ALL THE AUTHENTIC OIL NEWS OF THE NOODLE CREEK FIELD

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Thornton Ira Tops the Pay At 2506 Feet

est Exploration Company's Midwrnton No. 4, which hit the Ira Thopay at 2,506 feet Tuesday Phillips had swabbed 90 barrels afternoon, hour period ending at 7 over a tennesday morning.

o'clock Wewing in the new well First shes the fourteenth producer which manodle Creek field since its for the Nast September, was found discovery it Monday. Continued drillat 2,490 feshe pay between 2,500 and ing found when the hole was deepen-2,506, and further oil rose to a ed five feepproximately 700 feet in height of

the hole. Inton No. 4, two locations The Thor Thornton No. 1, is the west of thextnsion of the field tofurtherest uthwest. It is a diagonal ward the se Marland's Mason No. 3, offset of thill in the field. It is the the best wition within the last ten only completside of Midwest's Thorndays, and will be the last for an extended peeing begun due to the retions are \ crude prices.

cent cut ine only feature of the week thus far founty wildcat had a nice showing nty, midway between the ford couth pool and the Jones county Cook ranction of Humble near Lueline prodgood for 50 barrels from J. Armour, one of that city's pioneer ders, ist.

1,483 fey's Noodle Creek field pro-Mone from 13 wells was 2,595.66 ductior Total runs to pipelines was barrebarrels.

796. Sef interest in this section is Chred in a number of wildcats in cente and Taylor counties.

Wat section 15, block 19, T. & P. No locounty, has a hole of salt water Jona D feet and will set small pipe off the flow.

to in 1h and Johnson's C M. Largent Allection 50, block 49, De Witt ec of toold, drilling at 2,510 feet. of mobilerators' Trust et al's Haynes

No. 1, section 38, block 19, Merkel Chamber of Commerce. own at 2,503 feet. obiles.

ing he travelet, salt water at 2,360 which were very much enjoyed.

feebendous Of the 2,000 feet. which v

re third equipmes Will Be ill pakeleased Says Ely

he can Texas, March 29.-Federal \$6,500,000 worth for 1927, o be released to the state department within two or again* highw n said today.

son high-declined to enter with the water refinery and will rebuild it into aid and any project because of the a modern plant. state in heial condition of the highway depre roads.

yesterday r the aid problem.

Ely said position to secure the aid be available in two or which ment wil current debts as soon as roads, paid generally possible aid imposed.

SUBLETT ELECT-MRS. L. DR OF SPELLING DIRECTCOUNTY LEAGUE

Sublett, the able and ef. Mrs. L. heipal of the Grammar ficient P his city, was recently electof spelling in the Taylor erscholastic League. Mrs. County ne among the most capapular members of the fac-Merkel Public Schools, ble and ulty of and her ele r county Interscholastic hout doubt well merited. in the Tay League is

Herbert Dennis, ord, Buddje Cobb and Alvin Cur week from to the Devil

Hickey-Evans Well In Jones Produces

With the long, tedious fishing job completed and pipe set on bottom the Gillete & Hickey-Cowboy Evans S. W. King No. 1, shallow wildcat in Manuel Bueno Survey No. 197, two miles west of Hawley in Jones county was bailing last night at the rate of 12 barrels daily after having been drilled three feet deeper yesterday.

the production after deepening the sandy lime formation continued and Morning News.

Trent C. of C. Holds First Annual Banquet

Trent, our neighboring city to the West, one among the towns in this locality to enjoy extensive growth and prosperity as the result of the discovery of the Noodle Creek pool, celebrated Tuesday evening its first annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. ton No. 3, iod, since no new opera- It was indeed a fine get-to-gether meeting of its splendid citizenship and a fine program of speech making and enteretinment was carried This is the Jones County, although out. More than 200 were in attendance, with a number of invited guests a Taylorand a wildcat in Shackel- from Merkel, Abilene and Sweetwater present.

The visitors were made welcome in an interesting address by Mr. W. and substantial citizens and Mayor A. W. Wood who is also the very ex- High School for the small sum of a cellent Secretary of the Chamber of dime. The Juniors are featuring a Commerce, gave an interesting address on the splendid growth and advancement as made by that thriving and popular song hits will be staged. city since the advent of the oil fields near. Mr. L. H. Urten, of the L. H. Jone ld Oil Company's A W. Clark, Urton & Co., realtors, was the interesting and able master of ceremonies.

Other speakers of the evening included T. N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Monte Owens, secretary of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, N of abthool lands, three miles east B. M. Whitaker, representing the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and L. R. Thompson, scretary of the

an three miles south of The evening's program opened with two solos by Mrs. V. E. Goodthe A vast aler's D. O. Huddle- win, and a quartet comprised of Na- Time. Grent by 129, league 146, Grimes than Wood, Merkel, and Roy Dowdy, ston h the in lands, Taylor county, Virgil Goodwin and Joe Nalley of course the me heast of Merkel, show- Trent, with Mrs. Howard Phillips at six itors that at the top of hard black the piano. They sang two songs,

Those attending the occasion from Company's Boyd-Lee No. Merkel, as noticed by a representative prosperite survey No. 208, ten of this paper, were: L. R. Thompson, ies throwest of the field, under- secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, Postmaster O. J. Adcock, R. L. Adcock, C. H. Jones, Kirby Beckett, Etsel Church, and Mayor N. D. Cobb.

Sweetwater's Refinery Is To Be Operated

Sweetwater, March 30 .- Sweetks, after being withdrawn, water is to have an operating oil re- De Coppah Moon y, member of the highway finery immdiately, according to A. R. Venice Bell, Thelma Copeland, Inice Stribling of Stribling & Travis, owncommissal road authorities late in ers of the refinery of the Western Lickens Nationistration of the last Fergu- Oil Corporation of Duncan, Okla., the admy ay commission withdrew all which has purchased the old Sweet- Twilight

The purchasers are A. R. Stribling poor finaltment and the bad condi- and J. R. Travis of Duncan, Oklahoma, where they are operating a re- The Hindoo Song__ tions of th highway commission late finery as well as one in Hewitt, Okla-The neconferred with federal en- homa. Stribling was in this section Since you Came and Twilight sevral years ago and helped construct gineers overday that the commission the Col-Tex Refinery of Colorado.

Plans are to dismantle the refinery at Hewitt and ship it to this city so ks because it has satisfied that they can enlarge this plant to a athorities that the depart- size that will compare with any in properly maintain the West Texas. O. H. Fahl will have charge of the construction and will d generally measure up to begin work at once. It is the plan of the owners to have this plant in operation within the next 30 days. They will do an extensive jobbing business in connection with their sale of wholesale gasoline, kerosene and crude oils.

> W. H. Moore and wife and O. R. Joseph were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson Wednesday. They were on their way from Kress, Texas, to Weslaco, where they intend to locate permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney returned Wednesday afternoon from a visit to their daughter residing in East Texas. They report a very pleasant time, but stated that they were glad toget back to Merkel and West Texas.

Messrs. A. B. and Jas. A. Patterson Stanley Stanley Sturned Friday of last shipped a car of cattl to the Fort their daughter, Miss Loraine, motor- the boys, not only in the home, but a livelihood, as he has for some time buting and fishing trip Worth market this week. The latter ed over to Sweetwater last Sunday by the entire citizenship of Merkel. accompanied the shipment.

IMPORTANT CITY **ELECTION TUESDAY**

Circus Parade to be Staged Today at 4

The SIRKUSS has come to town The lions, elephants, giraffs, and be struck a little deeper .- Abilene through the business section of the ing voters-are allowed a vote in the Friday afternoon.

Junior Division: Class car, famous the same being optional with negro band, fattest woman in seven council. Also the voting upon counties, strongest man in the world, for street improvement (paving) Sirkuss Queen, negro clowns.

Revue, Mutt and Jeff, Clowns, freaks and our country cousins.

Queen, negro family, ukelele girls, horseback riders and clowns.

The parade is simply a mere beginning of what is to be. Tomorrow night there will be such attractions as 'The Headless Woman," and the Siamese Twins. Kisses may be bought from the best looking girl and boy in

The famous "Bathing Girls Revue" which has just finished a successful run in New York will be here with its original cast and will produce the original "Bathing Girls' Revue".

This is just a few of the many attractions which will be presented. The School and the proceeds will go toward the Annual Fund.

hamburgers, balloons, ice cream, kel, situated as it is just between two direction from Merkel you will not soda pop and candy will be on sale. larger, fast growing county seat find a town of her size that does not Come and Help us Have a Good

Twilight Concert

Collins, assisted by the Choral and provements above all others, for he Glee Clubs, will appear in concert on surely is desirous of the town build-Thursday evening of next week in ing and holding or even adding all the Grammar School Auditorium at th trade that can possibly be brought eight o'clock. Music lovers are es- here, and surely no one would deny pecially invited. Special attention that to make the suggested improvehas been given to the character of ments would add greatly to the trade the numbers assigned and master- of th city, besides increasing the volpices from the best composers only ume of business, property values will will be used. The following is the pro- also increase.

Operatic Chorus Branen Glee Club Brown and Iris Garrett _Duncan Sisters

Truett Patterson Frinil Holly Perry Lilacs are Blooming in Maytime

The Invitations of the Bells Double quartette of girls. H. Bemberg Mrs. Rado Archer

Club.

In The Time of Roses ____ Reichardt Will That Dear one be you, Reichardt Carlos Montandon That Sleepy Hollow tune Kountz, other fellow ALWAYS wrong. Mildred Smith, Obeal Stubblefield,

Helen Compton, Gladys Watts Twilight _____Frank La Forge Venice Bell Home to thy Mountains ____ Verdi-Mrs. Archer and Miss Collins Cadman You and Love Enough for You and Me

Mildred Smith (a) When Twilight Weaves Beethoven Minuet Choral and Glee Clubs

Mrs. S. L. Owens and children were down last week from Slaton for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner, They were accompanied on their visit here by Mesdames Burkhalter and Riney.

To Be Voted On

Although there was no increase in hundreds of other animals just cap- in the city of Merkel an election for and Thos. Durham, neither of whom turd from the wilds of the jungles city officers-a mayor and two alder- has announced his intention may be seen tomorrow afternoon in men. Also at this time the tax-paying ing a candidate to succeed himself. operators believed a better pay will the gigantic parade which will march voters-remember only the tax-pay- The writer, who has been a member town, beginning promptly at 4 o'clock following issues: Whether or not bonds in the sum of \$40,000 will be A few of the many attractions voted for water extension. In this derson, Boney and Gamble, have been which will be seen at this time are: case there is provision made for sed able and conscientious servants of the Senior Division: Class car, decor-ated buggy, Spanish car, bareback additional standpipe or storage tank, of years, and while there are those riders, clowns, famous woman animal and extension of the mains and se- who could fill their positions with curing of additional water supply, satisfaction and credit, they are each the same being optional with city well acquaintd with the duties of the the amount of \$20,000, which has Sophomore Division: Bathing Girl heretofore been explained.

Up to this time there has been no public announcement of candidate Freshman Division: Freshman for Aldermen. Messrs. A. J. Cano and J. I. Ford are the members whose terms expire. They are among sible should be elected. our very best citizens, and have for the past two years served honestly How Much Paving Mayor, the persent incumbent, Judge N. D. Cobb, is an aspirant for reelction, and former Mayor H. C. West is also a candidate for the place. Either of these gentlemen is capable of giving the people an excellent administration.

As to the proposed improvements: it is up to the tax paying voters. They are the sole judge. Every person should express their wish at the ballot box. Every one has a right to be for or against either or all propositions, and by a majority vote they will decide whether or not this town will go forward or backward, for all we have and a greater fight to held Tuesday. By Voice Pupils add to our growth and businss trade territory. It seems to us that the business man who owns his place of busi-The voice pupils of Miss Christine ness should be for the suggested im-

These issues may not carry, but up to this time there has been little opposition voiced and many who heretofore have been opposed to improvements have signified thir intention of voting for the issues, therefore it is expected that th same will carry by

a large majority. Thse are questions to be settled by the voters, and every one should vote out with them for voting their convictions as they see the proposition. No honest man will fall out with a mitted to you Tuesday, will deter-Hours _____ Beulah Burkett Howard man who votes contrary to his ideas, mine the value and the readiness of department of the new store at Breck-Thelma Copeland (soloist) Choral for surely he realizes that he has assumed the right to vote as he pleases, and surely he is not the egotist to say that he is ALWAYS right and the

Merkel Scouts Enter "Good Turn" Contest

erica, who will engage in a "Good Turn" Contest, beginning April 1st. curity of such certificates. (b) Ole King Cole Forsyth Cecil The contest will be carried over a the boy who performs the greatest number of "good turns". The contest will be limited to good turns done inday period.

The Messrs. Douglass, in company in interest and numbers and all en- other of our good farmers who does with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce and couragement possible should be given not depend altogether upon cotton for

School Trustee **Election Saturday**

On next Saturday, according notices posted about the city, th City Officers and Water of School District an election for four members of the board for the next will be held in the Merkel Independtwo years.

Those whose terms expire are: R O. Anderson, president of the board; On next Tuesday there will be held W. O. Boney, secretary, S. D. Gamble of the board for the past four years, will not be a candidate for re-election. The other members, Messrs. Anoffices, have the best interest of the school at heart, and should they al-(ow their names to go on the ballot, d are elected again, they will make

cient members. have an excellent school and tent and capable members who desirous of the best school pos-

Do Bonds Carry?

There are yet a number of people who do not know the extent of the proposed paving and for their benefit we will state that the paving will be four blocks on Front Street, beginning at the Burton-Lingo Com- O. J. Adcock Appointpany corner and extending west to the Boney corner. Edwards street will be paved north from Front street 2 blocks. Lamar north one block. Kent north one block and Elm from Lamar to Kent street. More than fifty percent of the property abutting the SIRKUSS is being given by the High towns, as individuals, do not stand paving is owned by non-residents and still, they either go forward or retro- the tax levy to meet the cost of pavgrade-go backward. Let us say here ing the intersections will be less Peanuts, popcorn, red lemonade, that it is a well known fact that Mer- than ten cents. If you drive in any towns, must look well to its step. It have some paved streets and many postmasters this city ever had, an must put the best foot forward if it much smaller towns have already citizenship. It's a hard fight to hold as is proposed in the election to be

A gentleman recently came here with the intention of building an apartment that would cost about \$10,-000, and turned the proposition for the reason that there were no paved streets. If these bonds are voted, real estate will become active and labor will become employed and our merchants will reap the benefits of a larger pay-roll. We believe that the cost of the paving will more than be offset by increased value of property abutting it.

We know of at least two men, beneficiaries of the discovery of oil, who will remain undecided about locating here until they learn the result of the coming election.

Suppose we make no improvements. The inevitable result will be a gradual falling off in population and a constant depreciation of values. You own property here, and you wish it to increase rather than diminish in value and in case you decided to move elsetheir own convictions. They have that where you would want to place it on right, and no man has a right to fall the market with assurance that it would sell without sacrifice; improvements, such as are to be sub-

The water extension needs no comment from anyone as reduction in key rates usually takes care of the cost of water bonds.

VETERANS BUREAU MAKE EX-SERVICE MEN LOANS

From Mr. Adcock, acting postmaster, we learn that there has recently been enacted a law by congress Much intrest is being manifested which prmits the United States Vetamong the members of the local or- erans Bureau to make loans to holdganization of the Boy Scouts of Am- ers of adjusted service certificates, under certain conditions on the se-

'Any ex-service man holding adperiod of thirty days, and a cash justed service certificates and desirprize of \$5.00 in gold will be awarded ing a loan may call at the local post office for further information.

Mr. E. H. Cordill, one of the enterthe home and the parents will keep a prising and successful farmers of the record and report the results to the Nubia community, was in the city re-Scout Master at the end of the thirty cently and while here dropped in to have the Mail continue to his address The local organization is growing for another year. Mr. Cordill is anbeen engaged in raising fine poultry, Herbert Patterson, Scout Master. good jersey cows, etc.

Sunday School Institete Be Conducted Here Monday, 4th.

Following is the program for the Abilene District Sunday School Institute, to be conducted by Rev. B. L. Nance, a group meeting for Merkel Trent Circuit, Tye Circuit and Blair Circuit, for Monday, April 4.
10:00 a.m. Devotional.
10:15 Why should all pastors, sup-

eriptendents, and teachers read the Texas Christian Advocate, Rev. C. S.

10:30 Workers Council and how to make it a success, Rev. W. R. Mc-Carter.

10:45 Missionary Day with program and offering, Mrs. J. H. Gross, Mrs. Thos Durham.

11:00 Trained Leaders and how the btain them, Mrs. Burhl Wheeler. 11:20 Importance of Sunday School Day and offering, J. A. Wheeler.

Reports from schools. 11:35 The Organized Class, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson. 11:55 Announcements.

Lunch. 1:30 p.m. The Work of the Secreary, Secretary of Merkel Sunday

School, Miss Ethel Wilson. 1:45 Elementary Work, Mrs. W. E. Lyon, Mrs. Ellis Bean.

2:15 Evangelism in the Sunday school, Dr. A. L. Scales.

2:35 Discuss the C and B programs of work, V. D. Dow. 2:55 General Survey and follow up work, C. G. Williams, Rev. R. V.

3:15 District Goals and How to Obtain them, Rev. W. E. Lyon.

ed Active Postmaster

Mr. O. J. Adcock, for some time one of the able assistants in the local post office, was this week appointed by the Postal Department to the position of acting Postmaster, which vacancy has been caused by the recent death of Postmaster Taylor F.

Davis. Taylor F. Davis was one of the best most capable and accommodating we must say that in the appointment is to attract capital and the best of completed as many blocks of paving of Mr. Adcock as acting postmaster until the permanent appointment to this position is made, the department has no doubt acted wisely. For it is the united opinion about the city, it seems, that he is without doubt highly capable in every respect to make a very fine postmaster. In fact we feel sure that the perple of the entire community would I be pleased to see him reeive the permanent ap-

> pointmnt. Besids the fact that he is well qualfied, he is by experience well acquainted with details of the office, and the patrons of the office will no doubt enjoy the same efficient and accommodating service in the future as has been accorded them in the

Mr. W. F. Hamblet, local groceryman, reports that his son Loring left first of the week for Breckenridge, where the latter will assume the management of the new dry goods store to be opened there soon by the Acorn Stores, Inc. Mr. Hamblet further stated that his daughter, Mrs. Willie Addington who for some time has been with the same company, in Abilen, will have charge of the ladies'

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned Wednesday from a visit to his daughter at

HE GOT RESULTS

In last Friday's Merkel Mail Rev. Ira L. Parrack had a classified ad offering some poultry for sale. It was as follows:

FOR SALE-1 Rhode Island Red cock and 15 hens. Cock was grand champion of community fair last year; all fullblood Rhode Island Reds; need more room for small chicks. Rev. Ira L. Parrack. 1tp

Rev. Mr. Parrack informs us that he sold the chickens Friday at noon to Mr. C. L. Eoff, who resides on a route and had only received his Merkel Mail a few hours be-

There are bargains in the classified ads for buyer and seller. Always read the classiThos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN ADVANCE

Entered at the postoffice at Mer-

cel. Texas as second class mail.

Baptist Church

through the week.

old Sunday School.

charge of this duty.

All B Y P U's meet at 7 pm.

ermeeting Wednesday evening.

church Wednesday evening.

OFFICERS FIND STOLEN

a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. John Pike of Bagwell, Texas,

is making an extended visit in the

home of J. R. Pee and family, and

her grand daughter Mrs. Denzil Cox.

their guest this week, Mr. J. F. Fos-

ter of Clovis, New Mexico. Mr. Fos-

Mrs. Millican has returned to as-

Mr. and Mrs. Brown returned this

published in the Merkel Mail, which

general circulation in the City of

Merkel, Texas, and which has been

regularly and continuously published

said City thirty days prior to the date

VII. This resolution shall take ef-

N. D. COBB,

Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

fect and be in force immediately from

for said election.

and after its passage.

PAULINE JOHNSON.

City Secretary.

of February, 1927.

ATTEST:

ter is a brother to Mrs. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts have as

come at these services.

day evening.

Officers and teachers meeting Mon-

Regular business meeting of the

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

All regular services Sunday and

Sunday School 10 a.m. with a place

for every seeker after the Truth.

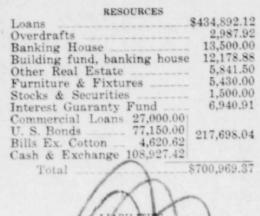
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CONDENSED STATEMENT

TENTENTE PER TENTENTE DE PORTO DE LES PORTO

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927



\$ 50,000.00 Capital Stock Surplus & Profits 29,964.74 NONE Bills Payable NONE Rediscounts NONE Other Borrowed M. DEPOSITS 621,004.63 \$700,969.37 Total

The above statement W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

FARMERS STATE BANK

"The Dependable Bank"

MERKEL

TEXAS

OFFICERS

DIRECTORS AND

J. S. Swann, President R. O. Anderson, V. Pres. J. C. Mason, V. Pres. W. L. Diltz, Cashier

Herbert Patterson. Assistant Cashier

Dallas Scarbrough

David Hendricks

LOSD FEDOMOS DE EN TONOS DE EN CONTROLES DE SO

RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION 1925, relating to street improvements, OF THE ADOPTION OF THE BENEFITS OF ARTICLES 1086 TO Texas. 1096, INCLUSIVE, AND ARTICLES | II. Said election shall be held in trip first of the week through Cen-1104 AND 1105, REVISED CIVIL said City at Fire Station, and the fol- tral West Texas. STATUTES OF THE STATE OF lowing officers for said election are TEXAS OF 1925, RELATING TO hereby appointed: B. C. Gaither, Pre- T. L. Odom, prominent business and all the world. Each one redis-STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AP. siding Officer, G. W. Boyce and H. man of Tyler, was here first of the POINTING OFFICERS AND PRO. M. Rainbolt, Judges; and Betty Sub- week on business. While here he was VIDING FOR NOTICE.

WHEREAS, a written petition to the Governing Body of this city to nearly as possible in compliance with order an election on the question of law with reference to regular city adopting the benefits and provisions elections and in strict compliance of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, with the terms of the law to be voted and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised on, and at said election only resident Civil Statutes of the State of Texas property tax payers who are qualiof 1925, has been presented to and fied voters of this City shall be allowpetition is signed by more than 100 mitted to vote. qualified voters of this City, same IV. All voters desiring to vote in being signed by 102 such voters, and favor of the adoption of said law the City Council of the City of Mer- shall have written or printed on kel, Texas, deems it advisable to pro- their ballots the words "For the adopceed with the making and construct- tion of Articles 1086 to 1096, incluion of certain street improvements sive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, of in said City and to call such election the Revised Civil Statutes of the concerning such law, which is usually State of Texas, of 1925, relating to known as the General Paving Law, street improvements." and was formerly shown as Chapter V. All those opposed to the adop-11, Title 22, Revised Statutes of the tion of said law shall have written

ED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: 1104 and 1105, of the Revised Civil I. That there be, and is hereby order. Statutes of the State of Texas, reed held a special election in the City lating to street improvements," of Merkel, Texas, on the 5th day of VI. The Mayor of the City of lowing proposition shall be submitted tice of said election by causing a sub- is a newspaper published in and of Baker &

Shall the benefits and provisions of the convenience of those who may de-Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and sire so meof his maize seed for plant-Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil ing the he had placed some of the Statutes of the State of Texas of seed for sale at both Stith and Tye. be adopted by the City of Merkel, Mr. J. S. Swann, president of the Farmers State Bank, made a business

lett and Lizzie Latham, Clerks.

filed with the City Council, and such ed to vote, but all such shall be per-

or printed on their ballots the words THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLV. "Against the adoption of Articles

III. Said election shall be held as J. S. Swann.

to a throat operation. week to their home in Indiana after an extended visit in the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

April, 1927, at which election the fol- Merkel is hereby directed to give nostantial copy of this resolution to be

ABSTRACTS OF TITLE

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R. W. GRIMSLEY, Manager

THE MERKEL MAIL Mrs. Bryan Dunagin Published on Friday Morning by Called to Her Reward The Merkel Mail Printing Co.

The relentless reaper again invaded the ranks of the living and took from us one of our fairest and best. On Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50 Saturday, March 26, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin an-Anywhere else\$2.00 swered the call to come up higher.

> Mrs. Dunagin was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Massey of Merkel, was born in Fannin county, Texas December 1, 1898 and moved with her parents to Taylor county in 1903. After three years the family moved to Jones county near Stith and lived until 1918 when they came to Merkel. She was married to Mr. Bryan Dunagin June 14, 1920, and went with her husband back to Stith to make her home. To this union was born a son, Billie Monroe.

Attendance was fine last Sunday In 1921 she and her husband were with something of the spirit of our converted and joined the Stith Baptist church, where her membership re-In connection with the morning mained until she went to the Father's worship the church will observe the House.

Lord's Supper. Every member of the Last June she went to San Angelo church should be present at this ser- in search of health, but was called vice and help commemorate the from there to a better home than death of our Lord and Saviour. It earth can ever afford. We do not unis not only a privilege but a duty as derstand why a consecrated young much as baptism is, and no member Christian, a devoted young mother of the church should allow little hin- and a faithful young wife should be derances to interfere with the dis- called from her loved ones, but where we cannot see we can trust and some day when we see with a clearer vis-Evening worship 7:45. These evenion we will then understand.

ing services are evangelistic and the She leaves to mourn her departure pastor will continue the series of ser- her husband Mr. Bryan Dunagin, her mons on "Unanswered Questions in little son, Billie Monroe, her mother the Bible". Last Sunday evening after and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Masan earnest message by Rev. Baucum sey, three brothers, Thos. O. Massey there was one addition to the church of Abilene, J. L. Massey of Munday, for baptism and we had a beautiful Texas, and Ray J. Massey of Dallas. baptismal service at the close of pray- Besides these there are other relatives and a host of friends here and at other places where she had lived.

Those who knew her were her friends for she was so gntle, kind and loving that she won everybody as All visitors and strangers are wel- friends.

Funeral services were held in the Merkel Baptist church, Sunday afternoon and the house was packed while many stood outside during the CAR NEAR THIS CITY service. The floral offering was a veritable bank of flowers. Pastor Par-Messrs. J. T. King, city marshal, rack of the local Baptist church conand N. A. Dowell, constable, report ducted the service. After the service the finding on the road near Salt at the church the mortal body was Branch on Wednesday, a Ford Coupe carried to Rose Hill cemetery followwhich had been abandoned. The car ed by her friends forming a processproved to be one that had recntly ion that reached all the way from been stolen from parties in Abilene. town to the cemetery. There the body was left in a grave, covered Mr. J. A. Janes of the Salt Branch with the flowers that loving friends community, the man who raises prize had brought, to await the resurrectwinning maize, was here last Satur- ion morning.

day mailing out orders for his fine All the friends of the ones who maize seed. He also stated that for mourn her caparture join in sympa-A FRIEND.

A Touchstone

The vitality of a translation, so far is it is a translation, is necessarily findled by the primary vitality of its of one age or country, but of all time covers and reinterprets them, and no translation can interpret more than one place of their complex quality. their multiform significance. The attitude of any period towards poetry. Mrs. William A. Conners and son period, may be partly gauged by ob- at the next regular term of the Dis-William Jr., are guests of the form- serving what it found in the classics, trict Court of Taylor County, to be er's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. and what, therefore, it expressed in Burns, this week. They reside in Port | Its translations .- J. W. Mackail, in "Studies of English poets."

Belong There

An old lady was out riding with her son and his wife. Presently they came to a group of buildings surround ed by a high stone wall. "What is that, son?" she asked

pointing to the buildings. "That is the state insane asylum. mother," explained the son.

Next they came to a golf course, adjoining the asylum, which was well populated with the Sunday crowd. sume her duties as saleslady at Max "Oh, isn't that nice of them to let Mellinger's after a week's illness due the poor crazy people out into the pasture!" exclaimed the old lady. "But they do act queer, don't them?"-ins Angeles Times,

> Miss Eunice Russell spent last week end in Plainview.

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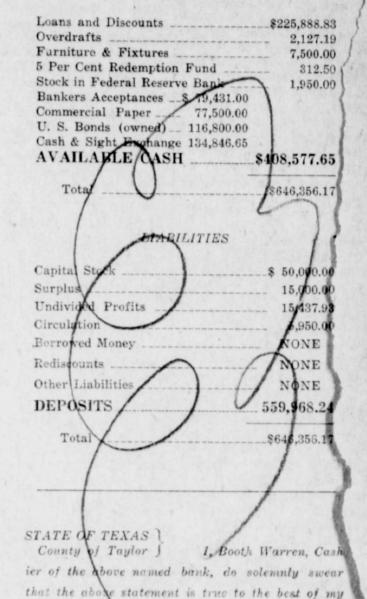
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ture is estimated at ten dollars per car or \$33,333,000 daily for them all, which in 33 days will total nearly This Summer, is Said \$1,100,000,000. The hotel tourists will and a large number of friends with According to figures furnished R. find their expenses running about a beautiful Easter party. The tables, even with the camping cohorts, al- arranged for Bridge, were resplend-H. Grant, general sales manager of though touring about only one-third ent with all the bright colors of the Chevrolet Motor Company, by of- as long, and will spend approximate- spring, also the candies and the tallies ficials of the American Automobile ly \$2,200,000,000. At the most con-were huge Easter lillies. Guests of Association, before the close of 1927 servative estimate it is safe to as- Mrs. Baze who helped to make this 40,000,000 people-a third of the sume that the resorts, hotels, garages, afternoon of games delightful for the country's population-will travel by filling stations and other agencies club members were Misses Johnnie motor car. Their wheeled flight over catering to motor travel will benefit Sears, Mary Eula and Boog Sears, highways and byways, mountain and to the extent of at least \$3,300,000,- Mesdames David Wright, E. Yates plain, constitute the most colossal 000 from this year's mighty host of Brown, Sie Hamm, R. Meeks, A. K.

These vast caravanseries will use tion already is upon the highways, til a late afternoon hour, after which between 9,900,000 and 10,000,000 authors in their wanderings—alat the first signs of spring. Every moulded into Easter Lillies, and an
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are married at the Baptist parsonate a repetition by affiliating now with moulded into Easter Lillies, and an
will preach at the morning and evenmost half the passenger cars in use touring area in the country is re- gel food squares, which also bore the ing hours. in the nation. These figures are bas- porting substantial increases and Easter trimmings, to the guests and ed on the skuation which prevailed these reports have been borne out by following club members: Misses Ruby the demands for touring information and Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, All indications point to an increase made at automobile clubs. The cult Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth and

mobile. The summer of 1926 found greatly improved and extended and Roy Largent and the hostess. 000 people taking to the high- their development seems certain to approximately 9,000,000 au- make this phase of touring much more popular-setting a new record A vast amount of money will be in 1927 for the migratory travelers. ion when "let loose". It is located in spent by the traveling hosts to en- There will be more people, young and Cherokee county. This Texas' newest rich the innumerable cities and towns old, on the road than ever before, oil field is being given wide and exand the millions of stay-at-home ser- There will be more cars, more money, tensive publicity by the Dallas News.

The traveler will spend at least three A few years ago vacation travel well. They own some 30,000 acres and a third billion dollars-a tre- was considered an expensive luxury. lease surrounding the well. The dismendous factor in the increasing Today it can be made almost as inex- covery of oil in the "Piney woods" of prosperity of thousands of communi- pensive as living at home for the fam- Texas will be an opener to those ily which wishes, to spend their time easterners. Some of them won't know Of the total of ten million cars in camps-and "Seeing America what to do with themselves. However, which will be on the roads, three and First" will have deep meaning for that's the case, more or less, in any

of 38 days each. The other two-thirds will patronize hotels and will spend an average of 10 days on tour. For Dawson For Coal last April. Car Dawson For Coal last April. Car Green Stamps May 1st. Finish filling your book row. BROWN

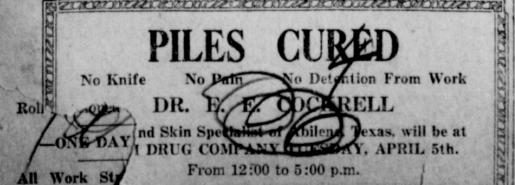


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Elder W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour he will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent, and cordially invites every one who will to hear him.

Baptist Sunday School Classes Entertained

The combined Sunday School classes of Misses Vennie Heizer and Edna Marie Jones were the happy guests at an old fashioned party on last Friday evening, given in the basement of the Baptist Church. The class expected to appear in the regalia of our grandmothers day and ed. Radings were given by the different members of the classs and also music and songs all hal their part in the evening's fun. A large feast was served, picnic style, by Misses Heizer and Jones, assisted by Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. A. M. Jones, to Hazel Leslie, Vera Richie, Ruby Lee Slater, Mabel Pilcher, Ruth Whatley, Edna Wilson, Audie Lou Giles, Byron Walton, Sherman Whitely, Roscoe Owens, Nadine and Maurine Coomer and Lucille Vernon and the hostesses.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Mrs. Earl Baze was a most delightful hostess last Tuesday afternoon, Brackeen, Kirby Beckett and Harry The vanguard of the great migra- Cookston. The games progressed un-Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Emmett

> East Texas has an oil well of re- Mrs. O. B. Boden is visiting in church circles as she is an active ported 10,000 barrel daily product- Trent for a few days. The Humble Company drilled the

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Very Open

A man had invited a business acquaintance to play a round of golf with him. The guest, who was a very pempous individual, was also a poor player and backed up the turf with

usually generous portion with his iron be turned to his host and said:

You know I don't care particularly for the game, but I like the glorious open country hereabouts."

"Ah, quite," replied the other, as he surveyed the scarred ground, "but do you mind closing up the open country as we go along!"

Ingredients for Jelly

Scientific study of the principles of jelly making has shown that three ingredients are required for the formation of a jelly, namely, sugar, acid and pectin; and these must be present in fairly definite proportions. Tart apples, cranberries, red currants and grapes, when collected at the proper stage of ripeness, contain pectin and acid in sufficient quantity to form a good jelly when cooked for a short time with the proper amount of sugar.

Gas Power Analyzed A gas company has figured out that

1.000 cubic feet of gas will cook 18 meals for 6 persons; heat shaving water for 1,000 days; roast sufficient coffee to make 2 cups daily for 70 years; light 2 cigars a day for 500 years; boll 275 gallons of water; bake 1.700 %-pound loaves of bread in a continuous oven; do the work of two hens in bate ing eggs; broll 7 3-pound steaks; barbecue enough ham to make 1,750 andwiches.

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A CORRECTION

In reporting the marriage of Mr. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. R. L. Griffin and Miss Isablle Barnes We invite the general public to held in the nice home of Mr. and Mrs. liable'. F. Z. Turner in this city in the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives of the happy couple. Mrs. cadia, Kansas, spent the week-end Mrs. Sallie Crawford of Amarillo Griffin who formerly lived at Alto, with her aunt, Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Was the guest of Mrs. A. M. Jones Texas, had been in the Noodle com- on their way to join her parents, Mr. munity for the past year and had and Mrs. A. T. Laxson at McFarland, made many friends especially in the California.

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If you have been embarrassed for Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:45. on March 13, it was stated that they ample working capital, guard against officiated at the wedding but it was NATIONAL BANK, 'The Old Re-

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by Messrs. Hugh Richardson friends and Dr. Gardner, who so dil- feel welcome. epresent- igently administered to our needs and comfort during the illness and death of our father. May God's richest blessings come to them all.

THE SNOW FAMILY

Methodist Church

A fine day last Sunday at the Methodist church with increased interest and attendance.

A special feature in the Sunday School every member of the school 3:30 p.m. interested, be on time Sunday morning at 9:45 and know about it.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Special music by the orchestra and choir at the evening service.

Every one is invited to our services and a glad welcome for all visitors by Seventh Grade pupils.

and strangers in our town.

at 3:15 p.m. and a number of specialists in Sun-child is doing. day School work are to be with us.

We hope that all the officers and teachers of our school will plan to attend the Institute and we invite all who ar interested in the Sunday school work to attend.

W R McCARTER.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "How Broad Should Reigion Be?"

Leader, Mrs. Garrett. Introduction by leader.

The Bible on broadness, Mrs. Gen

eral Jones. God's Love determined the gate, Mrs. Collum.

Mrs. Childress.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Last Sunday was a great day at

C. C. MONTANDON, Pastor.

J. B. Hamblet of this city is visit-1tp ing his nephews, Roger and Quay Hamblet, in Breckenridge this week.

P. T. A. PROGRAM APRIL 5 AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The following program will be rendered at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, on April 5th, at the Grammar school building at

> Invocation, Rev. Little. Piano selection, Mattilou Largent. Talk, Superintendent I. L. Jackson.

Violin solo, Lynn McSpadden. Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy. Play, "Taking the train to Trent,,"

An exhibition of departmental Sunday school Institute Monday, work consisting of writing, drawing, beginning at 10 o'clock and closing and other work of the pupils, will be exhibited this same afternoon in the Our Conference Superintendent office. Come out and see what your

ALATHEAN CLASS MEET

On Friday, March 25, the Alathean Class of the Baptist Sunday School met at the home of Mrs. O. B. Boden in a business session, after which there were several interesting contests and then a delicious refreshment was served to the following: Mesdames J. T. Warren, E. M. McDonald, F. P. Hamm, W. O. Boney, R. A. Parker, E. L. Ash, G. L. Janes, T. J. R. Swafford, A. M. Janes, Ira Broadness vs. narrowness, Mrs. L. Parrack, L. D. Matlock and the hostess, Mrs. G. D. Richie.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon from four Marks of the Master's feet, Mrs. until six o'clock the little folks of the Stith community enjoyed a delightful What a broad religion must be, party at the home of Mrs. W. A. Ford. The occasion was the fifth birthday of little Grover Ford and the sixth birthday of her sister, Mattie Lou.

After a delightful play hour the our church. Had large crowds. But little folks assembled in the dining next Sunday we will have with us room where refreshments consisting Dr. L. P. McCrary from Hamlin, the of fruit salad, cream and angel food president of our school, to preach for cake, were served to the following: us at both morning and night, with Mary Nell Mashburn, Mildred West, dinner on the ground. The Eula Alice Dunagan, Pauline Bradley, Nell church will be here and will render a Anwine, Charlie Williams, Wanda IC two-hour program at 3 o'clock. It will Martin, Toy Lightsey, Anna Lou cost you nothing. Come and hear and Church, Helen Bradley, Lucy Fae There are no words that can ex- see. Services will continue from 9:45 and Hattie May Dwiggins, Master to hear lectures on Masonry press our thoughts of our neighbors, a.m to 10:30 that night. Come and Buster Bradley, W. M. Dunagan, Clyde Deavers Jr., and the hostesses, little Misses Grovene and Mattie Lou Ford.

> Mes. Barnes Brothers & Parker, local building contractors, report ful sympathy during the illness and the reported let-up in improvements things you did, the floral offerings, everywhere. Among their list of im- the kind words and the great throng rovements at which they are now completed, are: heeler home, improving the home of gan, Billie Monroe Dunagan, Mr. and Try our 8-he and painting the John G. M. Sharp as well as a tenant Mrs. W. B. Massey and family. 1tp at EVERYMODY'S GARAGE They have recently remodeled the home of Mr. J. W. Mayfield, and they are now putting down the curb around the Baptist church property, which adds much to the appearance

Mr. Hugh R. Grayson has just returned from an extended tour of the north plains country, including Amarillo and the great oil fields. Stopping on his return at Chillicothe, he visited his sister, Mrs. M. A. Caswell, who accompanied him home for a few days sojourn and also to visit her other brothers, J. H. and S. L. Grayson and Marion Grayson.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden and little son, Robert, Jr., are visiting rlatives in

Double Stant Day at Brown's (tomorrow) Salariay, 2nd. 1t

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Speak the Truth". Open discussion.

2. Introduction by Ruth Davis.

3. The Story of Ananias and Sapphira, D. O. Huddleston.

4. God hates a lie, by J. W. Adcock. 5. Story, by Margaret Canon. 6. The world honors a truthful

person, by Lois Simpson. 7. Story of Petrarch, by Cullen Tit-

8. A little Girl's question, by Dot 9. Two men who were brave enough

to tell the truth, (1) Algernon Sidney, by Harold Boaz. (2) A Wealthy merchant, by Jerald Derrick. 10. Poem, by Vivian Davis.

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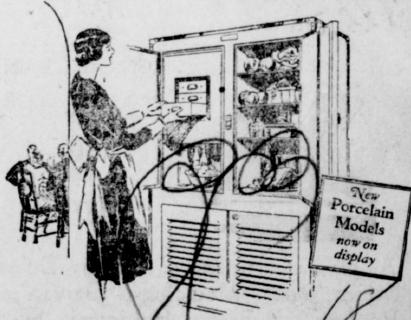
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Write, phone or call at Scott Filling on Oak street in Merkel. Finder allowed to vote. 1tp 'tf | please notify Orien Higgins.

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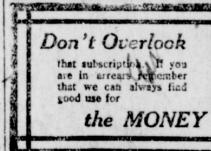
FOR SABE—or 8 good Jersey milk cows at my place one mile west of special mating hens mated to Imperial cockerels; chicks 50 for \$9.00; 100, \$17.00; 300, \$49.00; 500, \$80.00; FOR SALE-First year pedigreed, 1000, \$150.00. I will do some custom per hatching this season on a brand new Newtown-Giant Incubator, the best incubator that money can buy, and When you want Meat you can Eat the incubator that hatches the old come to the Quality Market & Gro-cery. We kill only choice young eggs. Terms: \$5.00 per tray, 25 per tf |cent cash when set. Order some of this pure bred stuff and the pullets will begin to pay you back in 4 1-2 from certified train of Kasch. Now to 5 months. J. S. TOUCHSTONE, stored at Sweat gin. \$1.00 per bu. Hawley, Rt. 2, phone 9036F13, Anson, tf Texas. 8Apr27

ELECTION NOTICE

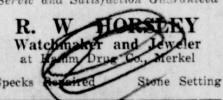
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it 1tp advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, that an election be held on the 5th day of faction guaranteed or replacement at April, A.D. 1927, at which election half price. Higgins Hatchery, Mer- the following propositions shall be 25t5p 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 Dellars (\$40,000.00), payable serially over a period of forty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per

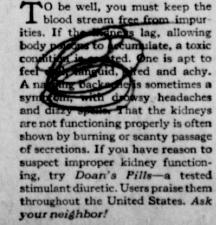


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"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel three new stucco buildings rented on few more milk customers. Mrs. R. L. in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollong leases for \$2460.00 per year. Proctor tf lars (\$20,000.00), payable serially over a period of thirty years from I fix all kinds of sewing machines, their date, bearing interest at the Phone 87, all work guaranteed. R. B. rate of six per centum (6%) per BROOKS, at Mrs. Pearl Hollings- annum, payable semi-annually, and to 1tp levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a ments 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

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

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 prop-LOST-Sack of Abtex Egg Mash feed erty taxpayers of said city, shall be

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the pur-Buy that Easter Suit at pose of the construction of water-Brown's and see \$5 to \$7.50. works extensions shall have written the newest patterns.

1t or printed upon their ballots the It 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,

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF OF." \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS PAYMENT THEREOF."

All voters who favor the proposi- ions. "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,- said election.

000.00 STREET IMPROVEMENT | The Mayor is authorized and direc-BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A ed to cause said notice of the elect-TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF." | ion to be posted up at three public

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of the street improvement bonds shall be the hereinbefore named polling have written or printed upon their place, for at last thirty (30) full ballots the words:

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF ion.

AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN ion shall be governed by the laws of published once each week for 5 weeks.

tion to issue the bonds for the pur- A copy of this order, signed by the prior to the date of the election. pose of the construction of street im- Mayor of the City of Merkel and atprovements shall have written or tested by the City Secretary of said printed upon their ballots the words: City, shall serve as a proper notice of

Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

And those opposed to the issuance places in said City, one of which shall days prior to the date of said elect-

\$20,000.00 STREET IMPROVE The Mayor is further authorized MENT BONDS AND THE LEVY and directed to have said notice of OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THERE- election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in The manner of holding said elect- said city, and which notice shall be the State regulating general elect- the date of first publication being not less than thirty (30) full days

N. D. COBB,

ATTESTED: PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary, City of Merkel,

ligher Quality because of increasing Volume Production!

January, 1925 -There was introduced a new Chevrolet which scored a tremendous success. Among its many new features were: a new and rugged rear axle, an improved unit power plant, a new single-plate disc-clutch, a much stronger frame, semi-elliptic chrome vanadiumsteels prings, cowl and dash-lamps, and new Fisher bodies finished in Duco . . and the price of the \$735 floats.

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January, 1926 -Another increase in Chevrolet value-a model offering many mechanical improvements, such as a smoother, quieter motor with three-point suspension, a dent V-belt generator drive, new oil pump, more efficient cooling, an air cleaner, larger brakes, etc. Notwith-standing these im-provements ... the 645 Fline. Coach was reduced to

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO THE ZECTOMORIZED AND OUT TO A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M.

We, your committee appointed at a called meeting of this Lodge held on the 4th day of March A. D. 1927, to draft resolutions in memory of our deceased brother, Taylor F. Davis, beg to submit the following:

Whereas it has pleased the Grand Master of the universe in his Infinite Wisdom to call from among us our Dear Brother Taylor F. Davis, and to transplant him, as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides in all Celestial Glory. He departed this life on the 3rd day of March A. D. 1927. He was born in Wood County, Texas, February 18, 1898, and had resided in Merkel since 1916. And whereas Brother Davis, in his life time, was a most constant member, and that during his long continued illness he was patient long suffering, never losing patience, always mindful of his Masonic obligation. Although wreaked with pain and mental anguish, his heart and mind were always Masonically Inclined, and he never lost an opportunity to show his Loyalty to the Fraternity that he loved and cherished, and during all his life time he was at all times Loyal and True to the A. F. & A. M.; that in his death this lend a helping hand to a brother or Fraternity. Let his life be a living MRS. TOUCHSTONE HOSTESS who lived and practiced the true aid a friend in reformation, and monument to the Merkel Lodge. principles of our order; and in his while we drop sympathetic tears for every day life, was a living example his bereaved ones, we bow in humble utes of this Lodge, a copy sent to the Baraca Classes of the Methodist Sunof those great words, Faith, Hope Submission to the will of our Heaven- bereaved family and a copy handed day School Friday evening, March and Charity, having Faith in God, ly Father and may his Soul rest in to the Merkel Mail for publication, 18, at her home on Oak street.

Double Stamp Day

Brown's (tomorrow) Saturday, 2nd.

Come to our store and get "double A. Green Stamps" and finish filling your book as time expires/May 1st.

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Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the min- to members of the Philathea and Hope in immortality, and Charity Peace and let us strive to Emulate and that the members of this Lodge Six tables of progressive forty-two towards all mankind; ever ready to his life and Loyalty to the Masonic wear the usual badge of mourning furnished an evening of amusing and for thirty days. Very respectfully interesting entertainment. At the

Lassiter, Committee.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted at a regular meeting of the Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. held on the 12th day of March, A. D.

C. P. CHURCH BUYS FARM ON WHICH THE WORLD IS DRILLING

Mr. C. P. Church has this week purchased the 120 acre farm on which the World Oil Company is drilling their A. W. Clark No. 1, from Mr. Clark, and with the purchase of the land Mr. Church also gets a one sixty-fourth of the royalty in the 60 acres on which the well is being drilled.

He owns a nice farm adjacent to this tract and oil or not he will have added considerably to his holdings.

SORE BLEEDING GUMS: Only one bottle Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is needed to convince any one. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed and if you are not satisfied druggists will return your money. HAMM DRUG CO.

Methodist Missionary Society

At the Missionary Society last Monday a very interesting lesson from the study book was taught by Mrs. W. R. McCarter. There were sixteen present including some who had not been attending for some time, and some visitors. The meeting for nxt wek will be held on Tuesday instead of Monday. The regular monthly business meeting and the report from the delegate to the all-day district meeting at Anson will be the program for the meeting.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

Program for Presbytrian Missionary Society for April 4th.

Song. Scripture reading. Prayer. Subject: "The Negro". Some facts about missionary work

Negro Missionaries for Africa, Mrs. Harwell.

in Africa.

An African printer pioneer, Mrs. G. F. West.

Passing the night in Africa, Mrs Chas. Jones.

The hospital at Gillispie, Mrs. Selma Russell.

Business session. Editorials. Closing prayer.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Program for Sunday, April 3, 1927 Leader, Miss Lucy Tracy. President, Oleta Moore. Secretary,

William Sheppard. Group Captain in charge, Maurine Davis. 1. Revolutionary days, Orion Tittle.

12. The Boyhood of Furman, J. D. Ashby. 3. Revolutionary activities by Clar-

ence Sharp. 4. Furman as a pastor, J. E. Boaz.

President of conventions, by William Sheppard. 6. Furman as preacher, Claud Cash

7. His school work, by W. A. Whitely. 8. Liberty in religion, Kenneth

Is winter over? Don't know, but we sold a car load of Cal last April. Car Dawson Egg and due any day. SWAFFORD, Tane 44.

Mrs. Virgil Touchstone was hostess

culmination of the games a refresh-Castle B. Ellis, O. R. Dye, T. E. ment of fruited ice cream and cake

Mr. L. M. Watkins was down from his home at Levelland last week, and will be paid to Mrs. Lindsay. while here for a visit with his daughmonths, that he might keep up with |-Abilene Daily Reporter. happenings here.

lad of Coal last April. Car
Mr. and Mrs J. W. Bland returned
Fig. Coal due any day. from Coryell county accompanied by

Abilene Woman Beneficiary Of New York Fund

Mrs. Laura Lindsay, 210 Meander Avenue, is named as beneficiary of a trust fund with a net value of \$17,826, in the estate of the late Christiana Bond, according to a message received by the Reporter from New York.

Mrs. Lindsay was related to Mrs. Bond by marriage, her husband being Mrs. Bond's nephew. Her husband died about five years ago. Mrs. Bond died March 24, 1924. Mrs. Lindsay has lived in Abilene for three years.

Interest on the trust fund, has been amounting to about \$50 a month, Mrs. Lindsay said. No interest has been paid, however, for the past several months, on account of interest due on investments in securities made by the manager of the trust fund.

However, Mrs. Lindsay said that the interest would amount to about \$100 a month as soon as the affairs of the state have been straightened

Interest on the trust fund will be paid to Mrs. Lindsay during her life-time. Upon her death, it will revert to another branch of the family. The fund willed to Mrs. Lindsay has a further potential value of \$42,660. the message received by the Reporter stated. Regardless of the increase in the value of the fund, interest only

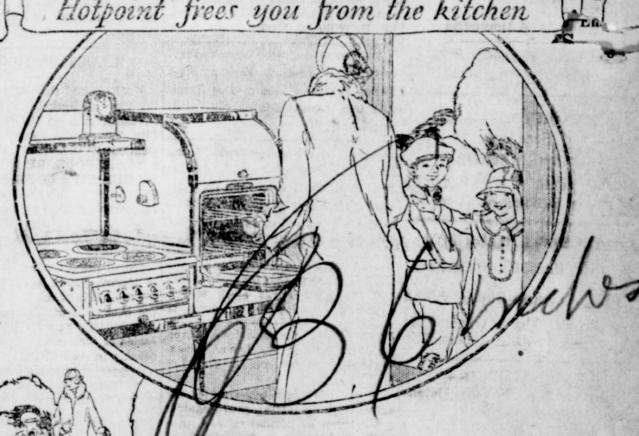
Mrs. Lindsay's husband was a proter, Mrs. D. H. Vaughan, ordered the fessor in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Mail sent to him for the next six Penn., until his death five years ago.

Mrs. Lindsay is a sister of Mr. W. T. Bird of our city.

1t his sister, Mrs. Nettles.



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