not received notice of your monthly dues to the Chamber of Commerce please hand the secretary a check for the amount when you next see him. The response to date has been very encouraging, the secretary said.

To Build on Front Street

Mr. C. P. Stevens reports the sale to W. H. Laney of the lots on Front Street just east of the Hamm Gin, on which are located some barns and sheds. The lots will be cleared preparatory to building new business houses, we are told.

Miss Lillian Watts, who with her mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, and other members of the family, visited relatives last spring in St. Louis, Miss Lillian returning to that city to accept a position, we learn is rapidly recovering from a serious operation, following an illness of some ten days. Mrs. Watts was called to her bedside and was there when it became necessary to operate. Miss Lillian's many friends will be glad to learn that she is now improving nicely and expects to return to her home here as soon as she is able to make the trip.

D. O. Huddleston, an esteemed citizen, has been quite sick for the past ten days but from last reports we hear he is some better. D. O. is always missed from our streets as he has many friends who enjoy visiting with him.

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**MANY NEW SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE MERKEL MAIL**

Since the bringing in of the Phillips Joe Winter well eight miles northwest of Merkel, the circulation of this paper has jumped by leaps and bounds, and the most of the new subscribers are former citizens of Merkel, many of whom still own property here, and have been repaid a thousand times as they have been able to either sell their holdings here at a far greater price than they ever hoped to receive or they are still in possession for still greater values.

Approximately 300 new subscribers have been added in the past 40 days. Among the many received this week was the renewal of Mr. L. E. Sanders, of Sacramento, California.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend to all our deepest and most sincere thanks for any acts of kindness or word of sympathy extended us during our recent sorrow. And we would not forget the beautiful floral offerings that were so much appreciated. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you, is our earnest and sincere prayer.

Mr. W. J. Cox, W. T. Cox, L. W. Cox, Jake Cox, J. M. Cox, Arthur Cox, F. F. Cox, Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, Mrs. Rufus Tittle, Mrs. Ira Moore.

Mrs. S. C. Keith, of Meridian, Texas, was here this week, visiting many friends, being a guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter while here. Mrs. Keith and her husband, now deceased, for many years were among Merkel's very best and most prominent citizens and her many friends here were indeed glad to have her here for a visit. She recently sold her excellent home located on Bettis Heights, to Mr. Castle B. Ellis, one of the very efficient and accommodating bookkeepers at the F and M Bank.

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Junior Dramatic Club Meets

On Thursday afternoon the Junior Dramatic Club met in the expression studio with Delta Moore and Vera Richie as hostesses. After a short business session a delightful afternoon of games, readings and story telling was enjoyed. Those who appeared in recital were Willie Evelyn Boaz, Nell Durham, Margaret Canon and Hazel Leslie.

During the play hour the hostesses served delicious sandwiches and lemonade to the following club members: Willie Evelyn Boaz, Margaret Canon, Nell Durham, Elma Mae Gambill, Betty Lou Grimes, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Elizabeth Holloway, Doris Jackson, Hazel Leslie, Margaret Miller, Delta Moore, Vera Richie, Modyne Sheppard, Marie Stan-

ford, J. W. Adcock, Horace Boney, Norman King, Tom Simpson and Lawrence Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway are happy this week to have as their guest their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Owen, from Wichita Falls.

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Idlewise Club

The Idlewise Club members were entertained in the home of Mrs. W. W. Haynes again this week with Mrs. Earl Baze acting as hostess. Four games of Bridge were enjoyed before the members were called into a business meeting by the president, after which they were refreshed by a most delicious salad and drink. Those enjoying Mrs. Baze's pretty party were Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, Vennie Heizer, Kathleen Sudderth, Eleanor Harrison, Frances McMurry, Miss Dean and Mesdames Emmette Grimes, Warren Smith, Bill Brown, Bill Haynes, W. F. Fugate and the hostess.

**TWO COUPLES MARRIED
BY REV. W. R. McCARTER**

On October 16, Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of this city, in his appropriate manner pronounced the words that made man and wife the following two young couples, all residing in the Compere community.

Mr. Charlie Allred and Miss Lorene Stout were first married, at the Methodist parsonage, followed a short time later by Mr. Raymond Stout and Miss Essie Bonds. These young people are popular in their community and from excellent families. Congratulations and good wishes are extended from their many friends.

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