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## 250 Men Working On Gulf Pipe Line South Of Merkel

The Gulf Pipe Line crew of 250 men moved Thursday from Sweetwater to Blair, and are now hard at work carrying on the work of building an eight-inch line from Port Arthur, Texas, through the great oil fields of Central and West Texas. The line will be extended on into the Crane, Winkler and Pecos counties, a distance of about eight hundred miles in all.

The ditches are dug and the pipe laid and tightened by a machine which easily lays two miles of pipe per day. It would pay any one to visit this camp and learn something about this great labor-saving machine and see the amount of labor that can be performed in eight hours by two hundred and fifty men organized for a specific task.

## May Time Recital Splendid Success

The May Time Recital given last Saturday evening by the piano pupils of Miss Edna Marie Jones, was highly complimentary to their teacher in every respect. Playing with a knowledge of technique, the little players exercised trained ability and natural talent into an evening of success. An harmonious color scheme depicting the rainbow shades was predominant throughout the program. Miss Jones accompanied the little singers at the piano and they were complimented with a most appreciative audience. Miss Jones has just finished a most successful year's work. She will immediately open her summer studio in her home on Oak street.

## Local Scouts Make Trip To Lueders

Last Monday the local Boy Scouts accompanied by Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson and Mr. Ross Ferrier, went to Lake Penick near Lueders, where they had much fun. Mr. Ferrier took his motor boat along and showed the scouts some of the arts of boating, it being the first motor boat ride for some of them. Excellent swimming was enjoyed in the lake and in the camp ground swimming pool. The time that was given to fishing was well rewarded as the lake abounds with all kinds of fish. The boys returned Tuesday evening tired and hungry, but ready for another trip as soon as possible. The following went on this trip: Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson, Mr. Ross Ferrier, Roy Propst, M. Horton, and Scouts Fred Guitler, J. E. Boaz, William Sheppard, Earl Watts, Elvis Richardson, Kenneth Mayfield, Jack Patterson, Selma Jones, Benny Sheppard, Paul Causseaux, Ross Ferrier, Jr., Lynn McSpadden, and W. A. Whiteley.

J. J. Russell, who is a student at the State University of Texas at Austin, came home last week-end to attend the graduating exercises, his sister, Miss Nina Belle, being a member of the graduating class. He returned to Austin for the closing of his school.

Messrs. Delbert Polly and Lewis Giles are home from attending the North Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at Arlington the past term.

Messrs. Weldon Wells and Leron and Vernon Chaney, who have been attending John Tarleton College at Stephenville, are home for the summer vacation period.

Another reason why the Merkel Mail is so small and contains such a small amount of advertising is because most of our advertisers have "gone fishing". And if the number increases next week we may close our doors and join the crowd.

Miss Mary Campbell who has been teaching in the Canyon public schools for the past two years, returned to her home here last Saturday.

The Abilene Morning News carries an article that the D. O. Huddleston well was being plugged and abandoned at a depth of 2705 feet. The well is now 2751 feet and drilling two feet in a gray lime with orders to continue until further orders are received.

## "The Badger," High School Year Book, Is Splendid Volume

Volume number two of "The Badger," Merkel High School Annual, published by the student body, is off the press and has been distributed to subscribers. It contains about eighty pages, printed on very fine enameled India Tint Book paper, and is handsomely bound in black imitation leather cover. It is very interesting and ably edited and reflects much credit to each member of the staff.

This year book provides an extra course, one might say, in helping to broaden the curriculum of the school, and gives an opportunity for pupils to develop their initiative in an executive capacity. Further, it gives not only the staff but all the students an incentive for writing themes, essays, poetry, etc., cartooning, proof reading, editing, managing and all the lines of journalism.

The Staff still has a number of annuals for sale and are very anxious to dispose of them as soon as possible. You may secure one from the business manager or at The Merkel Mail office. Help the class in their worthy efforts by buying a volume of this handsome book; it's worth the money for a remembrance.

This year's staff was: Business manager, Maben Rogers; Editor, Tommie Durham; Assistant Business Manager, Charlie Largent; Assistant Editor, Inice Brown; Calendar Editor, Intha Bird; Sport Editor, Joe Cypert; Art Editor, Helen Booth; Snapshot Editor, Iris Garrett; Humor Editor, Rex Roberts; Society Editor, Flora Frances Anderson; Senior Editor, George West; Cartoonist, Blanton McLean.

## LACK OF ADVERTISING KILLED THEIR TRADE

E. L. Murdock of Murdock Bros., for 18 years a leading ladies' ready-to-wear store in Champaign, Ill., declares that the chief reason for the recent failure of his business was due to his giving up newspaper advertising. He said in a signed letter to the Champaign News-Gazette:

"Another contributing cause, and perhaps the greatest contributing cause, is the fact that four years ago our firm, because we thought the rate was too high, withheld all advertising in the newspapers.

"For two years we were without proper means of getting messages about our store into the homes of our friends and buyers. The result was that they soon forgot us. We tried other forms of advertising to supplant the newspapers, but we found none that was as effective. Our business continued on the downgrade.

"After two years we saw the error of staying out of the papers."—Exchange.

## BIG SPRING MINISTER TO PREACH AT CROSS ROADS

Elder J. D. Boren, of Big Spring, will preach at the Cross Roads Church of Christ next Sunday morning and also in the afternoon. At night he will preach at Blair.

Mrs. W. L. Burns returned first of the week from an extended visit to Port Arthur. On her return she was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. William A. Conners, and baby.

Mrs. J. S. Swann, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Nell, and sons, Louis and James, left Monday for an extended trip through western states, including New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California.

Miss Annie Mae Swann has returned to her home here this week from Snyder, where she has been teaching in the public schools the past term.

Miss Lorena Dry, who for the past two years has taught in the public schools of Ennis, Texas, is home to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, and friends.

Miss Mamie Ellis who has been a teacher in the schools at Fort Stockton the past term is home for her vacation with home folks and friends.

W. J. Patton, proprietor of the Patton Grocery Company, accompanied by his father, Mr. J. W. Patton, left this week for an outing and fishing trip. They will also visit the Rio Grande Valley before returning.

## Water and Paving Bonds Approved

According to reports from the Attorney General's department at Austin, the bond transcripts for the water extension and paving in the city of Merkel have been approved, and the bonds are being printed and will be ready for delivery as soon as they are registered. And word has also been received from the buyers of the bonds that they will immediately make payment for same to the city when the same shall have been delivered.

The contractors state their bonds and contracts are being mailed and they will be ready to start work just as soon as some few details can be completed.

There will be some delay in actual construction, as it is necessary to make all water connections under the pavement of copper pipe. The City administration is anxious to have everything in good shape so that it will not be necessary to break the pavement for a number of years. The pipe has been ordered some ten days and as soon as it is received the work of changing these service connections from galvanized iron to copper will be rushed with all haste.

There is some further consideration as to the matter of an adequate street lighting system. One that will do justice to the town and combine with the paving to show our fair city to the best advantage.

The City Dads have not been able to effect a satisfactory contract with the Utilities Company, and it has not yet been determined whether the city shall contract with this company or install their own street lighting machinery. Word has been received from the engineers stating that it is perfectly feasible for cities and towns to install such machinery and that it is frequently done at quite a saving to the city.

## Banks to Close On Holidays

We, the undersigned banks of Merkel, Texas, will close our doors in observance of the following holidays: Next Monday, May 30, Memorial Day; and Friday, June 3rd, Jefferson's Birthday.

## Joe Winter Building Two New Homes; Be Nicely Furnished

Joe Winter, for more than twenty-five years known throughout this community as one of the hard working and successful farmers located in the Shiloh community, but now widely known as the "Oil King" from the "Noodle Creek" field eight miles northwest of Merkel, is having erected on his place, once a fine farm of 320 acres but now in the midst of some five or six producing oil wells, two beautiful and modern homes, one for himself and wife and one for his son.

These two new homes are to be the last word in modern architecture, design, with every modern convenience, furnished with gas and electricity. They will each be handsomely furnished, for only this week Mr. and Mrs. Winter selected the best furniture carried in stock by the Barrow Furniture Company of this city.

Mrs. Cecil A. Ditty of Berkeley, California, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore of this city, was a guest at the Stoker-Kirkpatrick wedding in Pomona on May 10th.

E. D. Ruse, who holds a prominent field position with the Marland Oil Company, has established headquarters at Abilene, and is now living at 1658 Simmons Street.

The Hucony Gas Company was preparing to plug and abandon their well on the Langford tract six miles out of Sweetwater, but were dissuaded from doing so by the Vacuum Oil Company, the Marland Oil Company and the Humble Oil Company. The last named companies will make a deep test to a depth of 4200 feet.

The crops around Merkel are looking good and not suffering from any cause at this writing. If we get another rain soon without hail or storm we will have stronger assurances of an abundant harvest in the fall with reasonable promise of receiving good prices for what we have to sell.

## 32 High School Pupils Awarded Diplomas

The 1926-27 term of the Merkel Public Schools came to a close on Monday evening when Superintendent Irvin L. Jackson presented diplomas to thirty-two fine young men and women of the town and community who had successfully completed the school work.

The graduating address which was scheduled to have been delivered by President Baxter of Abilene Christian College, was ably delivered by Dean Cox of that College, Mr. Baxter being unable to be present on account of illness. The entire program was carried out as planned with the above exception, and was very fine and inspirational. Diplomas were issued to the following eight boys and twenty-four girls: Nina Belle Russell, Ray Suppin, Joe Cypert, Jewell Skidmore, Maben Rogers, Christine Russell, Boyd Dobbs, Charlie Largent, Flora Frances Anderson, Van Hines McSpadden, Opal Neill, Clyde Mayfield, Mary Kate Lightsey, Claude Wills, Dorothy Higgins, Orpah Patterson, Thelma Deavers, Marie Pinckley, Mildred Smith, Helen Booth, Aileen Childress, Hazel Coats, Mildred Williams, Tommie Durham, Mary Hughes, Obeal Stubblefield, Floy Ash, Angie Bradley, Inice Brown, Marie Brown, Pauline Chinn, and Thelma Copeland.

## Parental Concern, When Overdone, A Serious Blight

Parental supervision and love can be the greatest force for good in the life of a young man, but it also can be made a yoke that kills whatever talents and thoughts the boy may have.

This fact is clearly brought out in Phil Rosen's production of "Heaven on Earth," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture playing at the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday, even though the "parent" is, in this instance, an aunt.

The story is of Edmond Durand, whose life is mapped out for him from the time of his birth. His career, his business, even his love affair, are planned for him by the time he is six years old, so that by the time he is twenty-six, he has escaped every adventure, and never endured any hardship of missing the things that an ordinary, healthy youth experiences, and their attendant emotions.

While this is perhaps an extreme case there are just as extreme cases in real life, but few have the courage to escape by one single move, as does the boy in this story, yet one that places him in a life entirely different from the one he had known.

Conrad Nagel is playing the part of the youth and Renee Adoree is cast opposite him.

E. D. Ruse reports that the production of the Marland wells at Noodle Dome is holding up nicely. A Chicago pneumatic compressor was recently installed on Mason No. 3. This compressor did not increase production but it has been the experience of the company that it will hold the production longer. Mr. Ruse reports drilling at a depth of 1950 feet on the Lagon ranch eight miles north of Sweetwater in Fisher county. The Marland people are putting down a deep test on the C. C. Hodges place, and are now placing the 6-inch casing at a depth of 3926 feet. The water is shut off and it is the intention to go to 4200 feet. The same company is rigging up on the Ammons place 14 miles north of Sweetwater. Mr. Ruse gives as his opinion that only offsets will be drilled on Noodle Dome, but that there will be extensive wildcatting in Taylor and surrounding counties.

Reports have it that the drillers are having trouble with the 6-inch casing in the Rose well. They have had a good showing and the well gives promise of production if they succeed in shutting of the water.

L. L. Murray and family left first of the week for Pampa, where they will visit friends and relatives.

J. T. Dennis and E. L. Wilson are among those taking advantage of the dull season for a good outing and fishing trip.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey and family will leave next Saturday for a three or four days visit with the former's mother at Caddo Mills, Texas.

## Preparations Completed to Entertain Rural Carriers 30th

Merkel has completed arrangements to entertain the Rural Carriers next Monday. The business sessions will be held in the Grammar School Auditorium and will follow an address of welcome and response and a short entertainment by our local orchestra and other local talent.

Luncheon will be served in the basement of the First Baptist Church and will be in charge of the committee, as follows: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Frank McFarland, Jim West, C. H. Jones, Nathan Wood, Stanley King, Tom Largent and Virgil Touchstone.

In the afternoon a free matinee will be given at the Palace Theatre and one of the best Paramount Pictures will be on the screen for the entertainment of the visiting ladies and children.

Automobiles will be in readiness to carry any who may wish to visit Noodle Dome and the C. M. Largent Hereford Farm, or other places of interest.

If the golf course is completed by that time, any who know the game and find pleasure in chasing a ball over a devious course will be offered that pleasure.

It is the intention and desire of the Chamber of Commerce and the local carriers to leave such a fine impression of Merkel in the minds of our visitors that they will wish to return and that they will always remember and speak well of our town.

## Hundreds Be Presented in Oratorio

On Monday evening, May 30, the Oratorio "Elijah" will be presented at Fair Park in the New Municipal Auditorium at Abilene. The Oratorio will be given as a community affair, sponsored by the musical Coterie, with the members of the church choirs of the city, the Glee and Choral Clubs of A.C.C., pupils from the McMurry and Simmons voice departments singing in the massed choruses. Paul Van Katwiz of Dallas, director of the little symphony orchestra there and dean of music at Southern Methodist University, will be the visiting director. The lead, Elijah, will be sung by William James Work of Simmons University, and Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie, of McMurry College will sing the soprano. The contralto will be done by Mrs. J. K. Wallingford.

A nominal sum of 75c will be charged for admission.

## MISS BOOTH ENTERTAINS SENIORS

Miss Helen Booth was a most gracious hostess on Thursday evening of last week, claiming as her guests the members of the senior class and entertaining them with games of 42. The tables were arranged on the spacious lawn and the games progressed until a late hour. At their culmination Miss Booth served a lovely salad plate to Misses Elizabeth Harkrider, Nina Belle Russell, Mary Hughes, Obeal Stubblefield, Orpah Patterson, Flora Frances Anderson, Pauline Chinn, Aileen Childress, Floy Ash, Tommie Durham, Mildred Williams, Inice Brown, Thelma Copeland, Dorothy Higgins, Opal Neill, Mildred Smith, and Miss Booth; Messrs Ray Suppin, Van Hines McSpadden, Charlie Largent, Clyde Mayfield, Boyd Dobbs, Joe Cypert and Hubert Blair and Maben Rogers, and the class sponsors, Miss Martha Bird and Mrs. David Wright.

Miss Cora Lee Hulsey left first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends at Caddo Mills, Texas.

Buy your Cakes, Pies and Chickens from Presbyterians Ladies at West's Store Saturday.

Mrs. N. J. Service and daughter, Miss Jessie Service, were guests first of the week of the former's daughter, Mrs. Thos Durham, and family.

Mr. Charles Rogers of Dallas was a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. Jack Durham, last Sunday.

Mrs. John T. Morgan of Dallas, and son, John T. Jr., are visiting relatives and friends in Merkel.

Mrs. A. A. McGehee and children visited Mrs. McGehee's mother at Caddo Mills last week.

## Rural School Bill Is Passed

Austin, Texas, May 25.—Senator Joe Moore's substitute for the Senate Finance Committee bill on rural aid was finally passed by the Senate Wednesday. The most important difference between the two measures was that the Moore bill provided that the County Superintendent should report on applications for rural aid, instead of the present method of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction sending an inspector to make a report. Moore said this would mean a saving of \$20,000 in administration of the rural aid fund and his bill carried a clause setting this item at that amount, he claiming that it has been costing the State \$40,000 a year.

As to the objection of the County Superintendent reporting, Moore said the big life insurance companies take the word of their local representatives and write the policies in New York. He suggested that the State could well afford to follow this example, which, he maintained, is sound business. The Greer amendment was defeated, 7 to 17.

Senator Thomas B. Love sent up an amendment, increasing the amount for high school tuition from \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year, and this was adopted, 21 to 4. The Moore substitute was adopted for the original bill, 16 to 7, with one pair. The rules were suspended, and it was finally passed without a dissenting vote.

The Moore bill appropriates \$1,500,000 a year for rural aid. Rural and small town schools with not more than 300 scholars are eligible to receive not in excess of \$500. The school must vote and collect taxes of 75c on the \$100 and must meet requirements fixed as to location, construction, and equipment of building. Aid for rural high school districts shall be not more than \$1,000 a year.

Funds received shall be used to lengthen school terms and not to increase teacher salaries. The County Superintendent shall make a personal inspection and report on each application, making no recommendation. The decision as to whether aid shall be granted rests with the Superintendent, the head of the rural school division and an Assistant State Superintendent.

The minimum teacher salary shall be \$75, the maximum \$175. Where the enrollment exceeds thirty-five pupils the trustees may employ an instructor for every forty pupils in excess and fractional part thereof exceeding twenty pupils. Not more than \$20,000 may be used each year for administrative purposes. The sum of \$200,000 is set apart each year to pay high school tuition.

Moore sent up his substitute at the opening of the morning session and explained briefly where it differed from the original bill. Witt amended the substitute to make the tax rate 75 per cent, but failed in his effort to amend so as to make it optional with the Department of Education as to what sort of school facilities should be required. Miller, Reid and Miss Neal spoke against it and Bowers' motion to table carried.

An amendment by Wirtz providing that no district should receive an amount from the State in excess of that raised by local taxation was defeated by a viva voce vote, after Greer spoke against it. Greer submitted the amendment to take the task of inspecting districts from the County Superintendent and placing it again with the State Superintendent. He made a lengthy speech, objecting that the County Superintendent was liable to be prejudiced, and that the rural aid division of the State Education Department is functioning well, and opposed the cutting of the amount it was to expend annually from \$40,000 to \$20,000 a year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and family left the first of the week for an extended fishing trip. Mr. Bragg rarely ever passes up an opportunity to go after the finny tribe and we are wondering if his enthusiasm will be caught by Mr. Grimes, who rarely ever is found away from his place in the store. The Mail hopes they will have an enjoyable time unalloyed by chiggers or other industrious hindrances to pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Bigham of Tye announce the arrival of a nine pound boy on May 23rd. He has been christened Harold Dean. Mrs. Bigham was Miss Thelma Merritt before her marriage.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$434,892.12
Overdrafts	2,987.92
Banking House	13,500.00
Building fund, banking house	12,178.88
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Stocks & Securities	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Commercial Loans	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds	77,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	4,620.62
Cash & Exchange	108,927.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,969.37</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	29,964.74
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>621,004.63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,969.37</b>

The above statement is correct.  
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 R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

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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. Thousands of these wild mustangs, descendants of those used by Indians, before the advent of the white man in the West, have roamed in small bands from their mountain wilderness into sparsely settled country to prey upon the grass of cattle and sheep ranges. Stockmen, co-operating with forest rangers, have formed wild horse hunting parties, with the result that in Utah recently more than 1,000 were eliminated and in Nevada a campaign netted 1,238. In the north coast section of California the wild horse problem has become so serious a conference has been called to outline plans for extermination. Similar action has been taken in Idaho and Montana. The horses are declared to be of no economic worth and their elimination of decided value to cattle and sheepmen.

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 Reltz, a Kansas pioneer, had a "feeling" the land would be valuable some day, and religiously kept up his tax payments, while his neighbors let their 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.

Wisconsin "U" Leads With 40,450 Students

Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin university leads the universities of the country in service. If figures in the current issue of a magazine devoted to education are correct, more individuals are now receiving instruction in and from the Badger institution than in other universities or colleges in the United States. The Wisconsin state school, with a total of 40,450 students, including 8,229 full-time resident and 52,130 extension students, is well ahead of its nearest competitor, Columbia university of New York city, where there are 37,734 students. The University of California ranks second to Wisconsin in the number of extension students, but has less than half the Wisconsin number in that branch. The western state leads all the others in full-time students registration, with 17,101.

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, according to report of one of the principal 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 expected to be shipped to the city markets. Officers also stated that about 2,000 carloads of grapes would be shipped this year.

Making a Thorough Job

"Dear Harold," wrote his ex-sweet-heart, "as you are probably aware, I am to be married to Mr. Blank the coming month. I shall, therefore, appreciate it if you will burn all the little notes I sent you, assuring you of reciprocity with regard to those you sent me."  
 "Dear Dorothy," he replied promptly, "I shall certainly comply with your request at once. And, incidentally, as your fiancé holds a few notes of mine, I shall deem it a great favor if you will induce him to burn them with the rest."

Disraeli Past Master of Diplomatic "Bluff"

There is an entertaining story of Disraeli in Maj. Gen. Sir Leopold Swaine's volume of reminiscences. There was a moment during the Berlin congress of 1878 when it seemed as if the British and Russian contentions could not be brought into harmony. On the morning of the fourth day Bismarck called on Disraeli. They spoke on every other subject except the congress. Finally Bismarck got up to go, and said: "I don't know if you and Gortschakoff, the Russian delegate, have come to an amicable agreement, but I trust whatever may happen this afternoon, that when you return to England you will take with you a pleasant recollection of your stay in Berlin." "I shall certainly do that," said Dizzy, "for I have met with nothing but kindness and consideration from everyone. Only this morning I had another proof of it. I sent to the station master to inquire how much notice I must give for a special train to be got ready to take me back to England. The reply, most civilly worded, was to the effect that two hours would suffice." Bismarck went straight to Gortschakoff to tell him that Dizzy meant fighting if he did not give in. "He gave in," adds Sir Leopold Swaine.

Profane Promise Kept by Great Tragedian

Junius Brutus Booth, the actor, was extremely eccentric. At times he seemed to forget all responsibility and would follow fanciful whims wherever they led him. One night he had been announced for a performance of "King Lear" at the Boston theater. The house was crammed. The hour for the curtain had gone by, but Booth had not arrived. Messengers were sent in every direction in an attempt to locate him and finally he was discovered in one of his haunts surrounded by a ring of more or less inebriated friends. With difficulty he was taken to the theater, and when he heard the din of the audience, growing riotous because of the delay, he pulled the curtain aside, thrust out his head and shoulders, and shook his fist at the howling mob. "Shut up! Shut up!" he yelled. "Keep quiet! You just keep still and in ten minutes I'll give you the d—st King Lear you ever saw in your life." And he did.—Scribner's Magazine.

A Long Wait

"And what cemetery is that?" asked the Palestine tourist pointing toward an expansive hill entirely covered with gravestones. "Oh, that's a family cemetery," replied the guide. "A family cemetery?" "Yes, that's where all Methuselah's nieces and nephews who passed away waiting for their rich uncle to die are buried."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

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**Presbyterian Church**

There will be no Sunday School or preaching at 11 o'clock next Sunday on account of Fifth Sunday meeting at Stamford. Will be glad for as many of the congregation to attend this service as possible. Transportation will be provided for those who have no conveyance. See or phone W. M. Elliott, chairman of committee. Meet at the church at eight o'clock Sunday morning to go together. Preaching here at eight p.m.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**Methodist Church**

We hope to have a splendid day next Sunday at the Methodist church with a good attendance at Sunday school and church services. Let every one, unless it be the small children, come to Sunday School with the intention of staying through the preaching service. Rev. W. E. Lyon, our Presiding Elder, will preach for us at both hours Sunday, and will hold our 3rd quarterly conference. We invite visitors, strangers, and people without a church home to attend our services and worship with us. Special music at both services Sunday.  
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**HELL IN THE MAKING**

The newly appointed pastor of a negro church faced a packed audience when he arose to deliver his sermon on this burning question, "Is there a Hell?" "Ereddern," he said, "de Lord made de world round like a ball." "Amen!" agreed the congregation. "And de Lord made two axles for de world to go roun' on, one axle at de norf an' one axle at de south pole." "An' de Lord put a lot of oil an' grease in de center of de world so as to keep de axles well greased an' oiled!" "Amen!" said the congregation. "An' then a lot of sinners dig wells in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Mexico an' Russia an' steal de Lord's oil and grease. "An' some day dey will have all of de Lord's oil and grease, an' dem axles is gonna git hot. An' den dat will be hell, breddern, dat will be hell!"

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of thanking our friends for their many kind deeds during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. We also wish to express our appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings. We also ask the Lord's richest blessing to rest on each of you, is our prayer.  
Mrs. Calvin Joe Douglas and children.

**Singing At Church  
Of Christ Sunday**

There will be singing next Sunday evening, May 27th, at 8:15 o'clock at the North Side Church of Christ. Singers from Abilene, Trent and other places will be here to assist us in the singing. Special songs will be arranged from the latest of music, something that you have never heard before, and every one will enjoy it. We extend to one and all a special invitation to come and enjoy the singing with us.

**Baptist Church**

Merkel Baptists are to be congratulated in that the Merkel Sunday School has been named as one of six in Texas with a possibility of becoming a Double "A" Standard in the near future. We have held the "A-1" Standard for ten years and now we are challenged by the State Sunday School Secretary to make the Advanced Standard. No school in Texas now holds this advanced Standard so you see what the Sunday School world thinks of our work.

One of the requirements that we will need to meet is that every officer and teacher will need to hold a diploma for taking the Sunday School Manual. To help meet this requirement a class will be carried through the Manual in our training school to start Monday evening. By taking two lessons each evening for the two weeks one can take the examination and get the diploma. The first section of this book also gets a seal on B.Y.P.U. diplomas so that you get both Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. credits on the first week of the work. Our Missionary, Rev. Jno. Newsome, will preach for us at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday.

Sunday evening our people will be given an opportunity to visit with the Presbyterians and hear their new preacher. It is hoped that every one will come to the B.Y.P.U.'s and go in a body to the Presbyterian service. Come work and worship with us.  
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson returned Wednesday from a visit to Stephenville, where they spent several days with relatives. Mr. Hutcheson reports that crops in that portion of Texas were looking good and the day he left it was visited by a good soaking rain which practically assures the earlier crops.

**"Brighten up your Home"  
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**We are exclusive representatives for the Original Duco  
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There is but one Duco (Dupont Duco) but are many Lacquers that are trying to imitate Duco. It is a quick drying, smooth finishing paint that holds its lustre indefinitely. There are 22 different colors besides the stains suitable for painting wood, paper, glass, cloth, leather and metal of any kind.

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An Electric Washing Machine is one of the greatest labor saving appliances on the market today.

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We will be glad to give you a free demonstration any time convenient for you.

**West Texas Utilities  
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What Wonderful Laundry Work!

**Leisure and Laziness**

**Matters Far Apart**

If the women's clubs are futile and the politics get nowhere, and if a disillusioned age has found that charity has a great many more attributes than are mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, if being a delightful person is the most a woman can do with her time, why not admit it frankly instead of camouflaging a pleasant and idle life with a pretense of vast activity, or hiding behind the children's rompers or the responsibility of table service or anything else? Leisure is good for women, and if they are of the temperament to enjoy it, let them have it. Hard work is good and necessary for some women, and there is still and will be for a long time plenty of interesting non-professional work for women to do, if they have the ability and temperament. But the air needs more clearing. No one should have to apologize for not flying into what is really voluntary work. No one should become absurd for going into it. But if one stays out it should be because one openly prefers leisure. Leisure and laziness have nothing in common. Laziness breeds discontent and cripples energies. Leisure breeds humor, of which we need much, and beauty, of which we need more, and philosophy, of which we need most. The thirties, if they are wise—and on the whole they are both wise and clever—will come to the point of choosing between the two. Destroy their laziness and preserve their leisure, and the thirties will be the incomparable decade.—Margaret Cukin Banning in Harper's Magazine.

**Constancy That Gave**

**World Great Lesson**

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind, the gates of Hercules; before him not the ghosts of shores—before him only shoreless seas. His good mate said: "Now must we pray, for lo! the very stars are gone! Brave admiral, speak; what shall I say?" "Why, say 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'" They sailed, and sailed, as winds might blow, until, at last, the blanched mate said: "Why, now, not even God would know, should I and all my men fall dead. These very winds forget their way, for God from these dread seas seem gone; now, speak, brave admiral; speak and say—" He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!" Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck, and peered through darkness. Ah, that night of all dark nights! But, lo! a speck, a light!—a light! a light! a light! It grew!—A star-lit flag unfurled! It grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gained a world; he gave that world its grandest lesson: "On! and on!"—"Columbus," by Joaquin Vinas.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and daughter, Miss Madolin Hunt, were guests of the former's father, Mr. G. C. Comegys, and sister, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, here Tuesday night. Miss Madolin taught in the Brownwood schools this year, and was on her way home, having been met by her mother in Abilene. They returned to their home at Haskell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and children spent Sunday in Loraine and Roscoe visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis and Mrs. J. E. Badgley. They report that it is very dry in that section, not having had any rain since March.

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**BLAIR ITEMS**

The farmers are progressing nicely but a good rain would be appreciated. The Baptist meeting is still in progress and may continue for several days. The church has been spiritually revived. Aunt Mollie Wilson has been on the sick list the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Rigger Clark and family motored to Anson last Sunday, visiting friends there. Mr. Will Buchanan of Breckenridge, has moved back to our little town. And is making his home with

Mr. Will Campbell. Mr. Claud Doan accompanied by Mr. Emmette Morris and Miss Clara Phillips made a flying trip to Buffalo Gap Sunday and returned with Mrs. Doan, who spent the week-end there with friends.

Miss Effie Grayson spent the past week-end with Miss Fairy Orr. Mrs. Burl Tittle and daughters, Misses Iva Mae and Catherine, were the guests of Mrs. Pat Addison Sunday.

Mr. Grady Meeks spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. R. B. Horton.

Mrs. Abb Tittle of Brownfield, Texas, visited her parents Saturday and Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer.

Miss Nola Provine spent several days of last week with Mrs. Vera Doan.

Mrs. Alice Wilson spent the week-end in Abilene with her son, John C. Wilson, who with his wife and baby, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grimes and children accompanied her back to Blair Sunday.

DEW DROPS.

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**A GOOD REASON**

You may ask yourself: Why is the Merkel Mail so small this week? We can answer the question by stating that the paper is as large as the business accorded it justifies. So far as reading matter is concerned it is as large as usual, but a shortage of several pages of advertising accounts for the shortage of pages contained in the paper. The more advertising the more able are we to enlarge our paper; in fact the more justified are we in giving our readers a larger and better paper. The size of a newspaper is always based upon the amount of advertising accorded it by the business interests. For instance: On Sunday the Fort Worth Star-Telegram usually contains around 100 pages; on Monday eight or ten pages is the limit for that paper—it contains but little advertising.

**WHAT I THINK ABOUT EDITORS**

Editors is in a class by themselves, same as preachers. I think editors had ought to be a servant of us humans. They're doin' right when they put a birth announcement in their papers. They ain't doin' their duty 'less they tell what a fine boy or girl the late arrival is and how great things are awaitin' him in life's bright future. Then, they ought to keep a tab on the fine feller and trace him through school, always willin' to put a long item in the paper about what fine grades the youngster is a makin'. They ought to print articles on society and connect the young feller's name with a bloomin' young lady. And, O boy! when graduation time comes, I think the editor had ought to give a whole page to paint in glowin' terms the accomplishments

of the dear children. Then I think he oughtn't to charge them young folks for printin' their invitations. For aint the pleasure of printin' 'em enough reward? I think editors are heartless anyhow. You know one of them fellers actually wanted to charge me for printin' hand bills! He had the nerve to tell me that paper an' ink an' workers cost him money! I thought that there was some sort of syndicate which furnished the paper free of charge. And I didn't know till lately that them printin' press cost any thing. I don't know if for certain now; I heard a feller say that they cost. Any how, if they cost money, they never wear out, do they? So why should us folks be charged? I know that us folks in the Limber Creek community ought to charge to put on one of them concerts; but the editor ought to be willin' enough to serve us humans to print our bills for nothin'.

An other thing. I think the editors ought to let us humans ride 'em without makin' a kick. Seems as if he ain't done his part till he gives Bill Simkins a good write up after Bill has died. Everybody's name who attended the funeral had ought to be published without a error. If a error is made, the feller who was the subject of the error had ought to go and eat the editor out. An' the editor hadn't ought to say anything about it, but put on a million dollar smile and forget it.

And then again—some of them editors think they ought to tell us humans what we ought to do for the good of the community. Don't you think us humans know how to act? I think editors ought to stay in their places. They are livin' in the community, an' that is enough honor. They had ought to be glad us humans let 'em live with us.

So I say, these here editors aint doin' their duty. My idea of real servin' editors an' one that helps us humans as he ought is one who will give us a good write up at birth, keep track of us while we live and pitch bouquets at us instead of bricks, give us a page when we graduate, give us a whole paper when we marry, get out a special edition when we die and say all sorts of good things about us if we aint been worth a thimble full of sand, and then never charge us for anything he prints for us. In fact, he ought to let us ride

him, spur him, roast him, an' smile all the time we do it. If he don't do that, he aint no editor which appeals to me. He gets his reward by being let live among us humans. So that's that.—BILL FIRE-EATER, in The Lamar County Echo.

By all means let us have a white way. The Mayor has planned a street lighting program which should have the encouragement of every progressive citizen in Merkel. The laying of pipes and erection of pedestals should precede the first steps in paving. With these improvements Merkel will increase in population and property values will rise.

L. R. Thompson reports that he is in correspondence with two companies that have been figuring with Sweetwater on securing a gas franchise and gives it as his opinion that Merkel will have an opportunity to figure with the same or other companies. The city council should see that pipes are laid under the paving at all places where gas pipes would be necessary to furnish gas to the business section. This could be done at far less expense than the cost of the labor to tear up paving, and brick paving once torn up is never quite so smooth or durable.

**BUSINESS PSYCHOLOGY**

The observer is quick to see that business is good or bad as the sentiment of a community is pessimistic or optimistic. We may bring down all sorts of calamities on our heads by constantly thinking about them.

The fellow who invariably looks at the dark side of every prospect can have no initiative and usually travels in a circle of ever decreasing diameter. Every day we hear predictions of drought, pestilence and panic by those who should be preaching moisture, health and prosperity.

Grease up your thinking apparatus and get it to working properly. Put a smile on your face and try to count the troubles you see it drive away. Look on the bright side for a while and save a hospital bill.

No one loves a croaker, but every one has a hand extended to the man who carries a load of good cheer.

There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

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Our stock is going fast and we urge that you come in at once. And don't forget that you always find Dry Goods a little cheaper here, quality considered

**Max Mellinger**

**HOMELESS HOUSES**

McKinney Courier-Gazette: In the trial of a divorce case up in Missouri the other day in which it developed that both husband and wife were running around, a note from a little girl of the home was introduced in evidence. It was a short note and yet there was a world of pathos in it. It read: "Dearest Mama: I came home for dinner and was sorry you and daddy were not here. I ate a little bite and went back to school. Lovingly, Ella." A newspaper reporter who was present wrote that when the note was read there was hardly a dry eye in the courtroom. Think of what that father and mother were throwing away—the love of their little girl. "I ate a little bite and went back to school. Lovingly, Ella."

Well, there was little else for Ella to do but go back to school. Probably the teacher loved her, as teachers usually love loveable children. The parents, all two of them, apparently were too busy with their outside interests to make a home for Ella and give her parental companionship. If the testimony showed that the father and mother both were "running around" it indicated that if they were not running together they were certainly running separately. Meanwhile, little Ella was coming home to an unmothered house and an uncooked lunch. Some homes are that way. No home interest, no sensible housekeeping, no sense of obligation. Some publicists, those with observation and those with only prejudice to guide them, are fond of saying the home is breaking up. It isn't breaking up. But once in a while a home breaks down for lack of a sustaining foundation. The only foundation for a durable home is that of affection, confidence, personal responsibility and intelligent care and keep. Little Ellas born into such a home do not become unloved waifs. They do not transform into juvenile delinquents. They, on the contrary, mature into sound and sane Miss Ellas, wholesome female citizens, useful, dependable women, whose brains give them judgment and whose character gives them assurance.—State Press in Dallas News.

Dr. George L. Miller writes from San Antonio, where he and his family have been residing for some time, and asks the Mail to change the address of his paper from that city to San Diego, California.

**SOLD WIFE AT A PROFIT**

Few of the present generation particularly in the North, know that before the Civil War a great many negroes in the South owned other negroes as slaves. Some interesting facts concerning the subject are given in Prof. Carter Goodwin Woodson's book, "Free Negro Heads of Families."

He says that as far back as 1830 one-seventh of the negroes in the country were free, some of them rich, owning large plantations and other valuable property. In 1857 one negro in South Carolina owned 200 slaves, in Louisiana four negroes owned respectively 91, 89, 50 and 47 slaves. Many others owned smaller numbers, it being estimated that 40,000 free negroes owned nearly 100,000 slaves at one time.

The story is told of a Charleston negro who admired a female slave owned by a neighbor and bought her for a wife. Later on, when she had failed to behave herself as he thought proper, he sold her at a profit of \$50.—Exchange.

**MURRAY'S VEGETABLE BLOOD PURIFIER \$1.30**  
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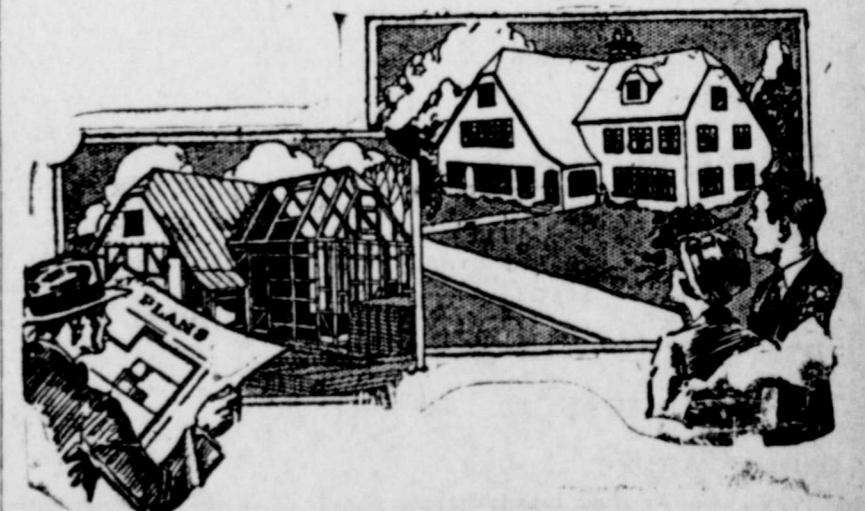
**Just around the Corner**

**EVEN** big city folks must have their "neighborhood stores"! Most of them would no more think of going down town to fight their way through the crowds in search of a roast for dinner than they would of walking to the factory to get a pair of shoes.

City women know that their neighborhood stores can supply them just what they want — and that, in most cases, the service is more alert and friendly.

The same thing is true of this "neighborhood". Our merchants—the men whose ads you read in this paper — are in position to furnish your home with the best and most popular brands of goods. Not only can they save you money, but they gladly relieve you of a lot of worry and loss of time.

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CITY Furniture Company-Buy, sell  
and exchange. Large stock stoves,  
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Why not build up your system, ap-  
petite and blood, Dr. Shoop's Restora-  
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We buy every day. Highest market  
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of mattresses. All work guaranteed.  
We will appreciate your patronage.  
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Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford. Phone No.  
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WANTED-A man with small fam-  
ily to do ranch and farm work. C. M.  
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LAUNDRY WORK

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work at 35 cents per dozen for wash-  
ing and 50c per dozen for ironing.  
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WANTED-To buy your wheat, oats  
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others at even a much higher  
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"SENORITA"  
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It's a Paramount Picture

LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Bay mare about 16 hands  
high, 6 years old, slim build, saddle  
mark on right side just above hip.  
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Thermon McCoy, Merkel, Texas,  
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HELIUM SHORTAGE

Principal Source of Supply  
Playing Out.

Washington.-America faces a heli-  
um shortage. And helium is the un-  
burnable gas that, although undiscover-  
ed on earth before 1895, is used to  
inflate dirigibles and thus keep them  
from exploding, as those filled with  
hydrogen are likely to do.

The natural gas from the Petrolia  
(Texas) field, which has provided heli-  
um up until now, is playing out. Since  
congress has authorized the construc-  
tion of two giant dirigibles, each with  
a capacity of 6,000,000 cubic feet, to  
cost \$8,000,000, lack of helium is wor-  
rying government officials. The navy  
and the United States bureau of mines  
are asking congress to appropriate  
money to pipe to the Fort Worth  
(Texas) helium extraction plant, built  
during the war, the helium-bearing  
natural gas of Nocona, only 25 miles  
from Petrolia.

The appropriation desired is \$500-  
000, which is needed to construct the  
necessary pipeline and pressure plant.  
The bill is now awaiting action by the  
senate. Once the money is appropri-  
ated, it will be a matter of only six  
or seven months before the helium  
supply can be increased.

The Nocona field was discovered in  
1922, but natural gas, although burned  
in the field, has never been drawn  
away. The life of the Nocona supply  
is about 15 years, and it will prob-  
ably produce from 10,000,000 to 12-  
000,000 cubic feet of helium a year  
during that time.

More helium is essential with the  
construction of the two giant dirigibles  
in view. There never was enough  
helium to float the Los Angeles and the  
Shenandoah simultaneously. With the  
destruction of the Shenandoah, the  
world's largest single store of pure  
helium was lost. Each of the project-  
ed giant dirigibles will need three  
times the helium now being used by  
the dirigible Los Angeles.

Cattle Malady Laid to  
Lack of Phosphates

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.-A cattle mal-  
ady 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 Wis-  
consin College of Agriculture.

Lack of phosphates in the soil and  
consequently in the cattle feed caused  
all the trouble, he said.

A herd of six afflicted animals was  
placed at the peninsula branch of the  
state experimental station and fed a  
well-balanced ration after postmortem  
examination on cows that died of the  
trouble showed lack of phosphates and  
fumes in their bones. This ration, in  
which the proper phosphates were in-  
cluded, brought the cattle back to full  
strength and weight in a few months.

The soil in northern Door county is  
very shallow, and due to this the phos-  
phates in the soil were quickly used  
up. According to Prof. E. J. Delwiche,  
head of the experimental station, nine-  
tenths of the farms in this district are  
lacking in phosphates, and many other  
farms in Wisconsin are also showing  
the effects of insufficient phosphates  
in the soil.

East Lynne's Premiere

The first American theatrical pro-  
duction of "East Lynne" was reviewed  
in the New York papers 62 years ago.  
The critics disagreed as to the mer-  
its of the drama, which had been seen  
at Niblo's garden the night before,  
and none foresaw that it was to be-  
come the most popular play of the  
century. Since then thousands of  
companies of every grade have played  
"East Lynne," and it has been staged  
in every theater and village "opry  
house" in the United States and Can-  
ada. It is based upon the novel writ-  
ten by Mrs. Henry Wood.

Easily Satisfied

Thomas did not like mathematics.  
He had been absent when long division  
in algebra had been developed, and on  
his return to school, had been unable  
to grasp the subject.

The day for the test came, and sure  
enough, there was a problem in long  
division. Thomas copied it, studied it  
thoughtfully for a few minutes and  
without the least attempt to solve it,  
wrote underneath it the following  
note: "Dear Teacher-If you will give  
me five on this problem I'll be satis-  
fied. Thomas."

Overdoing?

Hurry, Worry and Overwork Bring  
Heavy Strain.

MODERN life throws a heavy  
burden on our bodily ma-  
chinery. The eliminative organs, es-  
pecially the kidneys, are apt to be-  
come sluggish. Retention of excess  
uric acid and other poisonous waste  
often gives rise to a dull, languid  
feeling and, sometimes, toxic back-  
aches and headaches. That the kid-  
neys are not functioning perfectly is  
often shown by burning or scanty  
passage of secretions. More and  
more people are learning to assist  
their kidneys by the occasional use  
of Doan's Pills-a stimulant diu-  
retic. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS  
60c  
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys  
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

Houses of Worship  
Found in Odd Places

The miners in the Myrdd Newydd  
coal mines in Wales have no call to  
abave, shine their boots, or don Sun-  
day garb when they go to worship.  
They have a chapel all their own at  
the bottom of the shaft, so that when  
they descend the pit they can have a  
short service before going to their  
working places.

Rough timbers form the pillars and  
beams of this chapel, and a coal trol-  
ley serves as a pulpit. The miners  
sit on rough wooden benches and the  
oldest among them acts as pastor.

A chapel, more finished in appear-  
ance, the St. Anthony, exists in the salt  
mines of Wieliczka, Austria. It has  
an altar, crucifix, and life-size figures  
of the saints, apparently in black  
marble, but really made of salt.

In the old German town of Ober-  
stein an ancient church stands in a  
great rock rising from the river. The  
front is of stone, but the church it-  
self is hollowed out of the rock and  
penetrates far into its heart. This cu-  
rious church is now the only Protest-  
ant place of worship in the town.

A church in a Pennsylvania town is  
said to possess the distinction of be-  
ing the work of one pair of hands.  
One man carried every block of stone  
of which it was constructed, cut each  
of them into shape, and laid it in  
place.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Taylor County, Greetings

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-  
ED to summon Earl Hightower 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 news-  
paper published therein, but if not,  
then in the nearest County where a  
newspaper is published, to appear at  
the next regular term of the 104th  
District Court of Taylor County, to  
be holden at the Court House thereof,  
in Abilene, Texas, on the third Mon-  
day in June A. D. 1927, the same be-  
ing the 20th day of June A. D. 1927,  
then and there to answer a petition  
filed in said Court on the 11th day of  
May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court as No.  
47-B, wherein Nellie Hightower is  
Plaintiff, and Earl Hightower is De-  
fendant, and said petition alleging  
that plaintiff and defendant were  
married about Sept. 13, 1915, and  
separated about January 15, 1920.  
Plaintiff sues for divorce on the  
ground of three years abandonment,  
all of which is fully shown in Plain-  
tiff's Original Petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-  
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next  
regular term, this writ with your re-  
turn thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and  
the seal of said Court, at office in  
Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of  
May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County. 13t4

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-  
ED to summon Edward Roy Keithley  
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 news-  
paper published therein, but if not,  
then in the nearest County where a  
newspaper is published, to appear at  
the next regular term of the 104th  
District Court of Taylor County, to  
be holden at the Court House thereof,  
in Abilene, Texas, on the third Mon-  
day in June A. D. 1927, the same be-  
ing the 20th day of June A.D. 1927,  
then and there to answer a petition  
filed in said Court on the 7th day of  
May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court as No.  
45-B, wherein Hilda Josephine Keith-  
ley is Plaintiff, and Edward Roy  
Keithley is Defendant, and said peti-  
tion alleging that plaintiff and de-  
fendant were married about Decem-  
ber 15, 1926, and separated about  
January 15, 1927. Plaintiff sues for  
divorce on the grounds of cruel treat-  
ment, also for restoration of her  
maiden name, all of which is fully al-  
leged in her original petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-  
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next  
regular term, this writ with your re-  
turn thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and  
the Seal of said Court, at office in  
Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of  
May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County. 20t4

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-  
ED to SUMMON ELLA BILLS  
by making publication of this Citation  
once in each week for four successive  
weeks previous to the return day

PALACE THEATRE  
Announces their Opening Friday Night,  
May 27, with  
BEBE DANIELS  
-in-  
"SENORITA"  
A Paramount Picture  
Pathe News and Comedy  
MONDAY and TUESDAY  
May 30 and 31  
Clara Bow and Esther Ralston  
-in-  
'CHILDREN or DIVORCE'  
A Paramount Picture  
Pathe News and Comedy  
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
June 1 and 2  
Billie Dove and Huntley Gordon  
-in-  
'SENSATION SEEKERS'  
A Universal Jewel  
And Two-Reel Comedy  
"NEVER A DISAPPOINTMENT"

hereof, in some newspaper published  
in your County, if there be a news-  
paper published therein, but if not,  
then in the nearest County where a  
newspaper is published, to appear at  
the next regular term of the 104th  
District Court of Taylor County, to  
be holden at the Court House thereof,  
in Abilene, Texas, on the third Mon-  
day in June A. D. 1927, the same be-  
ing the 20th day of June A.D. 1927,  
then and there to answer a petition  
filed in said Court on the 16th day of  
May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court as No.  
51-B, wherein Melton Bills is Plain-  
tiff, and Ella Bills is Defendant, and  
said petition alleging that plaintiff  
and defendant were married about  
May 7, 1921, and separated about  
August 19, 1926. Plaintiff sues for  
divorce on the ground of cruel treat-  
ment, all of which is fully alleged in  
plaintiff's original petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-  
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next  
regular term, this writ with your re-  
turn thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and  
the Seal of said Court, at office in  
Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of  
May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County. 20t4

CITATION OF APPLICATION  
For Letters of Guardianship

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Taylor County-GREETINGS

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

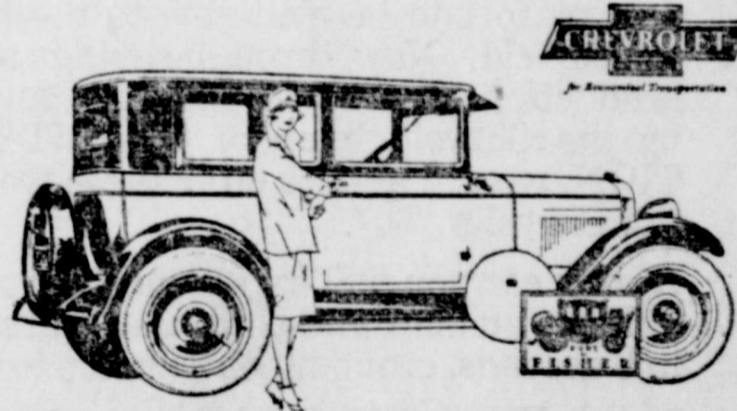
TO ALL PERSONS interested in  
the welfare of Mrs. N. L. Meeks, a  
person of unsound mind, you are  
hereby notified that Booth Warren  
has filed in the County Court of Tay-  
lor County, Texas, an application for  
Letters of Guardianship upon the  
person and estate of said person of  
unsound mind; which will be heard  
at the next term of said Court, com-  
mencing on the Third Monday in  
June, A. D. 1927, same being the 20th  
day of June A. D. 1927, at the Court  
house thereof, in Abilene, at which  
time all persons interested in the wel-  
fare of said person of unsound mind  
may appear and contest such applica-  
tion, if they see proper to do so.

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

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal  
of said Court, at office in Abilene, this  
3rd day of May, 1927.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,  
County Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Bernice Brittain, Deputy. 13t2

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there is not the slightest compromise in  
design, construction or finish. All em-  
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the highest priced cars - a composite  
construction of selected hardwood and  
steel. All are finished in beautiful colors  
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of distinction previously considered ex-  
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volume production make possible such  
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# COSTS YOU NOTHING PAYS YOU BEST

Our office is maintained to serve you, without cost, in all insurance matters. Our policies are written to protect you fully and pay you most in cases of loss.

You will find us equipped to give you all forms of property protection insurance, advise you in all insurance matters and serve you at all times. Consider us pleased to give free consultation whenever desired upon insurance.

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REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS  
FIRE INSURANCE  
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Lawyer

### NOTICE

Miss Christine Collins will continue her voice class in her home in south Merkel for the summer, specializing in juvenile training for grammar school pupils. Call 29 for appointment. **1t**

Cars washed and polished by men who know how. Maverick Motor Co. **1t**

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son, Milton, visited relatives in Winters last Sunday. **1t**

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

SEE  
Bebe Daniels in  
"SENORITA"  
at the PALACE  
It's a Paramount Picture

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. **1t**

### TRESPASSING NOTICE

Any person or persons found fishing or hunting on any land owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. **J. S. SWANN. 27:2p**

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City is here this week the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams. **1t**

Just received fresh car of Peace Maker Flour. Also plenty of bran and shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co. **1t**

Expect car of Hulls Monday. Swafford, Phone 44. **1t**

L. R. Thompson attended the regular monthly meeting of the County Board of Education at Abilene last Friday and reports an interesting session. The regular meeting date was changed to the first Saturday in each month. **1t**

Trade your car for a better one. Used Cars priced Right. Maverick Motor Company. **1t**

### THURSDAY CLUB

The home of Mrs. L. B. Scott was the scene of a very merry party on Thursday afternoon of this week when Mrs. Scott entertained members of the Thursday Club and a large number of friends. The house was very colorful in its array of Larkspur, hollyhaws and nasturtiums, providing a pleasant background for tables arranged for games of 42. Misses Mattie Lou Largent and Mary Elizabeth Grimes daintily attired in frocks of palest green, were very efficient in refreshing the guests with iced punch between games and at the culmination of the games they assisted the hostess in serving chicken salad sandwiches, olives and orange ices. The guest list included Mrs. J. C. Scott, Mrs. Jesse Scott and Mrs. J. S. Holmes, all of Abilene, and Mrs. W. B. Brown of Anson, Mesdames E. M. McDonald, Bill Shepard, Elmer Lowe, Earl Lassiter, Henry West, Lester Harlow, Duncan Briggs, E. B. Ruse, Ed Gant, C. B. Gardner, Fred Groene, Bill Haynes, S. W. Johnson, Frederickson, J. T. Dennis, E. Yates Brown, A. R. Boot, Earl Baze, Roy Adams, R. O. Anderson, Booth Warren, Jim West, John West, W. L. Diltz, Ross Ferrier, S. D. Gamble, Robert Grimes, T. L. Grimes, Robert Hicks, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, T. E. Collins and Miss Lucy Tracy.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. V. B. Sublett, with Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. S. M. Hunter as hostesses. A number of contests were enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The first was an advertising contest in which Mrs. Stanley King won first prize, a stamped tea apron, upon which each club member was asked to make a few stitches. The booby prize was a handkerchief, won by Mrs. Elmer Lowe. Two other contests followed, in the first of which Mrs. George Woodrum won first prize. The next contest was won by Ms. Len Sublett. A delightful refreshment plate of sandwiches, cherry lemonade, and mints, with colonial ladies as plate favors, was then served by Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. Hunter.

Those present were: Mesdames George Woodrum, Luke Huddleston, Stanley King, W. L. Johnson, Jr., B. A. Clark, Earl Thornton, Paul Stanford, Elmer Lowe, Tyrie Sublett, Frank Golladay, Len Sublett, V. B. Sublett, S. M. Hunter.

### The Freshman Party

Among the pleasing events of the closing of the school term was a lawn party given to the Freshmen by Ethel and Eleanor Mac Hamilton and Frances Frederickson, at the home of the latter on Thursday, May 19. After playing many interesting games and contests such as finding concealed names of the class and of authors, truth and figures, a refreshment plate of ice cream, cake and lemonade was served to the following: Nina Vantreese, Beryl and Odell Hunter, Ruby Robbins, Uerin Derrick, Nadine Tippet, Nadine Coomer, Mildred Bird, Lola Mae Riddle, Maurine Davis, Gladys Copeland, Missie Dye, E. L. Turner, J. T. Darsey, J. D. Ashby, Milton Case, Fred Guitar, Lester Patterson, O. B. Boden, Clarence Sharp, George Woods, Weldon Coats and the hostesses.

# QUEEN THEATRE

COOLEST PLACE in TOWN

### TODAY & SATURDAY

May 27th and 28th

Carl Loemmle Presents

## HOOT GIBSON in The Prairie King



A Universal Jewel

ALSO

Goodwill Pictures Inc. Present

Ben Wilson and Neva Gerber

-in-

### "OFFICER 44"

Episode 2—"Human Rats"

-and-

A William Fox Imperial Comedy

### "The Steeple Chase"

Summer Prices .....10c & 25c

### Monday and Tuesday

May 30th and 31st



## HEAVEN ON EARTH

RENEE ADORÉE  
CONRAD NAGEL  
Presented by  
PHIL ROSEN  
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

ALSO

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And Educational Comedy

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### Wednesday & Thursday

June 1st and 2nd

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## "The WILDERNESS WOMAN"

-with-

Aileen Pringle, Lowell Sherman

and Chester Conklin

A First National Picture

and "THE GUMPS" in

"California Here We Come"

From the Famous Cartoons by

Sydney Smith

# THE TOURIST SEASON

As the warm summer weather approaches, the thoughts of every car owner turn to the open road. Most every one will take a trip this summer, if for only a few days. And it is always the wise thing to do to go prepared. Possibly the old bus needs overhauling entirely, or a few new parts, or should be tightened up—at least it should be thoroughly greased. The hot weather says new tires must be had. Then the old car may be in good shape for that trip, but she must have fuel to supply her motor. What we want to tell you is that you can get all this service at our place. Just drive around and tell us what you want and we will do our best to give you better service.

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TIRES, TUBES and ACCESSORIES

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# EVERYBODYS GARAGE

Phone 72

Front Street

L. B. Scott, local Ford dealer, is in Dallas this week on business.

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach next Sunday at Rotan, leaving Saturday afternoon for that city.

Mr. Lorán Hamblet of Breckenridge spent several days here while on a short business trip.

Expect car of Hulls Monday. Swafford, Phone 44. **1t**

Virginia Hart Dresses have taken the country by storm. Ask us how many we are selling each week. The reason can be seen at one glance. BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY. **1t**

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THE CAR FOR EVERYBODY

There is a growing demand for a car of Chrysler's exceptional performance, pleasing appearance and unusual comfort to be available to the buyers in the lower priced field. Now, through savings made possible by the production of cars to supply the four great markets and by the Chrysler plan of QUALITY STANDARDIZATION, we are able to offer these wonderful features in the Chrysler "50".

In this car you will experience Chrysler performance—50 miles an hour and better, acceleration of 5 to 25 miles in 8 seconds, economy of 25 miles to the gallon.

In this FULL SIZED CAR, you will find roomy enclosed bodies finely upholstered and finished in attractive color combinations.

You will discover roadability, characteristic of all Chrysler cars, due to scientific balance.

And these fine features are now available at a price which puts this car within reach of everyone.

Let us show you this Chrysler "50"—ride in it—drive it! After you have done this, you will immediately sense the performance, quality and value which it combines; and the high standard of worth which it represents in its field. For, no motor car in years has offered such fine car value at so moderate a price.

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Write for free booklet on killing house and garden insects in McCormick & Co., Baltimore, Md.

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