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By L. R. THOMPSON, Secretary

ANSWERING ARGUMENTS

The other day a good citizen, opposed to the road bonds answering the argument that Abilene pays 70% of the taxes said: "That is true, but that does not lessen, nor will not lessen our taxes."

Let us see about it. When we voted the three hundred fifty thousand dollar bond issue, a tax of twenty-eight cents was necessary to take care of the interest charges and provide a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds. The tax has been reduced to eight cents altogether for the reason that the assessed valuation of Abilene property increased four million dollars. On the average farm the tax was originally \$4.48 cents and is now only \$1.28.

Every time Abilene issues a building permit for a building that will be completed by the following first day of January, she pays on the assessed valuation of that building thereby increasing her own total of taxes and at the same time lessening the rate of taxation in her limits and throughout the county. The tax rate would remain stationary but for the increased wealth of Abilene. It is altogether a sound argument to affirm, that as the wealth of Abilene is increased the tax rate is decreased. To put it in a more forceful way; every time the total assessment of Abilene—for county and state purposes is increased—the tax rate in Abilene as in other parts of the county is proportionately lowered.

THE BEST REASON

No matter how much or how little you are worth; whether you have or do not have an automobile—however frequently or infrequently you may use the highway—the very best reason you can ascribe for voting for the proposed bond issue is that a good, hard-surfaced highway will contribute to the pleasure, convenience and comfort of all who travel over it. It is a mighty fine thing for all of us to shake ourselves loose from self-interest occasionally that we may discover the spiritual value of things.

DAMAGE TO AUTOMOBILES

That you may discover for yourself just what damage is done to your automobile in a trip to Abilene and return over the present detour, get under it and tighten all bolts and on your return repeat the operation. In doing this you may discover a broken spring and some extra damage to casings. You will at least get enough evidence to convince you that a trip or two will more than pay the yearly tax to take care of your share of the bond issue.

TWO THEORIES OF GOVERNMENT

In almost every community you will find men who hold to one of two theories of government. One class believes that the acquisition of property entitles one to correspondingly increased privileges as a citizen and that it, and it alone, should have the right to vote on bond issues, the establishment and maintenance of schools, and all other enterprises requiring a special tax for establishment or support. The other class believes that the accumulation of wealth correspondingly increases ones responsibility as a citizen and imposes upon him the duty of contributing more largely to the education, health and happiness of his less favored brother. On the purely selfish side, this class believes that by such contributions can government be perpetuated and individuals made secure in their possessions and Marxian socialism or anarchy be forestalled.

This class believes that estates cannot be righteously administered without Private Gain walks hand in hand with Public Weal.

Can any of us conjure up an abiding joy in any possession which we have not in some measure shared with some one less favored than ourselves?

ENCOURAGING

Just this morning, one of the wealthiest men in this territory who does not live on the proposed highway and has no property abutting it, met the writer on the street and told him that it would be a public calamity if the bonds failed to carry. That man was not thinking of the tax he would be required to pay, but had his mind on the public good.

Why Every Citizen of Merkel Should Be For The Bonds

With the Bankhead Highway through Merkel, every business house and every residence will be increased

Bond Election Next Monday, Oct. 24

All tax-payers are entitled to a vote. All that are not tax-payers are not entitled to a vote in this Bond Election. All who intend to vote must present their pole-tax receipt or have an affidavit properly endorsed or else be sworn which will take lots of time.

H. L. PROPST
Assistant Judge of Election.
Precinct No. 6.

BOX SUPPER AT MT. PLEASANT

We are requested to announce that there will be a Box Supper at Mt. Pleasant tonight, October 21, for the purpose of raising money with which to pay for the piano for the school. Everyone is invited to attend, enjoy the occasion and help in a worthy cause.

Among those attending the State Fair from this city we note: Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mrs. F. C. McFarland; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson also visited their daughter, Miss Flora Frances, who is a student at T. C. U., Fort Worth; Mayor H. C. West, Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Grimes, Misses Cora Lee Hulsey and Valera Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and baby.

In value. The business property on Front Street will have a greater proportionate share of this increase. If the bonds carry we will be re-bated two-thirds of eighteen feet by the state and Federal government at the price paid for the same width and length on the highway that connects with it. Business houses on this street will be readily taken at good rentals. If the highway is not built, traffic will be routed around us.

The other day Ernest Mimms walked in the Triple A office in Dallas and asked to be routed to El Paso. He was told to go through Mineral Wells, Breckenridges, Albany, Anson, Roby, Sweetwater and from there to follow the T. & P.

If a hundred tourists pass through Merkel in one day it is reasonable and conservative to suppose that at least one tenth of them would stop for meals and fifty-per-cent will get oil and gas. We have been missing three-fourths of the tourists because of the gap in the Bankhead Highway. Merkel and Merkel territory has never had a more vital proposition put up to them and Monday night will tell whether we are on the firing line of progress or asleep at our post. The writer of this column has no bitterness for any who oppose the measures for which he stands. He has a fine regard and a deep and abiding confidence in the integrity of purpose of every citizen however they may differ from him on public questions, but, in his opinion, a vote for the bonds is a vote for increased values in all property both farm and urban; for increased trade for Merkel; for the pleasure and convenience of those who travel this way and for a saving on the wear and tear on automobiles and in gas and tires, which alone, will meet the interest charges and retire the bonds in thirty years.

HERE IS YOUR \$350,000.00

\$208,000.00 is in the banks in escrow and to the credit of highways Nos. 1 and 30 to be paid out as the contracts are completed. \$11,000 was paid for engineering and surveys and around \$500 was paid for trips to Austin. This was under a former administration. No doubt a part of these last two items were spent without value received. Judge C. M. Caldwell says, that, in his opinion, the extra surveys saved the county \$100,000 in re-locating highway No. 30.

The balance of the \$350,000 was spent in paying the county's part of surfacing 5 and 8-10 miles east of Abilene and building dump and bridges from the Nolan County line east.

The State has paid the county \$176,208 and owes \$15,000.

The Federal Government will pay only as the roads are surfaced. The writer does not believe that a single cent has been misappropriated and only a part of two items unwisely spent, and if anyone will bring him any evidence to the contrary, he will see that it is properly arranged and handed to the proper officials to be brought before a grand jury.

We are all opposed to corruption, but we should never charge it, even by implication, until we are ready with the proof.

Judge W. R. Ely To Speak Here Saturday At 2 P. M. On The Road Bond Issue

Judge W. R. Ely, State Highway Commissioner, of Abilene, was in the city Wednesday, and has been asked to come to Merkel Saturday afternoon and speak on the streets at 2 P. M. on the coming bond election to be held in this county next Monday, October 24th.

Judge Ely is a Taylor county man and is interested in seeing that this county gets its share of the highway money, and in his message will tell the tax-payers just what they can expect in the matter. And there is one thing the people know, and that is that they can depend on what Judge Ely says as being reliable.

As this paper understands the matter, our County Commissioner and County Judge are desirous of building a type of road through the county that will endure, one that will be the cheapest in the long run. And we believe that the voters and tax-payers are willing to vote for the million dollar issue, provided they know they

will get action and value received. And we believe that Judge Ely can and will tell them the facts in the matter.

That good roads are now an essential in the progress of the world and a business saving to every one, everywhere is recognized by all forward thinking men and women. There is no question but that good roads are a saving to any community—a saving to the world at large; therefore when you vote for good roads you not only help yourself to save, but add help and a saving to the world at large. You say you are not interested in the world at large. You may not be, but no man lives unto himself. It is impossible. Think it over. Vote for the bonds and help to make your county one of the best in the nation.

Come out and hear Judge Ely—Give him a gentleman's hearing. The ladies are also urged to hear him.

New City Hall To Be Erected Here Soon

From Mayor Henry C. West we learn that the work of razing the old City Hall recently practically destroyed by fire is under way preparatory to building a more modern and handsome structure.

The new building will be either brick stucco or hollow tile stucco, and two stories in height. It will be equipped with two engine rooms, Mayor and Councilmen's room, City Secretary's room where all taxes and water bills may be paid at any time; a Marshal's room and the upper story will have rooms for the home of the truck driver, all fully equipped with modern conveniences, such as water, sewer, gas, etc.

There will also be ladies and gentlemen's rest rooms.

VOTING INFORMATION FOR MONDAY'S BOND ELECTION

According to information as published in the daily press of the county, in order to vote in the coming bond election which is to be held throughout Taylor county on next Monday, October 24, the voter must be a qualified voter according to the law. He or she must have and present a poll-tax receipt, or else make affidavit that same has been paid and has been lost or misplaced. The voter must also be a property tax-payer. A published statement from Hon. Frank E. Smith appeared in the Abilene papers defining "Who Can Vote" as follows:

WHO CAN VOTE

"On September 27th of this year I received an official statement from the office of the Attorney General upon the question of who could vote in the bond election the 24th of this month. The ruling was as follows:

"It has been held by this department that any person who owned property subject to taxation on January 1st, whether the same was rendered or not is entitled to vote in a bond election, if such person is otherwise qualified." (See Article 2955-R. C. S.—1925, which specifically sets out the qualifications of a voter.)

"The article referred to requires that a person must have resided in the State of Texas for one year and in the county for six months prior to the time of the election. It further provides that they shall have paid his or her poll-tax, or secured their exemption.

"Thus: Any person who has a poll tax receipt or exemption, and who had any property, personal or land, on the first day of January 1927, can vote.

MR. THOMPSON ENGAGES IN INSURANCE BUSINESS

Mr. L. R. Thompson, our hustling and energetic Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, while still looking after the Chamber of Commerce work is devoting part of his time to the insurance business which he has lately entered. He is representing the popular and well known Old Line Insurance Company; "The Peoria Life" of Peoria, Ill. and is already having splendid success. He has the agency for seven counties including Taylor, and will no doubt carry on a large volume of business. Read his advertisement in this paper.

New Ford To Be Named "Linford"

MANY DETAILS OF CAR LEARNED BY INVESTIGATOR FOR TEXAS PAPER

Waco, Texas, Oct. 4.—We have been repeatedly asked for information concerning the new Ford, and we are pleased to give our readers the full benefit of the information we have gleaned from first one source and another. Here it is:

The new Ford product will be known as the Linford, taking its name from Abraham Lincoln, its founder, and Henry Ford, its manufacturer. Some other name may be substituted.

The car will be equipped with a running gear, engine body, gasoline tank, radiator, and other accessories, usual to other automobiles.

The wheels of which there will be four, will be set on axles and will turn around and around, forward or backward, depending on the choice and skill of the driver.

On the extreme front end the car will be equipped with a radiator, which will serve as a reservoir for water with which to water the road. The front of the radiator will be meshed so as to be an excellent smasher of bugs, insects, other people's chickens and the like.

Situated somewhere on the car will be a gasoline tank which will contain a certain number of gallons of gasoline, or any liquid sold as gasoline by filling stations. A lesser number of gallons can be used if desired.

Seats Equipped With Cushions
All seats will be equipped with cushions of more or less softness. On the touring and sedan model the rear seat will be placed directly behind the front seat. Both seats will be protected from sun, rain, etc., by a top.

In front of the front seat and behind the radiator will be placed a windshield which will serve as a barometer. When it is raining the windshield will become smeared with mud water, etc., from passing vehicles.

The car will be guided by a steering wheel which will turn the car to the right or left, but never both ways at the same time.

Entrance to the car may be gained through doors cut somewhere in the body, or, if desired by climbing over.

The sedan and coupe model will be closed cars and roadsters will be open cars.

The engine of the car will be usual in design and equipped with gears, rings, pistons, cylinders, spark-plugs, wires and other doodads.

The car will be equipped with pneumatic tires, which will be placed over the wheels, tending to give the car a soft, airy, easy-riding feeling.

—Clipped by Lewis E. Starr, Herrick Hardware Co., Waco, Texas, from the Woodson, (Texas) Reporter, "40 miles from a railroad."

Jack Durham Undergoes Operation For Appendicitis

G. M. (Jack) Durham, associated with his father in the publication of the Merkel Mail, following an attack from appendicitis beginning at first, last November, but more recently since Wednesday night of last week underwent an operation early last Monday morning at Baylor Hospital, Dallas.

He, with his wife and baby daughter, accompanied by his father and mother, drove to Dallas last Friday and while Jack was not feeling so very well, it was not thought that his condition would call for an operation so suddenly. However, Sunday night at about eleven o'clock while he and his wife were guests of relatives in Oak Cliff, Dallas, he was severely stricken, and suffered great pain and agony before he was placed on the operating table at about three o'clock Monday morning. Dr. Webb, noted surgeon of Dallas, performed the operation in 35 minutes, and within a few hours Jack was resting as well as could be expected.

His father and mother returned home Tuesday night, and a message Wednesday afternoon stated that he was doing well and improving rapidly. Unless complications enter, it is expected that he will be well enough to return to his home here in about ten days.

His wife, parents and other relatives desire to express sincere thanks to all who have given aid and comfort during the trying hours that endured.

Voters To Get State And Federal Aid If Bonds Are Voted

Judge W. R. Ely, State Highway Commissioner Assures Voters Of State and Federal Aid If Bond Election Carries

Hon. W. R. Ely, member of State Highway Commission, accompanied by Judge Caldwell, of Abilene, were visitors in our city a short time Wednesday, mixing with old friends and incidentally giving out a few important facts about the highway situation and the coming million dollar bond election. And owing to the fact that the people of this community have the utmost confidence and faith in the integrity of Judge Ely, his statements here have clarified the matter in a way that seems to make certain the victory of the bond issue on next Monday by an overwhelming majority.

The following is a published statement as given to the Abilene Morning News of yesterday by Judge Ely, which corresponds with those made by him while in this city, and which we clip from that paper for the benefit of our readers: Read it!

Ely's Statement
Judge Ely said to the Morning News:

The Highway Department of the State is anxious to assist Taylor county in completing its highway construction program, inasmuch as the county has traversed it three of the state's principal roads.

Steps to assure a heavy vote in Abilene Monday for the million dollar county road bond issue were taken yesterday. Twenty-one committees of three members each, from the Chamber of Commerce, were calling on business houses of that city with requests that the town be closed tight for one hour next Monday, 2 to 3 p. m. to allow a 100 per cent downtown vote. The committees met with practically unanimous response.

What We Pay
"Taylor county pays to the department annually in registration fees and gasoline tax approximately \$275,000, and receives back from the department of maintenance about \$25,000, leaving \$250,000 to be spent in constructing roads in counties that provide their share of funds. By voting a bond issue we will get back in this county, in two years, more than we pay in five years. Is it good business policy for the sake of \$3 on the \$1,000 valuation to permit this \$250,000 of Taylor county money to be used in the building of highways in other sections of the state?"

"Should the south part of the country show by its vote (which I do not believe it will) that it does not desire better roads, I shall advocate a strict paralleling the Bankhead in order to complete that road. A bond issue would surely carry in such a district, but the tax rate would be higher.

South Texas Seething
"Let us avoid such a possible condition, unite as neighbors, and construct all our roads."

"South and Southwest Texas are seething with road building activity, resulting in great development in towns and country along all lines. All progress appears to move westward, and we are now ripe for an era of high type road construction. If our people will fall in line, we will push forward to the greatest prosperity we have ever known.

"If we build roads, other counties will fall in line, and it will not be long until all this section will be enjoying the cheaper transportation facilities afforded by high class roads, resulting in the saving of millions of dollars to the people."

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH AT CROSS ROADS CHURCH

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 3 P. M. at the Cross Roads Church of Christ, two miles south of Nubia.

All are invited to attend either or both services.

CRAMER—BLAIR

At the Methodist parsonage, Sunday evening, October 16th, Mr. Cramer Reynolds and Miss Willie Irene Blair were united in marriage. Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Mrs. Joe Owen of Iowa Park, was here the first part of the week having been called here by the serious illness and final death of her brother Clarence Sharp.

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking Commissioner October 10th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$429,087.26
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,639.00
Due From Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	3,210.58
Cash and U. S. Bonds	\$148,635.95
Bills of Exchange	208,105.62

AVAILABLE CASH 356,741.57
Total 885,119.32

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	691,736.13
Total	885,119.32

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.
W. L. Diltz, Cashier
Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier
Dallas Scarbrough
David Hendricks

Honor Roll Students Merkel High School

SENIORS	
Ruby Joe Higgins	95
Sterling Sheppard	95
Iris Garrett	95
John D. Coats	93
Burnis Tucker	93
Victor Smith	93
Mildred Hamm	93
Elizabeth Harkrider	93
Nola Neill	92
Ima Parrack	92
Irene Perry	92
Mary Pence	92
Fred Yandell	92
W. A. Whiteley	92
JUNIORS	
Addie Fae Pattison	94
Raymond Earthman	92
Bernice Lasater	91
SOPHOMORES	
J. T. Dorsey	92
E. L. Turner	90
Helen Compton	91
Gladys Copeland	90
Ethel Hamilton	91
Eleanor Mae Hamilton	91
Ruby Robins	96
Pauline Toombs	91
Neva Vantrees	96
FRESHMEN	
Harold Leeton	90
B. P. Middleton	94
Alvin Parrack	91
Elvis Richardson	95
Benjamin Sheppard	91
Leo Tucker	90
Louise Booth	91
Verna T. Beaseley	90
Lucile Cole	90
Maurine Davis	90
Opal Foster	90
Velma Lee Holden	91
Thelma McAnich	90

GRAMMAR SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following pupils have been neither tardy nor absent during the first grade period, have a general average of not less than 90, with not less than 75 on any subject and as much as 90 on department. There are 97 names on this list which gives us a high per cent of Honor Roll pupils.

7th GRADE—MRS. SUBLETT
Kathryn Duff 96, Ross Ferrier, 95, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, 95, Ida Mae Derstine, 94, Nell Durham, 93, Willie Evelyn Boaz, 90.

7th GRADE—MR. DUKE
Himalya Swafford, 94, Woodrow Wilson, 94, Lela Patterson, 93, Ruby Lee Slater, 93, Ouida Mae Hulsey, 91, Kathleen Mashburn, 91, Robert Manscill, 90, Blanche Ward, 90.

6th GRADE—MISS MARTIN
Imogene Middleton, 95, Francis Marie Church, 94, Duncan Briggs, 92, Thelma Leach, 92, Margaret Canon, 91, Nadine Field, 91, Sandifer Hollingsworth, 91, Margaret Miller, 91, Opal Huskey, 90.

6th GRADE—MISS RODDEN
Joyce Wheeler, 91, Roy Robins, 91, Maurine White, 90, Faye Vantrees, 90, Florene Rider, 90.

5th GRADE—MISS CAMPBELL
Walderine Huskey, 92, Laverne Helden, 92, Bessylea Church, 92, Bertie Mae Leslie, 91, Francis Adcock, 91, Vivian Lasater, 90, Rogene Dye, 90, Neal Durham, 90.

5th GRADE—MISS ALTMAN
Garnet Robbins, 97, Julia Proctor, 94, Lois Whiteley, 90.

4th GRADE—MISS GUITAI
Ethelda Tucker, 95, Wanda Owen, 92, Ben Sublett, 92, Billie Robbins, 91, J. V. Patterson, 90, Truett Patterson, 90, Melba Lee Watts, 90.

4th GRADE—MRS. COOKSTON
Minnie Faye Montandon, 92, Louise Kerr, 91, Jack Lowe, 90.

3rd GRADE—MISS COATES
Juanita Huskey, 92, Elizabeth, Holloway, 91, Ora Derrick, 91, Preston Chaney, 91, Horace Beney, 91, Don Brown, 90, James Haas, 90, Hollis Huddleston, 90, Jack Huddleston, 90.

3rd GRADE—MISS HEUER
Louise Toombs, 96, Armie Love Toombs, 94, Arnold Lloyd, 93, Thelma Patterson, 92, Murry Toombs, 91, R. D. Tarbuton, 90, Harold Morgan, 90.

2nd GRADE—MISS POGUE
Lawrence Thornton, 90.

2nd GRADE—MISS WEST
Doris Jackson, 95, Robert Grimes, Jr., 94, Billie Dunning, 94, Altie Grayson, 94, Betty Lou Grimes, 94, Waymon Adcock, 94, William Hawkins, 94, Davis Beasley, 93, P. A. Diltz, 93, Elma Mae Gamble, 93, Vernelle Bland, 92, Goldie Hawkins, 90, Wanda Huddleston, 90.

HIGH FIRST—MRS. TEAFF
Tedd Hamm, 93, Orvel Brink, 92, Clyde Cribley, 92, Sam Ellerbeg, 92, Tally Holloway, Jr., 90.

LOW FIRST—MRS. SADLER
Charlie Shouse, 98, Rachel Patterson, 96, Mildred McKenzie, 96, Dick West, 96, A. D. Trowell, 95, Raebon King, 95, Mary Joe Garland, 95, Margaret Dunn, 95, Dorothy Brown, 94, Marie Davis, 94, Clayton Miller Leach, 94, Thomas Bearden, Jr., 93.

See Our Good Line of Cheap Play Shoes for Children at BROWNS

Corinne Griffith at Queen in Most Dramatic Role of Career

Lady in Ermine is Thrilling War Picture and Ranks With Ten Best Pictures of Year

"The Lady in Ermine" Corinne Griffith's latest film spectacle, which opens at the Queen Wednesday, Thursday seems destined to win a place among the ten best pictures produced this year. In star, story and setting it eclipses every other costume picture we have reviewed this season.

Long before "Liberty" tagged the First National picture actress the most beautiful woman in the world, we raved in these columns not only of the lady's loveliness but of her dramatic power. Corinne Griffith to our mind is one of the screen's most finished actresses and the fact that she is as lovely as a lyric only enhances her position as a leader of the industry.

But to get back to "The Lady in Ermine" one finds an absorbing and convincing screen drama.

A war picture, unfolding a true and dramatic episode of the War. "The Lady in Ermine" again affords the star an opportunity to set off her pale beauty in the regal robes of European court life.

Corinne Regal
If there is anyone on the screen who is better fitted to play royalty, we would like to have several large pictures of her! This dazzling child of the Griffith clan has more poise bearing and charm than many of the bigger and better potentates of the various Continental Thrones who need far more than Corinne the beauty potions they advertise so eloquently!

Fancy Dressmaking
Special Attention to Children's Tailored Clothes
Mrs. Ralph Wagner
F. Y. Gaither Residence
PHONE 274-W

STATEMENT OF CONDITION FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L. BANK

Merkel, Texas
Close of Business October 10, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time & Demand	\$227,731.19
Overdrafts	4,897.79
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 30,344.86
Commercial Paper	81,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	117,050.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	257,636.71
Bills of Ex. (Cotton)	68,806.80
CASH AVAILABLE	\$555,338.37
Total	\$797,729.85

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,236.55
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscouts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$712,243.30
Total	\$797,729.85

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren,

Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Directors
J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, Sr.,
Geo. L. Paxton Booth Warren

We kill home-raised meat and try to keep Merkel money in Merkel. Baker & Wheeler Market.

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

Now Read What 11,105* Doctors say About Lucky Strike Cigarettes Because "It's toasted"



Paul Whiteman, Noted Orchestra Leader, writes:

WHAT is the quality that Giacomo Rimini, Margaret D'Alvarez, Cesare Formichi, Armand Tokatyan, Emma Trentini, William Faversham, Florence Reed, Paul Whiteman, and other famous singers, actors, broadcasters and public speakers have found that makes LUCKY STRIKES delightful and of no possible injury to their voices?

"It was but recently, when I started to act as master of ceremonies with my band at the Paramount Theatre, that I realized how vital perfect voice condition was to a performer. I have always been a consistent smoker and, fortunately, Lucky Strikes were my favorite brand. I like their toasted flavor and, best of all, I can smoke as often as I like, without fear of irritating my voice, which is becoming a great asset in my work."



For the answer we turned to medical men and asked them this question:

Do you think from your experience with LUCKY STRIKE cigarettes that they are less irritating to sensitive or tender throats than other cigarettes, whatever the reason?

11,105* doctors answered this question "YES."

These figures represent the opinion and experience of doctors, those whose business it is to know.

"It's toasted"
No Throat Irritation—No Cough.

* We hereby certify that we have examined 11,105 signed cards confirming the above statement.
LYBRAND ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY
Accountants and Auditors
New York, July 22, 1927.



Why Chevrolet Performance is Thrilling Millions

Never before was a low-priced car so delightful to drive as today's Chevrolet!
Fast get-away... easy, smooth operation... high speed roadability... unflinching power... and flashy acceleration—

—exactly the type of performance that everyone wants in an automobile today!
In addition, there is all the finger-tip steering, all the positive braking and effortless gear shifting that have made Chevrolet so decidedly popular for congested traffic. And never before was a low-priced car so comfortable—for Chevrolet springs are 88% as long as the wheelbase... and built of chrome vanadium steel!
Come in! Learn what a feeling of confidence it gives you to drive a car that is powered for the exceptional need... that is smooth and quiet at every speed... that responds to the slightest pressure on the steering wheel.
Then you'll know why millions have acclaimed today's Chevrolet as the finest performer in the low-price field!

The COACH
\$595

The Touring or Roadster	\$525
The Coupe	\$625
The 4-Door Sedan	\$695
The Sport Cabriolet	\$715
The Imperial Landau	\$745
1/2-Ton Truck (Chassis Only)	\$395
1-Ton Truck (Chassis Only)	\$495

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Michigan.
Check Chevrolet Delivered Prices.
They include the lowest handling and financing charges available.

Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Here they are!

THE BIGGEST SELECTION IN TOWN

- 1926 Ford Touring—Balloon Tires. Looks and Runs Good.
- 1925 Ford Touring—A1 Condition—Ford Roadster, A Bargain
- Late Model Dodge Touring
- 1925 Dodge 4 Pass. Coupe—Dodge Roadster, Good but Cheap
- 1926 Essex Coach. A car you would be proud of.

AND SEVERAL OTHERS

- 1926 CHRYSLER COACH—1926 CHRYSLER ROADSTER
- 1926 Chrysler Sedan
- 1926 Hudson Brougham

If its a used car you want—We have it!

SEE THEM ON OUR USED CAR LOT IN REAR OF OUR BUILDING

Maverick Motor Co.

Merkel, Texas

New Market & Grocery

To Our Friends and the General Public

We take pleasure in announcing that we have purchased the City Meat Market on Front Street, from Mr. L. L. Wills, and besides furnishing the people of Merkel and vicinity the best to be found in the market line, we have also added a complete line of

High Quality Groceries

and we extend to one and all a cordial invitation to come in and get acquainted, look our stock over and get our prices before you buy.

We will carry a nice line of fresh vegetables and in fact we propose to fill your every want in good meats and fine groceries.

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On next Monday night, October 24

they begin a week's stay. Their opening play is Charles Harrison's latest comedy success. Mr. Harrison's plays are well known in this State and none liked any better. Then there is the "Red Shadow," a wonderful melodrama, "Too Many Crooks," The Love Test," a small town story, the comedy old man who holds the office of town marshal, depot and express agent, night watchman, carries the mail and barbers on Saturdays, he also carries a warm heart under his tattered garments.

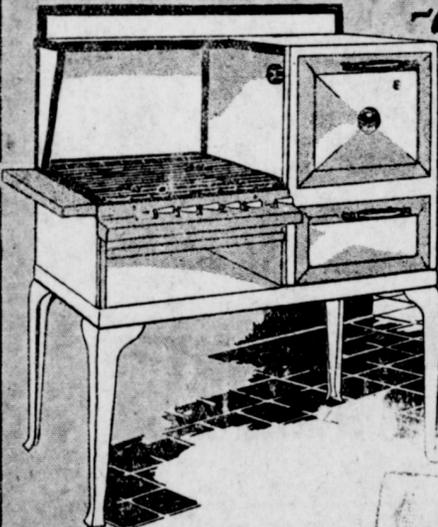
"Cheating Husbands" is one of the big New York successes, dealing with the present day "fast age" problem but it is a wonderful sermon despite the hilarity it evokes. Last but not least by any means is the "Cat

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Each guest came armed with a lemon and upon arrival was led to a table presided over by Mrs. Jas. West where to the tune of much merriment the lemons were cut and the seeds counted. The guests paid five cents for each lemon seed. To the delight of the Auxiliary the lemons proved to have a generous number of seeds.

Immediately following the seed counting the guests were entertained by a beautifully rendered classical programme. In the course of the afternoon chicken sandwiches and fruit punch was served from the daintily appointed tea table, presided over by the Misses Melba West, Mona Margaret Jones, Lucy Tracey, Christine Collins and Mrs. Roy Adams. Those assisting in the programme were: Mrs. Ernest Mimms of Abilene, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Christine Collins, Melba West, Lucy Tracey, Mesdames C. B. Gardner and Yates Brown.

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SOVIETS HIT AT HEAD OF MOSLEM

Russians Attack Islam in Samarkand, Quaint City of Central Asia.

Washington. — Samarkand, venerable city of central Asia, has been the scene of a series of recent clashes between the Soviet apostles of modernism and the conservative religious leaders of Islam.

The quaint city with the melodious name lies about 250 miles southwest of Tashkent, Turkestan, on the Trans-caspian railroad.

Perhaps nowhere in the Moslem world, except Mecca, could the Russians have invaded a more hostile territory to attack Mohammedanism, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society. According to ancient legend, Samarkand was the head of Mohammedanism and Mecca the heart. Two Arab missionaries visited this region. Hungry, they cut up a sheep and put it on the fire to roast. While the meat was cooking they planned their work. They agreed that the one drawing the sheep's heart from the pot should go to Mecca, and that the one drawing the head should remain at Samarkand.

Samarkand is more than 6,000 years old and once had a population of more than a million. Today it has fewer than 60,000 inhabitants. The Persians once called it the hub of the universe. When Alexander the Great destroyed it, in 329 B. C., it was a prosperous city surrounded by a nine-mile wall, pierced by nineteen gates.

Famous Public Square.

After the Russians took the city in 1868, they built a new city outside its western limits. A long, wide boulevard, shaded by tall poplars, now separates the two settlements.

The native city is a labyrinth of narrow, crooked, dusty streets, bordered with dirty mud walls of courtyards and one-story houses. In the business blocks cluster dilapidated booths, cluttered with edibles and garments. Bearded men and veiled women crowd the streets, dodging camels, donkeys, droskies and high-wheeled carts, all mud-brown from the dust, while peasants, laden with produce from their farms and gardens, plod along to the public square.

Samarkand's registar, or public square, is one of the most famous in the world. It is the market place, parade ground and meeting place for the inhabitants for demonstrations of rejoicing and protest. Paved with cobblestones, it is inclosed on three sides by mosques where young Moslems are educated. The huge polychrome tile facades and melon-shaped towers, flanked with minarets 175 feet high, are splendid examples of Arabian architecture. Surrounding the courtyard inside each mosque are schools in whose cloisters, 10 by 12 feet, the students live with their instructors.

The fourth side of the square is occupied by ramshackle booths of odd pieces of lumber or tin, or strips of canvas on tall poles. They are filled with vegetables, fruits and other commodities. Near by are other booths where squatting natives sip coffee, smoke cigarettes, and gossip. As a public information bureau the oriental cafe serves the purpose of newspapers. Fortune tellers, professional letter writers and peddlers ply their professions where they find a shady place to sit. The registar also is the Samarkand employment agency.

Brilliant Garb of the Men.

From an elevated position above the surging mass of humanity the riot of color suggests that the natives vie with the rainbow and each other. A man will go hungry for a single garment of brilliantly colored material. Green, red, purple and yellow in all their hues will be seen on the same garment.

In a secluded spot in the old city, perhaps a half mile from the registar, is the tomb of the mighty Tamerlane, conqueror of Asia. It is an architectural gem, its graceful peacock blue dome rising above the dusty treetops.

A large park in the center of the Russian quarter is the hub of the new city, from which wide, well-shaded streets radiate in all directions. They are all paved to the city limits. Then they become mere trails in the desert. Some pass through masses of ruins of Samarkand when it was at the height of its prosperity. One of these roads leads to the citadel, situated on a hill between the two cities. Its wall incloses a subterranean prison, an immense dark chamber about 30 feet deep. Prisoners were let down by ropes and it is said no one ever came out of it. Grooves worn by the ropes can still be seen. The Russians abolished the old-fashioned method of punishing the offenders and have built clean, wholesome and well-ventilated jails.

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Knoxville, Tenn.—An attempt of woman members of the board of education to equip a beauty parlor in the vocational school here was so frowned upon by male members of the board that the move has been abandoned.

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Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

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Worship at 11:00 A. M. and 7:15 P. M.

Had a good congregation at the morning hour of worship last Sunday and a fine service.

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W. R. McCarter, Pastor.

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Mrs. Carl Weaver who was here to attend the funeral of her brother, Clarence Sharp, left this week for her home in Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Weidenbaugh, of Wichita, Kansas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Weidenbaugh, the former's brother.

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Rollie and John Hill of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and little son, Theron, of Blair visited relatives in this community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffry and Mr. and Mrs. Val Byron and family were guests of H. F. Jeffrys Sunday.

C. A. Duncan and wife have a new girl stopping with them since Wednesday of last week.

Miss Vivian McClung was a guest of Marie Duncan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pursley of Sylvester spent the day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West Sunday.

Dawson McCain and family visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCain at Roby Saturday night and Sunday.

J. C. Jeffry and family and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stevens visited at the

home of Bill Kennedy Sunday.

J. T. Williams, V. P. Byron and Uncle Philip Lawlis attended the Quarterly Conference at Sylvester Sunday.

Miss Minnie West, who is attending school at Sylvester spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West.

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He was born, December 14, 1911, and departed this life at the age of 15 years 10 months and 2 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his father and mother, two brothers and four sisters. The brothers are George and Dallas, both of Merkel. The sisters are Miss Ola Sharp, Merkel, Mrs. Winnie Owens of Iowa Park, Mrs. Roxie Weaver of Childress, and Mrs. Nell Lee of Abilene.

Clarence was a member of the football team, a member of the sophomore class in the Merkel High School and an active Boy Scout. He had a host of friends, many of them gathering at the local Baptist church where the funeral services were held by the pastor. The floral offering and the great concourse of people were both evidence of the high esteem of the community for Clarence and his bereaved relatives. All of his brothers and sisters were here for the funeral, some of them staying over a day or two with the broken hearted mother and father.

We cannot understand why a youth like Clarence would be called away. It seemed that he was in the very prime of life with so much to live for, but the All Wise One has a purpose in even these things that baffle us here. Out in the great beyond many of the things that seemed strange to us here will be seen in a clearer light and we will then understand even

this case. In the mean time we can find some consolation in the fact that we know that our loved ones that have been called on before will never suffer any more. No sin or temptation can ever come to them over there. May all the sorrowing ones be able to console themselves with the thought that while Clarence is absent from the body he is present with the Lord. And with the further thought that when Jesus comes for us he will bring them with Him and we will see their bodies raised from the grave and fitted for Heaven. May the going of Clarence be a reminder to all of us that we too are mortal and may we live as becomes those who are to stand one day in the presence of the Lord and give an account of the deeds done in the body. If among Clarence's associates there is one that has not trusted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour may this be the time that such an one will trust Him. And may we know Jesus as a Saviour be more more faithful and loyal to him.

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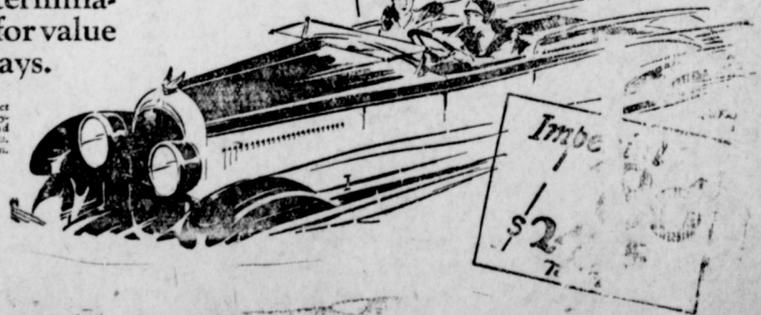
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OBITUARY

Martin J. Watts was born in Izard county, Arkansas, 1844. Died October 1, 1927 at the home of his son, L. A. Watts, Merkel, Taylor county, Texas and was laid to rest Sunday October 2 in Roscoe cemetery near his old home. Age 83 1-2 years.

Was married to Lucindy Jane Robinson of Washington county, Arkansas in 1866. There were ten children born to this union, five of whom are still living: L. A. Watts and Mrs. H. P. Allen of Merkel, Texas, J. N. Watts of Abilene and W. T. Watts, Hodges, Texas and Mrs. W. N. Hicks of Iowa Park, Texas.

Moving from Arkansas to Texas in the early 70's he settled near Little River in Bell County some forty five years ago. My father and their family were friends and neighbors.

Later moving near Waco, Texas, we lived on adjoining farms again for a few years. It was about 1890 that Bro. Watts became a christian and gave his life to God. Joining the Nazarene church he became a great church worker and accomplished much good in the communities in which he lived.

He moved to West Texas in 1901 and settled near Hodges, Jones county while I with my small family came to the Shiloh community in the same county. Thus again we became neighbors and associates together. After devoting a few years of his life to ministerial work they moved to Sweetwater, Texas and resided there for the past twenty years. He has engaged in much evangelistic work over the county and held many revival meetings while serving as pastor of the local churches in the country. He helped to make any community in which he lived, a better place to reside and his life was a great blessing to all who knew him. His admonitions and exhortations and his prayers are still living.

While on a visit to his son here in Merkel last September, he became ill, and was not able to return to his home. During the long weeks of suffering and pain it became my duty as a friend and my lot as nurse to minister unto him during the watch of the last twelve nights. Will say now to his children and friends, that he was the most kind and patient man I ever knew. Faithful and loving to the end, he died just the life he had lived. Peaceful and calm, he went to a better world where he had longed to go. When he had told us of this better world so often.

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With this colorful past, Jean Lafitte arrives in New Orleans seven years later, just at a time when General Jackson's return is being celebrated. There he falls in love with Colonel Lestron's lovely niece, Louise. His courtship progresses very nicely until—Jackson recognizes him and she vehemently voices her dislike of men such as Lafitte.

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Dallas, Texas.—From early child-
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teen-year-old daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Dwight McFarland of Dallas, has
been talking to birds. She comes
nearer understanding the meanings of
songs and notes of the many different
kinds of birds that she has about her
than any other living person, her
friends declare. By imitating the calls
of birds she quickly makes friends
with them and they come in great
flocks to her home and serenade her
each day. Miss McFarland is a pupil
at North Dallas high school and she
frequently has delighted her school-
mates with her imitations of songs
and calls of birds.

Dorothy doesn't know when she be-
gan her childish pastime of "talking"
to the birds.

"They seemed like little fairies to
me when I was young enough to be-
lieve that fairies really existed," she
declared. "I used to watch them
quietly, seeing their little throats
swell and pulsate as they poured out
their lovely songs.

"After a while I began to imitate
the sounds they produced. I had never
heard of professional whistlers at that
time and knew no one of my own sex
who was interested in whistling. So I
didn't go at the art in a conventional
manner, but just practiced and prac-
ticed until, with the aid of the dia-
phragm, tongue and lips, I could pro-
duce sounds that were very like bird
notes."

When she told her elders that she
could really "talk to the birds," they
had to see and hear her performances
to become convinced.

"I would come very close to a mock-
ing bird," related Dorothy, "and what-
ever was sung by him I immediately
imitated. There was one bird who
turned his eyes toward me with won-
derment; his head would tilt over to
one side. Then he would apparently
pull down his vest, swallow hard and
send out a perfect torrent of sounds in
an effort to lose me conversationally.
When I persisted in answering in my
best bird talk, he would listen curi-
ously, then with a disgusted look he
would fly away. I suppose he was
thinking of the proverb about whis-
tling women and crowing hens. May-
be he tried to tell me what he
thought of my darling, but I couldn't
catch his meaning.

"I wish everybody in Dallas could
hear the bird concerts given at my
home every morning," generously con-
cedes Dorothy. "Birds don't have to
practice in order to be able to sing.
They just fill the air with melody.
But I practice several hours every
morning during vacation and I
wouldn't change summer for any other
part of the year."

A visit to a local bird store found
Dorothy McFarland able to make
friends with even the shyest canary
and the most cautious critic among
the parrots. "Birds like to be noticed,
just like humans," she said, "and they
know when you love them and when
you are just fooling them. Some day
I'm going to have costumes just like
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1. "Our Church Life"—Gladys Copeland.
2. "Baptists Bound By Loyalty"—Mrs. Crane.
3. "We Try to Obey the Bible"—Mr. Crane.
4. "A Personal and Spiritual Religion"—Mae Lassiter.
5. "Two Other Truths" (1) Dorothy Higgins. (2) As a Denomination We Stand for World-Wide Evangelization—Miss Heizer.

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like it should. If you are staying a-
way because no one comes and it is
not interesting, well, you come your-
self and try to make it more interest-
ing. The rest will come. If you stay
away, because the others do, try com-
ing and the others will come too.

Maybe they feel about it as you do,
and if so, we will not have any one
to come. You come and the rest are
sure to follow. If you come and don't
enjoy yourself see Group Captain No. 1
and find out your trouble. Don't
forget the time. 6:15.

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**INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
PROGRAM**

Subject: "How Big Is Your World
Leader: Margaret Turner.

- Song.
Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-3,
Rom. 1:13-22.
- Talk 1. "In How Big a World Do We Live?"—W. A. Whitely.
 - Talk 2. "How Much of the World Do We Know?"—Milton Case.
 - Talk 3. "In How Much of the World are We Interested?"—Eleanor Mae Hamilton.
 - Talk 4. "In How Much of the World Do We Have Friends?"—Nadine Tippet.
 - Talk 5. "How Much of the World Do We Help?"—O. B. Boden.
 - Talk 6. "How Much of the World Do We Serve?"—Ethel Hamilton.
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