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Merkel Mail Circulation Contest To Close Saturday, Nov. 26th.

Central Texas District Convention West Texas C of C Program, Nov. 30

Sweetwater Texas, November 30th. 9:30 a. m.—Massed Bands Concert in Municipal Auditorium.

10:00 a. m.—Call to order. L. R. Thompson, Presiding Officer.

10:30 a. m.—"America" Audience.

10:40 a. m.—Invocation, Rev. A. L. Darnell.

10:55 a. m.—Address of Welcome, Hon. J. P. Majors, Pres. B-C-D.

10:15 a. m.—Response, C. L. Hamilton, Bronte.

10:25—Object of District Conventions, Homer D. Wade, Mgr. West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

APPOINTMENT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

10:40 a. m. "How West Texas Can Have 12 Pay Seasons Annually."—R. M. Simmons, Sweetwater, Texas.

11:00 a. m. "Our Highway System."—Hon. W. R. Ely, State Highway Commissioner.

11:30 a. m. "What Central Texas Needs Most."—(Short discussions not over 7 minutes)—Chas. A. Dose, Ballinger; Hon. E. S. Cummings, Abilene; Hon. Bowen Pope, Hamlin; Houston Harte, San Angelo; Walter S. Pope, Anson; John Q. McAdams, Winters; H. M. Colbert, Sweetwater; Col. R. L. Penick, Stamford; Guy Patterson, Rotan.

Luncheon, 12:30, Wright Hotel TOASTMASTER—Judge Chas E. Coombs, Stamford.

Spiritual Blessings—Rev. Chas T. Whaley, Sweetwater.

Music—"Our Opportunities,"—Hon. R. W. Haynie, Pres. West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Music—Sweetwater's Musical Gypsies.

"Looking Ahead,"—Judge A. S. Mauzey.

Two Minute Talks—Representatives of Various Towns.

2:30 P. M.—Afternoon Session MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Address—Hon. Dan Moody, Governor of Texas.

Report of Resolutions Committee. Selection of next meeting place.

Adjournment.

Registration Fee \$1.00 Which Entitles One to Vote and Attend Luncheon.

Public Installation Of Church Officers

The Board of Stewards of Merkel Methodist Church will be publicly installed next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. It is earnestly desired that the entire Board be present, as well as the membership of the church.

W. J. Mayhew, Pastor.

LOCAL HUNTERS BRING IN TWO BUCKS

Messrs Tom Largent and Johnnie Wheeler, returned the first of the week from their hunting trip into the mountains of Southwest Texas; bringing with them a couple of nice deer; one a fourpoint buck and the other nine points.

THE DOPE ON THE NEW FORD

Absolute knowledge have I none, But my Aunt's washerwoman's son Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a loafer on the street That he had a letter last week Hand written in the finest greek From a Chinese Coolie in Timbuctoo, Who said that a son in Cuba knew Of a colored gent in a Texas town, Who got it right from a circus clown, That a man in Klondike got the news From a gang of smooth American Jews.

About some fellow in Borneo Who knew a man who claimed to know a

Hermit who lived beside a lake Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that a friend's sister's niece Has stated in a finely written piece That she has a son who knows about The date the New Ford Car comes out —Swiped.

Bank Robber is Given Death Penalty

Groesbeck, Nov. 21—The death penalty was the verdict returned Monday morning by a jury in the Eighty-Seventh District Court of Limestone county for A. P. Bruton, 21, tried here on a charge of robbery with firearms in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank of Tehuacana. The verdict of the jury came after deliberating since Saturday afternoon when the case was presented to the jury and sentence was passed just three days after the trial of the case opened.

Officials at the courthouse said that Bruton was calm throughout the trial and joked with officers about his fate and that when the verdict was read and judgement pronounced he was calm and smiling and joked about the results of the trial. The court announced that two days time would be allowed in which to file a motion for a new trial and such a motion is expected to be filed within the time limit set, officers said.

This is said to be the first death of a case in Limestone county in about thirty years and the verdict was a surprise to many, though the prosecution had asked for the death penalty. It is stated by officers that the only question that kept the jury deadlocked for two days was that of penalty.

Sheriff McKenzie of Groesbeck placed the county jail under heavy guard tonight after rumors became current that a delivery of the prisoners might be attempted.

H. R. Bruton, brother of the condemned man and James Sadler are scheduled to be tried Monday, Nov. 28. The case against Charles Knox, which was called last week and continued because of absent witnesses, will be called Nov. 30th.

104th Grandjury Returns Thirteen New Indictments

Thirteen bills of indictment were returned by the 104th district court grand jury yesterday afternoon before it was recessed, according to Clem Calhoun, district attorney.

Among those named in indictments was Volley Williams, charged with assault with intent to murder in connection with the shooting of Fred Anderson here Friday night.

Bellie Brown, a negro, was billed on charges of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife here recently.

With the exception of an indictment for car theft the remainder of the bills were returned on liquor charges. Seven being for possession, sale and transporting of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of sale. Three bills for driving a car while intoxicated.

The grand jury will probably meet later in the present term of court to care for cases which may come before the expiration of the November session, according to District Attorney Calhoun.—Abilene Morning News.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATES \$50 TO CEMETERY ASS'N.

We are informed that the local volunteer Fire Department having a little surplus fund in the treasury made a donation of \$50 to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

B. M. Whittaker, Agricultural Exhibit manager of the West Texas C of C was in Merkel for a short visit Wednesday. Mr. Whittaker visits a great day for West Texas as the greatest agricultural section of the United States if its people are successful in their fight to retain their water rights. If this fight is won, it will justify the existence of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for years to come and will reflect great credit on the present management.

Mr. C. W. Seago, who has been residing in Jones county this year, was in the city the first of the week, and informed us that he would soon move back to the Shiloh community, where he formerly resided. We are glad to have this estimable family move back in our midst.

THANKSGIVING

WE thank Thee, O Father, for all that is bright—
The gleam of the day and the stars of the night,
The flowers of our youth and the fruits of our prime,
And the blessings that march down the pathway of time.

WE thank Thee, O Father, for all that is drear—
The sob of the tempest, the flow of the tear;
For never in blindness, and never in vain,
Thy mercy permitted a sorrow or pain.

WE thank Thee, O Father of all, for the power
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour;
The generous heart and the bountiful hand
And all the soul-help that sad souls understand.

WE thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be;
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee.
Let all our eternity form through Thy love,
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

—Will Carlton.

Thanksgiving Program Pres. Church

There will be a Thanksgiving Program given by the combined choirs of the town under the direction of Miss Christine Collins on Thursday evening at seven o'clock at the Presbyterian Church.

The following Musical Program will be rendered in connection with the sermon which will be preached by Rev. Mayhew.

The other pastors taking part are as follows: Rev. R. A. Walker in charge of Service.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Ira L. Par-rack.

Program—Rev. Montandon.

Benediction—Elder W. G. Cypert.

(A) "To God Be the Glory."

(B) "America, the Beautiful."—By the choir.

Vocal Solo—Carlos Montandon.

Male Quartette—Delmar Compton, Roy Largent, Rufus Adcock and Harry Barnett.

"Lift Thine Eyes"—By Handel from the Oratorio "Elijah"—Misses Christine Collins, Melba West and Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Mrs. Brown will be at the piano for the entire service.

FORMER CITIZEN BURIED HERE

The remains of M. B. Tabor, formerly a citizen of this community, who died at a Lubbock Sanitarium on November 18, was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery last Saturday, November 19th, in the presence of many old friends and loved ones.

Deceased was born November 19, 1865 in Marion county, Arkansas; coming to Texas at the age of nine, living in Jones and Taylor counties until three years ago, when he moved with his family to Wilson, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, seven children, one son and six daughters, and had a host of friends throughout this community with whom we join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

WRESTLING MATCH HERE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Announcement has been made that there will be a wrestling and boxing bout at the Armory building in this city next Saturday night. General admission 50 cents, Ringside \$1.00

Mr. M. C. Freeman, who recently came to this country from New Mexico, and who has recently purchased the store at Comper, was in the city the first of the week and informs us that the people of the Comper community are very thankful to every one for the liberal patronage given the Box Supper at Comper last Friday night and especially the business men of Merkel for the boxes they contributed. Mr. Freeman is coaching the basket ball teams at Comper and reports the teams there as among the best in the country.

Dr. Truett Takes Stand Against Wet Candidate Irrespective of Party Belief

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, announced emphatically in his pulpit Sunday morning that he would not vote in the coming presidential election for any candidate not favorable to prohibition or in favor of nullification of the eighteenth amendment, regardless of what political party might nominate such candidate. He said that he had voted with one party all his life, but that no party could lead him to vote for a wet candidate.

A resolution asking no Baptist vote be given any wet candidate for any office was adopted at the Baptist General Convention of Texas last week.—Dallas Morning News.

Holland's Magazine Editor To Speak Here

Dr. Chas. A. R. Campbell, medical research editor of Holland's magazine and Farm and Ranch, will speak in Merkel next Saturday, November 26th, at the Grammar school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock on the subject of the "Malarial Mosquito and the Prevention of Diseases caused by the Mosquito."

Dr. Campbell will have a very interesting and instructive lecture that should be heard by everyone who is interested in their healthful well-being. He will explain the anatomy of the malarial mosquito, the various diseases spread by it, how they are transmitted, etc.

The lecture will be under the auspices of the local Parent-Teachers' Club, and everyone is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

MR. FRAZIER PURCHASES FINE 80 ACRE FARM

We are informed that Mr. W. H. Frazier this week, purchased from Mr. R. T. Canon, the later's fine 80 acre farm, located in the Stith community. The sale price was around \$75.00 per acre cash.

BUILDING NEW HOME

Carpenters are busy this week building for Mr. S. D. Gamble, local druggist, a beautiful new and modern four-room and bath, stucco home.

The new home is located just North of his present home and when completed, will be among the most modern and handsome in the city.

Mr. M. D. Fowler returned recently from a trip to Dexter, Texas, where he had been called to attend the funeral of his aged father, a pioneer and substantial citizen of Grayson county.

Ginning Data Sends Cotton Up \$3 Bale

Census Bureau Report More Bullish Than Expected

The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, report on cotton ginned prior to Nov. 14, showing 10,899, 182 bales for the belt, came as a surprise to the trade. 11,000,000 bales or more having been generally expected. The report was being issued on the opening of the market, resulting in a quick advance of slightly more than \$3 a bale in the price of raw cotton.

While the sharp advance during the initial trading attracted profit taking and Southern hedge pressure, all offerings were easily absorbed on small recessions, owing to the bullish interpretation of the report based on the comparisons of percentages ginned in previous boll weevil years, as well as the falling off in the number of bales ginned during the last period. During the period since last ginning report, 973,387 bales were ginned, while during the same period last year 1,703,000 bales were ginned.

The general opinion is now that with the smallness of the latest ginning returns all private estimates over 13,000,000 bales for the final yield have been eliminated and the market will gradually settle itself and the consuming trade will come in the market for their requirements more freely.

Phillip's Mason No. 2 Strikes Pay, Assuring Noodle Dome's Nineteenth Producer

Noodle Creek was assured of it's nineteenth producing well last night when Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 2 Mason, offsetting Marland's No. 3 Mason, the largest well in the pool, filled 200 feet with oil after topping the Phillip's pay lime at 2,522-25 feet and drilling to a total depth of 2,527 feet.

Large pipe was being pulled last night preparatory to further testing of the pay, which had not been drilled through at 2,527 feet.

Successful completion of No. 2 Mason will very likely result in immediate spudding of Phillips No. 2 Vestal, offset to No. 2 Mason, both of which are in the western edge of the proven area.

Mason No. 2 will bring Phillip's total of producers in the field to 11. The 10 wells of the company now pumping made a daily average of 820 barrels last week. The fields 18 wells produced a daily average of 1,340 barrels during the past week, according to the Oil Weekly's survey.

Oil men express the opinion that the Marland Oil Company may drill another well on its Mason tract as a result of the Phillip's new completion.

MR. M. C. CHURCH UNDERGOES OPERATION FOR TUMOR

Mr. M. C. Church, 72 years of age, underwent an operation last week at the Grimes and Sadler Hospital for tumor. The abnormal mass of tissue had occupied a place of prominence on the back of his neck for a number of years, but until recently had given him no trouble or pain. His children had expressed objection to his having the tumor removed, and he consequent ly had the operation performed without their knowledge of it. Mr. Church, despite his age, stood the operation well and is now recovering nicely.

COMPLETES NEW HOME

Mr. H. P. Douglas has recently completed a nice new five-room stucco home on Kent Street, facing East, and last week moved into same. All the modern conveniences have been incorporated in the new home, such as a nice living room, built in features, gas fittings, concrete side-walks etc., that go to complete a modern home.

Mr. G. W. Snodgrass, has recently moved to this city from Winters, having leased the Oasis Filling Station. His family came in last week, and they will make this city their future home.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH CASH (No Checks) MUST BE IN BALLOT BOX AT MERKEL MAIL OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 6 P. M.

ONLY ONE MORE DAY

Now for the home stretch, the last dash to the wire, the beginning of the end.

Just one more day and the famous race is over. Present leaders must increase their vote totals if they wish to "finish in the money." It is possible for any candidate to win if she will. This is the final test. These are the days that test their resourcefulness. Here is where their courage upholds them and makes them fight, or lack of it leaves them trailing in the dust, and "also ran." Sometimes, too, their supreme courage urges them on even when they tire and success seems far away.

Any Candidate Can Win

A careful count of the votes Tuesday night show the candidates so close that one subscription would change the standing of some, while only a few of those "long-timers" would put any one in the lead. Nearly all races are won in the "home-stretch," and no doubt this will prove true in this race the number of votes turned in the last day will decide the winner of the Chrysler Coach.

Final Instruction

The campaign will close promptly at 6 p. m. Saturday, November 26th. Candidates must have all subscriptions with cash (no checks) in the ballot box at the Merkel Mail office by that hour. Three prominent men of Merkel acting as judges will canvass the entire vote, and declare the winner and award the prize immediately. All candidates should check up their subscriptions and cash so as to be in no rush and confusion at the last minute. Usually it takes about one hour to canvass the vote. All candidates, their friends and the public are invited to be present.

Many Thanks

The Mail and the campaign manager wish to extend their sincere thanks to each and every lady in the contest for the splendid efforts they have put forth and the results obtained. We wish that we could present each one with a new Chrysler Coach. However, it was understood at the beginning that only one could win the car. We know that every candidate has carried on her campaign in a fair and ladylike manner. All have been treated the same throughout the campaign, and whoever the lucky winner may be, we feel sure that all candidates as well as the public will join in saying "well and fairly won." And now the campaign is in the hands of the candidates, their friends and the judges. MAY FORTUNE BE WITH YOU.

Stith Pioneer Passes Away at 77 Years

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. Oliver Cromwell McCormick, for many years a leading and substantial citizen of the Stith community, which occurred last Saturday, November 19, with funeral the following day, at Stith, in the presence of a great throng of friends and loved ones.

Deceased was born February 28, 1850 and resided in Pennsylvania from a small child until sixteen years of age, thence to Tennessee, where he later married Mollie Rebecca Margain on January 29, 1873. To this union five children were born: three girls and two boys, all of whom are still living; the oldest being Mrs. Ada Culp, Mrs. Mollie Wimberley, Mrs. Minnie Kelso, Charlie McCormick and Cleve McCormick. All of his children were with him during his last hours.

Mr. McCormick moved to Texas 31 years ago; settled in Coryell county for four years, moved to Taylor county; thence to Jones county, where he resided until the final summons to come up higher.

Mr. Fred Horton was in the city recently and incidentally mentioned to friends that he was happy over a recent gift of the sum of \$500 given him by his grandfather, Mr. A. W. Hunter. Mr. Hunter is one of the community's best fixed and substantial citizens, and believed in scattering a little sunshine and happiness among his children and grand children while he and they are among the living.

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	\$835,119.32

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	691,736.13
Total	\$835,119.32

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

BRIDGE GAMES

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes entertained a number of friends on Friday evening of last week, with games of Auction Bridge, the favored diversion of the evening. Victrola and piano numbers helped to make the evening unusually happy for the guests, and at the culmination of the games, Mrs. Grimes, assisted by Miss Mary Cleo Booth served a delicious plate

and hot chocolate to Misses Melba West, Roberta Sloan, Mary Cleo Booth, Louise Booth, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Mesdames Tom Price Sadler and Emmett Grimes, Messrs Luther Grimes, Tom Price, Dr. Sadler, Wren Durham, Hubert Blair and Emmett Grimes.

Misses Boog and Johnnie Sears were Abilene visitors Monday.

The Badger Weekly

The Badger Weekly is published each week and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are:

Addie Fae Patterson, Ed-In-Chief.
 Norma Shannon, Literary Editor.
 Patsy Lewis, Society Editor.
 Gladys Watts, Misc. Editor.
 David Cannon, Humor Editor.
 Paul Causseaux, Sport Editor.
 Senior Reporters: Sterling Sheppard, John D. Coates, Rubyjo Higgins, and Fred Yandell.
 Sophomore Reporters: J. T. Darsey, Frances Frederickson.
 Freshmen Reporters: Louise Booth, Eris Ash, and Margaret Turner.

THE BASKET BALL GIRLS

The Basket Ball Girls are selling sandwiches and candy every Tuesday to pay for their suits. If you like home-made candy and sandwiches, buy from them. If you don't like them, buy anyway for your money is going for a good cause. We have the suits and the bills too. If everyone is energetic enough to try to make sufficient funds to pay for equipment without asking papa for the money, you should certainly buy from them in preference to anyone else.

Let's everyone help the girls out of debt so they'll be able to put their best in the team.

7th GRADE NEWS

The seventh grade enjoyed a picnic on Thursday, November 10.

The party left for Blow-out Mountain immediately after school. After getting off the Mountain the eats were served. A very interesting and entertaining evening was enjoyed by nearly all of the entire two grades and the following teachers: Miss Rodden, Miss Campbell, Miss Guitar and Mrs. Derstine.

SOPHOMORES LOSE CLASSMATE

The Sophomores are very unhappy to learn that Ruby Robbins will be with them no longer, as she will make her future home in Sweetwater.

Ruby has led her classes since she has been attending school in Merkel. She has made many friends who regret very much, her departure.

A show was given by her classmates on her last day in school here. She was surprised and delighted with the many gifts and beautiful flowers with which she was remembered.

We hope that Ruby will like her new home and we know that she will make many friends wherever she goes and will win high honors.

A NONSENSE RHYME

It makes me miserable to go to school;
 To study Literature by a rule;
 I wish there was no poetry
 To learn by memory.

Some like Geography
 And Government, you see
 But I don't like any of them,
 Not even poetry.

My Science teacher isn't just,
 He's too particular
 I wish he wouldn't ask me questions
 Quite so regular.

Each day I make an experiment
 With material in the laboratory,
 And then I sit and write it up,
 As if it were a story.

Of course I'm never interested
 In a thing that's said or done;
 I'd rather see a football game;
 Our boys have often won.

I like to see good vaudeville
 And ride in an automobile
 I like to strut in pretty clothes
 And keep Dad's bills coming in.

It's no fun to work for an education;
 To study Italian and French
 I'd much rather go to the depot
 And sit on a bench.

It may not be good etiquette
 To swim in the creek with boys;
 But it's a genuine pleasure to know
 We don't have to discourse on toys.

Some day I may settle down
 And learn some industry;
 But that won't be so very long
 Ere I'm taken to the cemetery.

I bid you all a fond farewell
 For its nearly time for recess.
 Toward school my heart will never soften.

I'm gone and leaving no address.
 —Gladys Copeland.

You can't get naughty magazines in some towns I know of.
 Won't let them sell them, eh?
 No. They're sold out.

Miss Booth—"William, use despair in a sentence."

William—"We had a flat and Pa had to use despair."

Flapper's War Cry—Two Arms! Two Arms! Fall in!

NOW YOU TELL ONE

Miss Sloan—"William, why did Columbus discover America?"
 William—"He wanted a place to park."
 —M. H. S.—
 Miss Bird—"Patsy, who was your visitor last night?"
 Patsy—"A girl friend."
 Miss Bird—"Well, tell her she left her pipe on the piano."
 —M. H. S.—
 Roy—"Give me a kiss."
 Patsy—"I don't give my kisses away."
 Roy—"Then sell me one."
 Patsy—"They are not for sale."
 Roy—"How about trading me one."
 Patsy—"Aw-right."

Anxious father—"Is it a him or a her?"
 Nurse—"It's a them."
 —M. H. S.—

Willie—"Is it dangerous to drive with one hand?"
 Miss Bird—"You bet. More than one fellow has run into a church doing it."

She was only an expressman's daughter, but she could express a lot.

Judge—"What's your name?"
 Man—"Smith."

Judge—"Your occupation?"
 Smith—"Locksmith"

Judge—"Lock Smith up."

PERSONAL HAPPENINGS

Misses Venice Bell, Elizabeth Harkrider and Bessie Westenhover spent the week-end in Abilene. The young ladies attended the football game between A. C. C. and Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson and little daughter, Doris spent the week-end in Stamford with relatives.

Misses Fannie Boaz and Gladys Copeland spent the week-end in Anson with relatives of Miss Boaz.

Miss Irene Perry was shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Among those present at the football game between Merkel and Haskell Friday were: Misses Iris Garret, Fannie Bell Boaz, Gladys Copeland, Alice Reed, Addie Fay Pattehsen, and Patsy Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson accompanied by Mr. W. J. Patterson.

Intermediate E. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Sisterhood of the Americas."

- "Love Gives"—Maurine White.
- "Why We are Sisters."—J. T. Darsey.
- "South America."—Harold Boney.
- "There are Three Classes of People."—Vernie Derrick.
- "Central America."—Gerald Derrick.
- "North America."—Oleta Moore.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Program for November 28th.
 Song-Prayer.

Bible Lesson—"The Book of Joel."

Mrs. Touchstone.

"Texas Spirit,"—Mrs. Whitely.

"Our Mexican Work in Texas,"—Mrs. Eteel Church.

"Methodist Students Training for Leadership,"—Mrs. Golliday.

"Kirby Hall, Austin,"—Mrs. Case.

"Spiritual Cultivation of the Jubilee,"—Mrs. Geo. Brown.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION EXTENDS THANKS

We, the undersigned members of the Merkel Cemetery Association, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Thursday and Idlewise Clubs for their kindness and successful efforts in putting on the Home Talent Play, in this city recently, whereby this organization received net proceeds to the amount of \$60. We also thank the entire public attending the play.

It also gives us much pleasure to extend our deep appreciation to the members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department for the handsome donation of the sum of \$50.

J. T. Warren.
 John Sears
 A. T. Sheppard
 Mrs. R. O. Anderson
 Mrs. Amy Sears

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Booth Warren was hostess at one of the loveliest of the many Thanksgiving Parties that have been given this season, naming the Thursday Club members, and a number of friends outside the club as her guests.

The house was gorgeously decorated with beautiful roses and chrysanthemums and all party appointments stressed the Thanksgiving Motif—games of "42" progressed through the late afternoon hours when the hostess passed a most delicious plate of moulded pressed chicken, date pudding with coffee to Mesdames, R. O. Anderson, Ross Ferrier, F. Y. Gaither, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, Charlie Jones, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, John West, James West, Kirby Beckett, C. B. Gardner, and the hostess.



We can trace a large share of the 'new' accounts on our ledgers to the recommendations of the 'old'

We are thankful for and especially appreciate this source of new business.

"The Old Reliable."

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas



Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew are happy to have as a guest in their home this week, their grand-daughter little Miss Bobbie Lee Wendland, of Killean, Texas. The little lady is not quite two years of age, and will be joined later in the week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wendland.

Mrs. J. S. Blair and daughter Dixie left Wednesday for Fort Worth, where they will visit with the formers son, Thos. R. Blair and family.

Miss Mildred Roddy of Abilene was the guest of Miss Dixie Blair last week-end.

NOTICE

H.M. Stewart

formerly with the Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Company

wishes to announce to friends and customers that he is now in the shop at the—

Maverick Motor Co.
 Your Patronage Appreciated

"Remember the Alamo!"

Remember the Date
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
 Nov. 25 and 26, 1927

PALACE THEATRE

HAS THE FIRST RUN OF

WITH

"DAVY CROCKETT

AT THE

FALL OF THE ALAMO
 Featuring CULLEN LANDIS

The Most Thrilling Historical Drama in Screen History

Our Place of Business Will Be Closed All Day

THANKSGIVING

By installing a set of COOPER ARMORED CORD CASINGS, We assure you that you will have much to be thankful for, the coming year.

ATTRACTIVE PRICES

Your Old Tires Accepted in Trade

Merkel Motor Co.

PHONE 84

COOPER TIRES



COSTS YOU NOTHING PAYS YOU BEST

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

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

W. O. BONEY

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS
FIRE INSURANCE
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Lawyer

Vinol Gives Girl Appetite and Strength

"My ten year-old daughter was weak and had no appetite. Since giving her Vinol, she has an amazing appetite and strength."—Mrs. W. Joosten. The very FIRST week they take Vinol, children begin to feel stronger, eat and sleep better. A simple, strengthening iron and cod-liver compound in use for over 25 years for run-down men and women and weak children. Merkel Drug Company. 7-25.

CARD OF THANKS

May we express to our many friends our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of love and sympathy. Also the beautiful floral offerings during the recent illness and death of our dear husband and brother.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jessie Ross.
Mr. E. E. Ross.

Give your favorite candidate your subscription to the Merkel Mail today and help her win the Chrysler Car.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS

Health in this community is very good at the present time.

Brother Parden filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney and family of Nubia.

Miss Eva Cody spent Saturday night with Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt.

Mrs. W. C. Watson of San Angelo is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whisenhunt and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and family of Nubia.

Mrs. Homer Campbell and little son spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Thornton of Caps.

Misses Ione and Eva Cody and brother Dood and Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt visited in Clyde and Baird Sunday.

Among those visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden Sunday were: Mrs. J. T. Humphreys, Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Sr., and family, Miss Bink Hogan and Mr. Doyle Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bone and little daughter of Clyde spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cody and family.

Misses Grace Cody, Martha Brooks and Pauline Pinkley visited home-folks over the week-end.

The Mt. Pleasant school enjoyed the talk given by Mr. L. R. Thompson, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Ben Darden, who has been in the Navy for several years, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden Sr., and family.

Miss Nola Mae Anderson spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Emma Campbell.

Mrs. W. C. Watson spent Monday afternoon with Miss Bink Hogan.

Mrs. N. E. Norris, Pioneer Passes Away

Mrs. N. E. Norris departed this life Friday, October 23, 1927. She had lived a long and very useful life, being 89 years and six days of age at the time of her demise.

Grandmother Norris was a person, that to know her was to love her, she was such an inspiration to all with her smiles and cheerful words. I wish that it could have been my privilege to have spent more time in her company. Her life will be a blessing to me for the rest of my days.

Grandmother Norris was a person, band were among the very first settlers of Mulberry Canyon. She had lived there for nearly fifty years. They came to the Canyon when there was no railroad closer than Fort Worth and Abilene was not even a county seat. This part of the country was considered a dangerous place to try to live. But she was ever brave and true to her family, church and God. When the Circuit Rider would come to old White Church in the summer and hold a meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Norris were the only settlers near and they always threw the doors of their little home wide open to those who needed shelter in the camp ground. Such wonderful times as they must have had at those great meetings out in God's great open space. Where the wolf and coyote would howl at night and more than likely the deer and bear stalked round the camp after all were sleeping.

Many would be the interesting stories that old White Church could relate were it but able to talk today. The church where Mrs. Norris attended upon the ordinances of the M. E. Church and worshipped God, the maker and giver of life. She was converted and joined the Methodist church at the age of 22 years and remained a constant worker as long as life and health permitted her to do so. White Church has lost one of the dearest and most faithful members, but Heaven has thereby received another treasure for us to strive to join in the "Sweet By and By."

Mrs. Norris leaves to mourn her death, six children, namely T. W. Norris of Chickasa, Okla., W. H. Norris of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mrs. W. H. Brown and Mrs. A. M. Brown of Merkel, Texas, Mrs. C. H. Hutchins Sweetwater, Texas and J. M. Norris Hurley, N. Mexico. 38 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends and other relatives. Her great influence and example shall live on in the lives of these her many descendants.

Funeral services were held at White Church Monday afternoon, Oct. 31, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. C. Williams, assisted by the Nazarene pastor from Sweetwater and Dr. Wilson of White Church community. The floral offerings were immense as well as most beautiful, which in a measure showed the love and appreciation of her friends and relatives. She was laid to rest in the White Church cemetery by the side of her husband who had preceded her in death some 22 years before.

May we who have known her and learned to love her, follow her example and, by God's help, live to be such a blessing to the world as she has.

A Friend,
Mrs. G. C. Williams, Blair, Texas.

WARREN NEWS

Health in this community is very good at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Monday with the parents of Mr. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

The many friends of Mrs. Luther Higgins will be glad to learn that she is doing nicely and will soon be able to return home from the sanitarium in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell spent Saturday night and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Stella Dobbs.

Mr. Tom Harwell left Saturday night for Aarkansas to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Stella Dobbs visited Mrs. Howard Garner, Monday.

Mr. Otis Foster spent Saturday night with Mr. Theodore Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Harwell visited in Clyde Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Truman Jaynes of Midland spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. S. A. Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitman of Abilene visited her mother Grandma Mamsel Saturday night.

Miss Cardie Ellington spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson visited the parents of Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Hodge.

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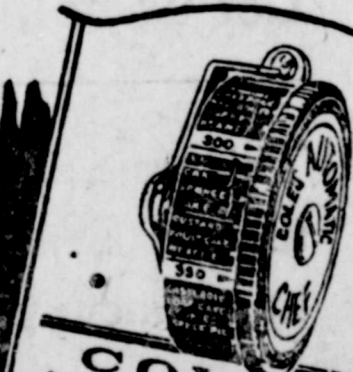
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Co-operation is more than just a high sounding word. It is a word which deals with neighborliness and friendly instincts. It is part of the golden rule of doing unto others as you would be done for. Co-operation is the working together for the best interests of all. It brings out the best that there is in us. It brings strangers together and teaches them to be friends. It does away with selfishness and narrow-mindedness and indifference toward the other fellow.

And, nowhere is there a greater need for co-operation than between the farmer and the merchant who buys his products and supplies his needs. These two classes of people who are of so much interest to each other need to come together in a mutual understanding for the common benefit of both.

If the average farmer could know that his business friend, the one most anxious to help him, is the merchant of his marketing city, and if the merchant in turn, understood that the farmer only wanted what he was honestly due, much prejudice and misunderstanding would be done away with.

Most of the merchants of the towns of the South and West grew up on a farm and will tell you how pleasant is the recollection. Generally speaking, they have only good will toward the farmer and his problems. His aid can always be obtained when sought in a straightforward manner. The person who goes about, planting seeds of prejudice and distrust in the minds of the rural people is the greatest enemy that the farmer has. Occasionally, there may be a merchant who is a grand rascal, but not all grand rascals live in the limits of some city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Simpson, who have been residing at Sweetwater for some time, have moved back to this city, much to the delight of their many friends.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton returned recently from Temple, where she had been to have her tonsils removed. We are glad to report that she is now getting along nicely.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular services Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. W. M. Elliott, Supt. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. C. E. at 6:15 p. m. Glad to have you with us in all the services. Visitors always welcomed. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

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Mrs. A. J. Hartley returned the first of the week from McKinney, where she spent some time visiting friends and relatives. And now our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. A. J. is wearing a broad smile and says there will be no more baching for him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris left this week for Eliasville, where they will visit a son over Thanksgiving.

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Fish Chowder.
Dice a pound of any good fresh fish freed from bones. Fry three or four slices of salt pork cut into fine dice, add three onions sliced and six good-sized potatoes also sliced. Cook with water to cover until the potatoes are nearly done, then add the fish and cook until well done. Add half a dozen milk crackers soaked in hot milk and one quart of hot milk. Season to taste and serve at once.

Vegetarian Gravy.
Chop one small onion and carrot and brown them in two tablespoonfuls of butter. Dissolve one bouillon cube in one cupful of water, add to the vegetables and simmer for 20 minutes. Strain and thicken with flour and butter well browned, adding a dash of Worcestershire sauce and kitchen bouquet.



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GOLAN NEWS

Today is another typical day of the West. The wind is blowing like a day in March. We have had no cold weather as yet but are looking forward to some real hog-killing weather in the near future.

A. J. Hill, who is attending McMurry College in Abilene, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill. He was accompanied home by his cousin, John W. Hill.

Mrs. J. B. Allison of Seymour is here for an indefinite visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom. Milton Gibson and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Finch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and son, Theron of Blair visited relatives in this community Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawless were in Abilene Saturday. They were accompanied home by their son Frank, who is attending McMurry College.

Miss Mildred Reit of Sylvester was visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Patterson Sunday.

C. A. Duncan and Mr. Lane are in Edward county this week on a Deer and Wild Turkey hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Sexton, Mrs. J. B. Allison, Mrs. Fay Sipes and Mrs. C. A. Duncan and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Val Byroms Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Stevens is visiting relatives in Hamlin this week.

Frank Turner, Jesses Turner of Sylvester, and Dan Kidd of Sweetwater are out in the White Mountains in New Mexico on a hunting trip this week.

J. T. Williams and G. M. Byrom were in Abilene on business Monday.

Miss Zilpha Davis was a guest of Lura Ellen Gibson Sunday.

The Box Supper at this place was well attended. Mrs. Lettie May Sexton, Intermediate teacher won the prize for the prettiest girl. The proceeds amounted to \$80 and will be used to purchase additional equipment for the school.

J. W. Jeffrey went to Abilene Monday, where he had a serious operation performed on his nose. Mrs. Jeffrey is in the local hospital in Merkel.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY

As many of us have noticed on our occasional visits to our cemetery, the weeds have grown to a stage of unsightliness, so another general clean-up has been suggested.

It is growing late in the season, and if we are to do this work before the Spring of 1928, it is necessary for us to get busy.

Let us get together, Wednesday, November 30th and put in a few hours work, which, after it is finished, we will be glad to have been able to accomplish it.

One other thing I wish to mention. Several of the people have suggested having a well drilled in order that we may have water for various needs. That's a good suggestion and probably we may be able to have this work done sometime in the near future but our funds will not permit it at present.

When we meet for our work of cleaning the grounds, we can discuss it.

All of you who have friends and relatives who are interested in this work, but living outside of the territory covered by the Merkel Mail, are in a position to co-operate with us by writing to these friends and relatives, advising them of the dates set for this meeting.

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Preaching by the Pastor at 11 a. m.

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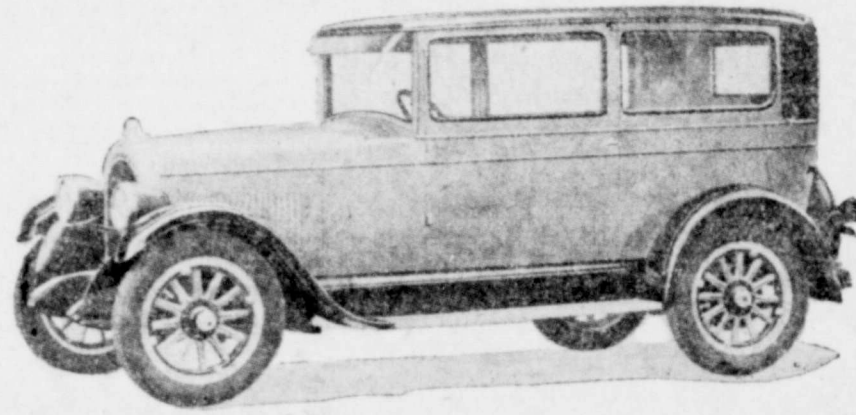
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Salt Branch News

The farmers of this community are breaking ground for the winter rains. Nearly everyone has finished their cotton picking.

Brother Willis Taylor preached Sat morning and night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Coats and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell Sunday.

The local school is progressing very satisfactorily. All parents are invited to be present at the school house on Friday night, November 25 for the purpose of organizing a Parent-Teachers Association.

Miss Mary Ola Taylor spent Monday night with Miss Peggy Doris Robertson.

Dr. Fry, a teacher of the Bible in Simmons University has been giving lectures in this community this week.

Miss Ada Barber and Messrs Williams and Hathorne attended the lecture given by Dr. Fry, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins of Merkel visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Sunday.

We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes, have moved to O'Donald, but our loss will be O'Donald's gain.

HEBRON NEWS

Health in this community is very good at the present time. Practically everyone is through picking cotton.

The school is progressing nicely. Misses Walker and Middleton are the very excellent teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris returned home last Saturday from a two weeks' visit with the latter's parents of Vincent, Texas.

Miss Nina Skidmore visited Miss Mildred Sharp Sunday.

Mr. Horace and Miss Gladys Mullins and Mr. Melvin Gunter motored to Abilene Saturday.

Misses Ruby Skidmore and Annie Mae Harris spent Sunday with Miss Albert Mullins.

Messrs Willie Harris, Weldon McCormick and Paul Dunn motored to Abilene Sunday.

Mr. Grady Ford was the guest of Mr. Colon Whatley Sunday.

Mr. Floyd Compton, wife and three children of Seymour were the weekend guests of Mrs. Ollie Skidmore.

There will be a party Saturday night at Mr. and Mrs. Armond Bayless home. Everyone is invited to attend. The date is November 27th.

Miss Gertrude Loving was a guest of Miss Era Knotts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark last Sunday.

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 Mr. T. Winter returned last week from a trip to Anton, Texas, where he had been to visit a son, and to look after some real estate matters; he having recently purchased 320 acres of fine Plains land.
 Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson of Abilene visited relatives here this weekend.

"Edmund Breese is right. Luckies give complete enjoyment," says DeForest



The well-known trainer and boxing expert explains his preference to Evelyn Hoey, Musical Comedy Star, as they chat before the Buckingham Fountains in Chicago, Ill.

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President's Pardon of Vuco Perovich Bares Story of Strange Life.

Kansas City, Mo.—When President Coolidge granted absolute freedom to Vuco Perovich the other day he ended a drama of the gold rush which reads almost like fiction.

Behind bars 21 years and in the shadow of the gallows, Perovich's spectacular battle for liberty was ended by the Executive pardon. He has not been bitter over the misfortune Fate has heaped upon him. And now, at forty years of age, owner of two barber shops in Rochester, he sees a happy future. Some day he will visit his fatherland, Montenegro, where his father was a nobleman.

He was released from the federal prison November 6, 1925, by Judge John C. Pullock, of the Kansas Federal court, on a writ of habeas corpus. His plea was unusual; he asked freedom or death. If his plea had been allowed he would have been taken back to Alaska and hanged according to a court decree there.

His argument was based on his declared innocence of a murder for which he was convicted. The murder was in 1904. At that time he could not speak English. It was his contention that death would be preferable to an innocent man than a cruel imprisonment.

Judge Pollock held with him, ruling the President of the United States in 1900, William Howard Taft, had no right to commute the death sentence imposed on Perovich by the Alaskan court without the consent of the accused. In his decision, however, Judge Pollock declared justice would not be served by sending Perovich to the gallows after he had served twenty-one years in jail and prison. That point was not decided.

President Taft was asked to commute sentence after Perovich had been in jail four years. He did this by Executive order. Perovich was taken to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to pass the rest of his life. There the young nobleman studied American laws and customs, mastering both language and law. He came across the legal point which proved to be the sesame for his recent release.

He applied to the court and George McDermott, a Kansas lawyer, was appointed to represent him. Then came the presentation of facts in the case. Strangely, time had shifted characters in this drama so that former President Taft was now chief justice of the United States and was called upon to pass upon the legality of his own Executive order that saved Perovich from the gallows. Last May the court held against Judge Pollock, and McDermott and Perovich shaped their application for a pardon from President Coolidge.

Early Life Was One of Ease.

Few of the romantic novels ever written about imaginary principalities in Europe are dotted with stranger and more unusual circumstances than have entered into Perovich's life. His father was chief justice in Montenegro and a friend of King Nicholas. His mother was of the royal family.

As a child Perovich played with the royal children and no expense was spared in his education. At fifteen he could speak eight Slavic dialects and Spanish, French and Italian. A few years later Russia and Turkey became involved in one of the Balkan wars and he enlisted in the Russian army. The youngest officer in the army, he was decorated for bravery and commissioned a lieutenant. When war was over he desired to join a brother who had come to America. Reports of gold in Alaska also attracted him and finally he obtained permission to come.

In Alaska he met an American prospector named Sam. Perovich could only speak a few words of English. They found a claim from which they took \$14,000 worth of gold. Then went to Fairbanks, Alaska, to buy machinery so they could take out gold in greater quantities.

One day while Perovich was standing in the door of a saloon in Fairbanks his partner came staggering to him, wounded and bleeding.

"Our claim has been jumped," Sam muttered.

Perovich said recently he hurried back to their cabin and found three men there. He asked for his clothes and other belongings. Answering, the men drew knives and started to attack him. He was six feet tall, weighed 205 pounds and was toughened by months of hard labor. Seizing a huge board, he fought them off and finally obtained his clothes.

A few days later he was arrested on a charge of assault. He was given to understand an assault charge meant little in Alaska.

Accused of a Murder.

While he was in jail pending the outcome of the assault charge, he declares the three men accused him of the murder of an old prospector at a wood chopper's camp to which Perovich had moved after the fight. These witnesses, he declared, produced clothing said to have belonged to the old man and accused Perovich of having threatened to kill the old prospector. The cabin in which the prospector lived was burned and the accusers charged Perovich had murdered him and had burned the cabin to conceal the crime.

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