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**THE BADGER WEEKLY**

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Freshman Class Reporter: Louise Booth.

—M.H.S.—  
We wish to apologize for our paper this week as we only had one day to prepare it. For this reason the news may be rather brief, yet we expect to do our best hereafter to make an interesting, worthwhile paper.  
The Junior Class.

—M.H.S.—  
Because of our crowded classes it was necessary to have an extra teacher and Miss Lucy Tracy is now teaching an English II Class. We are glad to announce this addition to our faculty.

—M.H.S.—  
**PERSONALS**  
The following students of Merkel High School attended the Fair and saw Lindbergh at Abilene Monday: W. A. Whitely, E. L. Turner, Forest Bridges, Fred Guitar, Roy Propst, Venice Bell, Horton Williams, F. J. McDonald, Leon McDonald, Louise Booth, Verna L. Beasley, Elvis Richardson, Benjamin Sheppard, Harold Leeton, J. D. Ashby, William Sheppard, Fannie V. Jones, Byron Patterson, Joel Darsey, David Cannon, Thelma McAninch, Ida Lee Jones, Mattilou Largent, Missie Dye, Morris B. Smith, Ruby Walton, Eunalea Gilmore, Velma Walker, George West, Ruskin Smith, Marie Stanford, Jess Higgins, Beth Hamm, Phala Diltz, Sterling Sheppard, Fred Yandell, Elizabeth Harkrider, Venice Bell, John D. Coats, Weldon Coats, J. T. Darsey, Jr., Nadine Tippet, Bernice Tucker, Blanton McLean, J. E. Boaz, Max Swafford, Paul Causseaux, Mildred Hamm and Miss Sloan.

Miss Roberta Sloan spent the weekend in Abilene as the guest of Mrs. Young and Miss Altman. She reports an enjoyable visit.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Melba West were in Abilene Monday morning at seven-thirty. They had a front seat to see Lindy.

Mrs. Sublett, Mrs. Cookston, Miss Tracy, Miss Coats, Miss Altman, Mrs. Young were Abilene visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Camp were in Abilene Monday. We like Mr. Camp in his Boy Scout uniform. He looked almost as well as Lindy.

Several of our Boy Scouts were on duty at Abilene Monday. We were unable to get the names but we know they performed their duties as they should. Fred Guitar, J. D. Ashby, J. E. Boaz, J. T. Darsey and Paul Causseaux deserve special mention as they carried the teachers' bags on the train Monday night, and they were certainly well loaded.

—M.H.S.—  
*Miss Tracy is Spirit of Merkel*  
Nearly all of us got to see Lindbergh but we are very proud that one of our teachers, Miss Lucy Tracy, was selected as the "Spirit of Merkel," and really got to meet him. We certainly think that Miss Tracy deserved this honor and we believe she was the prettiest Spirit there.

—M.H.S.—  
**Pep Squad Organized**  
We have the most enthusiastic pep squad in the history of Merkel High School. We have ordered our uniforms and expect them any day. They consist of purple and gold sweaters, purple ties, gold skirts. We have been practicing and are now ready and "raring" to do our part. The following officers have been elected:  
President, Iris Garrett; Secretary, Mary Ellen Ashby; Reporter Rubyjo Higgins; Yell leaders, Monetta Adcock, Fannie Belle Boaz, and Bessie Westenhover. Sponsor, Jeneva Young.

—M.H.S.—  
**FRESHMAN NOTES**  
Jokes.  
"We" Freshmen may look dumb, but you can't tell by looks.  
Harold: "Whew! I'm hot."  
David: "The perspiration is running off my back like sweat."  
Some Sophomores are so dumb that they think that a steam shovel shovels steam.  
Motto: "Be thou not afraid for thy force will carry thee through." Very strange, but nevertheless true.  
Byron Patterson is so absent-minded that he walked into a dry goods store and called for nutmeg.  
Miss Booth: Alvin what is a counter revolution?  
Alvin: A bargain sale.  
To The Sophs  
We also wonder if you have forgotten that you were Freshmen once and that you are still lower classmen. "We ain't so dumb." Reporter

Mr. Case: "How did you come out on your Spanish lesson Milton?"  
Milton: "I didn't come out; I stayed in."

Resolved: That we won't say or do anything that we are afraid to. That we won't make any more than we can on exams. That we won't study when we don't have to. That we'll miss a few shows and That we'll strive to please our teachers by carrying out the above resolutions. Sophomores.

—M.H.S.—  
**JUNIOR NOTES**  
The Thrifty Juniors met a few days ago and finished organizing their class. We expect to make our Junior year worthwhile. Our class colors are yellow and white with white chrysanthemum as the flower. Each of us have faith in our motto which is "We learn to do by doing."

It won't be long now and our pen will be here. They are something to be proud of—a small but "cute" pen with our initials and Juniors '28.

—M.H.S.—  
**Secrets Will Get Out**  
Miss Sloan was seen at the Fair Monday and she seemed to be enjoying everything very much (especially the good looking man in the fine car by whom she was ESCORTED thru the park.

—M.H.S.—  
Two fingers I held up one day,  
The teacher did say no,  
But the joke was on the teacher,  
Cause I didn't have to go.

—M.H.S.—  
**Senior Notes**  
Jokes.

Miss Martha Bird has been in a critical condition for the last few hours from a complaint of soiled hosiery, caused from a head-long dive into a small pond of water at noon today, after a couple of half-grown tad-poles. She may make an all-american full-back yet, if this keeps up.

Mr. Jackson who has been in a serious condition for the last few days, complaining with his financial problems, had a relapse late today when he saw his grocery man coming up the sidewalk.

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**SOPHOMORE NOTES**

Mr. Case: "Say, Brown, how do you make Budwiser?"  
Brown: "Send him to school."

E. L. "How can you tell a mushroom from a toadstool?"  
J. T.: "Eat it. If you live it's a mushroom; if you die it's a toadstool."

Forest (whose lunch had been stolen): "Praise the Lord."  
Fred (who had taken the lunch): "What for Bridges?"  
Forest: "Because I haven't lost my appetite."

**Badgers Lose Second Game**

The Roby Lions trounced the Merkel Badgers 59 to 6 on the Roby Gridiron Friday. Neither side showed a brilliant game of football and all the luck seemed to be with Roby. Fumbles and failures to complete passes resulted in several of Roby's scores. One time the Badgers becked the Lions up to their own goal line and Proctor, left end, broke through and took the ball off the foot of their punter. He covered the ball behind the goal line for six points.

Our president is full of life; (P. S. He's looking for a wife)  
Our Sponsor is a dear,  
For her we always cheer.

**Seniors Enjoy the Fair**

The dignified Seniors descended from their throne of austerity Friday, at least from all appearances, for a few short hours, but Tuesday morning were again as lofty as Lindbergh himself. We all admit that it would have been hard to look dignified riding the merry-go-round and at the same time eating an ice cream cone. All thought Lindbergh came up to expectations (at least six feet of it) and each and every one was closed and had a better look at him than anybody else.

The Merkel Mail will pay 6c per pound for good clean rags. If

In all we do we do our best, To maintain the record of old MHS. On athletic field and in the class room The faces of the Seniors loom.

—M.H.S.—  
On last Friday afternoon the measurements were taken for the Senior class rings. Our rings this year are very pretty and we expect to have them in a short time. There are about forty pupils in the Senior class this year so far, and probably in a few days there will be several more come into the Senior Class.

—M.H.S.—  
Everything is being prepared to start the Annual of this year. The officers are to be elected sometime this week and by next week the work on the Annual will be in full swing. The senior class is going to make this the best Annual ever put out and in order to do this everyone in the school must work and put forth their best effort. The Southwestern Engraving Company has charge of most of the work and will help us in every way possible. Everyone in school help us in putting this Annual over and there is no doubt but that it will be the best that has ever been published.

**Senior Girls Organize Club.**

On Friday afternoon the girls of the senior class met and organized a club. A name for the club was not decided upon, but the following officers were elected: President, Rubyjo Higgins; Vice President, Estelle Terry; Secretary and Treasurer, Iris Garrett; Reporter, Irene Perry. Club Sponsor, Miss Sloane.

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- Part 2, Joe Hartley.
- Part 3, Elsie Richie.
- Part 4, Rubyjo Higgins.
- Part 5, Mae Lassiter.

Everybody come! We have elected new officers and they intend to make a success of our B.Y.P.U., but they cannot do this without the cooperation of each individual member. The B.Y.P.U. needs you almost as bad as you need it.

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**NEW OFFICERS INVITE YOU TO SENIOR B.Y.P.U.**

The following officers were elected at the B.Y.P.U. Sunday afternoon. President, Bill Haynes; Vice President, Mr. Crane; Secretary, Winnie Heizer; Bible Quiz leader, Mrs. Crane Group Captain No. 1, Fannie Belle Boaz; Group Captain No. 2, Rubyjo Higgins.

We have elected new officers, have new quarterlys and are starting on a new year so everyone come and get started off together, and keep the B.Y.P.U. going. We have parties and entertainments each month, and also have fun as well as work, so be there Sunday and let's have a good crowd. The subject for Sunday is very important. It is the Greatest of all questions, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

The B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30; all visitors are welcome, as well as the old members, so be there Sunday and on time.

I have recleaned Barley Seed for sale, \$1.95 per hundred as long as it lasts. L. L. Murray, at South Side Electric Gin.

**Blair Items**

Well, well! We have had the mammoth rain. We have so long looked for and it has relieved the farmers of the water famine situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and children, J. W., Louise and Carlene, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and family Sunday.

Bro. and Sister Williams dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn Sunday.

Mr. Will Scott of Sweetwater visited his brother, A. C. Scott last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey of Merkel were in our midst Sunday.

Last Saturday night Mrs. Ora Mayfield and Mrs. Hugh Campbell were charming hostesses to the young people's Sunday School class No. 3 of the Baptist Sunday School in the pretty home of Mrs. Mayfield, Mr. Ora L. Mayfield being the honoree as the Sunday School Superintendent. The class presented to him a nice Bible.

After a pleasant social hour refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those who enjoyed the hospitality were Misses Altha Clark, Vernice Owen, Lola Brown, Edna Moore, Zuma Spears, Willie Maye Meeks, Una Belle Provine and Mrs. May Saddler. Messrs. Cruch Scott, Jim Ashcraft, Melvin Horton, Otis Moore, Manley Barnes, Jack Meeks, Chas. Brown, Ira Reaves, Luther Brown, Vernon Melton, Grady Meeks, Jack Clark and Mr. James; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, Balew, Hugh Campbell and O. L. Mayfield.

Dew Drops.

**"MEN OF STEEL" ONE OF BIGGEST FILM EVER MADE**

First National's big steel special, "Men of Steel," which has just been released after having been in production since last November 2, is one of the biggest pictures yet filmed by this organization. For not only is the story an unusual one and the settings magnificent, but Sills has done the best work of his screen career, according to those in the know.

Sills wrote the story from which this picture has been filmed from a suggestion received in R. G. Kirk's short story, "United States Flavor." No one knows better than Sills what Sills can do, and in the writing the person who was to play each part—knowing their ability and personality. This made for a great vehicle at the start. The United States Steel Corporation has co-operated from the beginning with First National in the making of the picture.

The great Ensley Mills of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company were turned over to the film company for the filming of the steel mill scenes. The open red iron ore mines of the same company were also placed at the disposal of First National, and scenes so big, so powerful and smashing as to take one's breath away are the result.

Sills is pleased with the picture. "I feel that we have a great picture," is about all he will say. But the way he says it tells the story. Director George Archinbaud is highly enthused. He has put heart and soul in it for months. Earl Hudson, under whose management it was filmed, is among the most enthusiastic.

In the supporting cast are Doris Kenyon, Mae Allison, George Fawcett, Frank Currier, Victor McLaglen and John Kolb. Showing at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday.

**Mt. Pleasant Items**

Bro. Parden filled his appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Rev. Parden and family of Abilene visited Elsie Roland and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rogers visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Harrison of White Church Sunday.

Miss Maudy De Townsend and Fannie Dardee of Abilene visited the Misses Sedberry this week-end.

Mrs. Y. Townsend of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedberry Sunday.

Mr. Ranson Price is staying this week with friends north of Merkel.

The Misses Sedberry, Oddie Mae and Lennie, were visitors of Abilene Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roland Sunday.

Mr. Dan Kellough of Abilene was the guest of Oddie Mae Sedberry Saturday evening.

Bobbie.

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Mr. J. C. Hartline, who for the past two years has been farming in the Tye community, was in the city first of the week, and reported that he had gathered 25 bales of cotton and sold the balance of his crop in the field, and would leave this country for a trip to California, where he will visit with relatives and see the country.

**IDLEWISE CLUB**

Idlewise Club members were royally entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Bill Brown in her home on Oak street. The many cut flowers, prettily arranged in baskets and vases, as well as the cheering glow from the fireplace, formed a picturesque background for the afternoon's merriment. Games of Bridge were enjoyed at three lovely appointed tables. The dainty tallies, the baskets of candy and the delicious refreshments all carried the soft, faint tints of rose and lavender.

Mrs. Brown's guests for the afternoon were: Mesdames Sie Hamm, Camp, Warren Smith, Roy Largent, Dillingham, Tom Largent, Cookston, and Emmett Grimes; Misses Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm and Johnny Sears.

**Senior League Program**

Leader, Mrs. Floyd Dowell.  
Talk, The purpose of the meeting, Imogene Hayes.

Talk, Advancing Spiritually, Tom Allday. (Page 108.)

Talk, Extending the Kingdom, Anna Lou Russell.

Talk, A Better Social Program, Floyd Dowell. (Page 109.)

Talk, Better Recreation and better books, Cora Lee Hulsey. (Page 109.)

Talk, Closing statement by chapter president, Mrs. Tom Allday. (page No. 109.)

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**Junior B. Y. P. U. Program**

Subject: "A Man Who Put God First."

1. The promised son, by Modyne Sheppard.

2. God asks Abraham for his son, by Cullen Tittle.

3. The Journey to Moriah, by Dot Swafford.

4. Preparing for the Sacrifice, by Sarah Sheppard.

5. On the Altar, By Margaret Miller.

6. God Speaks, by Jackie Slater.

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Mr. R. J. Adcock after a visit here with friends and relatives, left last week for Fort Worth, for a few days visit, after which he will go to Uvalde Texas, where he will spend the winter with his daughters.

**As We Grow Older**

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As we grow older, there is apt to be a gradual slowing up of bodily functions. The kidneys are the blood filters. If their action becomes sluggish they do not thoroughly cleanse the blood of poisonous wastes. This tends to make one tired and achy, with often nagging backache, drowsy headaches and dizziness. A common symptom of imperfect kidney action is scanty or burning excretions. Elderly people recommend Doan's Pills. This tested diuretic is endorsed the country over. Ask your neighbor!

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**JEALOUSY**  
*By Medeah Rawlings*

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Be still faint heart, why flutter so, why beat so wild and free? Why trundle and why start, it's the pang of jealousy. Be still sad heart, I understand jealousy is near. She is reaching out with cruel hand, don't tremble so with fear. Have you not heard from a thousand tongues he will bring near to fate? He is with Satan—put them aside before it is too late. He has stolen into the peaceful home and there by the glittering fire, He has caused a husband to drift away and sink down deep in the mire. He has slowly come into the heart of the gentle wife, Caused her to turn to things of the world to change and ruin a life. He has caused many a youthful lad on the narrow path to trod, To curse the day which he was borned, to sin against his God. He has brought envy into old Dad's eyes and caused him to start On a strange road of life that has broken mother's heart. Oh! Jealousy why so fatal and why so utterly blind? Can't you see you're bringing ruin to the nation's of man kind? Why glory in the falling tears of a maid that's sad and blue? Why make her hate the man she loved; do things she wouldn't do? Why make them quarrel when they love, why must they part? Why cause a lad to have no care and break a maiden's heart. To drift so far away to cause their ruin and fall? Oh cursed thing! all, Jealousy, you are the cause of it all. Mid the battle with the heart you have sined to God above You have sined to God above with the truth and severally wounded love. Why live to wreck human life, to name their destiny? By bringing forth sorrow, ruin and pain—by Jealousy. Oh die, live no more, to reach that fatal hand. To cause hatred to grow in the heart of a man. I deny you, vile thing, in God's world to have a place, For your bringing close destruction of the human race. So I spurn you, with eyes of shame, you've brought disgrace to a nation. And you're bringing forth the down fall of the coming generation. But Jealousy you will never, never go so far away That you can not bring back sorrow, for you are here to stay. There will never be a glorious time when you will be no more. You'll live to touch those thousands of hearts you've never touched before. When yove walks alone out beneath the moon-lit sky, You will be there to taunt, for you will never die. So live—cursed thing, you betraying Jealousy; Live to help the wreck and ruin of all humanity.

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There is no telling how much an antique piece may travel before it comes to rest in the hands of an appreciative collector or a museum. Recently a pine dresser was imported from England with some English furniture. The dresser stuck out like a sore thumb among the English pieces, and the dealer quickly spotted it. The wood, the hardware, the workmanship, the style, all proclaimed it American. A wealthy collector purchased it and then set out to find how the dresser had ever strayed from the shores of America. He discovered, after lengthy correspondence, that an American family had gone to England about 1875, taking considerable furniture with them, among which were several pieces which had been handed down from generation to generation, and the pine dresser was one of those pieces. Now it has an honored place in the collection, and may finally be returned to the descendants of the original owners, who are residing in a Middle Western city.—From the Antiquarian.

### Dogs Lived Eight Days Without Food or Water

The tenacity of animal life is an interesting subject if it is tested by accident and not by design; and it has had a test by accident in Wales. Two dogs, a sheep-dog and a spaniel, which had succumbed to the temptation of rabbit hunting, were missed for nearly nine days. Then a little girl, hearing curious sounds underground in a lonely place, brought a party of rescuers to the spot, and the dogs were dug out of a rabbit hole from which they had been unable to extricate themselves. They must have been without food and water for eight and a half days, yet they seemed little the worse. Evidently the dog has lost, if it ever had, the instinct of burrowing toward the open air, which the underground animal possesses.

### Many Tomato Varieties

The ground cherry, musk tomato, strawberry tomato or winter cherry grows wild in the Mississippi valley and in other parts of the world and is a member of the tomato family. It is known as the blue tomato by truck gardeners. It grows in a small husk which if left on will preserve the tomato through the winter. Although this tiny vegetable, which is only a little larger than a small cherry, may be eaten raw, it is at its best when preserved. This is only one of the fifty-odd varieties of tomatoes. There are red tomatoes, white tomatoes, blue tomatoes and yellow tomatoes of every imaginable size and shape. Because of their shapes, there are tomatoes that are known as the pear tomato, the peach tomato, the cherry tomato, the plum tomato, the grape tomato and the currant tomato.

### Water Power Long in Use

The oldest water power site in America, more than 100 years old, is on the Piscataqua river at South Berwick, Maine. It was established on the site of the present Burleigh blanket mills in 1620 by Ferdinand Gorges, who obtained a grant from the English crown giving him the right to settle and develop the territory from sea to sea lying between fortieth and forty-eighth parallels north latitude. The grant, however, required him to develop water power, and accordingly he constructed a log dam, erected a grist mill and sent the meal to England as proof that the terms of the charter were being lived up to. The water power site has been in continuous use ever since.

### Had Odd Accomplishment

Earl Russell has this anecdote in his book, "My Life and Reminiscences": "My grandmother, Lady John Russell, was a great favorite with Queen Victoria throughout her life. Not alone, of course, because she had the peculiar and unusual capacity of wagging her ears like a dog. But this accomplishment intrigued the queen and she suddenly called on Lady John to show it off to an ambassador. My grandmother was so taken back that she lost for a long time the power to move either ear, and only ultimately regained her power to move one, which she occasionally did for my edification."

### Presumptuous

A newly rich man once invited Beau Brummell, the famous fop, to dinner, and asked him to name his own party. He accepted, and chose the number of eleven, including himself. "That," said his host, "will make just an even number." "An even number?" queried the bear. "How is that?" "Your friends, ten; yourself and myself—twelve in all." "Good gad!" said Brummell, affecting surprise. "You surely don't mean you are going to be one of the party!"

### Hottest Spot on Earth

The latest official records show that the hottest spot on earth is at Azizia in northern Africa. It is on a plain almost equivalent to a desert. The thermometer at Azizia has gone to 136.4 degrees in the shade. The average temperature during the whole year is more than 70. Previously the hottest known spot was at Greenland ranch on the edge of Death valley, Calif. The highest temperature recorded there was 134 degrees.

### How Vanderbilt Earned First Hundred Dollars

Cornelius Vanderbilt, later to be the commodore, was a strong, big, healthy boy who worked on the farm and tended his father's boat. He was a great lover of horses and when he was six years old raced bareback with other boys. He played truant to go sailing and swimming and raving across the countryside and sometimes he talked of running away to sea. On May 1, 1810, he sought \$100 from his mother, to buy himself a harbor boat, a piragua, and become a boatman. She promised him the money if he would plow and plant a certain rocky eight-acre field by May 27, his sixteenth birthday. He persuaded the neighborhood boys to help him and on the morning of his birthday he got the \$100. About seventy years later, he had increased the \$100 to \$100,000,000.—Meade Minnigerode, in Collier's Weekly.

### A Walk With Thoreau

To take a walk with Thoreau, one must rigidly adhere to the manners of the woods. He could lead one to the ripest berries, the hidden nest, the rarest flowers, but no plant life could be carelessly destroyed, no mother bird lose her eggs. First he would give a curious whistle and a woodchuck would appear—a different whistle and two squirrels would run to him. A different note yet and birds would fly and even so shy a bird as a crow would alight on his shoulder. The children must be mute and very motionless till each pet was fed from his pocket and had departed. Thus the children were introduced to his family, as he called them.—Mary Hosmer Brown, in "Memories of Concord."

### The Insult

The old lady entered the room where her husband lay on his bed of sickness. She was trembling with suppressed wrath and indignation. "What's the matter?" asked the old man. "Why," she said, "I just went into the vicarage to tell them you weren't any better, and they wanted me to bring you a bottle of wine." "Have you brought it?" asked the sick man eagerly. "No, not me, indeed," was the indignant reply. "I heard the vicar's wife say it had been in the cellar since 1900 and when she offered it to me I just walked off without a word. We don't want the dusty stale stuff."—London Tit-Bits.

### Conscientious Borrower

One morning Mrs. R— answered a knock at her kitchen door. There stood Helen, three years old, who lived in the other half of the duplex. "I want to borrow a match for mother; she said that she would bring it back when the grocer boy comes," announced the child. In a few minutes Mrs. R— was summoned to the door again. There stood Helen, holding a burned match between her thumb and finger. "Here is your match. Many thanks. Mother did not use it all. She was busy, so I thought I might, as well bring it back to you."—Indianapolis News.



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Middletown, Conn.—A Wesleyan senior, Earl L. Gaylor of Cliftondale, Mass., has established a new world's record by holding his breath for fourteen minutes and two seconds. The previous record was for ten minutes and ten seconds and was made at the University of California in 1916.

Professor Edward L. Schneider of the biology department at Wesleyan vouches for the authenticity of the test. He declares that a graphic record of chest and diaphragm motion over the entire period showed that at no time could air have been taken into the lungs.

Oxygen was used by Mr. Gaylor in preparing for the test. He first breathed excessively over a short period in order to rid the blood of carbon dioxide. He then took three deep breaths of oxygen, the last of which he held for the record time.

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noon at one o'clock. PALACE  
Theatre. 1t

**Badger Staff Elected**

The Seniors held a classmeeting this afternoon and elected officers for the annual.

Editor-in-chief, Sterling Sheppard. Business manager, John D. Coats. They also appointed a committee to choose the class colors and flower, consisting of Elizabeth Harkrider, Irene Perry and Rubyjo Higgins.

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  5. Heaven and Hell, Mrs. John Rister.

Mrs. M. G. Parker and son Marshal, of Stanton, are here this week visiting the former's daughters, Mesdames Leonard Abernathy and W. E. Dubree as well as other relatives and friends.

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### WHAT HAS GONE WITH THE \$350,000.00 BONDS?

(Continued from front page) structures between Abilene and Tuscola with one large bridge structure. We will also have two large bridge structures on No. 39, North of Abilene, and we have a great deal of concrete work between Abilene and Merkel. It is also true that concrete prices fluctuate, and while the concrete on the pavement from Tuscola South cost \$2.27 per square yard, the same type cost \$2.18 per square yard East of Abilene. That during the last five years the same type of concrete has cost as high as \$2.80 per square yard. It will be over a year before some of our pavement will be let, and we cannot foresee the exact prices at that time. Furthermore, the condition as to water and railroad switches has a great deal to do with the costs of pavement, and also contingencies in construction work cannot be figured exactly. The engineers have figured that the figures above quoted are very fair and safe in estimating what we know to be a maximum safe estimate to complete the road program. Furthermore, we have not secured the right-of-way between Abilene and Tuscola. We must cut drainage ditches through property in order to drain our highway system. We will probably have to move two or three houses, and when a man sits down and takes simply sixty miles and figures it as so much per mile for paving, and a low figure for dirt and bridge work, and divides it by three, he will lack a great deal of having the actual cost, which we have learned will be necessary from the experience that we have had on the jobs that have already been put down. We have found that the same man who says that we have squandered the \$50,000 will come before the court and ask for two or three thousand dollars damages for cutting off a small piece of his land, and it is only fair for him to consider the books and figures and the entire situation before he forms his final conclusions.

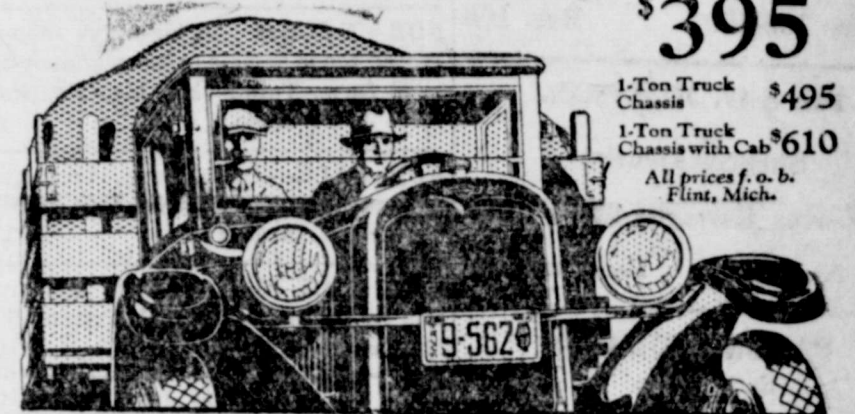
As to the \$300,000.00 which is included for lateral roads, same was included because the Commissioners' Court found that to be the sentiment over Taylor County. That money is to be spent under the sole direction of the Commissioner in each precinct and the citizenship, with or without the services of an engineer, just as they see fit. If a man wants good roads leading from the highways into the rural communities, he is for the \$300,000.00 and if he is against good roads in the rural communities he is against the \$300,000.00. It was put in the issue because we found the majority of people over the entire county in favor of same after investigation, and this was no concoction of the Commissioners' Court. I have just received from the engineer a long detailed list of figures on each proposed project to be covered by the bond issue. The people are cordially invited to come to my office to go over same. Furthermore, the services of the engineer and the county auditor are at their disposal. The Commissioners' Court can not go out and see every man in person. Neither can the engineer or auditor. But we do invite them, and request of them that they know whereof they speak before they make any harsh criticism as to

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the expenditure of their money in the past and what is proposed in the future. As I have said before, the Commissioners' Court owes a full accounting to the people upon every item of expenditure, and I think it is only just and fair in return that the people should give their propositions just and fair consideration before they condemn the actions of the Court. Respectfully submitted, TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge, Taylor County, Tex.

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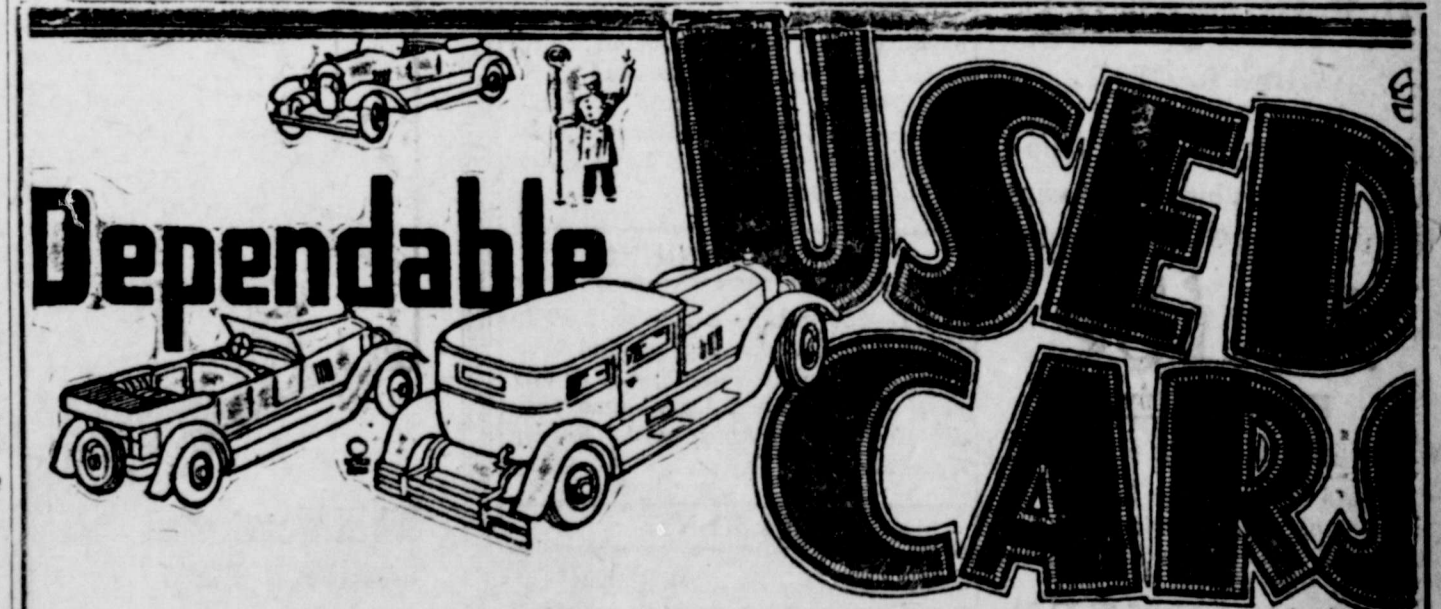
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