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"HIGH SKULE SIRKUS TONIGHT"

Tonight, Friday, March 30th, the students of Merkel High School are having a big Sirkus at the High School building, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Everyone buying a general admission ticket will be assured of having a good time, since a big entertainment will be held in the study hall free of charge. This entertainment will include popular numbers by the orchestra and Choral Club as well as many other interesting features.

Each class is presenting an interesting side-show which will give every one a big laugh and plenty of thrills. One of the best examples of these side show attractions will be the side-splitting negro minstrel, which will be given by the Senior Class.

Each class will also have a beautifully decorated booth, where ice cream, pop corn, candy and drinks will be sold. A real Gypsy fortune teller will be present, who will tell fortunes at a low price, so come and have a big laugh and see lots of pretty sights. General admission, 10 cents and 15 cents.

At four o'clock this afternoon the Sirkus Parade will be staged, passing through the streets of the business section of town. Each class will have a part in this parade. The parade will be a scream from start to finish, so be sure and don't miss it. Then after the parade come to the Sirkus tonight at the High School building. You will not only have the big time of your life, but at the same time be helping a worthy cause, for the proceeds go to the Annual Fund.

Many of the merchants of the town have already helped us by buying signs and we ask you to give them your business, for they deserve it. Skule Sirkus Committee.

City Election Here Tuesday, April 3rd

As is customary in all the smaller towns throughout the state of Texas, there will be held in this city on next Tuesday an election, at which time three Councilmen are to be elected.

Those whose terms expire at this time are Messers W. H. Frazier, R. O. Anderson and Booth Warren.

Although this paper has not interviewed any one concerning the coming election, and while no names have been mentioned for the respective places, it seems but logical to re-elect these three gentlemen whose terms expire, for the reason that they have given the very best of service, are capable and progressive, conservative and business-like in their procedure. They are each vitally interested in the growth and advancement of our city, and with only one term to their credit they should be drafted for at least one more, especially since their past association with the present administration has proven their sterling worth and natural capabilities to serve honestly in the best interest of all the people.

The election will be held at the New City Hall building next Tuesday, April 3rd.

For County Clerk In Jones County

In the proper announcement column in this paper will be found the name of Mr. W. F. Wright, as a candidate for the office of County Clerk, Jones County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Wright is the very able and accommodating County Clerk of Jones County, and is therefore too well and favorably known to need introduction and comment at the hand of this writer.

However, his past experience and knowledge of the duties of this most important position should naturally better qualify him for more efficient work as your county clerk and he promises if again honored with the position that he will continue to bend every effort to give the people of Jones county the very best service of which he is capable, treating each and every one fairly and honestly.

This paper would ask that the voters in Jones County, before casting their vote for county clerk, give his claims careful and fair consideration.

Miss Alice Bigham of Trent is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. West this week.

J.H. Bayless, Age 83, Departs This Life

On Tuesday, March 26, Bro. J. H. Bayless answered the call to go to his Eternal Home. He was born in Tennessee, November 22, 1844, being past 83 years of age at the time of his departure from the walks of men. On September 3, 1866, he was married to Miss Levitha Permenter at Camden, Arkansas. To this union eight children were born, two of them dying in infancy, six living to be grown and have families of their own, with five of them surviving him. The children that survive are Mrs. W. A. McCandless of Merkel, Mrs. N. F. Roberts of Anson, Mr. Edwin Bayless of Anson, and Messrs. Clarence and Sam Bayless of Bonham, Fannin county, Texas. Other immediate relatives are twenty grand-children and thirty three great grand-children. His faithful companion of more than fifty years preceeded him to the better land some seven years. Of the grand-children six of them were left orphans and were reared by Bro. Bayless as if they had been their own children. They also reared a niece, making thirteen children that they reared to be good citizens of our country.

Bro. Bayless was converted early in life and in 1867 he united with the Baptist Church and for sixty one years led a life far above the average. For many years he was an active deacon and had served as superintendent of Sunday Schools in several communities. His sixty-one years of service as a loyal Baptist has distinguished him as an unusual Christian worker. His children and his children's children rise up to call him blessed. While he often said to his pastor "I have not lived as consecrated life as I wanted to," those who knew him speak only words of praise of his wonderful devotion and true Christian worth.

Though he was only a lad when the war between the states broke out he saw more than three years service in the Confederate army. He had always rejoiced at meeting or hearing from one of his comrades in service and we are persuaded that he has found more of them on the other shore than he had met here in many a day.

As long as he was able to attend services in the church he loved he was a faithful member of the older "Men's Bible Class." This class has a membership of some twenty-five, none of them under 50 and several in their 70's and 80's. This is the second member of that class to cross over in recent days. Bro. A. J. Hartley having preceeded him only a few days.

These two faithful members will be missed by their class and by their church and by their pastor, but we will remember that they have joined the throng of the redeemed in that better land and we will carry on till we too are called over there. All that tender hands could do to make his last days pleasant was done. Such devotion on the part of the children and grand-children is seldom seen. Also neighbors and friends helped in a splendid way. The funeral conducted by his pastor in the local Baptist Church was attended by a host of friends and relatives. The music was touching and appropriate and the floral offering was beautiful. After the church service the Masons of Merkel Lodge No. 710 of which he was a member took charge of the body and he was laid to rest in the local cemetery following the impressive ceremonies of the masonic fraternity.

His many friends join in tender sympathy for the bereaved. Ira L. Parrack, his pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Bridges, of Breckenridge were visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Lola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who is a student at Simmons University, is at home this week on account of illness from the "flu."

Dr. A. R. Swann, of Rotan, is in the city a guest of his brother, Mr. J. S. Swann. The former has been ill for some time, and is now under treatment of specialists in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren returned first of the week from Dallas, where they had been to visit their daughter, Mrs. H. C. Coit. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Warren were accompanied by their little grandson, Tom Coit, two years of age.

LIONS CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE TUESDAY

Under the direction of D. H. Gallo-way, of Chicago, field director for Lionism, assisted by T. N. Carswell, deputy district governor, and D. G. Barrow and Dr. E. B. Surface, all of Abilene, a big roaring Lions Club was organized in Merkel, last Tuesday evening, with L. B. Scott unanimously elected president and the following as his assistants were chosen unanimously: Dee Grimes, first vice-president; Booth Warren, second vice-president; Sam Swann, secretary; Charlie Jones Lion Tamer; Sie Hamm, Tail Twister; and T. G. Bragg, R. O. Anderson, H. C. West and Thos. Durham, Directors; Herbert Patterson, Treasurer.

The meeting was held at Ed's Cafe, where a fine dinner was served to all present. Previous to the organization considerable speech making was had pertaining to the workings and good to be derived from such an organization, and the following large list of charter members were enrolled. This, it is expected, will be greatly increased as there are many splendid citizens who are invited and expected to become members at once.

Charter roll of the Merkel Club is as follows: Charlie Jones, B. Scott, O. J. Adcock, C. A. Collins, W. G. Cypert, W. S. J. Brown, Byers Petty, Max Mellingner, Herbert Patterson, Rolfe Wagner, Sie Hamm, Thos. Durham, James West, Kirby Beckett, Emmett Grimes, Dr. C. B. Gardner, C. K. Russell, Fred Hughes, I. L. Jackson, O. R. Dye, F. Y. Gaither, Owen Ellis, A. T. Sheppard, T. G. Bragg, W. O. Boney, H. C. West, Dr. R. I. Grimes, Sam Swann, Booth Warren, D. Grimes, Tom Swafford, J. H. Jackson, Judd Sheppard, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, R. O. Anderson, Jack Brack-ken, E. Yates Brown, W. W. Haynes, A. Morton, Bob McDonald, George Woodrum, Warren Smith, L. R. Thompson.

A. W. Hunter Buys 2,351 Acres Of French Pasture

Through Mr. L. R. Thompson, one of our hustling and progressive Real Estate and Insurance men, Mr. A. W. Hunter, one of our most substantial and largest land owners, this week purchased 2,351 acres of undeveloped land out of what is known as the French pasture.

While this is raw land, we are informed that the price paid for same will enable the new owner to reap a handsome profit on his investment within a very short time, especially when same has been improved and put into cultivation. It is good business to own a piece of land as Mr. Hunter has long since demonstrated.

Mrs. G. F. Wood suffered a nervous breakdown last Tuesday week, and was carried to the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, where she was taken through the clinic and remained for a week. She is reported as doing nicely at this time. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

School Board Election Saturday, Apr. 7

Next to our homes and churches comes the public school in importance to the welfare of the community. In fact the public school when carried on in keeping with the proper moral and educational spirit has always been considered one of the nation's greatest assets for the advancement of civilization and good citizenship; hence it is but proper to expect that every man and woman should be interested in seeing that our school is second to none in the country.

On Saturday, April 7th, there will be held an election for the selection of three members of the Board of Education; said election will be held in the vacant building across the street from the Post Office, formerly known as the Rainbolt building. It is usually a fact that too few people take part in school trustee elections. Every one should go to the polls and cast their vote in the best interest of the more than six hundred children who attend school here. Let us maintain and if possible improve our public schools. A new school superintendent is to be elected between now and the election or shortly thereafter, and the patrons should see that a capable and progressive board is maintained; one that is interested in the selection of a school superintendent and faculty highly capable and morally fit to train and lead the young life of the community. The following members of the board are those whose terms expire at this time: Dr. R. I. Grimes, Robert Hicks and O. R. Dye.

For Superintendent In Jones County

To the citizens of Jones County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Superintendent of Jones County.

Realizing that you are entitled to the knowledge of my qualifications, I submit the following for your consideration in selecting your superintendent of schools.

I received my education through the grades in the public schools of Limestone county. I attended a number of summer normals in that county, and a summer school at Sam Houston Normal College. I have had correspondence work through the Teachers' Professional College, Washington, D. C. My business training was obtained through residence study in Waco, Texas, and correspondence study from Nashville, Tenn., and Fort Wayne, Indiana. I am the holder of a permanent first grade certificate.

I have twenty years experience as a teacher. I taught twelve years in Limestone county, three years in Falls county, and I am now teaching my fifth year in Jones county. I am teaching at Anderson Chapel now.

I believe that I know the weak points as well as the good points in our school system. I earnestly solicit your votes, and I promise you that if elected I shall endeavor to make our schools more efficient.

Yours very truly, T. R. FRANCIS.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet of San Angelo are announcing the arrival of a daughter, Ann Maxine, on Friday the 23rd of March.



EVANGELIST J. W. JOINER

Presbyterian Revival Starts Sunday, Apr. 8

The Presbyterian Revival begins the second Sunday in April, Easter Sunday, April the 8th. Rev. J. W. Joiner, Presbyterian Evangelist, of Waxahachie, will do the preaching.

All Christian people of the town and community are invited to attend and take part in the meeting, and especially is the unsaved invited to hear Rev. Joiner.

MRS. TIPPETT, 82, IS BURIED IN ABILENE

Pioneer Woman of Taylor County Dies At Home Of Her Daughter

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Tippet, 82, pioneer of Taylor county, who died Tuesday night at 9:07 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. C. McDonald, 1843 Idlewild, were held from the McDonald home Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with Rev. Dwight I. McCree, of the First Methodist Church, Abilene, officiating. Burial beside her husband, H. M. Tippet, in the Masonic cemetery, Abilene, followed.

Mrs. Tippet's death came following a week's illness of influenza and pneumonia, during which she fought courageously for life. The end came bravely and peacefully as the aged woman had always lived.

Born in Mississippi, Mrs. Tippet came to Texas as a child. In 1870 she was married to H. M. Tippet at Victoria, Texas, and the couple ranch-ined in that section until 1883, when they moved to Buffalo Gap. In 1899 the family moved to Abilene, where Mr. Tippet died in 1897. During his lifetime in the west he was engaged in ranching.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Tippet continued to maintain her home at 518 Elm street, where the family settled when they moved to Abilene and it was there that she was stricken with her last illness. She was moved to the home of Mrs. McDonald several days before her death.

Mrs. Tippet had been a member of the First Methodist Church since 1890 and always took an active part in religious and charitable work.

Surviving Mrs. Tippet are three daughters, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider of Merkel and Mrs. J. L. Massingale of Houston; four sons, Milton Tippet, of Pecos; J. H. Tippet, V. P. Tippet and J. R. Tippet, of San Angelo, and 22 grand-children.

All children were with her at the time of her death, except Milton Tippet of Pecos.

Pallbearers for the funeral were: W. E. Beasley, Glenn Corrie, J. R. Spaulding, R. L. Howard, C. L. Starr, and Carl Sellers.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

There will be room for you at every service next Sunday and a hearty welcome is extended to you and your friends.

Bible study 10 a.m. Sermon at 11 a.m. Subject, "Be ready to Every Good Work." Communion 12 M.

Children's class 7:15 p.m. Young People's service 7:15 p.m.

Sermon 8 p.m. Subject, "Assurance." Carl A. Collins, Minister.

Merkel Schools Win Honors At Interscholastic Meet

A number of Merkel youngsters, accompanied by Mrs. Len Sublett, Principal of the Grammar School, and Miss Lucy Tracy, expression teacher, went over to Abilene last Friday to a meeting of the Taylor County Interscholastic League.

They brought back with them three gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals. Merkel was represented in the following contests: Junior boys declamation, by H. C. Toombs; Junior girls declamation, by Artie Lee Simmons; Senior girls declamation by Nina Montandon; Senior boys declamation by Carlos Montandon. In sub-junior spelling the Merkel representatives were Ethelda Tucker and Wilma Gardner. In Junior spelling, Odell Hunter and Meyer Mellingner. In Arithmetic, Ross Ferrer, Jr., Alton Davis, Isadore Mellingner and Meyer Mellingner.

Gold medals were won by Artie Lee Simmons and also by the Arithmetic team. Mrs. Sublett's arithmetic team won over the next highest team by more than fifty points. The silver medals were won by Nina and Carlos Montandon, and the bronze medals by Ethelda Tucker and Wilma Gardner.

Both teachers and pupils are already planning to win greater honors for themselves and their school next year.

Hon. R. Q. Lee Coming Here

The Merkel Mail is in receipt of a communication from Mayor J. M. Williamson, of Cisco, announcing that arrangements have been made for the coming to Merkel today, Friday, of Hon. R. Q. Lee, candidate for Congress from this district.

The communication stated further that Mr. Lee would be glad to discuss "better farming and cotton acreage reduction" with the farmers and business men of this community and city. Should he speak in this city we hope he may have a large hearing by the citizenship.

BELLE BENNETT SOCIAL

On last Tuesday afternoon Miss Anna Lou Russell graciously entertained the Belle Bennett Missionary Society at her home on Oak Street. At this meeting we elected our delegate, Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, to go to the Conference which meets at Seymour, Texas, April 11, 12 and 13.

At the social hour we were entertained by games, victrola music and piano music and numerous solos by Miss Mona Margaret Jones. A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, cakes and iced tea were served to the following members and guests: Mesdames, Earl Thornton, Frank Golladay, C. K. Russell, Calvert, Bob Martin, Tom Allday, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Misses Opal Patterson, Gladys Milliken, Edith Baker, Eunice Richards, Cora Lee Hulsey, Mona Margaret Jones, Julia Martin, Mary Joe Russell and hostess.

IDLEWISE CLUB

The Idlewise Club members were entertained in the home of Mrs. Matt Dillingham on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The house was very colorful with spring blossoms and blooming pot plants and the table decorations, candy baskets and plate favors all harmonized into a most pleasing color scheme. Several out of town guests helped to make the afternoon especially pleasant for the club members.

At the culmination of the games Mrs. Dillingham was assisted in serving a lovely salad plate by Misses Louise Booth and Opal Dillingham of Abilene, to Mrs. Paul Powers of Abilene, Mrs. W. J. Hembree, and Tom Jones, both of Jayton, Texas; and Misses Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Emmett Grimes, Johnnie Camp, Warren Smith, George White, Jack Durham, Tom Price, Charlie Jones, James West, R. I. Grimes, Bob Mayfield and W. S. J. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, ac-companied by Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, spent last week-end in San Angelo, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet.



Win By Work

To gain success you must not shirk,
Life's battles all are won by work.
The man who idles by the day
Will find his debts he cannot pay.
Another rule on which depend,
Is always earn more than you spend;
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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Woodroof visited old friends here for several days this week while enroute to Los Angeles, California.

James (Buff) O'Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Brian, who six years ago left for California, returned last week for a visit with his parents and many friends. James, or Buff as he is familiarly known, was a single man, really just a boy, when he left here, but he is now a married man and is accompanied by his wife, to whom he was married only a few months past.

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EVANGELINE'S EDEN ENGULFED BY FLOOD

Acadians Again Driven From Their Homes.

Washington.—The United States sixth Great Lake, the Lake of the Mississippi, larger than Ontario or Erie, has engulfed the Evangeline country.

When it broke the Atchafalaya river's west dikes, the flood lake roiled its shores over and beyond St. Martin and St. Landry parishes.

"Again the Acadians have been driven from their homes," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters. "And the disaster is greater, by number of sufferers, than that visited upon Evangeline's people in her time."

"Only 8,000 Acadians were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1765 by Massachusetts and British bayonets to be scattered over the earth from Detroit to Corsica and Cayenne. Fifteen hundred of them found their way to New Orleans; many pushed on to Bayou Teche, 150 miles west. There they increased to some 150,000, occupying 15 parishes, or counties, when the flood spread over their homes, towns, and lands.

Beautiful is the land, with its prairies and forests of fruit trees; Under the feet a garden of flowers, and the bluest of heavens Bending above, and resting its dome on the walls of the forest. They who dwell there name it the Eden of Louisiana. . . . All year 'round the orange groves are in blossom; and grass grows More in a single night than a whole Canadian summer.

Turn to Stock Raising.

"For a poet, Longfellow's geography is fairly good. Basil, the Acadian blacksmith, has become a herdsman in 'Evangeline.' Most of the refugees in 1765 did turn to stock raising with a few cattle given to them by charitable French merchants of New Orleans. Descendants of the Acadians gave up stock raising for sugar cane when Etienne de Bore, a Louisianian, discovered how to crystallize sugar from cane syrup. They have helped to make Atchafalaya valley the Sugar Bowl of Louisiana.

"The route over which Longfellow takes Evangeline serves very well for a visitor today. Fifteen miles below Baton Rouge, where,

Sweeps with majestic curve the river away to the eastward, They too swerved from their course; and entering the Bayou of Plaquemine, Soon were lost in a maze of sluggish and devious waters.

"This bayou admits to the 'lakes of the Atchafalaya,' where 'water lilies in myriads rocked on the slight undulations,' and rocked for years until the Mississippi broke through, threatening to make the Atchafalaya river its real mouth instead of an abandoned one.

"How Evangeline got to Bayou Teche, the poem does not clearly relate. Many swamp lanes communicate. The Bayou Teche parallels the Atchafalaya, but it is a true river out of the reach of swamps and bordered by Druid oaks. The two early centers of Acadian settlement were Opelousas and St. Martinsville on the banks of the Teche. Now the flood has reached St. Martinsville for the first time in history and swirls at the foot of the 'Evangeline' oak where her boatmen landed. An Acadian descendant gave the Evangeline oak, with 150 acres of land, for a state park.

"While to readers of 'Evangeline' the inhabitants of southwest Louisiana are still Acadians, to Louisianians they are 'Cajans' or 'Cajuns,' a corruption of Acadian. Four kinds of Frenchmen inhabit the state: the Creoles, natives of French and Spanish descent; Frenchmen, who were born in France; the San Domingan Creoles, and finally the Nova Scotian Acadians, the 'Cajans.

"The typical Creole frequents the city; the 'Cajan' remains a countryman.

Raise Perique Tobacco.

"The savor of the 'Cajan' coast comes to us even though we never travel there. It rises steaming from chicken gumbo soup—real gumbo soup—a 'Cajan' creation. It rides on the blue smoke wreaths from many pipes, for perique tobacco is also a 'Cajan' product.

"Under the sad banners of Spanish moss waving on Evangeline's oak at St. Martinsville, one hears a different ending to the story Longfellow has given us in verse.

"Evangeline's real name was Emmerline Labiche, 'Cajans' say, and Gabriel was Louis Arconeaux. They were deported on separate ships, but Emmerline landed in Maryland. Emmerline heard that Louis was in Louisiana, so she set out to reach him, and after many hardships came to St. Martinsville.

"Gabriel had gone, according to Longfellow, but Louis was there. In fact, local legend holds Emmerline rushed to Louis, the first person she saw at the landing. Louis told her, gently, that he had despaired of seeing her again. He had married. When she heard this her arms slipped from his neck. Her mind became blank. Emmerline lay by day grew more frail. She drooped and died. This is the 'Cajan' story.

"They buried her in the little churchyard near the tree where she found Louis; the little churchyard where water now laps at the ancient graves. She has slept there undisturbed beside the bright bayou where bloom acres of sky-blue water-hyacinths in years when there is no flood."

LITTLE OTIS PATTERSON IS LAID TO REST HERE

Our hearts were all grieved at the sad accident that happened in Abilene Tuesday, March 27, when little Marvin Otis Patterson was struck down by an automobile as he started across the street after delivering a paper to a man who had motioned to him. Otis was helping his brother, Guy, sell papers for the support of the little family.

Otis was born August 7th, 1920, being but little more than 7 years of age. His little body was tenderly laid to rest in the Merkel cemetery by the side of the graves of his grandmother and grand-father Dyess. The services were conducted by pastor Ira L. Parrack of the Merkel Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Houston Scott of Abilene, long time friend of the bereaved family.

We do not understand why a little life should be ended thus untimely. But we remember the words of the Lord when He said "What I do thou knowest not now but hereafter ye shall know." Where we cannot see we can trust and we know that our little brother has gone to a better world than this, where temptations and sin, where sorrow and pain, where disappointments and death never enter to mar the joy and bliss that shall never end.

We can say as David said of his own little child that died, "We cannot bring him back but we can go to him" Heaven will be more real now that little Otis is over there. May his early going over there be a help to all the family and may it center their hearts on the better world and may they every one set their faces that way. May they trust the Saviour that tasted death for every man and may they surrender their hearts and lives to Him that when they depart this life they may join Otis in that Home that Jesus is preparing for all who love and trust Him.

May the friends of the family and all good people who have a bit of the milk of human kindness in their hearts show their sympathy to this sorrowing little family, not in word only but in deed. His mother, Mrs. Leta Patterson, and his four brothers F. L., Dalton, Guy, and John Leslie, live at 1117 Oak Street, in Abilene. They formerly lived in Merkel and have many friends and acquaintances here.

Ira L. Parrack, Baptist Pastor, Merkel.

Miss Althea Boden, who is a teacher in the schools of Archer City, was here first of the week to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Earl Baze. She was accompanied by Will Thomas of Archer City, and at whose home she is staying while there.

STATEMENT of CONDITION The Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank Merkel, Texas

Close of Business February 28th, 1928

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,989.56
Overdrafts	772.85
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Banker's Acceptances	\$ 73,524.08
Commercial Paper	91,500.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	116,300.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	30,735.56
Cash & Sight Exchange	123,621.07
CASH AVAILABLE	\$435,680.71
Total	\$711,455.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	37,979.39
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	\$617,226.23
Total	\$711,455.62

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

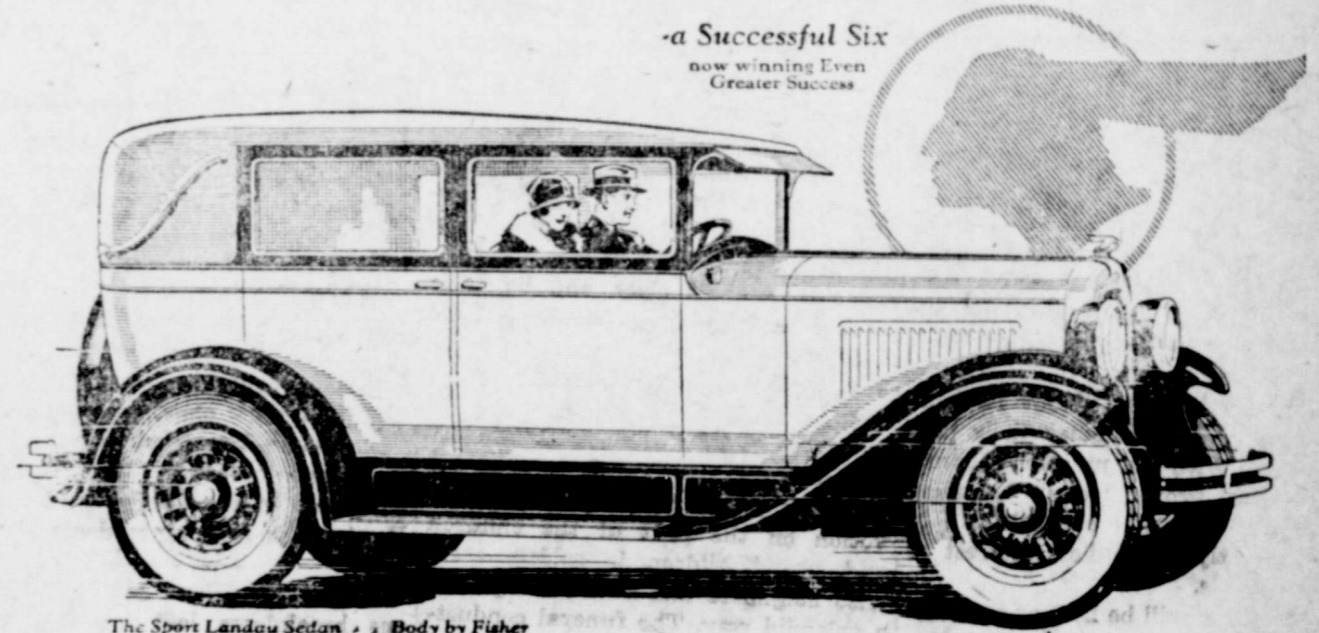
J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, Sr.
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Miss Rubye Johnson of Trent spent last week end with her sister, Mrs. John West, of this city.

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New Crankcase Ventilation
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New and Greater Power
New Cross-Flow Radiator
New Thermostat
New Water Pump
New Instrument Panel
New Coincidental Lock
New Dash Gasoline Gauge
New Stop Light
New Steering Gear
New Clutch, New Frame
New Axles, New Wheels

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DINNER—BRIDGE

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cookston was the scene of a pretty party on Friday evening of last week with Mesdames Roy Largent, Emmet Grimes, George White, Jack Durham, Matt Dillingham and Harry Cookston the combined hostesses. A most delectable spring, fried chicken dinner with all accessories was served at seven o'clock. The tables were beautifully decorated with bowls of sweet peas, and after dinner the appointments for Bridge games all reflected the pastel shades of the favored flowers. The guest list for this lovely party included Mrs. Hembree of Jayton, Texas, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Mary Cleo Booth, Messers and Mesdames Warren Smith, W. S. J. Brown, Matt Dillingham, Emmett Grimes, Harry Cookston, Jack Durham, Roy Largent, George White, Messrs. Charles Wells and Dr. W. T. Saddler.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

The following Anniversary program will be rendered at the evening hour in the place of the regular preaching service. There will be no regular meeting of the Senior Epworth League at 6:45 Sunday afternoon.

Leader,loyd Dowell.
Song 28. Prayer.
Installation of officers.
Purpose of Epworth League, by the pastor.
Special number.
Explanation of Maltese Cross, by Cora Lee Hulsey.
Song. League Benediction.

Fish Fight to Retain

Homes in Flood Area

Memphis, Tenn.—With conservation of all wild life the aim of every true sportsman in the flooded areas, no greater opportunity for restocking of favorite lakes and ponds with game fish has been offered than that which is being afforded now as the flood recedes and the high waters, especially in the lakes, pour out into the bayous. This is especially true, observers claim, for Horseshoe lake and the other smaller lakes in eastern Arkansas.

Thousands of small game fish between an inch and two-inch growth are fighting their way up the streams in an effort to get into the lakes. At four culverts on the Horseshoe lake road a party saw countless numbers of small fish swarming at the bayou side of road culverts, unable to push their way up against the heavy out-

New Gears for Planes

Climbing in Rare Air

Lynn, Mass.—The addition of two gears and a small "impeller" to an airplane engine now makes possible higher power at all altitudes, which in turn means higher speeds or heavier loads. This is accomplished with a built-in supercharger developed at the research laboratory of the General Electric company here, after the design of Dr. S. A. Moss, it was announced recently.

Previously the supercharger has only been used extensively in military airplanes, and then only as an attachment, but now several large manufacturers of engines have adopted the new supercharger as an integral part of their motors built for commercial planes.

"The supercharger does exactly the same for the airplane engine as the oxygen tank does for the pilot when flying at high or unusual altitudes," stated Doctor Moss. "At 20,000 feet there is but half as much oxygen in the atmosphere as at sea level. An ordinary engine loses power rapidly as it ascends, but with the supercharger in use this is not the case."

We Got John Bull

New York.—Uncle Sam is to acquire John Bull. "Yes, sir, that's my real name," said an applicant at the naturalization bureau, "and I was born in Tipperary."

Easy to Be Punctual in Washington's Time

The first President was a great believer in punctuality. "Never ask" he told his servants, "whether my guests have arrived, but whether the hour has arrived."

Washington was always on time and believed every one else should be. If he had guests for dinner no matter how important they might be, he always began eating at the appointed hour.

It would be interesting to note how many times Mr. Washington would dine alone if he were living today. He would learn a great deal about traffic jams, delayed trains, street car blockades and the thousand and one other alibis made use of by late comers.

Punctuality is a great thing if you don't happen to live in a crowded city.—Thrift Magazine.

Wild Horse Elimination Sought by Cattle Men

San Francisco.—The last of their type, wild horses of the once "wild" West are becoming victims of a campaign of extermination, because of their encroachments on civilization.

Thousands of these wild mustangs, descendants of those used by Indians, before the advent of the white man in the West, have roamed in small bands from their mountain wilderness into sparsely settled country to prey upon the grass of cattle and sheep ranges.

Stockmen, co-operating with forest rangers, have formed wild horse hunting parties, with the result that in Utah recently more than 1,000 were eliminated and in Nevada a campaign netted 1,238.

In the north coast section of California the wild horse problem has become so serious a conference has been called to outline plans for extermination. Similar action has been taken in Idaho and Montana. The horses are declared to be of no economic worth and their elimination of decided value to cattle and sheepmen.

"Cherub" Had Own Idea of Grandpa's Thoughts

A young mother paid a visit to the cemetery to lay a small floral offering upon the grave of her father-in-law. She took with her on this occasion her four-year-old son, who is angelic of countenance but never misses a trick, and registers everything he hears, including swear words.

Fasting another family plot where the resting place of a leading citizen was entirely covered with fresh blossoms, the four-year-old demanded to know who it was.

"Why, that is Jack's grandpa," answered the mother.

The small boy waited a moment and then asked: "Do you know what my grandpa would say if he came back?"

"Why, yes," was the cautious response of the young mother, but inwardly quaking. "He would say, 'How is my little grandson today?'"

The golden-haired cherub looking his mother in the eye, replied: "No, mother, grandpa would say, 'Where in — are all MY flowers?'"—Los Angeles Times.



Easter Furnishings

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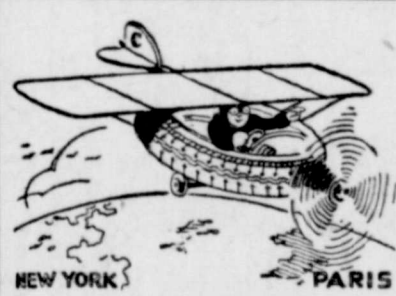
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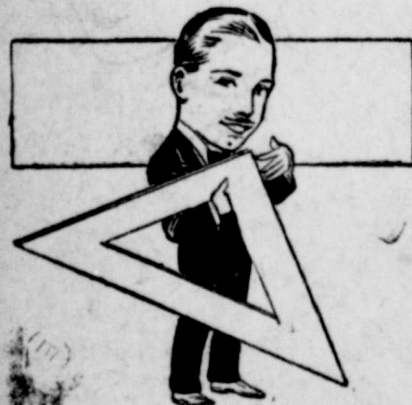
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bree, of Jayton, Texas.

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FOR District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN

FOR County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
J. H. BRATTON
W. P. BOUNDS

FOR Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR

FOR Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES

FOR Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD

FOR Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS

FOR County Attorney:
FRANK E. SMITH
CARL P. HULSEY

FOR County Judge:
TOM K. EPLEN

FOR County School Supt:
M. A. WILLIAMS

Precinct Announcements

FOR Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
JOHN J. TOOMBS
C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE

FOR Public Weigher:
THOS. A. BEARDEN

JONES COUNTY OFFICES

For Commissioner (Precinct No. 4):
W. C. BAKER
W. T. RAINWATER (re-election)

For County Clerk (Jones Co.):
W. F. WRIGHT

For School Supt. (Jones Co.):
T. R. FRANCIS

TRENT NEWS

The Freshman and Sophomore classes of Trent High School, journeyed to Sand Springs last Saturday for a picnic. After having two flats and a blow-out we finally arrived about 11 o'clock. We climbed the mountains and were then ready to eat our lunch, which was the most enjoyable part of the affair. Mr. Taylor showed himself to be a capable cook. We then took some pictures and started home shortly after one o'clock. We enjoyed the trip immensely and look forward to the time when we can go again. Those going on the picnic were: Marie Burks, Ophelia Smith, Lemoine Lewis, Opal Freeman, Dorothy Boyd, Edwin Watson, Clinton Bryan, Viola Smith, Barnum Howell, Chalmers Wilson, Mildred Stapleton, Foy Steadman, Eiland Hale, Mr. Taylor, Miss White and Miss Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thomas made a trip to Odessa Sunday of last week to attend the bedside of their son, Emmet, who was seriously hurt from the explosion of a stick of dynamite. He is in a local hospital there, doing very well at this writing.

Editor Taylor has had in his home as guests last week, Misses Lois Courtney of Dublin and Francis Taylor of Stephenville, nieces of Mr. Taylor.

Misses Zula Bright and Audra Stephens were shoppers in Sweetwater Saturday.

Frank Smith and family of Lubbock visited relatives here last week-end.

Grandmother Wright returned from Abilene Friday, where she had been visiting her grand daughter for the past two weeks.

Raymond McKamey of Leonder is here visiting his uncle and family, Mr. J. F. Finebarger, on route one.

Mrs. Bob Johnson was called to the bed side of her daughter, Mrs. West of Merkel on Friday of last week. She is improving.

Mrs. E. H. Lumpkin of Big Spring who recently underwent an operation at Abilene is here visiting Mrs. Toliver Walker and family.

Mrs. Taylor and little son of Sweetwater visited with friends here last week-end.

Miss Louise Craddock is the guest of Mrs. Jack Freeman and Mrs. T. L. Stevens the past few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Curry have returned

home and Dr. is able to assume his duties, we are glad to say.

Mrs. J. P. Cashion is visiting friends in Stanton this week.

Ross Young and Joe Lowrie made a business trip to Wastella Sunday. They were accompanied by Miss Netty and Edna Causseaux.

The revival at the Methodist church continues to grow in interest. Judge Frank Morris, evangelist of Dallas, is bringing real gospel messages to large congregations each service.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Massey, accompanied Mrs. Traylor of Sweetwater home Sunday afternoon. While there they called on Mr. and Mrs. John McCrackin. Mrs. McCrackin is in very poor health just now.

Mr. A. N. Gordon of Fluvanna spent Monday night with his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Danley.

Mr. Otis Lester and wife are moving here from Sweetwater. Mr. Lester has bought his brother's interest in the Howell & Lester Meat Market, and will take charge soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd had in their home as dinner guests last Sunday Postmaster J. D. Dyer and family of Lamesa. They were enroute home after having visited in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones made a trip to Goldsboro last week to see Mrs. Jones' father, Mr. Campbell, who is sick, also attended the bedside of an uncle while there who is very sick.

An outing to the mountains was enjoyed last Sunday by the following parties: Mr. M. C. Graham and family, Mrs. A. B. Driggers and family, Mr. Jody Bright and wife, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers' father, Mr. Wilburn of Post City, who are the guests of Mrs.

Driggers the past week.

Mrs. Jess Walker of Lamesa visited over night with Mrs. W. L. Boyd Tuesday night.

Mr. Joe English and family also Mr. Arthur Brown and family who have been for some time with the Gulf Pipe Line Company near Beaumont, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goode have in their home as guests at this writing Mrs. Goode's Sister and husband; Mr. and Mrs. McComes of Rotan.

Mrs. Ben Howell had as guest Sunday afternoon Mrs. Hugh Bailey and children of Slaton and Mrs. J. M. Jones of Fort Worth. They left Monday for Fort Worth, Mrs. Howell and Bettie Lou accompanying them as far as Abilene.

Mr. Joe Peay of Clyde was down looking after business in our city last Wednesday.

Mr. Joe Alexander, who recently gave up his position at Qualine Lumber Company here, left for the west last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kinder of Oklahoma are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Lea Rogers. They have sold their farm in Oklahoma and are contemplating going to California to make that their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn returned from Shamrock, Oklahoma Monday, after a short visit with their son in Oklahoma.

C. T. Beckham and wife, accompanied by W. L. Boyd and wife spent the entire day at Abilene last Wednesday.

Rev. Stutts of Abilene attended church here Friday night, the first night of the meeting.

There were several men from here attended the banquet at the Wright Hotel at Sweetwater given in behalf of the Employers of the Texas Electric Service company Wednesday nite.

Mrs. Carl Atwell has returned from Vernon where she has spent the last few weeks with her niece, Mrs. A. C.

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Keltz, who recently underwent a serious operation. Mrs. Keltz will be remembered as Miss Bess Gafford. She is doing nicely at this time.

Walter Smith and family of Lamesa visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. John Reynolds of Caddo is here visiting relatives, also attending the meeting this week.

This is Virginia Hart Week at Boston Bargain Store. Two Dresses for \$3.50. 11

Prices on Meats quoted in advertisement good all next week. Clarence Saunders Market. 11

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Turner and children, little Miss Martha Ann and Master James, of Rule, spent last week-end in the home of the former's uncle, Judge W. W. Wheeler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris of the Blair community was in the get-together meeting of the family of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler last Sunday.

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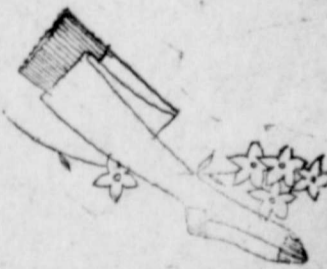
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IMPORTANT ACCESSORIES



The Parisienne loves flowers of all varieties and this spring they are appearing on hats as well as shoulders.



Hosiery—exquisite sheer—in all the beautiful new shades for spring wear. These are unusual values at

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Easter Fashions

A Stunning Collection of New Modes for Spring—

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Blair Items

There is some sickness in the community at this writing.

Miss Willie B. Horton of Collingsworth county is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reeves.

Miss Leona Mullins of Lamesa spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Pinckley last week.

Mr. Z. V. Moore returned from Dallas Thursday, where he attended the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge.

Mr. Ransom Meeks returned from a business trip to Southland, Texas, one day last week.

Miss Grace Tate of Buffalo Gap spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Naron Logan.

Mr. J. T. Melton and son made a flying trip to Blackwell Sunday.

Misses Pauline Pinckley, Mae Melton, Mrs. Claud Doan and children dined with Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Miss Jessie Clark spent the past week with her niece, Mrs. Ora Mayfield.

Mr. Roy Doan and family of Rotan are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mr. A. C. Scott of Sweetwater dined with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sanduskey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Bankhead of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton Sunday.

Miss Sallie Orr and mother of Merkel were seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patterson were

visiting in our midst Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Jones visited in our midst one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore left for Baylor county Wednesday.

Master J. W. and Little Mary Louise Hughes spent the week-end with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel.

KILLED BUFFALO NEAR HERE YEARS AGO

J. M. Bryson, a pioneer citizen of the Merkel community, who has been residing at Dora for the past 38 years, was in Merkel first of this week and renewed his subscription to the Merkel Mail. Mr. Bryson will celebrate his 74th birthday on next July 4th. On this date each year since 1889 Mr. Bryson has had as his guest at dinner Mr. A. W. Cook of Dora, who is a son-in-law, excepting one year.

Mr. Bryson has lived in the same house at Dora these 38 years. He tells a vivid story of the old west, when buffalo roamed the very ground on which Merkel now stands. While living in Hamilton county Mr. Bryson with other men made a trip to Taylor and Nolan counties to get some buffalo meat. He stated that they killed 37 buffalo west of where Merkel is now located, over on Sweetwater creek. That was before the town of Merkel was started. The meat was cut from the bone and taken home in five wagons.

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Leisure and Laziness

Matters Far Apart

If the women's clubs are futile and the politics get nowhere, and if a disillusioned age has found that charity has a great many more attributes than are mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, if being a delightful person is the most a woman can do with her time, why not admit it frankly instead of camouflaging a pleasant and idle life with a pretense of vast activity, or hiding behind the children's rompers or the responsibility of table service or anything else?

Leisure is good for women, and if they are of the temperament to enjoy it, let them have it. Hard work is good and necessary for some women, and there is still and will be for a long time plenty of interesting non-professional work for women to do, if they have the ability and temperament. But the air needs more clearing. No one should have to apologize for not flying into what is really voluntary work. No one should become absurd for going into it. But if one stays out it should be because one openly prefers leisure.

Leisure and laziness have nothing in common. Laziness breeds discontent and cripples energies. Leisure breeds humor, of which we need much, and beauty, of which we need more, and philosophy, of which we need most. The thirties, if they are wise—and on the whole they are both wise and clever—will come to the point of choosing between the two. Destroy their laziness and preserve their leisure, and the thirties will be the incomparable decade.—Margaret Cushman Banning in Harper's Magazine.

Constancy That Gave World Great Lesson

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind him the gates of Hercules; before him not the ghosts of shores—before him only shoreless seas. His good mate said: "Now must we pray, for lo! the very stars are gone! Brave admiral, speak; what shall I say?" "Why, say 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'" They sailed, and sailed, as winds might blow, until, at last, the blanched mate said: "Why, now, not even God would know, should I and all my men fall dead. These very winds forget their way, for God from these dread seas seem gone; now, speak, brave admiral; speak and say—" He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!"

Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck, and peered through darkness. Ah, that night of all dark nights! But, lo! a speck, a light!—a light! a light! a light! It grew!—A starlit flag unfurled! It grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gained a world; he gave that world its grandest lesson: "On! and on!"—"Columbus," by Joaquin Miller.

Control of Dirigible Simple but Effective

When I say Lincoln Beachey was running the dirigibles I mean it literally. The dirigibles of those days (1911) were about 40 feet long and their envelopes contained 20,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas. They looked like cigars—and lasted about as long. There was a ball of only 80 pounds to every 1,000 feet of hydrogen and this compelled us to construct the under carriage of bamboo.

This bamboo work was in the form of a steamer gangplank with a railing on either side. The motive power was furnished by an ordinary motorcycle engine situated in the center of the gangplank.

Beachey was the sole occupant of the dirigible, being engineer, crew, navigator and captain. He could not help being at least a captain, because that title was conferred on any man the minute he put a foot in a balloon basket.

Beachey controlled the antics of his dirigible by his activities on the 30-foot gangplank. When he wanted to fly on the level he stayed in the center, hugging the engine. When he wanted to go up he ran backward on the gangplank, and when he desired to come down to earth he scooted forward until his weight caused the nose of the dirigible to droop. He weighed only 135 pounds, but couldn't shake a toe without causing his oil-silk hippo to respond with a wiggle and a shiver.—William Hickman Pickens in the Saturday Evening Post.

Earth's Crust Settling, Sir Oliver Lodge Says

London.—The earth's crust is settling, declares Sir Oliver Lodge, explaining the abundance of earthquakes, tidal waves, typhoons and hurricanes, rainstorms and floods.

"There is nothing abnormal in the operation," he says, "but improved methods of communication broadcast the news of earthquakes and typhoons all over the world in a few seconds. A century ago typhoons and earthquakes, such as have happened in Japan, Mexico and the Black sea, would have been unheard of for many months.

"The crust of the earth is continually settling down. If a crack appears in the fabric of a house the house does not necessarily collapse at that spot, though another part of the building may fall because of the crack. Similarly a crack in the earth in the Pacific may cause another crack in a different part of the world."

Easter Is Near



And of course, like every one else, you'll want to dress up for the occasion, and in anticipation of your needs and desires this store is prepared to fill your every want. And we are offering—

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ONE LOT LADIES' HATS, VALUES UP TO \$5.95
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ONE LOT SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY ONLY \$2.98



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Max Mellinger

Mr. S. A. Coats returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where he had accompanied his son-in-law, Mr. A. Yates, of Big Spring, who some weeks ago lost an eye, making him totally blind since he had not been able to see any from the other eye for more than 30 years. The trip to Dallas was to see a specialist, and Mr. Coats informs us that an operation has enabled Mr. Yates to see splendidly from the eye that had been useless for the past 30 years.

We've been told Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall, That he rolled off and got hurt by the fall.

That in spite of ministrations of men He never was able to stand up again. Now this story wouldn't have ended so sad

If a Chiropractor had treated this lad (To be Continued) H. P. HULSEY, Chiropractor

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"Countess" Made German Youths Help in Thefts.

Berlin.—It was immediately after the war, in those hectic days when everything turned upside down in Germany, that the name of Countess Colonna was first heard, and the countess herself was first seen in the circle of young aristocrats who tried to forget the grim realities of life by indulging in wild orgies in the night cabarets of Berlin, while in the streets were rattling the machine guns of the revolution, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Nobody knew exactly who she was. No titled family with the name of Colonna lived in Germany, and the only Count Colonna known in Berlin was an elderly man living temporarily in Switzerland. Countess Colonna said she was the daughter of this man and the younger bloods who swarmed around her did not bother to investigate.

She was of matchless beauty, with brilliant blond hair and large, radiant, hypnotic eyes. Her figure was of artistic perfection and her long, shapely hands suggested aristocratic lineage. Men who came in contact with her were spellbound by this demonic beauty.

Had Luxurious Apartment.
She had a luxuriously furnished apartment in one of Berlin's fashionable quarters, lived on a grand scale and seemed to be the queen of a gay circle which always formed a bodyguard around her when she visited the night clubs or cabarets.

There was nothing about Countess Colonna to arouse suspicion of the police regarding her life or her activities.

It was one of the worst periods of lawlessness in the history of the German capital. Robberies, holdups, burglaries, murders were all in the day's work and the police could hardly cope with this sudden crime wave.

One gang particularly caused worry to the Berlin police, a gang of astoundingly bold criminals who committed an incredible number of bold holdups and burglaries. The victims of this gang were invariably persons of high social standing, rich men who gambled for big sums in clubs and persons whose apartments were full of treasures.

A special squad of detectives was assigned to the case, and Albert Detmann, famous leader of the detective force, personally headed the investigation. Every effort, however, had failed, when chance led to the uncovering of an unexpected sensation and the solu-

East Lynne's Premiere

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

Easily Satisfied

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

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

WALTER BURTON SAYS

Walter Burton, known to every poultry man in America as the superintendent of the Poultry Department of the State Fair of Texas, has a message for his Texas friends. He asks us to say this:

"Boys, take my word for it, the State Fair this Fall will be so much better in every way than ever before that I am urging you, with all the earnestness that I can command, to begin right now to get your birds in condition for the greatest poultry show you ever saw!

No matter what your past experience has been, be sure to show this Fall. If you have been winning, don't be content to rest upon your laurels. A win this Fall will mean more than ever before.

If you have not been entirely successful, try again next October. Begin to look your flock over at once. Pick out the likeliest birds and get them in shape. You may win a higher prize than last year.

And if you never have shown, don't miss this chance. Get into the game when it will mean the most to you."

A Long Wait

"And what cemetery is that?" asked the Palestine tourist pointing toward an expansive hill entirely covered with gravestones.

"Oh, that's a family cemetery," replied the guide.

"A family cemetery?"

"Yes, that's where all Methuselah's nieces and nephews who passed away waiting for their rich uncle to die are buried."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Stith News

Mrs. Elkins, a teacher in our school, purchased a new Chevrolet coupe the first of the week.

Mr. Clovis Stanley, while rabbit hunting last week was accidentally shot, but is back at school this week.

Mr. M. E. West was ill last week, but is improving slowly now.

Mr. T. M. Kelso is very ill this week.

Grandmother Blair is very ill this week.

Misses Irmaree Dwiggin, Mae Holloway and Albera Butler spent Sunday with Miss Suddie Lightsey.

Miss Bobbie Jones spent Sunday visiting friends at Golan.

Miss Emma Mae Bridges spent the week end in Abilene visiting Miss Elba Reeves.

Mr. M. C. Church Sr. is spending the week with his son, Mr. W. C. Church.

Mr. J. W. Hassey spent Sunday afternoon with his parents of Tye.

Mr. S. J. Fuller spent the week-end with his son, Master Don Fuller, in the home of Mr. T. E. Butler.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League met at 6:30 Sunday afternoon in the new church. During the business session Mr. Delmon Mashburn was elected vice-president, filling the vacancy left by Ollie Jaynes, after which a quite interesting study was had. We invite all people to come to our league, both young and old. Come find a place to worship God. Mattie Church, Sec.

The B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B.Y.P.U. met at the regular hour Sunday night. After a short but good program was rendered they went to the preaching services at the Methodist Church. Mr. West, our leader was unable to attend because of illness.

Suddie Lightsey, Secty.

The State inspector visited our school Wednesday afternoon and we are glad to report that we will have a seven months school.

Mr. Carl Canon spent last week-end in Abilene.

Stop! Look! Listen! Saturday afternoon in front of Max Mellinger's Dry Goods Store there's going to be "oodles" of sandwiches and iced tea sold by the Belle Bennett Missionary Society.

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Baptist Church

All regular services at the Baptist Church Sunday. The Lord's supper will be observed in connection with the morning worship. There should be a full attendance of the membership for this service. Remember that He said "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

The B.Y.P.U. service begins with special number furnished by the intermediates at 7 p.m.

Evening preaching service promptly at 8 p.m.

In connection with the Sunday school we will have brief reports from the Sunday School convention by all who attended.

Come find a place to work and worship.

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THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Lee Baker returned first of the week from a trip to Hamilton, Texas, where he had been to deliver a fine registered French Percheon Stallion he had sold to parties there.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results.

Church of Christ

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and also at eight in the evening.

Hear him; you are welcome to all the services.

Miss Dixie Howard, of Abilene, was over first of the week, the guest of Mrs. Earl Baze.

Don't miss our cake sale Saturday morning at Hamilton & Case Grocery. Best cakes that can be bought. Sold by Belle Bennett Missionary Society.

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Music will be furnished by the Hall Music Company through an Orthophonic Electric Machine with loud speaker.

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Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Offering goes to Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage. Communion service at the close of morning worship. Always glad to have visitors with us. The revival meeting begins on Easter, the second Sunday in April. Wm. Elliott, Supt. S. S. R. A. Walker, pastor.

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On Monday morning, March 26, 1928, little Glennafaye, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze, came for a short stay on earth. Her life was like the fragrant rosebud plucked so early in the morning, but all too soon to wither with the going of the day.

One can think how that she might have brightened the days of so many, and especially those of her parents. While memory will surely gill the past, that in the loss of so rare a jewel we feel that this world becomes the poorer while Heaven grows the richer, we must remember that there is no day so bright that is does not have its clouds. No lovely flower that is not born to fade, no presence so cherished that does not give anguish when it has passed away. So was the going of this little life who has gone to wait the coming of the perfect morn.

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He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidneys, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

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- A. A. Krause, Yoakum.
- Mrs. Nora Hillboldt, Cat Springs.
- Mrs. M. A. Martin, Lorenzo.
- Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, Farmerville.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

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Chrysler Service Is Standardized

With the annual output of automobiles at the high peaks it is now reaching, the matter of service for cars in owners' hands is coming steadily to be regarded as of more and more importance by manufacturers.

Chrysler executives, who have always ranked service as a factor of first magnitude in their program, point out that since the great majority of new car sales are now made to people already owning cars, satisfied owners are today the best prospects for new business. Proper service is therefore classed by Chrysler as a sales function and an administrative duty as well as a mechanical function.

As a result of this policy, practically all Chrysler distributors and a large and growing percentage of the countrywide Chrysler dealer organization are operating their service departments under a plan devised by the company and known as the Chrysler Standardized Maintenance system. A natural supplement of the company's famous Standardized Quality manufacturing policy, the Standardized Maintenance system was evolved by a series of exhaustive studies of every repair and service operation on a Chrysler car.

Uniformity and thoroughness in satisfying service needs are inculcated throughout the organization by the teachings of a Factory Service School held at Detroit and attended for prescribed periods by service heads of Chrysler distributor and dealer establishments in every part of the country.

"This new plan," explains J. W. Frazer, Chrysler Sales Manager, "is an improved Flat Rate system, enabling the car owner to have his car trouble diagnosed and to know in advance exactly the nature, extent and cost of the work necessary to remedy it. It avoids the misunderstandings which sometimes arise, not because service station operators knowingly overcharge for work but because owners may not be wholly familiar with

the true condition of their cars before repairs are effected.

"The Chrysler Standardized Maintenance system is the result of thousands of intensive studies of every repair and service operation on a Chrysler car. Under this plan the standardized schedule of charges not only enables the motorist to know just what his bill will be but assures him of a fair charge for the service rendered. Another important benefit is that the service practice itself is standardized, assuring the owner that everything to make certain of a thorough and satisfactory repair job will be done.

"Furthermore Chrysler service stations are supplied at frequent intervals with definite instructions on the proper procedure for all Chrysler maintenance and repair operations. They are thus enabled to perform these operations with a greater degree of accuracy and in much less time than is possible where this information is not available.

"Naturally the large amount of study, work, care and money involved in this service benefits ourselves as well as owners. For the great majority of new car sales today are made to people already owning cars. The service angle whether or not the owner is assured of low-cost and thoroughly satisfactory upkeep and of pleasant relations with the dealers service department—is of increasing importance in every Automobile sale."

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: The power of a consecrated life. Leader, Floy Ash.

Introduction by leader.

1. Jesus our great example, Joe Hartley.
2. Paul, the peerless apostle, Mrs. D. Gibson.
3. A life in line with God's will, Dorothy Higgins.
4. What power directs your life and mine? Nola Neill.
5. Consummation of consecration, Mrs. Crane.
6. Christ liveth in me, Mildred Hamm. Amen.

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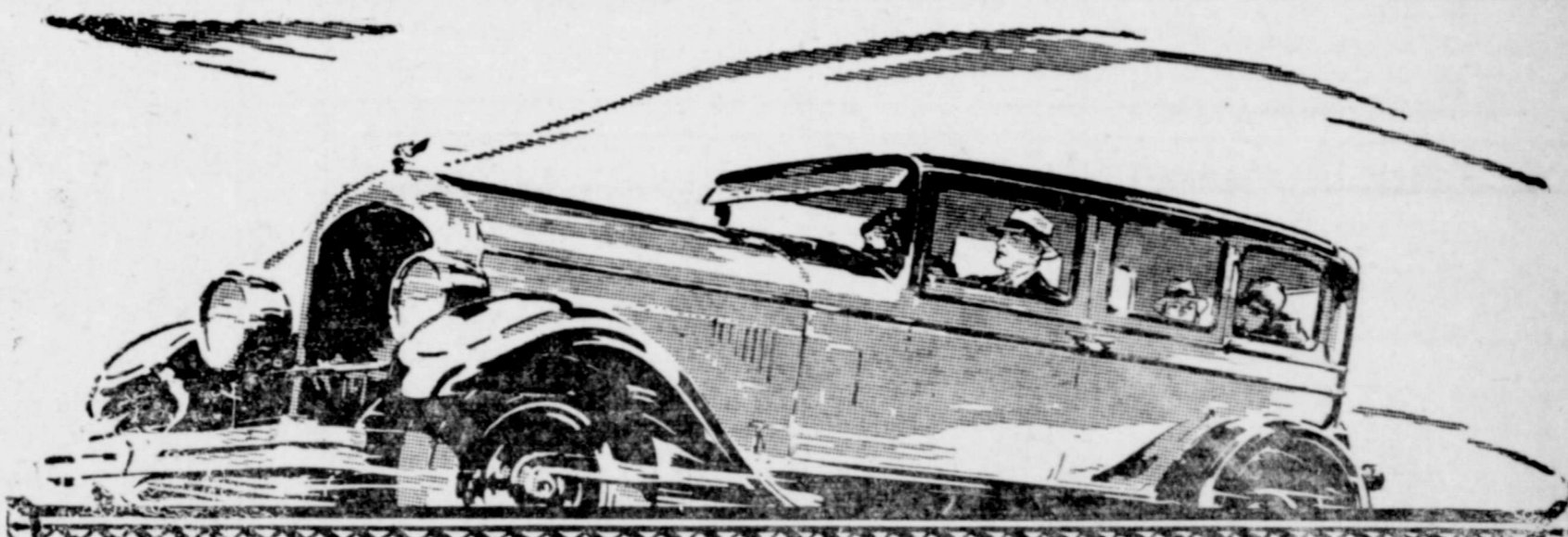
FOR SALE—2-row cultivator and good work mule, cheap. W. C. Ervin, route 5. 30t2p

Mrs. W. M. Turner of Rule, spent a few days this week in the home of her brother, udge W. W. Wheeler, and other relatives. Mrs. Turner is a pioneer citizen of Haskell county.

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Dr. N. J. Smith of Anson was here Wednesday visiting with his son, Mr. Warren Smith, and shaking hands with many friends. Mr. Smith formerly resided here.

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COMPERE ITEMS

Baptist Notes.
Sunday School at 10 a.m. every Sunday. There was an increase in our attendance last Sunday; even some of the regular members were away on account of sickness. An invitation is extended to all who care to come and worship with us.

Come and help us to make our Sunday School one among the best in the community. There are classes for all ages.

Bro. Pope preached Saturday night and Sunday morning. We are always glad when our missionary comes this way.

Mr. Ed Brease, Clarence Henry Foster were called to the bed side of their brother, Earle, this last week, who was very ill with a relapse of the flu. We are glad to know he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Daniels left Sunday morning upon receiving the message Mrs. Daniel's father was not expected to live. Mrs. Daniel's father Mr. Norwood lives in Comanche.

As the old saying is, "there is no place like home," is there folks? Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young left us last fall going to Oklahoma for Mr. Young's health, but after all "West Texas" is a good health resort.

Some times it gets awfully dry and looks as if it will never rain. We will get blue, but when we get away in some other country and it just rains and rains, my! how glad we are to get back to West Texas, where the sun shines, the sand blows and we can get all the water we want. Merkel is a pretty good place after all, isn't it?

We are glad Mr. and Mrs. Young are back with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas' little son, N. J., has been sick this week.

There is lots of flu in the country just now.

There was a good crowd at Zion Chapel Sunday night at church.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt from Sweetwater, visited with home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Atkins, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson.

The singing class went to Hodges Sunday evening to the singing.

Mrs. Bill Outlaw and children and

Mr. and Mrs. Davis spent Sunday with Lee Stanley's folks.

Miss Virgie Marshall spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. McNutt and children spent Sunday evening with W. B. Tarpley and family.

Here's a good joke on the teachers. The teachers received word that tomorrow about noon the inspector would be there. They were so frustrated that they hurried into town to get something for lunch tomorrow. They forgot to look about their gas and oil, and to see if all casings were standing up. But woe to the driver; 10 miles from town and night coming and that car standing still. This was one time the teachers were glad to see a patron of the school coming.

Mr. S. S. Sherrell is in bed with the flu. Miss Mayfield was called home on the account of the illness of his brother.

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THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Mr. Tom Henderson, splendid farmer residing on route two, was in the city last Saturday for the first time in some two weeks, having been confined to his bed during this time from a severe attack of the "flu".

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YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CAR DELIVER EXTRA MILES

Let us remove the carbon, grind the valves, check up on the timing, on the piston rings, adjust the carburetor and change the oil for warm weather driving. And you'll have a motor that will deliver extra thousands of miles—at just a nominal cost. Bring your car in—we'll tell you what has to be done—and we'll prove by our estimate of cost that our prices are low.

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Important Announcement to every owner of a Model T Ford

ON MAY 25, 1927, when Henry Ford first announced his plans for making a new car, he announced also that he would continue to make parts for the Model T Ford. He said:

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For twenty years, the Model T Ford led the automobile industry and it still serves more people than any other automobile. Over one-third of all the automobiles in use today are Model T Fords—an indication of the sturdy worth of the car and its value to people in all walks of life the world over.

The Ford Motor Company will continue to make replacement parts for these cars "until the last Model T is off the road." That is a part of Ford service. That is what Henry Ford meant when he said: "We believe that when a man buys one of our cars we should keep it running for him as long as we can and at the lowest up-keep cost."

Because of this policy a considerable part of the Ford manufacturing plants is given over to the making of parts for the Model T Ford. These replacement parts are made of the same material and in the same way as those from which your car was originally assembled.

Make it a point, therefore, to see the nearest Ford dealer and have him look over your Model T Ford. You may find that a very small expenditure will enable you to get thousands of miles of additional service, and at the same time protect the money you have invested in your car.



FORD MOTOR COMPANY
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A "personal guarantee" means very little to you, unless you know the man who makes it.

Ninety per cent of the things bought for your home are selected by the lady member of the firm. She is the purchasing agent. Most men admit that she is a capable buyer, and the reason is this: She must be shown—convinced by proof—that an article is what she needs and is worth the price!

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A two-room box house. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Bell, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good Jersey cow with young calf. See Dunn Brothers. 1t

FOR SALE—5-room residence, modern, has bath, gas, side walks, nice orchard, garage, good well and windmill, well located. For particulars call at the Merkel Mail. 30t2p

FOR SALE—Have some mules and feed to sell. A. W. Hunter, route five. 1tp

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FOR SALE—1924 model Ford touring car. Good condition. See Wilbur Thomas at Chevrolet house. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting; \$3.00 per 100. G. C. Lilly, Merkel, route 3. 23t2p

WOOD—Delivered \$4.00 per Mexican cord, or \$2.75 in rick. W. E. Petty, route four. tf

FOR SALE—Some residence lots in Merkel worth the money. W. R. Hampton. Phone 444. tf

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs for setting; Owen farm strain. Price 75c for 16. Bill Harvell, Merkel, route one. 1Jnepd

WHITE Leghorn Baby Chicks from M. Johnson Imperials and special mating strain mated to Imperial cocks. These matings are from 250 to 330 egg stock. 50 chicks \$9.00; 100 chicks \$16.50; 300 for \$16.00 hundred 500 for \$15.50 hundred; 1,000 for \$15 per hundred. J. S. TOUCHSTONE, Hawley, Route 2, Texas. 24t8

NOTICE
 I still drill water wells, put up windmills and do any kind of pipe work, plastering or most any kind of work you want. Would appreciate a part of your business. My work is as good as the best. tf
 TOM COATS, Phone 274w.

FOR SALE—Have 75 bushels left of the Mebane Early Triumph Cotton Seed from Lockhart, Texas, at \$1.75 per bushel. Stored at Farm Bureau Gin. See A. J. Canon, manager, or E. F. Vantreese. tf

FOR SALE—Cord wood, two miles and a half northeast of Merkel on the Saddler farm. L. B. McClain. 23t2p

FOR SALE—1926 Ford truck; a good one. Marvin Boney. tf

FOR RENT

ROOMS For Rent—Furnished or unfurnished or bed rooms, reasonable. Call at new rooming house on Noodle Dome Highway. Would also take a few boarders. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished light housekeeping rooms. Also one bed room. Mrs. J. M. Meeks, phone No. 229. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two 3-room apartments with gas and all modern conveniences; close to church and school; cheap. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 115, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. 1t

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Modern conveniences. Mrs. E. D. Coats. 1t

FOR RENT—5-room house, reasonable. C. S. Higgins. tf

WANTED

AT STUD—Registered Pit Bull Dog. Fee \$5.00. See Willard Rogers, 1 mile southwest of Trent. 2t4p

WANTED—Men to grub and clear land ready for the plow. Sam Butman. tf

Supt. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson are happy to announce the arrival of a baby daughter at their home on last Saturday, March 24. The new daughter made her appearance while Mrs. Jackson was visiting in the home of her parents at Stamford, and Mr. Jackson, who returned from that city Monday morning, reports them as doing nicely.

Bring your chickens and eggs to Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

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PLUMBING
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 See—
EARL TEAGUE
 On Front Street
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PLANT CULLED COTTON SEED! The best is none too good; the cost is very small; the results great. I can do only a limited amount in the short season from now until planting time. 10c per bushel for the good seed, no charges for the culls. LEE BAKER, Merkel, Texas, route 1. 1tp

Miss Autrey Porter, having completed work for an A. B. degree in Simmons University, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter.

Out of Gas? Got a Flat? Call No. 19. We hurry! tf

NOTICE
 The Stockholders of the Farm Bureau Gin Company of Merkel are requested to meet at the Gin in Merkel next Monday, April 2nd, at 1:30 p.m. to elect directors and attend to other business that may come before the body. Yours truly, 1t
 A. J. CANON.

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JUNIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

Subject: "Two spies, a red rope and a promise."

1. Introduction by group captain, Dot Swafford.
2. Two spies sent to Jericho, by Jackie Slater.
3. In Rahab's house, by Sarah Sheppard.
4. Rahab deceives the king's soldiers, by Hollis Huddleston.
5. The spies promise to Rahab, by Johna Jones.
6. Rahab's advice, by J. E. Lassiter.
7. The spies return to Joshua, by Billy Bernice Gambill.

On Friday evening, March 23, Vivian Berger and Euna Lee Gilmore entertained a group of young people out at Noodle Dome in the Phillips Camp. The young people began to gather at the home of Vivian Berger about 7:30, and when all had arrived they were shown over to a vacant garage near her home. After several games were played, lunch was served consisting of sandwiches and punch. Those who enjoyed this wonderful party were: Rex Roberts, Roy Propst, J. E. Boaz, Willie Harris, Ruskin Smith, Lester Patterson, Arnold Bank, Max Swafford, Rebia Demere, Alice Reed, Norma Shannon, Elizabeth Harkrider, Eunice Bird, Bessie Westenhofer, Addie Fae Patterson, Venice Bell, Carlos Montandon, Lola Shelton and the hostesses.

—M. H. S.—
JUST WATCH US GO
Don't forget to look for the Juniors in the parade. See our clowns, cars, buggies and everything.

But most of all buy a tag from us. Let people know you helped the Annual fund; don't be a slacker—wear a tag. And if you are hungry or if you are not buy an ice cream cone.

Look for the best and you'll see us. —M. H. S.—

FRESHMAN NEWS
Stop! Look Listen! What? A High School Sirkus. When? Friday night, March 30, 1928.

Where? At the high school building. Don't fail to buy home-made candy from us. It won't kill you; the more you eat the more you'll want. Be sure you see the old-fashioned and modern Album. Also the chorus girls and bathing beauty.

We promise you that you'll get your money's worth. Watch for us in the parade. We may be "slimes" but we know "our onions." We won't get out and walk, so watch for "our fam-

BUCKING BRONCHO!

THAT'S WHAT WE ARE, AND WE DON'T CARE WHO KNOWS IT!

We buck against High Prices. We kick 'em down in the dust. We make 'em cheaper and cheaper.

What's the use of throwing your money away at other stores that don't like Cheap Prices? "Sole Owner" and the people

beat the world in making 'em cheaper and cheaper.

Everybody! Come with "Sole Owner" today and tomorrow, and let's ride the "bucking broncho" over all the High Prices in this town.

We Make 'Em Cheaper and Cheaper in Merkel!

Prices for Friday and Saturday

BANANAS Nice firm yellow fruit per doz. **.25**

ORANGES nice size sweet and good 6 for **.25**

CARROTS Extra Large, per bunch **.07 1/2**

CABBAGE green heads nice and firm **.02 1/2**

Cakes Snow Peaks fresh, delicious per pound **.24**

PICKLES high quality, 1 gal. can **.63**

COFFEE Forbe's Santa Fe Trail a well known brand. 1 lb. **.39**

COCOA Hershey's regular 25c can **.15**

PEARS Gold Bar, per can **.24**

CRISCO 6 pound pail **1.33**

BOX BACON Star or Certified (limit 2 boxes) 1 lb. box **.40**

PORK SAUSAGE, per lb. **.20**

Ham Armour's Star Skinned, half or whole. per pound **.23**

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Who Wants a Beautiful Piano At a Bargain?

We have in this vicinity a beautiful new upright piano with duet bench to match, also a high grade player with bench and nice selection of music rolls. Rather than re-ship will sell either of these at a bargain. Terms if desired. Address at once, Brook Mays & Co., the Reliable Piano House, Dallas, Tex. 30t5p

Why pay more elsewhere for Meats; you can buy them cheaper at Clarence Saunders Mkt. It

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Lepard of the Horn community spent last Sunday with the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene spent last Sunday in the home of the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, the occasion being a get-together meeting of all of the Wheeler children to spend the day with their aunt, Mrs. W. M. Turner, and their cousin, Elmer Turner, and wife and children, of Rule.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. If

Palace Theatre

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"PARISIAN LOVE"

with Clara Bow

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Monday and Tuesday

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with John Barrymore

SPECIAL!!

Comedy— "OLD WALLOP" and NEWS

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Tom Tyler and his pals

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Wednesday & Thursday

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And an All-Star Cast also comedy—

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ily" in the parade.

Oh, yes! I failed to mention that we will have an orchestra from New York to play for our chorus girls and our chorus girls will be equal to the Zigfield Follies of New York.

—M. H. S.—
STATION S.O.P.H.S.

The Sophomores are presenting in the "big sirkus" a program entitled "Scenes from Life." Don't fail to see that "Old Fashioned Wedding," and that "Companionate marriage." Wonder who the bride is and above all who will the groom be? They are both very distinguished young people of Merkel. See them! Be sure. Also see the one-act play "Why Girls Leave Home," and of yes, there is to be a humorous pantomime. Come see how the most popular girl in M. H. S. is courted and don't forget to look for our car in the "big parade."

Dora Doings

Everybody is enjoying these every-other-day sandstorms we are having. Health in our community is very fine at this writing.

Mrs. Lee Magee is having her home made over into a more convenient size and style.

M. D. Burns and family of Monday visited in this city the last of the week.

The Dora Home Demonstration Club won the dollar at High Point at the county federation by having the most members present.

Claud Jenkins and wife were calling here Sunday.

Rev. M. A. Quinlin filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

W. F. Hardy and family visited his daughter at Potosi Sunday.

Dr. Eargle is riding in a nice Chrysler sedan now.

G. W. Whitaker and family visited in Drasco community Saturday and Sunday.

E. H. Ensminger and Odie Moore served their county in jury duty last week.

J. T. Perry has been on the sick list for a few days, but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hank announced the arrival of an eight pound girl, and her name is Viola Fay Nance.

Bring us your cream, eggs and chickens. We test every day. Dunn Brothers. It

Stop! Look! Listen! Saturday afternoon in front of Max Mellinger's Dry Goods Store there's going to be "oodles" of sandwiches and led to sold by the Belle Bennett Missionary Society.