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Merkel Schools Enter Last Lap of Term; Much Progress Made

This week marks the beginning of the last one third of school and we can now tell something of the progress we have made in school and at the same time gauge our speed for the ensuing 10 weeks. I'm glad to note the fact that the responses have been much better lately as you will see from these figures. We have 30 per cent of our high school students making an average of 90 or above; and only about 20 per cent who are failing to make the required 75 or above. I am grateful for the cooperation of the parents in the matter, encouraging and admonishing the boys and girls to greater and better school work.

If we can reduce the percentage of failures as much as we have I believe we can reduce them still more if we (all parents concerned) work at it more sympathetically and diligently. The teachers will tell you that the school executives have urged them to find the cause of failures and eliminate the cause. We can come nearer doing something for the child if his parents will help us to "find the child," and sometimes we help the parents "find" the child. I'm hoping we can be of greater service to the boys and girls in Merkel than we have in the past. That means the parents must not become self-satisfied and think we can do it all at the school. You must keep your part up as well as the teachers. That means that from now on (in spite of the spring time) the parents must see to it that son or daughter is not out every night or so riding or on picnics or at parties or shows; these remaining few weeks are far too important for that. I'm sorry to say some of our boys and girls will fail because this practice is not stopped. I am not opposed to the things I've mentioned in the things themselves, but the habits formed and time lost overbalance the value of the recreation thus obtained. Help us help you and yours.

The people of Merkel have an unusual opportunity afforded them on Tuesday evening March 15. First, the opportunity to do something for Merkel High School and the Parent-Teachers Association, and by way of parenthesis, how many of you know what the P. T. A. is doing? Ask some of the folks and see. They have been and still are a positive influence and agent of good in the community. They made possible the sidewalks, trees and grass toward beautifying the campus. They have put many dollars worth of books in the library, etc. You have a chance to lend a helping hand. Second, you have the opportunity to hear a poet-humorist impersonator, chalk talker and musician. A high class accomplished entertainer and one who will give you an evening full of laughs and maybe a few tears. Some creepy feelings, and more thrills. The boys and girls will see you about buying tickets, maybe; if they do then investigate before you say no. The show is guaranteed. If you are not satisfied come by the office and get your money back. This isn't ballyhoo—it's facts. We expect to put on some other things and we know you want to be treated fairly. See the window cards for information as to time and place. People from Trent are coming to see him, so don't be out done by out of town people. Remember the date, place and event. Irvin L. Jackson.

J. J. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, who for the past several months has been in the employ of the Roxana Oil Company, with Coleman as headquarters, recently resigned his position and is now at home preparing to re-enter the State University for the purpose of completing his education. Young Russell is one of Merkel's finest young men and with the finishing of his education will no doubt enter into the state's business and commercial activities with the brightest prospects of success and worthy usefulness in any community where he may cast his lot.

Mrs. E. S. Murphey of Abilene is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Dye, here this week.

Mrs. B. A. Wall, of Midland, spent last week in the city a guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Mrs. E. N. Brown was called to San Angelo first of the week to attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. V. P. Tippett, who is reported suffering from influenza.

Allex and Superior Chick Feeds. Swafford, phone 44.

Merkel Cagers to Play Two Games

Tonight and Saturday night at the Armory at 7:00 o'clock, the boys and girls of Loraine High School will play the Merkel teams.

The girls of Loraine held the Champion girls of Nolan county to an even score and are preparing to enter the A. A. U. meet at Breckenridge. The boys promise a very hard gam as they defeated the Champion boys and other similar schools by a large score.

Due to the fact that Merkel gets better games and more enthusiasm by playing teams from other counties, as manifested in the Champion game, they are going to the necessary expense to detain the Loraine Cagers for two games, one Friday night and another Saturday night.

This will probably be the last local contest before the Merkel cagers go to Abilene on Wednesday night of next week to bring back the silver loving cup of Taylor county to Merkel high.

The admission will be 25 and 35 cents.

Friends Announce H. C. West Candidate For Mayor of Merkel

This paper is requested by friends of Mr. H. C. West to announce him as a candidate for Mayor of Merkel at the coming City election to be held here on Tuesday, April 5.

Mr. West, one of the city's influential business men and citizens, needs no introduction to the voters of Merkel, since he has resided here many years, having grown up with the town and its business interests. For two terms prior to the present administration he served honestly, faithfully and efficiently in the position his friends are seeking to elect him to again.

During Mr. West's previous occupancy of the city's highest official position, a modern sewer system was installed throughout the city, which was handled very successfully and to the entire satisfaction of the citizenship.

Since the city is again planning to make considerable expenditures in civic improvements, should the majority of tax-paying voters agree, his friends and supporters feel that there is none more capable of conservatively and judiciously supervising the adventure than Mr. West. He believes in conservative and business-like methods in the conduct of the governmental affairs the same as in private business, and should he be the choice of the voters of the city as their chief executive, this paper feels there will be no cause for regret.

Large Electric Sign to be Erected on New Queen Theatre Here

The new Queen Theatre is nearing completion and the large electric sign is being erected this week. This theatre will be one of the most modern and up-to-date theatres in all of West Texas. All modern conveniences are being installed with ladies and gents rest room, the stage scenery and settings are being made and installed by the King Scenic Company of Dallas, and will be well equipped for putting on the biggest and best shows that are to be had.

The latest and best equipment will be installed in the projection room, which will give to the people of Merkel the best projection possible. Money has not been spared by Mr. Hodge in making this a theatre that all Merkel will surely be proud of. It is an evidence of his faith in Merkel that others might well pattern after. It is such progressive men as this that build cities. The business men and citizens should congratulate him upon the opening of this splendid theatre.

Misses Annie Maye and Willie Swann of Snyder visited in the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs. J. S. Swann, this week-end.

Miss Lola Dennis of Simmons University had as her guest, Miss Bess Baldwin, for the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Miss Helen Booth is attending grand opera this week in Dallas, enroute she was joined by Miss Anna Morris, teacher of voice in Simmons University, and a number of Simmons students.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives at Post, Slaton and Lubbock.

ONE DRY HOLE AND ONE PRODUCER RESULT OF WEEK'S ACTIVITY; PHILLIPS' BEASLEY HAS SHOWING

Notwithstanding the fact that the cut in crude oil prices continues, and the reported decrease in the Noodle Creek production, considerable substantial activity continues in this field.

The only sure enough dry hole in the field seems to be the Phillips No. 1 Thornton, which is located to the Southwest of the discovery well and an offset to the Phillips Tessie (Walling) No. 2, which hit the pay first of the week and according to latest reports was swabbing around 150 barrels per day. This well picked up the pay lime at 2,520 on Tuesday; with the result that it was standing 1500 feet in oil, but not fully drilled in up to Thursday morning. The Tessie No. 2, is the tenth well drilled in the field since the discovery well came in September 7, 1926.

Among the wildcat wells now drilling near the pay sand are the D. O. Huddleston, six miles south, having reached a total depth of 2,220 feet on Wednesday. It was expected that the Noodle Creek sand would be encountered in this test at about 2,175 feet. However, the depth of 2,220 has already been reached without a showing. The contract depth on this test is 2,700 feet and it is expected the well will be drilled to that depth unless oil is found at a lesser depth.

The Haynes, three miles west of Merkel is underraming at around 2,200 feet. The next ten days should see the finish of both these tests.

The derrick is up and the tools being assembled for spudding of the Humble No. 1 Mrs. C. E. Jacobs, 3 miles due east of Merkel within the next few days.

The next completion is due to be Phillips' Beasley No. 1, which is approximately 1-2 mile southwest of the discovery and a west offset to Atlantic's Howell No. 1, a 100-barrel

well. Beasley No. 1 was reported yesterday to be drilling at 2,430 feet. Phillips Mason No. 1, down 2,272 feet is being closely watched, due to its proximity to Marland's Mason No. 3, the argest well in the field. Phillips' Mason is a west offset to Marland's Mason No. 3. Phillips' Tessie No. 3, South of No. 2, is down below 2,200 feet.

The latest Noodle Creek field report is as follows:

Midwest Exploration Co.'s Thornton No. 3, drilling 1,370 feet in broken lime and hard shale; Thornton No. 4, drilling at 2,100 feet in broken sandy lime and gray shale.

Phillips Petroleum Co.'s Tessie No. 2, made 35 barrels in 9 hours initially from 2,527 feet. Tessie No. 3, drilling in lime at 2,240 feet; Tessie No. 4, rig complete; Tessie No. 5, location; Beasley No. 1, drilling at 2,430 feet in lime; Thornton No. 1, drilling at 2,630 feet in red rock; Mason No. 1, clamping down 8 1-4 inch and mudding off water; total depth 2,272 feet. Winters No. 3, rig; Winters No. 4, location, Howell No. 1, location.

Marsten Oil Company's Marsten No. 1, fishing for under-reamer at a depth of 2,185 feet.

Atlantic's Howell No. 2, waiting on drilling counteraft.

Production

Midwest's Thornton No. 1, 210 barrels, 24 hours; Thornton No. 2, 71-2 barrels in one hour, shut down by motor trouble.

Phillips Petroleum Company's Tessie No. 1, 132 barrels, 24 hours; Winters Nos. 1 and 2, 421 barrels, No. 1 off 9 hours pulling rods.

Marland Oil Company's Mason No. 1, 95 barrels, 23 hours; Mason No. 2, 77 1-2 barrels of oil and 42 barrels of water, 24 hours. Mason No. 3, 781 barrels, 24 hours.

Atlantic's Howell No. 1, 105 barrels, 24 hours.

Cash Prizes to be Distributed to Farmers of this County

Abilene, Texas, March 10, 1927.—26 cash prizes are to be distributed among Taylor county farmers in a "Food, Feed and Conservation" contest being fostered by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce for this year.

The person who produces the largest amount of headed maize on one acre of ground during 1927 will be awarded a cash prize of \$100.00 in gold. Second prize will be \$75.00, 3rd prize \$50.00, fourth \$25.00, fifth \$15.00, sixth \$10.00 and twenty of \$5.00 each will be given to the runners-up.

The conditions governing the contest are few and can easily be met by any person.

The contestant must be a resident of Taylor county. No restrictions on age, sex, occupation or any other connection as many members of the same family may enter as desire.

The entrant must designate his or her acre of ground on which the maize is to be grown before the planting is to be done. A brief record will be required of all who compete for the prizes. A record book with complete rules will be furnished to each contestant.

The seed planted must be pure-bred from some state or federal experiment station.

The field must be carefully rogued, that is all heads must be cut from

the tall stalks which will invariably appear in the purest seeds.

The maize must be dry enough to put in the barn when headed and the stems on the heads are not to be over two inches long.

The contest is already attracting much attention. Over fifty entries have already been received by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce since the first complete announcement of the affair was made a few days ago. Officials of the organization are expecting more than 500 entries before maize planting time.

All those desiring to enter can make their entries by communication with the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. A special committee to handle the contest will be designated soon.

Merchants Are Off To Market

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown left first of the week for the Eastern market, where they will select for the Brown Dry Goods company a complete line of new spring and summer goods. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will attend the Fort Worth Stock Show on their return.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard, manager for the Jones dry goods in this city, is now in the Eastern markets with other buyers for this firm's chain of stores, selecting and buying their large stock of spring and summer goods.

Another Pioneer Passes Away

After an illness of several years, but more acute for the past three weeks, E. D. Coats, 67 years, eleven months and sixteen days old, one of the community's earliest settlers, passed away at an early hour Thursday morning, March 10, 1926.

Deceased was born March 24, 1859, was married to Miss Georgia Ann Florence, December 26, 1878, in Dallas county, and to this union six children were born, four of which survive as follows: D. D. Coats, J. T. Coats, Mrs. L. W. Cox, all of Merkel, and Mrs. M. D. Daniels, of Del Rio, Texas, and all of whom were present during their father's last illness and death.

On November 2, 1892, his first wife preceded him to the grave, and on August 2, 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Allee Tucker, four whom were born five children, four with their mother survive, as follows: Mrs. M. R. Hall, Mrs. B. F. Clark, John D. Coats, all of Merkel, and Roy Coats of Albany.

For many years Mr. Coats had been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Merkel, and had been very successful in all his business undertakings, especially had he among many others of the community, enjoyed considerable prosperity and added wealth as the result of the discovery of oil in this vicinity.

He had been a member of the Methodist church for about 50 years, having served in official positions such as Sunday School superintendent and member of the board of stewards.

The funeral of this one of Merkel's best known and beloved citizens, will be held at 10:30 o'clock this morning, at the Methodist church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, assisted by Rev. J. W. Saffle and Rev. Ira L. Parrack, with burial following in White Church cemetery, in which community the deceased resided for many years after coming to the west.

Irvin L. Jackson is Re-elected School Superintendent

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Independent School Board, among the important items of business transacted, Mr. Irvin L. Jackson, present superintendent, was re-elected for the next year.

Before his appointment to the Superintendentcy this year, Mr. Jackson served two terms as principal and coach. And his re-election to this important position for a second term will be hailed with sincere appreciation by his many friends throughout the city and entire school district.

He is working faithfully and to the best of his ability to make of the Merkel school one second to none in this part of the west, and should have the cooperation and help of every parent and citizen interested in the best school that it is possible for any community to have.

Besides the appointment of Mr. Jackson for a second term, the board appointed Mr. L. B. Scott as a member of that body to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Taylor F. Davis, deceased.

C. M. Largent & Sons Fine Herefords Take Stock Show Honors

According to press reports from the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, C. M. Largent & Sons, raisers of thoroughbred Hereford cattle, took away many honors, including Grand Champion Bull, Senior Grand Champion Bull, and grand champion cow and a number of other blue ribbons.

We learn also that the sale of several thousand dollars worth of the firm's cattle was made to other breeders wishing to raise the excellency of their stock.

Mr. W. J. Largent accompanied the fine herd to Fort Worth last week, staying there to manage and look after same, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent are also in attendance upon the exposition.

BAPTIST LADIES MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The ladies of the Baptist Missionary Union will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. T. E. Collins, at three p.m., and every one who can will please bring \$1.00 as an offering for the West Texas Charity Fund.

Miss Lillian Watts is spending a week in Abilene the guest of relatives and friends.

Telephone Service to London is Available From Merkel Now

"Telephone service to London is now available to every telephone in Merkel, at 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning," it was extended over a wide area in the Middle West, according to N. H. Moore, district manager, of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The service was formally opened by E. D. Nims, president of the Telephone Company, who sat in the Director's room on the twenty-sixth floor of the Bell Telephone Building in St. Louis and spoke the first greeting to Colonel H. E. Shreeves, London representative of the Bell System.

Following that conversation Mr. Moore said "Commercial calls were taken in order in which they were filed and now every telephone in Merkel is a potential vehicle for communication with the British Isles. Telephone subscribers here can place a long distance call to London with as much ease as one to Little Rock or Kansas City."

"Rates for a three-minute call will be \$84.00 and \$28.00 will be charged for each additional minute; this represents an additional of \$5.00 over the New York Rate for each minute conversation. There will be a report charge of ten dollars in case the called telephone is reached but not the designated party."

"So far as the routine of placing the call is concerned, there is no difference between calling London from here and calling New York, one lifts his receiver and asks for long distance."

"A few questions to determine the name and telephone number and the operator replies, 'Thank you, we will call you.'"

And that represents the extent of the subscriber's worries, his call will go through just as efficiently as one to the next town. Operators in the local exchange too, will handle any calls to London in precisely the same manner as all long distance connections, with the exception that immediately a request for such a call is received here, it will be passed to New York and filed with the Trans-Atlantic operators. There it will take its turn with calls from other sections of the country."

"When New York is ready to put the call through, the Trans-Atlantic operator will call the local operator over the regular circuit used in reaching this town. The local operator will ring the person who placed the call, who will be greeted by the New York operator with, 'Ready on your call to London, go ahead.'"

Then, so dependable have the Trans Atlantic circuits become, the chances are that the person here will be able to converse clearly and distinctly. At least that was the situation in St. Louis Thursday; Mr. Nims and Colonel Shreeves chatted together quite as casually as though they had not been separated by 4600 miles of land and water.

"With long distance circuits operating at a high degree of efficiency, N. H. Moore, District Manager, explained such a conversation could be carried on here with equal distinctness."

"Ordinary telephone circuits will carry the conversation from here to New York. From there it would be carried by land wires to the great radio broadcasting station at Rocky Point, L. I. where the voice would be amplified many times and put 'on the air'. It would be picked up at the Wroughton, England, receiving station and carried to London by wire, where it would reach the desired telephone over ordinary circuits. London's reply would be radio cast from the Rugby Station, picked up at Houlton, Maine, sent by land wires to New York and placed upon regular long distance circuits leading here. The service will be available between 7:30 a.m. and 12 noon, central time, according to Mr. Moore. In London time these hours are 1:30 to 6 p.m. Simultaneous with extension of the service here it is being made available to all portions of the following states, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

Throughout this area the rate will be the same for all points. Trans-Atlantic conversation on a commercial basis was first held between the metropolitan areas of New York and London January 7. Since that time the area from which calls may be placed has been extended rapidly, until now it embraces the greater part of eastern and Middle Western United States. The London service has been extended throughout England and Scotland.

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RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE BENEFITS OF ARTICLES 1086 TO 1096, INCLUSIVE, AND ARTICLES 1104 AND 1105, REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF TEXAS OF 1925, RELATING TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS, APPOINTING OFFICERS AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

WHEREAS, a written petition to the Governing Body of this city to order an election on the question of adopting the benefits and provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, has been presented to and filed with the City Council, and such petition is signed by more than 100 qualified voters of this City, same being signed by 102 such voters, and the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to proceed with the making and construction of certain street improvements in said City and to call such election concerning such law, which is usually known as the General Paving Law, and was formerly shown as Chapter 11, Title 22, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1911.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: I. That there be, and is hereby ordered held a special election in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 1927, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted and voted upon:

Shall the benefits and provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to street improvements, be adopted by the City of Merkel, Texas.

II. Said election shall be held in said City at Fire Station, and the following officers for said election are hereby appointed: B. C. Gaither, Presiding Officer, G. W. Boyce and H. M. Rainbolt, Judges; and Betty Sublett and Lizzie Latham, Clerks.

III. Said election shall be held as nearly as possible in compliance with law with reference to regular city elections and in strict compliance with the terms of the law to be voted on, and at said election only resident property tax payers who are qualified voters of this City shall be allowed to vote, but all such shall be permitted to vote.

IV. All voters desiring to vote in favor of the adoption of said law shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the adoption of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, relating to street improvements."

V. All those opposed to the adoption of said law shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the adoption of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to street improvements."

VI. The Mayor of the City of Merkel is hereby directed to give notice of said election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution to be published in the Merkel Mail, which is a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Merkel, Texas, and which has been regularly and continuously published and generally circulated in said city for a period of more than one year; such notice shall be so published at least once each week for five weeks preceding the date of said election, and the Mayor is directed to give further notice by causing a substantial copy of this resolution to be posted in at least three public places within said City thirty days prior to the date for said election.

VII. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage.
Passed and approved this 28th day of February, 1927.
N. D. COBB,
Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.
ATTEST:
PAULINE JOHNSON,
City Secretary. 415

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To any Sheriff or Constable Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. L. Bowles by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Taylor County, to appear at a regular term of the Justice Court of Taylor County, Precinct 1, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene, on the 2nd Monday in April, 1927, the same being the 11th day of April, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in the said court on the 26th day of February 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 617 wherein Wade Hilburn Tire Service is Plaintiff and T. L. Bowles is defendant, and petition alleging that on or about the 7th day of April 1926 plaintiff sold on account to said defendant goods, wares and merchandise in the total sum of \$61.12 and that said amount is due and unpaid and that said defendant has refused and still refuses to pay same or any part thereof to plaintiff damage in the sum of \$61.12.
Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the term herein mentioned, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand at the city of Abilene, Texas, this 26th day of February, 1927.
P. B. FORD, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Taylor county, Texas. 414

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greetings
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON BESSIE ROSE by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the Second Monday in April A. D. 1927, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of March A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6444-A, wherein A. B. Rose is Plaintiff, and Bessie Rose is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married about June 3, 1924, and separated about July 3, 1926. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment as is fully shown in the Plaintiff's original Petition now on file in said court, to which reference is here made.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, 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, Texas, this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1927.
BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. 1114

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WARREN NEWS

(By Rose Ellington)

The farmers would all like to see some pretty weather. Health of this community is very good at present.

Mr. T. B. Hobbs, who got his arm broken last Monday, is doing nicely at present.

Miss Onite Finch of Hodges spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mrs. R. L. Newman, Mrs. Ester Canon spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Grandma Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mrs. Homer McCormick of Roscoe spent Friday night with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Hamlin spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Mr. R. V. Jones spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Robert Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsoe, Mrs. Therman McCoy, Mr. Homer McCormick, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Hodges.

Mrs. John Hobbs returned home Tuesday from Fort Stockton, where she has been with her father, Mr. Clonch, who has been very low. We are very glad to learn that he is some better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Clonch had the pleasure of having all their children together with them for the first time in 14 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy.

Grandma Hobbs on last Saturday, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ella, was called to Comanche county to attend the funeral of her grandchild, the infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Leece Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris were called to attend the funeral of her grandfather, Mr. Jaynes, of Comanche, on last Saturday.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy Sunday night for a while were Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy, Mrs. Ellington, Mrs. Fay Kelso, Mrs. Barbara McCoy, Lottie and Vivian McCoy, and Buster Odell McCoy.

Miss Ollie Hobbs visited Miss Minnie Ethel Canon a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Criswell spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Dobbs.

Olene Underwood spent Tuesday night with Violet Jones.

Mrs. Dobbs spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Garner of the Kale community.

Mr. Gerald Garner of Kale visited Mr. Irvin Thompson Thursday.

Miss Ruth Chancey spent Sunday with Miss Azline Sumpter.

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Methodist Church

We had a splendid day last Sunday at the Methodist Church, though the attendance at the service was not quite up to the standard.

Would like for every Methodist in the vicinity of Merkel to be with us next Sunday. Attend Sunday School at 9:45 and come with the intention of remaining for worship at the 11 o'clock hour.

Intermediate League at 5 p.m. and Senior League at 7 p.m.

The regular services at the evening hour, 7:30; will be varied, consisting of special music, instrumental and vocal, and the sermon.

A warm welcome is extended to all visitors and strangers.

W. R. McCARTER

Baptist Church

Sunday was a good day with us; good attendance in all services and a fine spirit. The offering on the conquest campaign started with \$660.00 subscribed. Every member of the church should have a part in this worthy cause. All over Texas Baptists are in this campaign and an effort is being made to give every Baptist an opportunity to have a part in this big task. Baptists have set themselves to the task of paying off all indebtedness against every Baptist institution in their hands. It is a big undertaking but many are taking hold of the task in a worthy way. Let every Baptist who reads this determine to be a helper in this time of need. No matter where your membership is if you are a Baptist this is no time to default. "Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty".

The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "Baptists at Kadesh Barnea". The theme Sunday night will be "Another Unanswered Question of the Bible".

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

B. Y. P. U. service at 7 p.m., beginning with special program by the adult department.

Womans Missionary Society Tuesday at three p.m.

Prayermeeting 7:45 p.m.; choir practice at eight p.m.

All visitors are welcomed by our ushers and by the congregation. Come find a place to work and worship.

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday afternoon Dan Brown was happy to have some of his little friends to spend the time from three to five with him, in celebrating his seventh birthday.

Games were played that are always new and enjoyed by children, and of course all eyes were opened to see the white birthday cake, topped with candles. The cutting of the cake was part of the fun. Mr. Brown served fruit jello and whipped cream with the cake, carrying out the pink and white colors.

Dan and his mother made this an enjoyable afternoon for Murry Toomb, Marvin Boney, Murphy Dye, Billie Woodrum, Ben Robert Hicks, Orville Coats, Billie Burks, J. C. Foster, Albert Penny, Jack Burks, Imogene Shuff, Deverle and Dan Brown.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. F. C. McFarland was the hostess to the Thursday Club members this week complimenting them with a beautiful rainbow party. Mrs. McFarland proved herself a clever as well as artistic hostess in arranging for the club games of 42. Partners were found by answering questions written on hand painted tallies, the answers being in the form of some club member's name. The table appointments all featured the rainbow colors even the rainbow itself was a part of the house decorations and at the end of it each guest found an especial gift that she had previously wished for. This part of the afternoon entertainment came as a surprise to the guests and some of the gifts were entirely comical. At the culmination of the games a pretty refreshment of brick cream featuring the rainbow colors and angel food squares were passed to Mrs. Luther Briggs, Bill Sheppard, George White, Swafford, Cap Holden, Duncan T. E. Collins, Charlie Jones, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, T. L. Grim Warren, Tom Largent, W. J. Laras, R. L. Grimes, Dee Grimes, Booth gent, John West, F. Y. Gaither, James West, Robert Hicks, Ollie Dye, Earl Lassiter and the hostess.

Womans Missionary Society

At the meeting Monday afternoon of the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, the fifth chapter of the Study Book was used for a lesson. In the absence of the president, Mrs. McCarter had charge of the meeting and very interestingly taught the lesson. The last chapter in the book will be used for a lesson next Monday, following the business session.

Implements

We Have Our Samples Up Now on our new implements. If you are in need of a new implement of any kind let us show you our stock. We also have a few second hand implements.

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The design and arrangements of the seats conform to the general contour of the body, the seat cushions being low in the body and tilted upward to give comfort of a lounging chair to the occupants.

The seats are also equipped with back supports of the lazy cushion type

so that the body is supported well up to the shoulders.

This is of marked importance at the present time when the rush toward lower prices of motor cars has caused a general adoption of designs which naturally entail the use of straight backs and narrow seat cushions.

Seats are so placed in relation to the windows that the vision of the passengers and driver is never obstructed.

The steering column is also tilted at a comfortable angle so that the driver rests as easily in the car as any of the passengers. Roominess of the front seat allows also, a change in driving posture, which is so necessary to the comfort of the long mileage driver.

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TAYLOR F. DAVIS

Taylor F. Davis was born in Wood county, Texas, January 14, 1898. He went to school in Wood and Eastland counties and taught school in Taylor and Fisher counties. It was during his teaching in Taylor county that he was married in Abilene, Texas, Feb. 24, 1917, to Miss Gertie Moore, whose family is one of the pioneers as well as one of the most highly esteemed and respected families of the Merkel community in the fall and winter of 1918 and 1919 Mr. Davis was bookkeeper at the Farmers and Merchants National bank, where he proved his unusual ability in that field of work. He went to Fort Worth, where he secured work as book-keeper for Sanger Brothers of that city, while there in their employ again he proved his ability as bookkeeper, placing their books on balance in two weeks time when they had not balanced for some years. On leaving Sanger Bros. they asked him to name his price and stay but he chose to come back to Merkel and to the farm where he could enjoy the out-door life.

Since that time his ability on the farm, together with some other enterprises, has enabled him to accumulate property probably as fast as any other young man in our community had ever been able to do.

Last February he became acting postmaster, and in March he received appointment. During his service there he showed those same keen business like traits as mentioned above, and as a result we never enjoyed the services of a more courteous, accommodating and efficient public servant.

To mourn his going he leaves a wife, two small children, an aged father, A. J. Davis, Sr., 2 brothers, A. J. and T. J. Davis, three sisters, Mrs. Paul Elder and Mrs. Floyd Simms of Fort Worth, Texas, and Miss Lela Davis of Henderson, Texas, and an innumerable host of friends.

He is gone; we will miss him, but never can forget him.

A FRIEND.

Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears who are attending McMurry College, Abilene, were home this week-end with their mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodrum are among those of this city attending the Fort Worth Livestock Exposition this week.

J. C. Mason left first of the week for a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

RETURNS FROM ATTENDING MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale returned first of the week from Lipan, Hood county, where they had been called to the bedside and burial of the former's mother, Mrs. M. R. Hale, one of the pioneer and best known citizens of Hood county. She was 76 years of age and had been a resident of the Lipan community for more than half a century. The deceased is survived by her husband, four daughters and two sons, 29 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. The surviving daughters and sons are: Mrs. R. L. Milhollin, Mrs. A. P. Campbell and Mrs. Roach of Mineral Wells. The sons Jim McCuan of Lipan, Mrs. W. H. are Harry and Houston Hale of Lipan, Guy Hale of Mineral Wells and Grover Hale of Merkel.

Mr. J. S. Swann is among the local ranchmen and bankers attending the Fort Worth Livestock Exposition this week.

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quested by the Chamber of Commerce
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taining to the Retail Merchants As-
sociation and return them to the se-
cretary as soon as possible in order
that the Association may be placed in
working order. If more blanks are
needed, or any information concern-
ing same, call 101, the office.

NOTICE— SCHOOL PATRONS
Mr. A. J. Lloyd has been employed
by the Merkel Independent School
Board to take the scholastic census
for the entire Merkel school district,
and all parents and every one inter-
ested in our school, is asked to co-
operate with him in seeing that every
child between the ages of seven and
eight is enrolled upon the census
book. If you have a child that will be
seven or one that will not be over
eighteen before next September, see
that their names are given to Mr.
Lloyd. Doing this you will help the
school very materially financially as
every one so enrolled will be allotted
their share of state apportionment.

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If you want to save ten per cent on
your gasoline bill, call around at the
Maverick Service Station and have
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**POOR HORSE COLLARS
CAUSED ROME'S FALL**

**French Savant Advances an
Original Theory.**

Paris.—Did Rome fall because no
public-spirited citizen knew enough to
invent a harness that would adequately
utilize horse power? This week
joint in the armor of the fallen em-
pires of antiquity was pointed out by
Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at
a recent meeting of the French Insti-
tute of Anthropology.
Commandant des Noettes has made
a complete survey of the history of
the use of animal motive power from
the early dawn of civilization. The
harness of the ancients, he explained,
had for its principal organ of traction
a collar consisting of a leather band
that went around the neck like a dog
collar, without touching the shoulders,
and which was attached to a wooden
yoke just above the withers. This col-
lar was so placed that it most effec-
tively cut off the animal's wind by
pressing on his windpipe and the large
artery of the throat.

Almost Strangled Horses.

As soon as a team felt the weight of
a chariot and its passengers exerting
pressure on the collar they were
forced to rear up their heads and dash
off to save themselves from strangling.
Hence the rampant attitude of
all the horses depicted in ancient pa-
pirl and sculptures, declared Com-
mandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the
great civilizations of the past were
never able to get more than a frac-
tion of the potential motive power
from their horses. Oxcams operat-
ing with a wooden yoke attached to
the horns, not greatly different from
that in use today, did not suffer from
the oppressive collar and in conse-
quence did most of what heavy haul-
ing was done. Both oxen and horses
were unshod and in consequence were
not much good in rough ground.

Couldn't Haul Half a Ton.

Data obtained from translations of
the Greek historian Xenophon and
from the Theodosian code about a
thousand years later, said Command-
ant des Noettes, indicate that no team
of oxen in ancient times was ever con-
sidered capable of transporting a load
of over half a ton.

Various ineffectual attempts were
made to modify to better advantage
the accepted type of harness, but not
until after the era of Charlemagne,
about the time of the beginning of the
Capet dynasty in France, did some
inventive genius devise a horse collar
that was practical.

For six hundred years the water mill
for grinding corn had failed to bring
great benefit to the Romans, simply
because it took numberless animals to
draw enough grain to supply its needs.
Where grain could not be transported
in ships the arduous labor of hand
grinding continued to be the order
of the day. The lack of adequate
transportation of raw products and
the consequent dependence on slave
labor, according to Commandant des
Noettes, constituted the great weak-
ness of the civilizations of the past.
The invention of the modern harness
gave to the world, he declared, a mo-
tive force more powerful and econom-
ical than slavery.

**Discover Branch Fossil
100,000,000 Years Old**

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A tree branch fos-
sil estimated to be 100,000,000 years
old is a prized possession of the Car-
negie Institute of Technology here.

The fossil, found in a coal mine at
Harmarsburg, Pa., is described by ge-
ologists as a "lepidodendron lanceolat-
um," a plant which contributed great-
ly to the forming of coal deposits in
the carboniferous era.

The woody part of the tree became
carbonized with other branches that
became coal and the fossil is almost
as thin as paper. It is a tree top four
feet high with branches spreading
three feet. Bark, limbs, twigs and
leaves are very clearly marked.

Miners in the Harmar mine of the
Consumer Mining company found the
fossil in the slate roof of an entry,
and the company gave it to the insti-
tute.

**Foreign Names Barred on
Russian Bills of Fare**

Moscow.—Roast beef, cafe au lait,
consomme and other adaptations of
foreign names for foods henceforth
will appear no more on Russian bills
of fare. The government has ordered
that foods in Russia must be called
by their proper Russian names to
stimulate national feeling in Russia
and thereby unintentionally making
life a little less happy for foreign vis-
itors.

**Iceicles in Alaska Tunnels
Delay Railroad Traffic**

Anchorage, Alaska.—Huge iceicles in
tunnels along the route of the Alaska
government railroad are interfering
with through on time traffic. Last
week three pillars of ice several feet
thick formed of frozen drippings
from ceilings of tunnels between Mile
44 and Mile 52. The ice was so brittle,
however, from intense cold that a blow
of an ax shattered the obstructions.

Lorna Doone a Myth

Exmoor, England.—Lorna Doone
never lived and Richard D. Black-
more's celebrated romance of that
name was founded on a myth, says
A. G. Bradley, noted English historian.

**Spring Announcements
A New Supply of Baseball Goods
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**Fruit Growers of Ozarks
Will Have Banner Year**
Kansas City, Mo.—Fruit growers in
the Ozark mountains are to have one
of the greatest years on record, ac-
cording to report of one of the princi-
pal fruit growers' associations. More
than 20,000 acres of strawberries will
be under cultivation and from 2,500
to 3,000 carloads of berries are ex-
pected to be shipped to the city mar-
kets. Officers also stated that about
2,000 carloads of grapes would be
shipped this year.

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Financial Report of Merkel C. of C.

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U. S. WORRIED OVER HELIUM SHORTAGE

Washington.—America faces a helium shortage. And helium is the unburnable gas that, although undiscovered on earth before 1895, is used to inflate dirigibles and thus keep them from exploding, as those filled with hydrogen are likely to do.

A BIG SHIPMENT OF Spring Merchandise JUST RECEIVED

Our immense stock of New Spring Merchandise is now about complete, and we are prepared to fill your entire bill for Spring and Summer Wearing Apparel.

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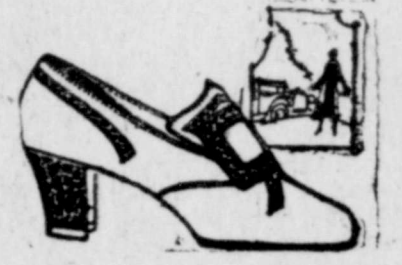


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Wild Horse Elimination Sought by Cattle Men

San Francisco.—The last of their type, wild horses of the once "wild West" are becoming victims of a campaign of extermination, because of their encroachments on civilization.

Cattle Malady Laid to Lack of Phosphates

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—A cattle malady that has puzzled dairymen in Door county for months has been traced to its source, according to a report from Dr. B. A. Beach of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture.

LUMBER CAMP SONGS INNOCENT DITTIES

Montreal.—Coincident with the decision of the Quebec government to appoint a committee of prominent men to study the speech of the French-Canadians with a view to putting a quietus once and forever on the slanderous opinions of tourists who believe, from contact with cab drivers and others, that the only language in French-Canada is a jargon of French and English, comes the publication by Mr. J. Murray Gibbon of Montreal of translations of thirty of the songs of French Canada.

S. M. HUNTER

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10% OFF ON GAS

If you want to save ten per cent on your gasoline bill, call around at the Maverick Service Station and have Jimmie Brown fit you up with a \$10.00 coupon book for only \$8.90. It

Writer Traces History of Ancient Tunes.

Traces Old Tunes. "Canadian Folk Songs, Old and New," the book just published by Mr. Gibbon through Dutton & Co., New York, not only is an education to lovers of music who gain some idea of the spirit in the songs, but it contains a somewhat lengthy treatise on the history of the music.

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PHONE 82

Advertisement for Northrup, King & Co.'s Seeds. Features an illustration of a woman in a garden and text: 'Your Own Garden—For Fresh Vegetables When You Want Them'. Includes a '5¢' price tag and 'All Standard Size Packets Vegetable Seeds'.

Chevrolet is Biggest Producer of Gear-Shift Trucks

Attaining a production of 112,499 commercial vehicles during 1926, an increase of more than 132 per cent over the preceding year, the Chevrolet Motor Company is now the world's largest manufacturer of gear shift trucks according to figures just announced by company officials.

The increase is a gain of 64,200 over the 1925 production of 48,299.

This enormous increase is attributed in no small degree to the numerous refinements and lowered prices of the new truck. Dealers everywhere reported an enthusiastic reception by the public of these new models.

The 1925 production in its turn had more than doubled the 1924 output of 23,134 trucks.

According to present manufacturing schedules an even greater monthly production is contemplated for the truck division during the coming months to insure a sufficient supply to meet the growing demand.

Production during January, 1927, tallying 15,927 trucks, also broke all truck production records for a single month in the history of the company. The previous high mark was in September, 1926, when 12,845 trucks were manufactured.

Just a few tons Diavolo Coal left—low in soot. Swafford, phone 44. It

Miss Ona Johnson in company with Miss Ruth Howard of Abilene are guests of friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dye are very happily domiciled in their new and modern home on Oak street.

GLEANERS CLASS ENTERTAINED

On Tuesday afternoon, March 1, at three o'clock Mrs. Robert Hicks, assisted by Mrs. L. S. Tipton and Mrs. Eli Case, were hostesses to members of the Gleaners class of the First Methodist Church at the church parlors.

An exceptionally interesting and excellent arrangement of ferns and decorations in keeping with St. Patrick's day of birth contributed a most artistic and enchanting appearance to the entertaining rooms.

After a short business session with the president, Mrs. Robert Hicks in charge, Rev. McCarter gave a prayer. The scripture reading was given by Mrs. Fred Latham. Entertainment features of the afternoon were two vocal solos by Miss Ruth Watts, a quartet composed of members of the class, Mesdames Beene, Church, Latham and Toombs, and a "blindfolded potato contest" in which Mrs. Duncan Briggs was favored with a prize for her speed in depositing the greatest number of potatoes in a jar.

Mrs. Hicks, assisted by Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Case, served a refreshment consisting of cherry fruited jello, topped with cherries and whipped cream, individual angel food squares emphasizing the class colors of pink and white and the letter "G" and olives to the following guests: Misses Ruth Watts and Doris Pinks, Mrs. W. U. Beene and Rev. W. R. McCarter and class members: Mesdames W. R. McCarter, teacher Herbert Patterson, Doc Vaughn, J. E. Richardson, Fred Guitart, Courtney, Duncan Briggs, Fred Latham, Tom Toombs, Etsel Church, R. R. Buford, Oscar Buford and Hunter.

King's Daughters Meet

Tuesday afternoon Mesdames Sears, Dry and Harkrider were hostesses to the King's Daughters Class. There were nineteen members and one visitor present. After the business session a very interesting program was rendered, especially the numbers given by the orchestra were enjoyed. We also have had some original poems by class members, which we enjoyed. A committee was appointed to see about beautifying the church yard. A refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, nut bread, cake and coffee was passed and a social hour was spent with these delightful hostesses. Mrs. Hamilton sent in her resignation as teacher, which was reluctantly accepted, as she made a wonderful teacher and as a class we hope her health will soon be recovered and she can be with us again. Mrs. Richards was unanimously elected as teacher and we are sure she will fill this place well. As the guests took their departure each one expressed themselves as having spent a very pleasant afternoon and hope that in the near future we will be invited back again.

CARD OF THANKS

To the friends of our beloved Taylor Davis we wish to thank you one and all for the kindness and goodness shown him and us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband, son and brother. We especially thank those who remembered him in the beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. Taylor F. Davis, A. J. Davis, T. J. Davis, A. J. Davis, Jr., Mrs. Sarah Elder, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore and family.



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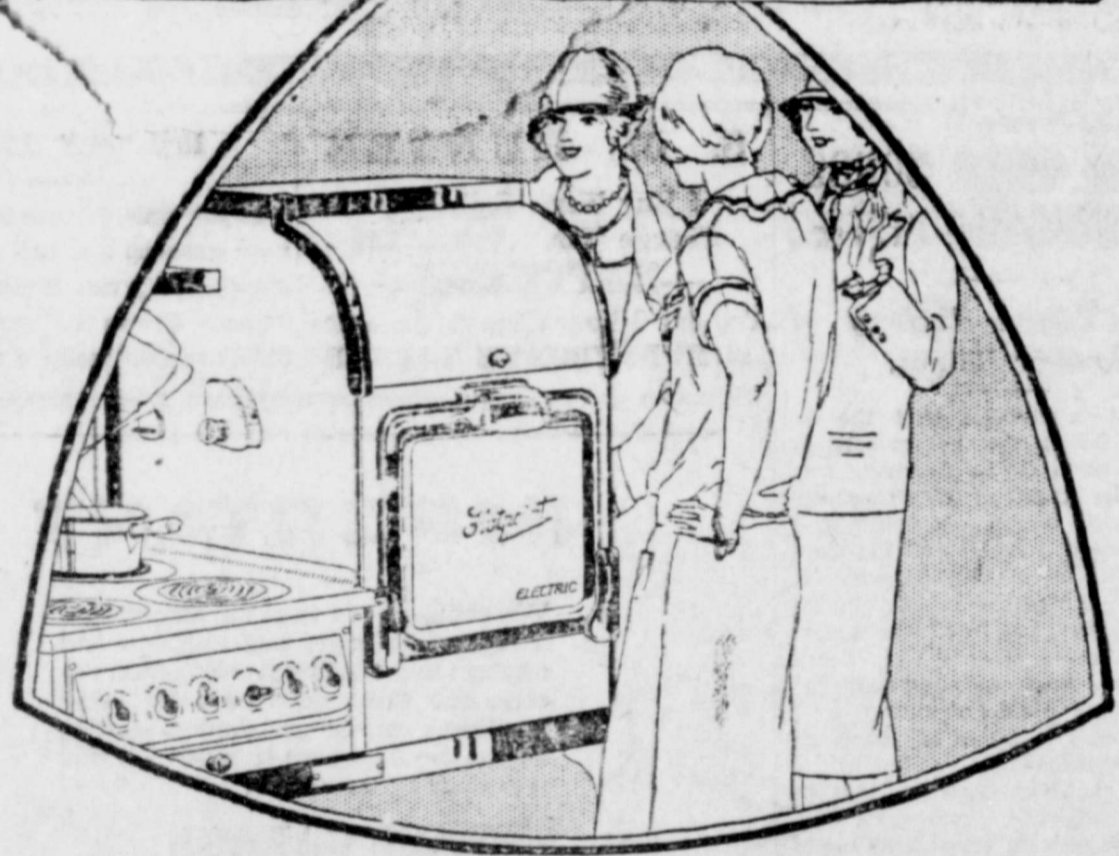
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Boy Scouts Enjoy Weiner Roast

On last Friday evening at seven o'clock a number of local boy scouts with Mr. Herbert Patterson as Scout Master, met at the Farmers State Bank and drove out near Mulberry bridge where they spent a most ideal evening. Various games were played, among the most interesting being a peppy and most enthusiastic session of kangaroo court. This was only silenced when the big camp fire began to yield most tempting and appetizing roasted wieners.

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Mrs. Virgil Touchstone and little daughter, Mollie Frank, and Miss Mossie Sears spent last week end in Lubbock.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and children of Tuscola visited first of the week with her father, Mr. J. S. Thomas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

A young people's meeting will be held at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock, at which time the following program will be rendered. All young people are cordially invited:

- Song; prayer.
- Scripture reading.
- Solo, Sallie Brown.
- Talk, Rosie Laney.
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FIRST Class Rhode Island red eggs for hatching, \$1.00 per 16; \$4.50 per hundred. Also few cockerels direct from Harold Tompkins' exhibition mating, \$2.50 to \$5.00. Also a few of the Tompkins special mating eggs at \$5.00 per setting. LEE BAKER, Merkel, Texas. 1t

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WANTED-Plain and fancy sewing. Mrs. J. W. Bryson, phone 149J, at J. M. Johnson residence. 11t2p

WANTED-Would be glad to have a few more milk customers. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. 1f

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LOST-Large, red, patent leather purse a week ago. Reward for return to the Merkel Mail or Christine Collins. 1tp

If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see Baker & Wheeler Market. 1f

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Any one wanting a monument will do well to see J. R. BAZE, Representing the Western Monument Co., of Dallas. 1tp

Mrs. A. M. Jones has returned from Snyder where she enjoyed a week's visit among friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bocknell attended the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth the first of this week.

Miss Lillian Watts is spending a week in Abilene the guest of relatives and friends.

WHITE LEGHORNS

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ELECTION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter mentioned:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, that an election be held on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1927, at which election the following propositions shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), payable serially over a period of forty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per

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centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas"; and

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), payable serially over a period of thirty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of the construction of street improvements in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas".

The said election shall be held at Fire Station in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to-wit:

B. C. Gaither, Presiding Judge; G. W. Boyce and H. M. Zainbolt, Judges; Betty Sublett, Clerk; Lizzie Latham, Clerk.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters, who are property taxpayers of said city, shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

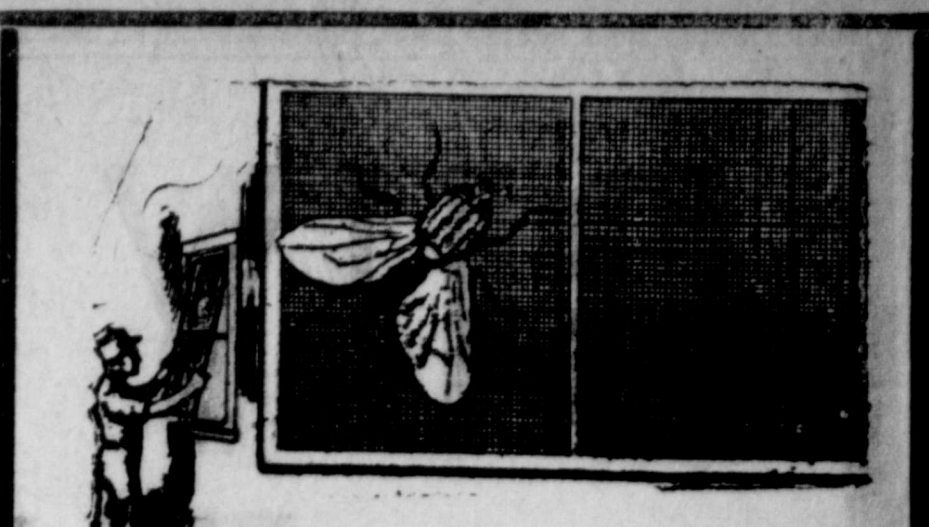
"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed to the issuance of the waterworks bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the purpose of the construction of street improvements shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000.00 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."



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And those opposed to the issuance of the street improvement bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000.00 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel and attested by the City Secretary of said City, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at three public

places in said City, one of which shall be the hereinbefore named polling place, for at last thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said city, and which notice shall be published once each week for 5 weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty (30) full days prior to the date of the election.

N. D. COBB,

Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

ATTESTED:

PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas.

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10th grade: Roy Propst, Sterling Sheppard, Fred Yandell, Norma Foster, Iris Garrett, Elizabeth Harkrider, Mildred Hamm, Ima Parrack, Mary Pence, Katherine Sudderth Wright.

9th grade: Mary Ellen Ashby 90, 91, Bernice Lasater 90, Ima Gene R. E. Cole 94, Raymond Earthman Mangum 90, Addie Fae Patterson 95, Ruskin Smith 90, Lois Suber 91, Norma Shannon 92, Maurine Tipton 90, Esther Wozencraft 90.

Eighth grade: Frances Frederickson 97, J. T. Rarsey 95, Weldon Coats 91, Carlos Montandon 92, Gordon Fleming 91, Ethel Hamilton 90, Beryl Hunter 95, Odell Hunter 95, Suddie Lightsey 90, Marcella Pinckley 91, Pauline Toombs 91, Nina Vantrees 94, Vernie Derrick 94, Ruby Robins 95, Tullia Miller 90.

Mrs. Sublett, 7th grade: Lucille Cole 94, Fannie V. Jones 90.

Mrs. Jackson, 7th grade: Elvis Richardson 94, Alvin Parrack 91, Elsie Lasater 90.

Miss Sterling, 6th grade: Ross Ferrier 91, Ida Mae Derstine 92, Nell Durham 92, Kathryn Duff 92, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 91.

Miss McMurry, 6th grade: Lela Patterson 93, Isadore Mellinger 90, Miss Proctor, 5th grade: Joyce Wheeler 92, Mildred Richardson 91.

Miss Campbell 5th grade: Margaret Canon 93, Francis Marie Church 93, Imogene Middleton 93, Opal Huskey 93, Nadine Field 90.

Miss Guitar, 4th grade: Garnet Robbins 96, Varerie Parks 92, La Verne Holden 92, T. J. Vernon 92, Lois Whitely 92, Vivian Lassiter 90, Bessylea Church 90, Lloyd Robertson 90.

Miss West, 4th grade: Harold Reece 96, Frances Adcock 95, Rogene Dye 92, David Gamble 91, Ruth Davis 91, Iris Copeland 90, Bennie Hendrix 90.

Miss Heizer, 3rd grade: Billie Bernice Gambill 90, Jesse Margaret Berry 90, Ira Marshall 90.

Miss Coats, 3rd grade: Ethelda Tucker 96, Alice Russell 93, Modyne Sheppard 93, James Pilcher 93.

Miss Harrison 2nd grade: Louise Toombs 92, Helmer Fister 91, Elna Tucker 90, James Russell 90.

Miss ... and grade: Ora Der-

rick 93, Preston Chaney 93, Horace Boney 93, Jeannette Hays 93, Jerry Hancock 90, Raymond Lassater 90.

Mrs. Teaff, high first grade: Doris Jackson 96, Betty Lou Grimes 94, Robert Grimes, Jr. 94, Waymond Adcock 92, Marvin Perkins 92, William Hawkins 90.

Miss Russell, first grade: Cieta Mae Vernon 91, Jack Burks 90, May Reynolds 90.

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Stout Falls, S. D.—Harris Rinderneck, a rancher of northwestern South Dakota, is the owner of a horse which he would not sell for its weight in gold. His affection for the animal is due to the fact that it saved his life.

During a storm recently, while the temperature was below zero, Rinderneck was rounding up some of his cattle, riding the horse which afterward saved his life, when the animal slipped and fell, throwing Rinderneck to the ground, breaking his leg and rendering him unconscious. Instead of the horse scrambling to its feet and dashing away, as most animals would have done, it scrambled to its feet and stood patiently beside the form of its master on the ground.

When the rancher regained consciousness he found the horse there waiting for him. Helpless, so far as attempting to walk was concerned, he grasped the saddle stirrup nearest to him, then spoke quietly to his horse and with his voice guided it to a snowbank which was of sufficient height to enable him to crawl to the back of the horse.

He then rode to the nearest farm house, but on arriving at the gate he was unable to make any one hear his calls for help. In this extremity he produced his pliers and cut the fence, riding up to the house, where he was given assistance and then taken to the nearest town for surgical attention for his broken leg.

The rancher declares that had his horse not waited for him he would have frozen to death. He was several miles from home when the accident happened, and it would have been impossible for him to have crawled that distance.

Seeks Safer Job

London.—Because the streets are too dangerous, Harold Solomon has sold his taxicab and began studying aviation. He purposes to run an air taxi.

Hassell, Awaiting Execution, Writes Letter to His Son

The following letter from George J. Hassell, convicted of slaying thirteen persons, and sentenced to die in the electric chair, to his son, Mr. James Delbert Hassell, was handed to this paper by Mr. Ed Rister. His sister, Miss Agnes Rister, obtained a copy of the original letter from a friend who was asked to deliver the letter. The letter follows:

Huntsville, Texas, Feb. 6, 1927.
Mr. James Delbert Hassell,
My Dear Beloved Son:

Please read this letter and remember you have got a father that has loved you all these years. But by the time you get this letter, he may be in the world beyond.

While you have never known me, I have shed lots of tears over you, and your mother. I do hope you will stand by her, to the last, for my dear boy, you only have one Mother, and the best friend you will ever have.

Well I felt like I must write you a few lines before I go. Listen now Delbert, remember there is only one way that will pay in this old world, and try and live a most straight and forward life, and make your word your bond. The right way is the only way, and love and respect your mother, and stay clear of bad company and above all leave whiskey alone; be braver than your father was in that respect, always be able to say get the behind me Satan.

Ask your mother about your Dad. She will tell you he was a kind hearted husband and father, she has seen me shed tears a thousand times. I have not always been bad at heart, and listen Delbert you have one of the dearest Aunts on route 3, box 84, Aunt Dora Watson. And remember she loves you, and will always be glad to hear from you, and give you any good advice that she can.

Now Delbert, I am on my bedded knees praying that you will live what is right, and never go astray with bad company and whiskey, like your father did in his young days. Oh if you could only see what it means? Well, Delbert, while I am sitting here in my death cell waiting for the 25th of this month to come, and then the electric chair to claim me, I am praying and I feel that I will have a chance at the morning of the resurrection, while the crime is the worst in history, I have not always been bad at heart, and I feel

that God has forgiven.

But please, oh please, leave bad company and whiskey alone, and love your mother and aunt till the last. Well I am glad that your grandma Hassell never lived to see this, for it would break her dear old heart. Well I have sinned and the Bible says the wages of sin is death, so I will have to pay but for God's sake and for your dear mother's sake and your own sake and for the sake of humanity, live right and be a man.

Wherever you go, and when ever these temptations come up, remember what Christ said, "get ye behind me Satan," for it is always Satan that brings these temptations in some way.

Well, my dear son, I will close for this time, but I want you to know, while you have not had a father's care all the time, you have had a father's love, for I have never ceased to love you and your mother.

While there has been a great wrong done you, and your mother, and I have forgiven every body, I want you and your mother to do the same. Hoping that you will read this, and understand it with the same spirit that I write it, I will close for this time, with love to you and a prayer on my dying lips for you and mama.

Your loving father,
GEORGE J. HASSELL.
P. S. Read St. John 3:16. I get lots of comfort from it.

MR. THOMPSON RETURNS FROM VISIT TO MOTHER

Mr. L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, who was called to Tarkio, Missouri, to the bedside of his aged mother, who was seriously ill, returned Wednesday evening and reports his mother decidedly improved and now expected to fully recover from the attack of pneumonia, from which she was suffering.

On his return home, Mr. Thompson stopped over in Kansas City for a visit with former business associates and old friends, and also visited his daughter, residing in Oklahoma.

He stated that he was glad to get back to his post of duty as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and to continue to lend his best efforts in behalf of the progress of this city and community; earnestly soliciting the aid and cooperation of every one interested in the city's best interest.

Local Fancier Breeds Dogs That Do Not Bark

Bellingham, Wash.—By interbreeding with a type of Siberian sledge dogs, a local fancier has developed a species of dog that does not bark. They have a manner of howling something akin to the wolf, but when well fed forget even that vocal ability. In begging for food they try to attract attention by a whine and guttural cough.

Church Theft Charged

Dallas, Texas.—Theft of one Baptist church, value \$45, is the charge that two negroes, one the pastor and the other a deacon, are facing here.

White House Employs Small Clerical Force

Washington.—With the exception of the fine arts commission which has but two hired hands, the White House has the smallest clerical force of any government department or independent bureau.

Forty-four employees, including three women, are assigned to the executive offices to assist President Coolidge administer the nation's business.

Uncle Sam employs a total of 500,705 persons to keep the wheels of government moving, compared with a total of 433,057 in 1916. When the armistice was signed in November, 1918, the largest number of clerks in history, 917,700, were on the government pay rolls.

The Post-Office department leads the field in employees with 305,985. The Treasury department is second with 51,619 and the War department third with 48,768. The Justice department has the smallest number, 3,768, of any of the executive departments.

Gun Shot Both Round and Square Bullets

Los Angeles, Calif.—The deadly Marlin machine gun, capable of firing 16 bullets a minute, one of the prize exhibits in the recent trial of accused Mexican revolutionists, is a far cry from its first ancestor, invented in England away back in 1717. The modern gun may put it all over its forebear in speed and accuracy, but it hasn't inherited one classic feature which seems to have recommended the first one—that of being able to shoot square bullets against Turks and round ones against Christians.

G. E. Chase, in charge of the patent room in the Los Angeles public library, recently came across the specification for this first gun, granted to James Ruckle. It was a portable gun, or a machine called a "defense," and the description ran as follows:

"The gun is a revolver and is mounted on a tripod; it has a single barrel and a rotating chamber. The shape of the chambers and of the bullets may be changed or varied, some for shooting square bullets against Turks and others for shooting round bullets against Christians."

Lose Fortune by Failing to Pay Tax of 98 Cents

Wellington, Kan.—Seven two-acre tracts of land, whose owners lost title back in the nineties by failure to pay taxes of 98 cents per tract, now are valued at \$100,000. The owners in 1893 considered the land worth about \$12.50 an acre.

The discovery of oil is responsible. Benjamin Reitz, a Kansas pioneer, had a "feeling" the land would be valuable some day, and religiously kept up his tax payments, while his neighbors let theirs lag and finally lost title.

Then an oil company drilled a test well and found oil. This well now is pumping 1,200 barrels a day.

Cut Off "Twistle"

Oswaldtwistle, England.—This little town is going to lose its "twistle" and probably become plain Oswald. The councilmen have decided "twistle" is cumbersome.

Candlestick Symbol

Albert Churchward, in his "Signs and Symbols of Primordial Man," says: "The seven candlesticks with lighted candles, we have no doubt, were introduced by Moses as a representative type of the 'Seven Glorious Ones'—that is, the seven stars of the Little Bear originally in Stellar Mythos. We have at the present time the same in use amongst the Christian churches, representing the mystic seven, which are the prototypes of the Seven Glorious Ones."

Mecca Drawing Well

Banjerbasah, Borneo.—This year's pilgrimage to Mecca is drawing a record number of 10,000 faithful Moslems from the island alone. The pilgrim age will take approximately \$4,000,000 out of the country.

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