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Local Men Attend Boy Scout Meeting

Herbert Patterson and L. R. Thompson attended a meeting in the interest of the Boy Scout movement at Abilene last Tuesday. Merkel is one of the towns included in the Chisholm Area composed of seven counties and is responsible for its proportionate share of the expenses attached in carrying on this great work in the interest of boys. Because the boys wear a uniform not greatly unlike the uniform of our soldiers, many ultra pacific people believe the organization is military in purpose and refuse to assist it in any way. The fact is that everything taught by the organization will make wars less likely by educating our boys away from the causes which lead to war.

Not only does the organization lead away from the things that cause war, but it develops in them all that is highest and best in good citizenship. There would be no need of reformatories and houses of correction if all the boys of our country were trained in scouting under a scout master that measured up to the requirements of that most important office. We recently read that \$11,000,000,000 was spent annually in the prosecution and detention of criminals.

This amount could be reduced at least twenty-five percent per year until it reached a sum that would appear far less staggering, if we would support and encourage the Boy Scout movement. Good men are grown from good boys. Good boys are full of life and energy which crave and readily respond to right direction. You may require a boy to attend all the religious services held in your church, you may require him to memorize one or more verses of scripture daily and to say his prayers regularly, but so long as these are requirements you have made him dislike the very agencies through which you sought his spiritual development. The boys scout is taught all the virtues by living them before his fellows.

There is a guided into him a deep and abiding respect for all that is good and a deep seated contempt for all that is bad. He has greater love for church and school. He has dedicated himself to service. He is becoming a man in the highest sense of that term. Reader, you may not have any boys, but you have a responsibility to all boys which you cannot evade. Merkel is called upon to invest \$253 in boys, for the coming year. Do you want some stock in this investment?

It is intended to publish the names of every firm or individual in Merkel that contributes to this most worthy enterprise and the list will indeed be a roll of honor. Do not wait to be solicited, but call up Herbert Patterson or L. R. Thompson and remember the larger the investment the greater the returns in good citizenship.

C. M. Caldwell is at the head of the movement and assures us that every dollar will be as carefully used as though it came from his private business.

READ THE PAVING ORDINANCE IN THIS PAPER

We call the attention of our readers to the paving ordinance as published in this issue of the Mail. It is hoped that every property owner affected by same as well as all others, may read the notice which will acquaint them with the matter of paving the streets of the city, work on which will soon begin.

MISS MELBA WEST FALLS ILL AT ALPINE COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West received word first of the week that their daughter, Miss Melba, who was in attendance upon the summer school at Sul Ross State Teachers College, at Alpine, was quite sick, and immediately Mrs. West, accompanied by Mr. Jack West, left for Alpine, arriving there late in the afternoon Tuesday. Upon arrival, they decided Miss West would not be able to return to her home here for a day or two, so Mr. Jack West returned the next day.

On Thursday morning in a telephone message Mrs. West informed Mr. West that she and Miss Melba would leave Alpine via stage for Monahan, thence by rail to this city, and expected to arrive home on the midnight train.

We join their many friends in the sincere hope that Miss Melba will enjoy a speedy recovery upon arrival home.

DISTRICT WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING HELD TUESDAY

The Methodist Womens Missionary Societies of the Abilene District held an all-day meeting at the Merkel Methodist Church last Tuesday. Mrs. Walter Jennings of Abilene, district secretary, had charge of the meeting. The different missionary societies from over the district were well represented, the delegates and visitors numbering about 160. At the same time the pastors of the district held a meeting under the leadership of Dr. W. E. Lyon of Abilene, presiding elder of this district. These meetings occupied the entire day. The morning session of the Missionary Society meeting was devoted to the reports of the different societies of the district and a noon day bible lesson by Dr. W. E. Lyon of Abilene. The program for the afternoon consisted of talks and helpful suggestions for carrying forward the work of the Missionary Society. The conference officers were present, Mrs. J. G. Merritt of Colorado, Superintendent of Social Service; Mrs. J. McCleary of Colorado, Supt. of Young People; and Mrs. J. Frank Potts of Abilene, corresponding secretary. Each of these ladies clearly defined her work and sought the cooperation of each of the auxiliaries in helping carry forward the program as outlined by the council. The presiding officer, Mrs. Jennings, was assisted in her work by Mrs. Thos. Durham, who was elected her secretary. At the noon hour lunch was served by the local Methodist women to both the Missionary ladies and the pastors. The ladies of St. Paul's church, Abilene, will be hostess to a like gathering in the early part of October, to be known as "A Harvest Day meeting."

Revival Meeting at Hope, Two Miles East of Stith

Members of the Church of Christ, announce the beginning on Saturday, July 2, of a revival meeting to continue for ten days, conducted by Elder J. D. Harvey, of Colorado, Texas. A cordial invitation is extended to all who will to attend each and every service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy were called to Anson first of the week to attend the funeral of a relative who died there Tuesday, with burial on Wednesday at New Hope cemetery north of that city.

Mr. Jim Spurgeon of the Noodle community went to Dallas first of the week to attend a meeting of the directors of the Texas Cotton Farm Bureau; he being a member of the board.

Married Sunday

Mr. Bob Hobbs and Miss Rosie Gilbert were happily united in marriage on last Sunday by Elder W. G. Cypert.

Mrs. Emmett Grimes was operated on this week for appendicitis at the local hospital of Grimes & Sadler. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely and will be up and about in a few days.

Mrs. Stanley King was operated on for appendicitis at a local hospital Monday the 27th, and at present is doing well and expected to soon be up and about again.

HANDKERCHIER SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT

The home of Miss Rose Laney was the scene of a very pretty party on Tuesday afternoon at six o'clock. Miss Mabel Toombs, whose approaching marriage to Mr. Joe Risinger of Big Spring has been announced, was the honoree and was complimented with a handkerchief shower. Piano selections by Miss Doris Pike were very much enjoyed and these numbers were followed by contests in which Miss Toombs and Mrs. Denzil Cox were awarded prizes. Mrs. Cox graciously presented her gift to the honoree. At this time little J. M. Bickley, Jr., acting in the role of Butler, entered and announced the arrival of Miss June Rose Owen, who presented Miss Toombs with a beautiful assortment of handkerchiefs, gifts of her friends. Miss Laney served a most delicious salad plate with tea to Miss Mabel Toombs, Ethel Wilson, Emma Toombs, Flossie Campbell, Doris Pike, Hallie Pike and Ida Edwin Baker of Brownwood, Mesdames Joe Bickley of Richland, Texas, Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Trent, Texas, Mrs. E. O. Baker of Brownwood, Mrs. Danzil Cox and the hostesses.

Work to Start Soon On Paving Streets

On Monday of this week the Panhandle Construction Company of Lubbock, unloaded a car of equipment to be used here in the work of constructing the ten blocks of paving in the business section, as well as making an extension of the city's water system.

It is expected that the work will continue right on now until the entire contract has been completed, which will likely be early fall.

Mr. G. W. Parkhill, resident engineer, representing the engineering firm of Hawley & Roberts, engaged by the City, is also on the ground, and will remain here until the job has been completed satisfactorily.

Fine water, lights, sewer, natural gas, paved streets and a beautiful white way brilliantly lighting the business section of our city are some of the conveniences to be enjoyed by the citizenship of Merkel. No, the big cities won't have anything on us along this line. Come to Merkel.

PRICE BANNER BUYS CITY CAFE AGAIN

Mr. Price Banner, who for some time previous to the "oil rush" was owner and manager of the City Cafe, which he sold to B. C. Hancock, has this week again purchased the same from Mr. Hancock, taking charge on Wednesday. Price is a good cafe man and will no doubt enjoy his share of the business in this line.

Mr. Hancock, we learn, will go to Midland, where he will operate the cafe located in the Llano Hotel in that city. B. C. is a splendid cafe man a good citizen and we regret to lose him from our town.

Seriously Hurt From Fall

Mr. George Smith of the Noodle community, while working for the State Highway Department, fell from a wagon causing a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain. He was immediately brought to the hospital in Merkel, where he is being cared for. However, his condition is said to be very serious, the extent of which can not be determined for a few days.

Beasley Child Dies at Trent

The little two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley died on Monday night of this week, after several days illness.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday by Rev. Williams of Trent and Rev. Johnson of Sylvester, with burial after in the Trent cemetery.

This paper joins the parents and relatives' many friends in extending to them deepest sympathy.

Mr. A. V. Dye and family returned this week from a very pleasant outing and trip to Christoval, Texas, one of the nicest summer play grounds of the state. They report a very nice trip.

City Council Orders Thorough Clean-Up

We have the information from Mayor H. C. West that the City Council, in order to assist the citizenship in an effort to thoroughly clean up the town from center to circumference, will send the city wagons out beginning the last of this week or the first of next for the purpose of hauling off all trash and refuse that may be piled into boxes, etc., and placed accessible to the alleys where the wagons may easily reach them.

It is urged that every one cooperate with the city officials in their effort to make our town a cleaner, more healthier and better place in which to live. Who wants to live in a town all grown up with weeds and old papers and trash scattered about? Every one can make their homes, yards and premises look much better if they will only try. And when every one does this the town as a whole looks better.

Should the wagons miss or fail to call at your house for the trash you have raked up, call Mr. W. N. Hall, who will have them sent to your place at once.

Jasper McCoy Buys Cafe

Mr. Jasper McCoy recently purchased the cafe on Kent street formerly owned by Mr. Rasberry, and has re-arranged and made it neat, nice and clean. He will no doubt enjoy a fair share of the cafe business.

We had occasion to inspect the Merkel Water Plant, stable and stable yard this week and we cannot refrain from complimenting Mr. W. N. Hall for the neat appearance of the premises and the supply of water in the tanks, both being full. The engine room was as clean as a kitchen, with electric and gasoline engines in first class order. A filling station has been installed, all machinery including grader is under cover, in fact no individual property is kept in better repair than the property of the City of Merkel.

Married Wednesday

Mr. Chester Bond and Miss Ruth Welborn, of the Comper Community, were happily married at the Methodist parsonage on last Wednesday evening, June 29, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Mrs. J. M. Bickley and children of Richland, Texas, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Miss Helen Eddington of Beardston, Indiana, is here, the guest of her brother, Frank Eddington. She will remain until Saturday night, when she will leave for an extended visit in California.

Mr. Tom Spears and family who have been visiting in the home of Mr. John Sears, left first of the week for their home at Whitewright, Texas.

PROSPECTS FOR GOOD BAND SEEMS ASSURED

Bandmaster Joe Ward of Abilene, who is without doubt one of the best band instructors in the state, has been working hard for the past two weeks to interest the people of Merkel in the organization and building up of a good band in Merkel, and it now seems that he is going to be successful, from the recent renewed interest shown in the matter.

That a well organized band is a good asset to any town is a known fact, and this paper believes that the entire town should lend every encouragement and assistance possible in the organization of same.

NAZERINE REVIVAL BEGINS JULY 15th

To begin July 15th and continue to the 30th, under the tabernacle at Merkel, a Nazarine revival meeting is to be conducted. Rev. A. M. Mason, evangelist; Mr. W. J. Knight, song leader and Mrs. Beulah Knight, pianist will conduct the services each day.

The public is cordially invited to attend. All pastors and churches have a special invitation. Let us have an old time revival. God will bless us if we will let Him, so come.

C. C. Montandon, pastor.

WORKING GIRLS PICNIC

A picnic, sponsored by Miss Maxie Banner and Mrs. Duncan Briggs, was held on Thursday evening of last week at Shannon's Pool complimenting the business women employed in the various firms of the town. The evening proved such a gala affair that a club was suggested in order to assure a repetition of the fun. Miss Maxie Banner was elected president and Miss Nell Boswell vice-president, and Miss Valerie Dye secretary and treasurer and Miss Edna Watts reporter. "The Working Girls Club," was voted the name of the new club and once a month was decided upon as a possible meeting date. A sumptuous feast was spread, picnic style, and very much enjoyed by Misses Mollie Shannon, Johnnie Warren, Anna Lou Russell, Lillian Rider, Jewel Burns, Addie Holler, Madeline Berry, Maxie Banner, Ethel Wilson, Stella Wilson, Nell Boswell, Mary Anna Mayfield, Ona Johnson, Thelma Copeland, Pauline Johnson, Valerie Dye, Mary Alice Johnson, Cora Lee Hulsey, Rena Burns, Mildred Smith, Lucy Patterson, Edna Watts and Mesdames Duncan Briggs and Milliken.

IDLEWISE CLUB

The home of Mrs. Sie Hamm was the scene of a lovely party on Tuesday afternoon of this week, complimenting members of the Idlewise Club and a large number of Club guests. Tables, arranged for games of Auction Bridge, were attractively appointed in all the gay colors of mid-summer and the games progressed happily thru-out the late afternoon hours. At the culmination Mrs. Hamm, assisted by Miss Tommie Durham and Mrs. Jack Durham, served a most delectable salad plate consisting of fruit salad sandwiches and punch to the following guests: Miss Blanks of Ennis, Texas, Misses Johnnie Sears, Gladys Mayfield, Boog Sears, Mammie Ellis, Tommie Durham, Lorena Dry and Mesdames Jack Durham, Harry Cookston and Club members present were: Misses Evelyn Hamm, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Sie Hamm, Roy Largent, and W. S. J. Brown.

Mrs. J. A. Marsh and little daughter, Mary Lou, of Spur, were here this week for a vacation with the former's parents, Rev. J. B. Parrack and wife, as well as her brother, Rev. Lra L. Parrack and family. On their return to their home they were accompanied by Miss Mary Parrack, who will visit with them for a week.

Miss Maxie Banner of the Jones Dry Goods Company, is vacationing in Dallas this week.

C. L. Eoff and family returned last week from a pleasant visit with relatives in Brown County. While on their visit they also went fishing on the Colorado river, and report excellent luck, landing two cats that weighed 21 and 30 pounds.

Mrs. O. A. Smith and baby returned from an extended visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Daniels, at Del Rio, Texas. On her return she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Dorothy Daniels, who will spend some time visiting here.

City Grants Gas Franchise to The Community Co.

At a meeting of the City Council this week a franchise was granted to the Community Natural Gas Company of Dallas, granting them the privilege of bringing to our city natural gas for domestic and commercial use.

The contract calls for the beginning of the laying of mains and laterals by December 21st of this year, with completion and service immediately thereafter. We understand the sum of 75 cents per thousand feet will be charged for domestic use, with a minimum of \$1.00 per month including a "readiness to serve" charge to all customers. It is also understood that there will be a ten per cent discount in the 75 cents per thousand cubic feet charge for gas when the customer pays his bills on or before the 10th of each month. According to the franchise granted, the Gas Company, said company agrees to commence construction of gas distribution in the city of Merkel not later than December 21, 1927, and rush same to completion as fast as possible.

NATIONAL GUARD DRILL POSTPONED

Because of Monday being the 4th of July, the regular weekly drill of the local National Guard Unit will be postponed until Tuesday night.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

Tuesday, July 5th. Devotional led by Mrs. Walker. Subject: Review of Year's work. 12 reasons for not attending Missionary meetings:

Visits and Visitations, by Mrs. Marvin Smith.

Foreign Missions for 1926-27, Mrs. G. F. West.

Over seas serving day, Mrs. Selma Russell.

The Missionary Meeting at Mrs. Marsh's, Mrs. Jim West.

Business; prayer.

DR. FRANK ARMSTRONG WEDS MISS VAN CLEAVE

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong left yesterday morning for Fort Worth, where they went to be present at the wedding of their son, Dr. W. F. Armstrong to Miss Sewanee Van Cleave, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Van Cleave, of Burkburnett, who is a graduate of the University of Texas, and is at present Dean of girls in Polytechnic High School.

This paper joins a host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for the future happiness of this fine young couple. Concerning the approaching wedding the following appeared on the society page of last Sunday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Sewanee Van Cleave to Dr. William Franklin Armstrong, was made Wednesday when Mrs. O. C. Ellis entertained with a buffet luncheon at her home, 3138 Travis Avenue.

The home was beautifully decorated with daisies and multi-colored zennias, with the dining room being attractive in a motif of pink and white.

Each guest was given the end of a pink and white ribbon, which led to concealed cards on which the news was written, the date of the wedding being given as "June 30." The table decorations carried out the color scheme, the centerpiece being a miniature bride, under a canopy of lilies of the valley, encircled with tall pink princess candles.

Miss Van Cleave is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Van Cleave of Burkburnett and is a graduate of the University of Texas. She is dean of girls in Polytechnic High School and a leader in Girl Reserve activities.

Dr. Armstrong is the son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong of Merkel. He is a graduate of Tulane University, where he received his medical training, a graduate of Simmons University, Abilene, and a former student of the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Sigma Pi and Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternities and of the University Club.

The wedding will take place in the Polytechnic Methodist Church.

Mr. DeVerle W. Johnson will be Dr. Armstrong's best man and the groomsmen will be Messrs. Robert McNemur, Lysle Wilkerson, Dr. J. M. Lysle and Dr. Clifton Lawrence.

THE MERKEL MAIL ANNOUNCES

SUMMER BARGAIN RATES

Here it is—For ten days, beginning Today, July 1, and closing Monday, July 11, we will send

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NOTICE—These rates are good only on subscriptions to any address in Jones, Taylor, Fisher or Nolan Counties, and do not apply outside these counties, which take the regular rate. These rates positively close at 6 July 11th. This is the first and only bargain rates this paper has ever offered under the present management, and will be the last for this year. If you desire to take advantage of this offer, do so within the next ten days. If you fail it's just "too bad"—this rate positively closes at 6 o'clock Monday, July 11th.

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On last Thursday evening the members of the Friendship Club were hostesses to their husbands out at Shannon's with a delightful picnic supper. The supper, which consisted of fried chicken, potato chips, cherry pie and soda pop, was very much enjoyed by Messers and Mesdames George Woodrum, Earl Thornton, Elmer Lowe, W. L. Johnson, B. A. Clark, Frank Golladay, Bishop Hunter, and Mesdames Ed Turner, Len Sublett, Paul Stanford, Luke Huddleston and V. B. Sublett.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "How a Beautiful Home was Lost."
1. "The Garden of Happiness, by Wilma Gardner.
2. The Command of God, by Sarah Sheppard.
3. Looking at the Tree, by Jerald Derrick.
4. Satan Speaks, By Cullen Tittle.
5. Eating the Forbidden Fruit, by Bertie Mae Leslie.
6. God Walks in the Garden, by Jackie Slater.
7. God Punishes Their Sin, by Alvin Parrack.

MISS BOAZ ENTERTAINS

On last Monday night Miss Fannie Belle Boaz entertained a few of her friends with a "Slumberless Party". Music and candy making were enjoyed until a late hour when the word 'serenade' was mentioned. As every one agreed to this, the call was answered and we awoke the sleeping. Those enjoying Miss Boaz's hospitality were Misses Iris Garrett, Gladys Copeland, Thelma Copeland, Orpah Patterson, Mary Pence, Mary Alice Johnson, and Bessie Westenhover.

Adult B.Y.P.U. Program

Leader, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Introduction, by leader.
1st part, Bible Background, Mrs. Collum.
2nd Part, Workers die; the work goes on, Mrs. Parrack.
3rd part, Summons to service, Mr. General Jones.
4th part, Answering God's call, by Mrs. Campbell.
5th part, A Providential Process, Mrs. Booth.

Methodist Church

We had a fine day last Sunday at the Methodist Church. The spirit of good fellowship was everywhere in evidence.

Some of the classes in the Sunday School were full, and we hope that all classes may be up to a high mark in attendance next Sunday.

Worship at 11 o'clock, followed with communion service.

A warm welcome for friends, visitors and strangers who attend our services. W. R. McCARTER.

Birthday Celebration

Little Billy Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Blair, celebrated his second birthday June 28 by having his little friends with their mothers spend the afternoon with him. There were seventy present and as a token of their remembrance and love for him he received many presents, for which he, through his parents thanked the donors. After refreshments of lemonade, cream and cake were served, all repaired to the homes reporting a pleasant evening.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb left this week for a vacation trip to South Texas.

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Merkel, Texas

Miss Lola Dennis visited friends in Abilene first of the week. She is also taking special work at Simmons University.

Purchased Grocery Interest

I have purchased the interest of Mr. J. A. Collum in the McDonald & Collum Grocery, and would be glad to have the patronage of the firm's old customers as well as that of my friends and the general public. Call on us when in need of groceries. L. A. WATTS. 1tp

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Twenty-Eighth Dividend
The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Friday, July 1, 1927, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Monday, June 29, 1927.
B. A. NICKERSON, Treasurer.

Remember, beginning today, Friday, July 1, we are giving Profit-Sharing Green Stamps on all Cash sales. Magnolia Filling Station. 1t

Mrs. D. A. Lee, who has been visiting friends and relatives in El Paso returned Monday, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. L. Ivey.

WILL PREACH AT CROSS ROADS

Carl A. Collins, for the past two years minister of "The Riverside Church of Christ," Fort Worth, Texas, but now of Merkel, will preach for the Cross Roads Church of Christ next Sunday at the morning and evening services.

We extend to all a hearty welcome.

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Miss Delphine Moore returned last week from a visit to her sister, Miss Fannie, at Groesbeck, Texas.

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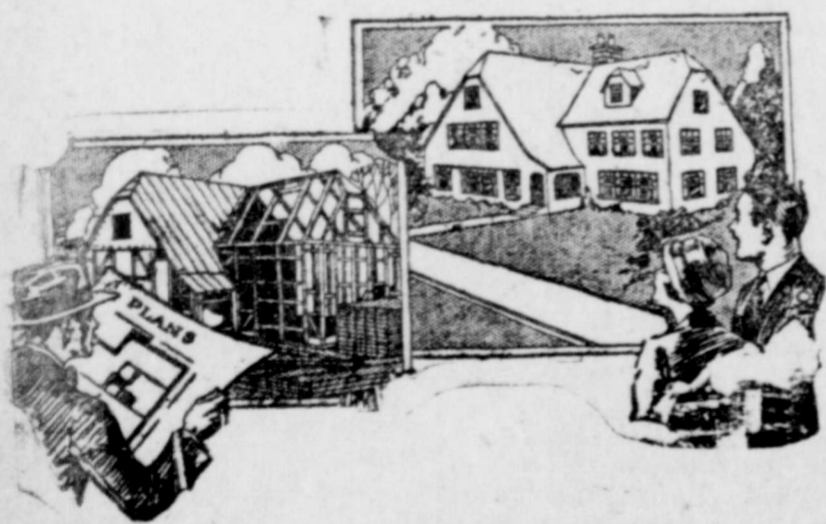
151st Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$2.25) per share will be paid on Friday, July 1, 1927, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Monday, June 29, 1927. H. BLAIR-SMITH, Treas.

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a very pleasant visit with his daughter at Tuscola.

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

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Other Points

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Ordinance Determining To Assess a Part of The Cost of Improving a Portion of Edwards Street and Sundry Other Streets in The City of Merkel, Texas, Against Abutting Property and the Owners, Thereof, Adopting Engineer's Rolls, Providing For Notice of Hearing and Hearing, and Declaring an Emergency.

NOTICE—By making publication of the hereinafter set out ordinance, notice is given of all matters and facts therein contained, which said ordinance is as follows, to-wit:

WHEREAS, by ordinance passed on the 27th day of June, 1927, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, ordered that sundry streets in said city be improved by raising, grading, and filling same, and paving with 2 1/2 inch Vertical Fibre Brick on 5 inch Concrete Base, with concrete curbs and gutters, together with all incidental and appurtenances as provided in the plans and specifications referred to in the contract hereinafter mentioned, the said streets so ordered improved being as follows, to-wit:

KENT STREET, from the North property line of North Front Street to its intersection with the North property line of Elm Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 1.

ELM STREET, from the West property line of Kent Street to the West property line of Edwards Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 2.

ELM STREET, from the East property line of Edwards Street to the East property line of Lamar Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 3.

LAMAR STREET, from the North property line of North Front Street to the North property line of Elm Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 4.

EDWARDS STREET, from the North property line of North Front Street to the North Property line of Pecan Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 5.

WHEREAS, contract was let and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements, and the City Engineer has prepared and filed rolls or statements concerning the improvements and assessments therefor in each unit, and same has been examined and all errors found therein by the City Council corrected; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to assess a portion of the cost of such improvements against the owners of the property abutting thereon and against such abutting property:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: THAT,

I.

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, does hereby determine to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements on said portions of streets, against abutting property thereon, and against the owners of such property, said assessments to be levied in exercise of the powers granted by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, heretofore adopted by the City.

II.

Said rolls or statements, as corrected, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved.

III.

The proportion of the cost in each district or unit to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof shall, in accordance with the proceedings concerning such improvements, be apportioned among the respective parcels of property abutting upon the improvements, in accordance with the front foot plan or rule, provided, that if the application of this rule shall in the opinion of the City Council result in particular cases in injustice or inequality, or in assessments in excess of special benefits to the property in the enhanced value thereof by means of the improvements in the particular district or unit upon which the property abuts, then the City Council shall adopt such rule in each district or unit as shall effect a substantial equality between the parcels of property abutting upon such district or unit and the owners thereof, considering benefits received and burdens imposed, and provided further that in no case shall any assessments be levied against any abutting property or the owners thereof for any part of the cost of improvements in excess of the special benefits in the enhanced value of such property by means of the improvements in the district or unit upon which such property abuts, as ascertained at the hearing herein provided for, each district or unit being considered as a separate and independent unit of improvement, and the omission of any improvements in any district or unit shall in no wise affect or impair assessments levied, and the omission of improvements in front of any property exempt by law from the lien of special assessments shall in no wise affect or impair the validity of assessments. Assessments when levied shall be and constitute the first enforceable lien and claim on the property against which such assessments are levied, superior to all other liens and claims, except state, county and municipal taxes, and shall also be a personal liability and charge against the real and true owners thereof. The description of the parcels and tracts of the abutting property, the several amounts proposed to be assessed against such parcels of property, and the owners thereof, the total estimated cost of the improvements in each district, the total amount proposed to be assessed against each parcel of property and other matters and things as shown on said rolls or statements, being as follows, to-wit:

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR KENT STREET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF ELM STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT No. 1.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	W. J. Fulwiler	S.44 ft. of 4.5&6	21	4.25.50	17.60	443.00
2.	W. J. Fulwiler	44 ft. of 4.5&6	21	4.25.40	17.60	443.00
3.	J. P. Davis	21 ft. of 4.5&6	21	203.02	8.40	211.43
4.	J. T. Warren	N.21 ft. of 4.5&6	21	203.02	8.40	211.43
5.	Geo. Brown	S. 1/2 of 3	21	241.71	10.00	2,517.71
6.	Geo. Brown	N. 1/2 of 3	21	241.71	10.00	2,517.71
7.	A. H. Thornton	2	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
8.	A. H. Thornton	1	21	483.41	20.00	503.41
9.	E. L. Ash	18	20	483.41	20.00	503.41
10.	E. L. Ash	16	20	483.41	20.00	503.41
11.	E. L. Ash	16	20	483.41	20.00	503.41
12.	H. L. Propst & Ross Ferrier	15	20	483.41	20.00	503.41
"Each Owner of 1/2 Undivided Interest"			130	1,256.87	52.00	1,308.87
Rate per lineal foot for Curb			560	\$5,414.20	224.00	
Rate per front foot for other improvements				\$9.66821		\$1,804.73
Amount Total Property Owners						\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part						\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST						\$7,442.93

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR ELM STREET FROM THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF KENT STREET TO THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF EDWARDS STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. TWO

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	E. L. Ash	18	20	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
2.	F. H. Latham	W.45 ft. of N. 1/2 of 1	20	435.07	18.00	453.07
3.	Farmers State Bank of Merkel	E95' of N 1/2 of 1	95	918.48	38.00	956.48
4.	J. H. Thornton Est.	6	13	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
5.	Chas. D. Carey & J. William Carey	7	13	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
"Each owner of 1/2 undivided interest"			140	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
Rate per lineal foot for Curb			560	\$5,414.20	\$224.00	
Rate per front foot for other improvements				\$9.66821		\$1,804.73
Amount Total Property Owners						\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part						\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST						\$7,442.93

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR ELM STREET FROM THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF EDWARDS STREET TO THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF LAMAR STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 3.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	Mrs. O. A. Neely	18	19	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
2.	F. H. Latham & W. L. Diltz	1 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
3.	H. M. Rainbolt	2 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
4.	H. L. Coleman	3 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
5.	Merkel Motor Company	4 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
6.	Merkel Motor Company	5 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	40	386.73	16.00	402.73
7.	Sadie Woodrum	E.85 ft. of 6	14	821.80	34.00	855.80
8.	W. S. Smelser Estate	E.30' of W.55' of 6	14	290.04	12.00	302.04
9.	Taylor F. Davis Estate	W.25' of W.55' of 6	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
10.	W. M. Boden	E.20' of E.40' of 7	14	193.36	8.00	201.36
11.	Mrs. Carrie Bradshaw	W.20' of E.40' of 7	14	193.36	8.00	201.36
12.	Eli Case & J. O. Hamilton	E.25' of W.100' of 7	20	241.71	10.00	251.71
"Each Owner of 1/2 Undivided Interest"			75	725.10	30.00	755.10
Rate per lineal foot for Curb			560	\$5,414.20	\$224.00	
Rate per front foot for other improvements				\$9.66821		\$1,804.73
Amount Total Property Owners						\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part						\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST						\$7,442.93

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR LAMAR STREET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF ELM STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT No. 4.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	J. N. McNay	4	19	Original Town	130	1,256.86
2.	Merkel Motor Co.	7.8&50 ft. of 9	50	Original Town	50	483.41
T. B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19			25	Original Town	25	241.71
3.	Merkel Motor Co.	6 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	75	Original Town	75	725.11
4.	Merkel Motor Co.	5 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19	33-1-3	Original Town	33-1-3	322.29
5.	The Farmers State Bank of Merkel	N33 1-3' of 18	18	Original Town	16-2-3	161.14
6.	H. F. Groene	S16 2-3' of 18	18	Original Town	50	483.41
7.	W. H. Pence	17	18	Original Town	50	483.41
8.	W. H. Pence	16	18	Original Town	50	483.41
9.	Burton-Lingo Co.	15	18	Original Town	130	1,256.86
Rate per lineal foot for Curb			560	\$5,414.20	\$224.00	
Rate per front foot for other improvements				\$9.66821		\$1,804.73
Amount Total Property Owners						\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part						\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST						\$7,442.93

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR EDWARDS STREET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF PECAN STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT No. 5.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	J. T. Warren	S2-3 of 4.5&6	20	Original Town	86 2-3	915.98
2.	Mrs. Mary Atwood Gaither	N1-3 of 4.5&6	20	Original Town	43 1-3	458.00
3.	W. D. Hutcheson	S 1/2 of 3	20	Original Town	25	264.22
4.	W. S. Telford	N 1/2 of 3	20	Original Town	25	264.22
5.	John Sears	S 1/2 of 2	20	Original Town	25	264.22
6.	T. C. Campbell	N 1/2 of 2	20	Original Town	25	264.22
7.	John Sears	S 1/2 of 1	20	Original Town	25	264.22
8.	Farmers State Bank of Merkel	E95' of N 1/2 of 1	20	Original Town	25	264.22
9.	J. H. Thornton Estate	6	13	Original Town	50	528.44
10.	J. H. Thornton Estate	5	13	Original Town	50	528.44
11.	H. T. Hodge	4	13	Original Town	50	528.44
12.	S. A. Friedman & Max Mellinger	3	13	Original Town	50	528.44
"Each owner of 1/2 undivided interest"			2	Original Town	50	528.44
13.	J. M. Garrett	2	13	Original Town	50	528.44
14.	T. G. Bragg & C. D. Grimes	1	13	Original Town	50	528.44
"Each owner of 1/2 undivided interest"			12	Original Town	50	528.44
15.	Mrs. Dora Cobb	11	14	Original Town	50	528.44
16.	Mrs. Eugene Baggett	10	14	Original Town	50	528.44
17.	F. A. Polley	9	14	Original Town	50	528.44
18.	J. D. Porter	8	14	Original Town	50	528.44
19.	Max Mellinger	7	14	Original Town	50	528.44
20.	Max Mellinger	W75' of W100' of 7	14	Original Town	50	528.44
21.	Mrs. O. A. Neely	18&9" of N 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	50 3-4	536.38
22.	G. E. Jones	3-4 Int. in N 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	18 3-16	192.22
23.	Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F.A.M.	1-4 Int. in N 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	6 1-16	64.07
24.	Merkel Motor Co.	S 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	25	264.22
25.	Merkel Motor Co.	N 1/2 of 16	19	Original Town	25	264.22
26.	W. H. Laney	S 1/2 of 16	19	Original Town	25	264.22
27.	Geo. F. West	15	19	Original Town	130	1,273.95
Rate per lineal foot for Curb			1,160	12,259.86	464.00	
Rate per front foot for other improvements				\$10.56884		\$12,725.86
Amount Total Property Owners						\$12,725.86
Amount City's Part						\$4,083.28
TOTAL COST						\$16,809.14

IV.

A hearing shall be given by and before the governing body of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1927, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the City Hall of Merkel, Texas, in the regular council meeting room, to the owners of the respective parcels of property, and to all others in any wise interested, whether they be named herein or not, all of whom are hereby notified to be and appear at the time and place herein named and fixed, and hearing shall be continued from time to time and from day to day, if necessary, until all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard shall have been fully and fairly heard, and at which hearing any mistakes, irregularities, or invalidities in any of the proceedings with reference to the making of said improvements or assessments therefor may be corrected, and the benefits by means of the said improvements, and the amounts of the assessments, and the apportionment of the cost of the said improvements and all other matters and things shall be determined, and the real and true owners of the property abutting upon the said streets to be improved, and any and all others in anywise interested, their agents and attorneys, shall be and appear at said hearing at said time and place and present and make any protests or objections, which they or any of them may have as to the said improvements, as to the benefits therefrom, as to the cost thereof, as to the amounts of such assessments, or as to any mistakes, irregularity or invalidity in any proceeding with reference to said assessments, such improvements or the contract therefor, and as to any other matter or thing in anywise connected, either with the said improvements, contract or proceedings, and after all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, either in person or by agents, attorneys or representatives have been fully and fairly heard, the said hearing shall be closed and assessments will by ordinance and in accordance with the law and the proceedings of the city be levied against the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, whether such owners be named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not. At such hearing anyone in any wise interested or affected may subpoena witnesses and introduce evidence, and has the right to appear and to be heard.

V.

Assessments against abutting property and the owners shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien on the property against which assessments are levied, and shall be due and payable in six equal installments, due respectively on or before ten days, one, two, three, four, and five years, after completion and acceptance of the improvements upon which the particular property abuts, and said assessments shall bear interest from the date of such completion and acceptance and until paid at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually, provided, any owner shall have the right to pay any installment at any time before maturity by paying principal with interest accrued to date of payment; provided, further that if default be made in the payment of any installment promptly as the same matures, then the entire assessment upon which such default is made shall, at the option of the contractor, or its assigns, be and become immediately due and payable and shall be collectable together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection, if incurred.

VI.

The improvements in each said District or Unit constitute an entirely separate, distinct and independent unit, and the proposed assessments for the improvements in each Unit are in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance in connection with any other unit, all to the same extent and as full as if entirely separate and independent contracts had been made for each Unit and separate proceedings had, separate hearings and separate notices thereof ordered.

VII.

The City Secretary of the City of Merkel is directed to give notice to the owners of property abutting upon the said portions of streets named to be improved and to all others interested, of the time, place, and purpose of such hearing, and of all matters and things, by causing a substantial copy of this ordinance to be published at least three times in newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Merkel, Texas, the first of which publications shall be made at least ten days before the date for such hearing, and by such publication all owners of property abutting upon said portions of said streets, whether named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not, as well as all others in anywise interested therein or to be affected thereby, shall be and are duly notified, and no error or mistake in the name of any property owner, in the description of any property, in the amount of any proposed assessment, shall in anywise affect or invalidate such notice or any assessment levied pursuant thereto, and the real true owners of such abutting property shall be and are by such notice duly and fully notified. The City Secretary is further directed, but not required, to give further notice of such hearing by causing a substantial copy of such published notice to be mailed to each owner of property abutting upon such portions of said streets, but all such notices by mail shall be only cumulative of such notice by advertisement, and publication, and said notice by advertisement and publication shall in all cases be sufficient and binding whether or not any other kind or character of notice be given.

VIII.

The present condition of said portions of said streets endangered health and it is necessary that the improvement thereof be proceeded with at once, and while the weather will permit, and such facts constitute and create an emergency and an urgent public necessity requiring that the rules and provisions providing for ordinances to be read more than one time or at more than one meeting be suspended, and requiring that this ordinance be passed as and take effect as an emergency measure, and such rules and provisions are accordingly suspended and this ordinance is passed as and shall take effect as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 1927.
H. C. WEST, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.
ATTEST: PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.
DONE BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS.
PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.

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Much more has been accomplished than we thought possible but nothing like what might have been done had we all worked enthusiastically with our chamber of commerce. Would that somebody would swoop down on us and organize a Lions, Rotary or Kiwanis Club.

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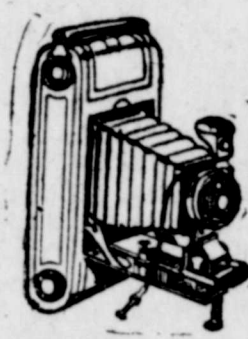
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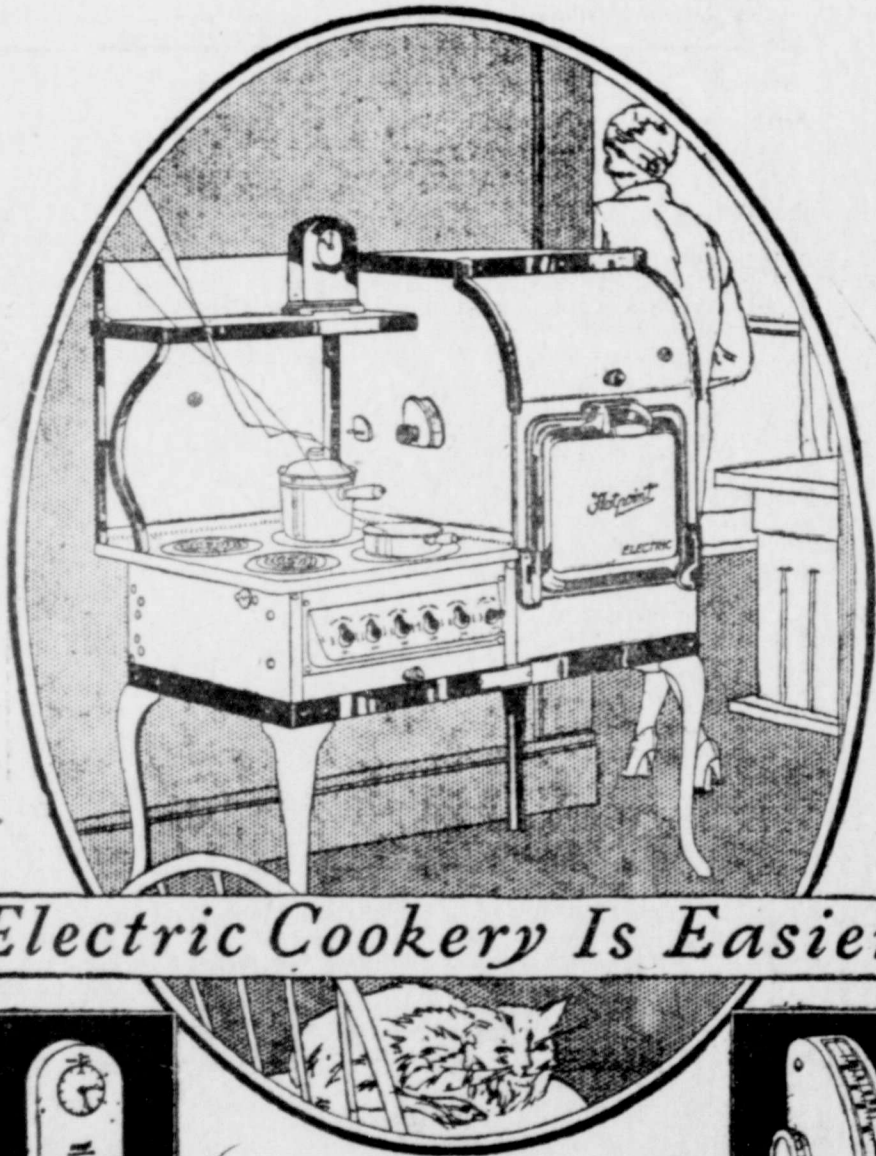
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Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson expect to leave Saturday for Wichita Falls, where they will meet their daughter, Mrs. Paul D. Bryant and her husband, and in which city they will spend the Fourth of July. Mr. Bryant is connected with the Central State Teachers College of Oklahoma, at Edmond, Okla., being secretary-treasurer of the institution. Before leaving Saturday for Wichita Falls, Mr. Thompson will attend an early morning meeting of the Taylor County Board of Education, which meets at Abilene at nine o'clock, and of which board he is a member.



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Our workers are communicating with departmental heads and with workers in other Sunday schools getting information on the requirements yet needed by our school. The attendance is gratifying also the other points of efficiency are fine. Best workers meeting Monday evening of the year.

The pastor will speak at both hours Sunday 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s met at 7:45 with a joint opening service. At the evening preaching hour there will be the public installation of the new officers for the next six months.

The pastor is especially gratified at the attendance on the evening preaching service. Also the spirit of the worshippers. There is much to indicate that a revival is kindling in the hearts of the people. The best revivals are the ones where the Lord gets hold of the local forces and stirs their hearts for a revival.

A cordial welcome awaits you at any or all our services. On Sunday every one who is able to do so ought to go to some place of worship and worship the Lord. This day is a day of worship and not simply a day of rest. Many people who would not think of using Sunday for their regular work do use it simply as a day of selfish pleasure. Even tho a man is not a Christian he ought to worship his Maker and certainly every Christian ought to worship his Maker and Redeemer. Let every citizen of Merkel and of Merkel community seek out some place of worship Sunday as you do. But do not stay at home or spend the Lord's day foolishly. Since that Sunday morning long ago when Jesus rose from the dead through Him, and they have been gathering on the First day of the Week. Join with them Sunday and have the joy of fellowship with kindred spirits and the blessings that Jesus promises those that gather in His name. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mrs. E. O. Baker and daughter, Miss Ida Edwin, both of Brownwood are guests of Mrs. W. H. Laney this week.

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BUCK JONES HAS NEW BAG OF TRICKS IN "30 BELOW ZERO"

Buck Jones, whose latest picture, "30 Below Zero," will be seen at the Queen Theatre, could not hide the fact that he started his screen career as a "stunt man" even if he wanted to. Because with every succeeding picture he brings new thrills to the screen.

In "30 Below Zero," his latest Fox film, he abandons the horse and the good, solid earth for thrills of the air when he embarks on a mammoth airplane headed for Arctic regions. For Buck has remained a stunt man even though he has soared to the heights of stardom.

He has always loved adventure though his bashful, diffident, slow-moving manner and drawling speech would fool anyone. Before entering motion pictures he was a daredevil rider and a cowboy with an uncanny skill for making a rope behave in strange and educated ways, in the "J1 Ranch" show.

In many of his photoplays he has not only duplicated the daring feats on horseback he learned in the wild west show, but with his two horses, "Silver Buck," and "White Eagle," he has performed stunts that would put any circus thrills to shame.

In Hollywood, at the invitation of one of his cowboy friends, he went to the studio to just look around, but he remained to work. He started by doubling for many prominent stars doing stunts which required considerable risk and steady nerves.

But his looks and his personality could not be ignored for long, so Buck was signed as an actor. He started doing stunts for himself and he has been doing them ever since.

In "30 Below Zero" he has some new ones. A spill out of a huge airplane flying high above the snow-covered Polar regions, a tumble down the mountain from a cabin perched on its top, a ride down a monster snowdrift with Buck buried alive in the very center of a huge snowball.

But the success of this latest entertainment of the great western star does not depend on stunts alone for its appeal. There is real story with plenty of suspense in the latest Fox release, which will be a treat for any audience.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. N. E. Myers and daughter, Miss Doris, accompanied by Mr. Don Myers and daughter, Miss Lonie of Anson, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Rigger Clark Sunday.

Mr. R. B. Horton made a flying trip to Southland Texas, last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott left Wednesday for Oklahoma, visiting the latter's parents.

Mr. Pat Addison left in response to a telegram for Lovera, Texas, to the bedside of his mother, who is seriously sick.

Mr. Fred Horton of Trent is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Meeks are the proud parents of a big fine girl.

Mr. Sam Provine and Mr. Ennis Osborn made a flying trip to Abilene Friday.

Misses Effie rayson, Bessie Westenhaver, Nola Provine, Zuna Spears, and Provine, Neoma rayson visited Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family left Wednesday for Wichita Falls to see the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jep Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson accompanied by Misses Willie Mae and Alma Meek were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lottie Wilson Sunday.

Miss Virgie Moore spent Sunday with Miss Altha Wheeler.

Mrs. Ella Mae Davenport and Mrs. Mae Saddler of Oklahoma City, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Mrs. Mattie Farmer spent the day with Mrs. Mattie Addison one day this week. Dew Drops.

The Editor and family have been enjoying some fine roasting ears, fresh from the farm of Mr. L. W. Cox, residing three miles south on route three. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are building a new and beautiful home on their fine farm which when completed will be one of the best and most modern homes throughout the entire country. Mr. Cox, who is among the very best farmers in this section, reports very bright crop prospects at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haynes returned Tuesday from a very pleasant outing and visit to points in West Texas and New Mexico. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, parents of Mrs. Haynes, who reside at Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hughes, who have lately moved to our city, had as guests in their home over Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lee and daughters, of Graford, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are parents of Mrs. Hughes.

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LOST—Beaded purse, blue with silver clasp, containing small change. Finder please return to Dr. M. Armstrong office and receive reward. 1tp

Remember, beginning today, Friday, July 1, we are giving Profit-Sharing Green Stamps on all Cash sales. Magnolia Filling Station. 1t

Hemstitching Machine at Store

To my customers and those wishing hemstitching done, I have moved my machine back to the store, where you can get your work done any day, Saturday included, and at the same old prices. Mrs. J. T. DENNIS. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and daughter, Mary Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, all of Sweetwater, were recent visitors in the J. T. Dennis home.

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

In Business Again

Back at the same old stand; having purchased from Mr. B. C. Hancock the CITY CAFE, I would be pleased to have the patronage of all his customers, all my old friends and patrons and the public in general. Good Eats served in first class style, will be our motto. 1t

PRICE BANNER.

THE BLUE FRONT CAFE

I have purchased the Raspberry Cafe on Kent Street, have made the same a new place, clean and up-to-date; a place where you can get good eats and good service. Your business will be appreciated.

JASPER McCOY, Prop. 1t

Rev. W. R. McCarter and wife returned last Friday night from Dallas, where for two weeks previously they had been in attendance upon the Pastors School held at Southern Methodist University. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, son Sterling, and Mrs. A. R. Booth made a flying automobile trip last Sunday to Evant, Texas, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay, Mrs. Clay being quite sick for a time. The trip to and from that city back home, a distance of about 400 miles, was made overland in the Chrysler sedan of Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and daughters, Misses Madden, Sallie and Inice, left first of the week for an extended visit with Mrs. Brown's mother in the state of Alabama. They are making the trip in their new Oakland sedan.

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Acetylene Welding, Vulcanizing, Radiator Repairing, Battery Repairing, U. S. L. Batteries.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Charlie Neatherlin 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, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in July A. D. 1927, the same being the 18th day of July A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of June A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6522-A, wherein Opal Neatherlin is Plaintiff, and Charlie Neatherlin is Defendant, and said petition alleging That Plaintiff and defendant were married about July 18th, 1925, and separated about September 16th, 1925. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in her original petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of Said Office, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of June A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. 17t4

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—NEW—

See RISTER

The Sign and Mirror Man at Blue Front Filling Station

1c - SALE - 1c On Enamelware Saturday and Tuesday Only

With every 39c or 29c purchase of Enamelware we will give you for one (1c) cent your choice of a Pie Plate, Wash Basin, Sauce Pan, Pudding Pan.

for only 1c

THESE PIECES ARE ALL ENAMELWARE The 29 and 39c articles consist of Dish Pans, Water Buckets, Coffee Pots, Preserving Kettles, Convex Kettles, Tea Kettles, Frying Pans, etc.

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BIG SUMMER REDUCTIONS NOW ON for the friends far away, for the folks back home--

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We have the following for sale:

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Big 4th of July Sale
Beginning July 1, through the 4th To owners of all cars—Our Big July 4th Special, Genuine, Strictly First Class—
3x3½ BEAVER FABRIC (Badger Built)
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Beginning Today We Give Profit-Sharing Green Stamps
Saturday Special we will give two Stamps with each one dollar purchase in order to get your book started. Come in and get those tires you have been needing and save money.
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JULY 1ST

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YOU WILL WANT TO START ON THE
FIRST Day BECAUSE MOST EVERY ONE
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A PREMIUM FOR PEOPLE OF EVERY
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Miss Blanks and Mr. R. L. Swearingin, both of Ennis, Texas, are guests of Miss Lorena Dry.

We are indeed sorry to hear that Brother D. J. Dodd, previously for many years in the employe of the City of Merkel, is seriously ill at his home in the southeast part of the city. His son, D. J. Dodd, of McAllister, Oklahoma, is here to be with him, also his daughter, Mrs. Walter Gentry.

CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate but we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to every one who rendered assistance in any way during our late affliction and bereavement. To the doctors, the ministers and the missionary society for service rendered. To those who made the beautiful floral offering and to every one for the kind expressions of sympathy and cheer. We shall ever pray God's richest blessings upon you all. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ashford and family. 1tp

Miss Mabel Roach of Simmons University, was a recent guest of Miss Lola Dennis of this city. She was accompanied by Mr. Dale Hall, also of Simmons.



CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Janes of the Salt Branch community wish to thank all those who assisted in working their crop the past week. Due to the illness of their son, Truman Janes, who has been confined for more than four weeks, they had gotten so far behind with their field work that it seemed impossible to catch up. Seventy-eight neighbors and friends came to Mr. Janes place and worked his entire crop. They appreciate this very much and wish to express their sincere gratitude. 1tp

Making both ends meet sometimes is a serious proposition, and that may be the reason why families are getting smaller and smaller. It sort of makes a man feel glad that he was born, because if he wasn't, the chances are that he wouldn't be. Your're taking no chances when equipping your car with India Tires. Extra mileage at no greater cost with even greater riding comfort is their boast.

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The Smiling western devil-ider now in the greatest picture of his career. Thrill Suspense—Romance. also—"ROSES & RUSES" 2-reel Comedy, and

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July 2nd

BUCK JONES

—in—

"30 BELOW ZERO"

Buck burns up the tough snow country in this one and if he doesn't give you more thrills and laughs than you've ever had then the north pole is a winter resort.

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BIG JULY 4 SPECIAL—Monday-Tuesday

The Greatest Cast in the Mightiest Story of the Early West Ever Screened

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