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 A reason and a purpose, too  
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 Money and credit pull him thru.  
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**ABILENE PASTOR  
 PRAISES HOOVER**

**Dr. E. D. Salkeld Speaks to Merkel Citizens, Urging Cause of the Republican Nominee**

Speaking from a truck in front of the Farmers' State Bank building, Dr. E. D. Salkeld, pastor of the First Christian church of Abilene, addressed Merkel citizens and those from the surrounding territory last Friday night in the interest of the candidacy of Herbert Hoover for president. Dr. Salkeld was introduced by Rev. W. J. Mayhew, pastor of the Methodist church.

Declaring that the Houston convention and Tammany Hall, by the nomination of Alfred E. Smith as the democratic standard bearer, had injected the religious issue into the campaign, Dr. Salkeld defended the right of ministers to take an active part in the politics of the nation. He said the Protestants had a right to discuss the religion of Al Smith since it was so at variance with what they believed to be the best interests of the country. His attitude on the prohibition question, he said, was repulsive to the dry democrats of the nation, as well as in opposition to the constitution of the United States.

Dr. Salkeld divided the supporters of Hoover and Smith into two groups, saying that the gamblers, bootleggers, and Tammany Hall were espousing the cause of Smith, and that the preachers, mothers and Protestant church people of the nation were supporting the latter. He knew of but two preachers in Texas who were actively supporting Smith, and these, he said, were without pastorates at the present time.

**MERKEL DOWNS  
 HAMLIN, 7 to 6**

**Badgers Come Out of Hole For First Win of Season; Clyde Here Today**

The Badgers came out of their hole last Friday and dug up the first victory for this season.

Merkel kicked off and the game started in a fight. Hamlin made the first down, but fumbled the ball on second play. Tittle scooped up the ball and went for a touchdown, and Boaz kicked goal. For the remainder of that quarter and second quarter, it was a fight to see who could make first downs.

The game was featured by punts, both sides being good. The third quarter started like the second, until Boaz placed the ball on Hamlin's twelve-yard line by a long end run. Guitar bucked the line for six yards, placing the ball on the six yard line, leaving four downs to put it over. Sloan carried it over on the first play, but was called back on off side with the back field in motion. The third play resulted in the loss of six yards and in the fourth an incomplete pass was thrown, leaving the ball on the twelve yard line.

Hamlin kicked out of danger and held Merkel for downs. They then started line drives which finally resulted in a touchdown.

Here interest was high with a score of six to seven, and leaving Hamlin a chance to overcome the one score Merkel had gained on them.

Hamlin lined up to place kick goal, letting the end run off to one side, and passed. Sloan followed the runner and slapped the passed ball to the ground as deliberately as if it was an every day affair, leaving a score of six to seven.

The fourth quarter was largely a passing game on the part of Hamlin, who was trying to come out of the kinks. Two passes were completed, and two incomplete, with Merkel threatening to score late in the quarter from an intercepted pass.

The game ended with the ball in mid-field, and a score of seven to six, in favor of Merkel. Hamlin showed good sportsmanship and it was a clean game through and through. Merkel fans are in high hopes for a victory over Clyde.

**MERKEL VS. CLYDE TODAY**

Clyde comes here today, not having won a game, but with blood in their eyes. They have a team known for line plunges of long gains. The game starts at four o'clock on the Merkel field. Be on hand to see the battle. Support Merkel Athletics and show your boys you are behind them. Admission 50 cents.

**John Hughes Cochran  
 Dead, at Age 90 Years**

Sweetwater, Tex., Oct. 25.—Judge John Hughes Cochran Sr., aged 90, ex-speaker of the house in the Texas legislature, former captain of a Texas ranger company, one of the earliest tax collectors in the state, and a holder of many Nolan county offices since his removal here in 1894, died here at the home of his son, John H. Cochran Jr.

He was born in Tennessee June 28, 1838, and moved to Texas in 1843, settling in Dallas county. His father was the first tax collector of Dallas county, and he, himself, was among the early tax collectors of that county. He also served as postmaster of Dallas during the Cleveland administration.

**Dove Hunting Season  
 Will End on Oct. 30**

Hunting season for dove, which opened September 1 in the north zone, will close October 30, according to announcement by Tom St. John, state game warden with headquarters at Abilene.

Open season for quail is from December 1 to January 16. Wild ducks of all kinds, except wood ducks, may be hunted in the north zone until January 31, the season having opened Tuesday of last week.

Bag limit for quail is 12 in any one week, counting all varieties. The limit for ducks is 25 for one day and not more than 50 in one week. Only two bucks may be killed by each hunter during the season and these must have three points or more.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know they appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.  
 Sam Swann

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**RESOURCES**

Loans, Time and Demand ..... \$ 368,485.14  
 Bills of Exchange (Cotton) .... 16,450.26  
 Overdrafts ..... 2,440.62  
 Furniture and Fixtures ..... 6,750.00  
 5% Redemption Fund ..... 312.50  
 Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 2,250.00

Cash, Sight Exchange and  
 U. S. Bonds (owned) ..... 190,270.42  
**\$ 586,958.94**

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock ..... \$ 50,000.00  
 Surplus ..... 25,000.00  
 Undivided Profits ..... 15,784.46  
 Circulation ..... 6,250.00  
 Borrowed Money ..... NONE  
 Bills Payable ..... NONE  
 Rediscounts ..... NONE

**DEPOSITS** ..... 489,924.48  
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1927 Chevrolet Coupe—new car service for used car price; new rubber, perfect mechanical condition. This car will please the most skeptical. O. K.

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Several Fords in various models.

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1926 Ford Roadster, priced at a bargain \$165.00.

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**Hitson Well Near  
 Breck Major Strike**

Breckenridge, Tex., Oct. 25.—Breckenridge has just passed through what to her has been the most eventful period of 1928 oil history.

The year has witnessed many important discoveries in shallow and deep pay oil sands and in opening up new commercial gassers, but it was not until the past week that a deep pay sand that promises to be of major significance was struck in the immediate vicinity of this city.

C. M. Root of Tulsa, drilling the

Hitson No. 1, less than a mile west of the city limits, late last week entered an oil sand that has shown improvement daily and is due to cause a drilling program that will continue activity for several months.

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**Romance in Naming Town of Gasoline Revealed By History**

Electrification of the town of Gasoline, officially announced by the West Texas Utilities Company, recalled another chapter of romance in which West Texas richly abounds.

The dusty pages of the history of Gasoline reveal that this town is truly a child of progress, born when the automobile industry was in its infancy and the aeroplane was a thing of fiction.

Old settlers recall that where now stands the progressive town of Gasoline there once was but one store, a blacksmith shop and a few scattered houses.

This village stood on the Great Plains Highway which traverses this section of the country from east to west. One fair-sighted merchant, the story goes, installed a gasoline pump in the early days of the automobile and straightway did a rushing business. It was one of the first and only filling station for miles around. A big sign bearing the word "gasoline" hung over the door.

Years later after the village had grown into a little town, containing a schoolhouse, gin and several new stores, the citizens began casting about for an appropriate name. Ev- name proposed, it was found, was by some other Texas City or town. In desperation a citizen pointed to the then old weather beaten sign over the first store and suggested that the town be officially recorded as "Gasoline." Thus it was named.

The town has grown steadily and recently the progressive citizens asserted that to be a really modern town, it must be electrified. And now workmen of the West Texas Utilities Company are building an extension of the Quitaque-Turkey transmission line into that town.

The largest incandescent lamp—as large as three cauliflowers—will burn the clothes off any person standing within three feet of it. The smallest lamp in the world is as large as a grain of wheat and will not scratch the tender membrane of a baby's stomach when the light is poked down the infant's gullet to search for a missing pin or button.

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**Ex-Ranger Shot to Death Near Boerne**

Boerne, Tex., Oct. 25.—Pat Lewis, ex-ranger and ex-deputy sheriff of Guadalupe county, was instantly killed at 6 o'clock Saturday night when two loads from a shotgun struck him in the face and breast at a camp 14 miles northeast of Boerne, and Grover Rhorer of San Antonio was being held in the Kendal county jail Sunday on a charge of murder.

Rhorer, who came to Boerne and surrendered to the sheriff at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, said that he had opened fire on Lewis after he had been fired at five times with a pistol. He had not been wounded.

The shooting occurred on a farm owned by Joe Schneider.

An inquest was held by Justice of the Peace W. V. Davis, and Rhorer was remanded to jail without bond to await preliminary hearing.

At the inquest it was divulged that a small quantity of liquor and several jugs and bottles smelling of whiskey were found at the camp, but the owner had not been established.

**Australia Debating Team Meets Simmons University Oct. 29**

Superintendent Roger Burgess of the Merkel school has received a letter from the debate coach of Simmons University at Abilene, in which the boys and girls of Merkel interested in better debating are invited to hear the debate between Simmons and a team from Australia October 29, at 8 p. m.

The question for debate is entitled, "Resolved, The parliamentary form of government is superior to the presidential form."

The Australian team has a reputation for good debating. Two of them are graduates of the University of Sydney, Australia, and also have their L. L. B. degrees. The other member of the team is an undergraduate, but has had much debating experience. The Simmons team

is the one that met and defeated the team from England last year. Since the cost of entertaining the visitors will be heavy, a small admission fee of 35 cents will be charged for the debate.

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**Outlaw Hunter Dead**

Los Angeles, Oct. 25.—In a little Hollywood home where he kept alive his memories of the Western Plains with thrilling tales of old-time cowboys, Charles A. Siringo, author of "Texas Adventures" and other cowboy stories, died Friday.

It was about 20 years ago that he

left the ranges and came to Southern California, broken in health after a strenuous life as a cowpuncher in the Texas Panhandle and hero of many thrilling encounters with desperadoes of the plains. He was 77 years old.

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**CONGOLEUM RUG SALE**

Gold Seal Congoleum Rug, size 9x12, for two hours only Friday night, Band Concert special for cash only **\$8.95**

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Six Hemmed Towels and two Hemmed Dish Cloths, original \$1.00 package, Band Concert Special, 7 to 9. **69c**

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Toilet Paper, 5c value, 7 rolls for 25c; Toilet Paper, 10c value, from 7 to 9 p. m. only, Band Concert special, 4 rolls for **25c**

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81x90 Bleached Seamless Sheets, good quality, for the Band Concert special, Friday night 7 to 9. **89c**

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This coupon is good for \$1.00 on a cash purchase of any item in the house that amounts to \$10 or over

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Large size, best grade aluminum, sells regularly at \$1.50, Band Concert Special Friday night, 7 to 9. **\$1.00**

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\$1.50 bottle Ben Hur Toilet Water: \$1.00 box Ben Hur Powder: \$1.00 Bottle Ben Hur Perfume: value \$3.50, Friday night special, 7 to 9, all for **\$1.00**

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**TIMES DO CHANGE.**

Thirty-one years ago a prominent newspaper said:

"The automobile cannot possibly succeed because of two inherent defects: First, its engine will always be so unreliable that the average citizen will not tolerate the delay and inconvenience sure to arise; second, there will never be sufficient funds to build level roads permitting travel at high speed."

Only thirty-one years ago and the automobile an unknown quantity, with the engine the chief defect. Only thirty-one years ago and writers were expressing the belief that there would never be sufficient level roads on which automobiles could operate.

In little more than a quarter of a century the automobile has revolutionized the transportation machinery of the world. Thousands of men and corporations have been enriched by the manufacture of motor driven vehicles, while car ownership has become almost a necessity. In the same length of time paved highways permit car travel at a high rate of speed across the continent in every direction.

What if the above prophet were alive today to witness the conveying of air mail from Boston to Mexico City in little more than twenty-four hours, as compared with five days by rail.

**THE POWER OF GOD.**

Here's an interesting story printed in the Golden Age, published at Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"Defending the name of Almighty God against the charges of two atheists, a mute in the employ of a Long Branch (N. J.) hotel suddenly regained his speech and was able to continue orally a defense which he had begun in writing. What a grand reward, and who can say that it was not heaven sent?"

Students of the Bible will recall that God's prophet Isaiah records that the time is coming when divine power will bring a like blessing to afflicted ones throughout the earth; "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened . . . and the tongue of the dumb sing."—Isa. 35:5, 6.

The Merkel Booster band did itself proud last week in the first of the Friday night concerts sponsored by merchants of Merkel. Joe Ward, the director, and every citizen of Merkel

has every right to be proud of the musicians composing the band. A good band is an asset to any community.

William Edward Hickman has paid with his life the legal debt for committing one of the most brutal crimes in history—the murder and mutilation of a 12-year-old girl. A few hours before he was led to the scaffold Hickman said to his guard: "If any one deserves hanging, I do. I committed one of the worst crimes in history. If you don't hang me, they should never hang another man in the United States." To all of which the world will agree.

**Paul Whiteman and Orchestra at Abilene**

Abilene, Oct. 25.—Paul Whiteman and his orchestra will appear in concert at the Simmons University auditorium here on the evening of November 3, coming through the auspices of the Simmons Cowboy band, it has been announced.

Whiteman's organization, which is the best known orchestra in the world, started on its third national tour October 7, giving the first performance in Carnegie Hall, New York City, before a packed house. He will arrive in Texas near the last day of October and will appear at eight Texas cities.

Tickets went on sale Monday of this week at the office of the Cowboy Band of Simmons. This is the second big attraction sponsored by the band this fall. Sousa's band played here October 18 to 4,000 people.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with officers and teachers coming early. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Three Commandments of Jesus." Evening subject, "The Way to Heaven." All B. Y. P. U. meet at 6:30 with unions for all. Monday evening is regular workers meeting for the Sunday school. All officers and teachers as well as others interested in the Sunday School should be at this meeting. Our ushers are always glad to meet and greet strangers and visitors. Come, find a welcome and a place to serve.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

There will be preaching at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and also at 7:30 p. m. We had a good day last Sunday.

All are invited to each service.

W. G. Cypert.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.**

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment close in. Gas, lights, telephone and garage furnished. Jim West at West's store.

FOR SALE—Good bundled maize on my farm, one mile south of Trent. S. F. Haynes.

**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes formerly of Merkel, were visiting relatives and friends here this week preparatory to moving to Abilene in the very near future.

Mrs. Warren Smith is visiting in San Angelo this week.

Miss Boog Sears spent last week in Abilene, the house guest of Mrs. Eska Gage.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and little daughter Marilyn Sue left Monday for an extended visit in El Paso, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Shaffer.

Miss Roberta Sloan had as her guests for the week-end Messrs. Geo. Lovell and Robert Eskrew, both of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Claud Young spent the week-end in Abilene.

The W. H. Hathaway family, for a number of years residents of Merkel, have moved to Mary Neal, which they will make their home in the future.

C. L. Boswell is expected to return the latter part of the week from Blooming Grove, his former home, where he has been for the past several days on business.

The Jas. L. Harris family is moving to Abilene, which will be their home in the future.

L. R. Thompson returned from a business trip to Kansas City. En route home he stopped off for a short visit with his mother at Tarkio, Minn., who is past 90 years old.

J. W. Foster of Greenville spent Sunday night with his friend, Dr. H. P. Hisey.

Mrs. G. R. Cathey of Colemena is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey, and will probably remain for several weeks.

Mrs. H. C. Williams, wife of a former Merkel postmaster, but who now resides at Knox City with her

daughter, Mrs. Ed Warren, is visiting old friends here and is being cordially welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and daughter, Isabel have just returned from an enjoyable visit with their son, Roy Propst, at Austin, who is a freshman in the University of Texas this year. Roy graduated from the Merkel High School last session and is getting off to a good start in his university work.

Dean Higgins and Bill Harris returned Wednesday from Dallas, bringing with them two new Ford cars for the Merkel Motor Co.

**Bonfire For Football Badgers; 'Pep Squad' Behind Merkel Team**

Merkel's Pep Squad was organized three weeks ago and has shown lots of "pep" in practice.

We didn't get to see Merkel beat Hamlin, but we are certainly going to see them beat Clyde. We think we can, and will do our best to help them.

We have only seen one game, but we hope to see several more before the season is over. The Clyde game is our first at home contest, and we want an extra large crowd out. We want every one to know that we, the Pep Squad, can make noise and boost our team.

Friday, after the game with Clyde, we are going to give the ball boys a feast. We are counting on their working hard during the game, and know they will.

The Pep Squad is proud of our team and we want every one else to be proud of them too, so come on and let's boost our team by seeing the game Friday.

PEP SQUAD REPORTER.

**Hickman Hanged For Murder Young Girl**

San Quentin Prison, Cal., Oct. 19.—William Edward Hickman paid his legal debt to the state of California here Friday when he was hanged for the murder of 12-year-old Marian Arker, Los Angeles school girl, laast December.

Hickman was hanged at 10:10 a. m., and fifteen minutes later was pronounced dead. The youth's neck was not broken, as is usually the case; he cause at the last second before he was strangled to death. This was betrayal was sprung he began to collapse, shortening the distance of his fall.

**Mistake Corrected as to Trent School**

The Mail has received the following communication from Trent school authorities, requesting publication:

The Mail is requested to correct a mistake printed in last week's paper. The statement was made to the effect that four Trent school trustees resigned, declaring that under no circumstances could Trent support a long term school. Every trustee on the board was in favor of an affiliated school and a nine months' term, and this four, three of whom are back at work, resigned only because of discouraging circumstances.

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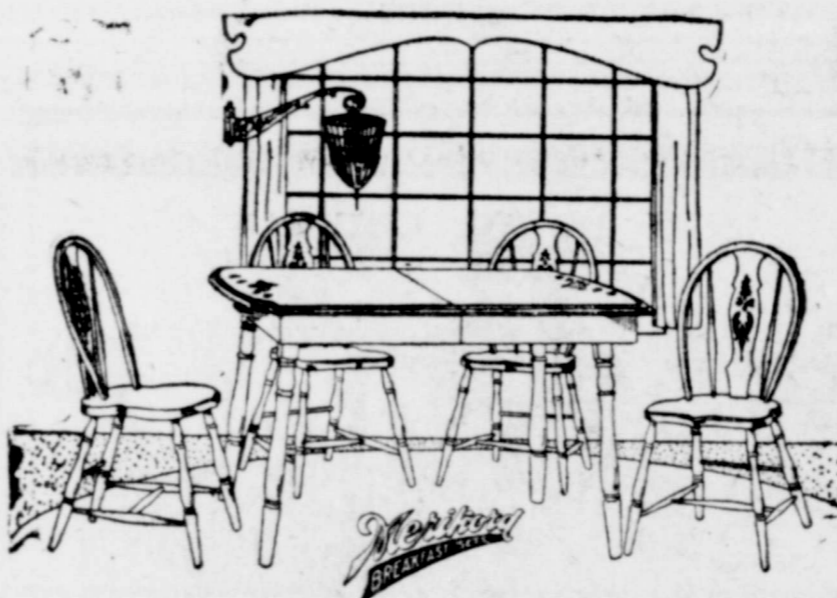
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**"LADIES OF THE MOB"**

The redhaired "It" girl as a woman of the underworld lives the life of the underworld—the underworld of fear—of fight of thrills and of sacrifice, her first dramatic picture. It's great.

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Sears of war forced him to hide in the underworld of Chinatown. But scars of hate brought him into the light, fighting against the woman he loved, to pay a great debt to a pal!

Also Two reel comedy.

**"Face Value"**



**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

An event of much pleasure to all participating, was a birthday dinner given last Sunday in honor of Mrs. Mary A. Earthman, who is visiting her son, T. T. Earthman. The occasion was the celebration of the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Earthman.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, aged 81 and 76, respectively, parents of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman; also Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Giles and daughter, Dorothy, of San Angelo. It was a most pleasant occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by the aged people present, as well as the younger ones who had planned and executed the sumptuous dinner as well as the merry-making which followed.

**IDLEWISE**

Mrs. Matt Dillingham was a most gracious hostess to members of the Idlewise Club on Tuesday afternoon. Colorful party appointments and candies augmenting the same bright hues made tables arranged for games very attractive where auction bridge was employed as the afternoon's diversion. Radio music interspersed progressions of the games until tea time when the Dillingham assisted by Miss Elizabeth Grimes served a most refreshing salad plate with black coffee to Misses Johnnie Sears, Mona Margaret Jones, Booz Sears, Melba West, Vennie Heizer, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Mesdames L. B. Scott, Charlie Jones, Jim Sears, Claude Young, Edward McCrary, L. Grimes, Bob Mayfield, Jack Durham, Guy Darsey, Sie Hamm, Harry Cookston, Geo. White and W. S. J. Brown.

**THEATRE PARTY**

Miss Melba West was hostess on last Thursday evening to a number of friends when plans for a future night bridge club were discussed by the guests before proceeding enmasse to an enjoyable presentation of the Ray Howell show, then showing in our town. The guest list included Roberta Sloan, Melba West, Marthell Bridwell, Vera Baker and Mrs. Claude Misses Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Young.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Little Miss Bettye Jane Dietz charmingly entertained a number of her little friends Tuesday afternoon with a Halloween party from the hours of two until six. Outdoor games appropriate to the season were played, featuring contests before unmasking. Mrs. Dietz passed a lovely refreshment of fruit sandwich, cakes, Dixie cups, with individual toys as plate favors.

Invitations went to Elma Maye Gamble, Betty Booth Beckitt, Dora Marie Gaitner, Beckey Gardner, Doris Gay West, Helen Heeter, Mabel Murray, Mary Joe Russell, June Rose Owens, Don and Jerry West Frank McFarland Jr. and Horace Boney.

**JUNIOR CLASS "WEINER" ROAST**

Last Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock most of the members of the Junior class of '29 gathered at the high school building before going out to Laney's pasture on Mulberry creek for a delightful evening.

From the high school they went in cars to the place designated. After a few trials, Miss Baker started a fire, assisted by Mr. Davis. Over this the class and their guests roasted marshmallows and weiners, and consumed many bottles of soda pop in the warmth, cast by its welcome blaze.

Later jokes were enjoyed and Miss Sloan introduced the visitors present.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the juniors were, Misses Sloan, Birdwell and Baker and Mr. George Lovell, Mr. Robert Lee Eskrew and Mr. Davis. The following juniors were present, Fannie Bell Boaz, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Maurine Davis, Nadine Tippitt, Pauline Toombs, Orion Tittle, Lee Darden, J. T. Darsey, Jeff Chancey, J. E. Boaz, Willie Harris, J. D. Ashby, Fred Guitar, and Ford Smith Jr.

**STUDIO PARTY.**

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Lucy Tracey was hostess to the mothers of the members of her expression class. During the hours from eight o'clock to six a most interesting program of a highly entertaining nature was given in her studio with Halloween bearing the motif favored in all party plans. Miss Pauline Toombs presided. The group of Edgar A. Guest's story—bringing the first number, which was double sided by a costumed number, "Circus in the Barn," by the class. "A Little Girl in the House" was read by Miss Margaret Berry. Thelma Peterson told a story, after which the eye Lou Grimes gave a musical performance. A humorous poem was read by Preston Chaney, and another musical

reading by Margaret Miller. One of the Eugene Fields poems was next given by Rose Marie Lasater, and two nature poems by Mollie Frank Touchstone. A Halloween poem by Truett Patterson was followed by a poem by Ora Derrick. Louise Watson gave poems of memorances, and Robert Jr. Grimes gave a very humorous number. A Penrod story by Pauline Toombs preceded the concluding number, which was an English play by the entire class. Refreshments were served at tea time to Misses Nell Swann, Vennie Heizer, Mesdames T. G. Bragg, E. M. McDonald, Daughtery, Miller, Chaney, Touchstone, Patterson, Derrick, Watson.

**CHAPEL PROGRAM.**

The interested public is cordially invited to be present for the following chapel program on Monday morning from 10:15 to 10:45, in the High School auditorium:

- "The Violet Lady," by the Choral club.
- Talk (humorous), by Ramond Earthman.
- "Flapperette," piano, by Mary Elizabeth Grimes.
- Story, by Pauline Toombs.
- "Ma Lindy Lou," vocal, by Ima Gene Mangum.
- Poem, Nadine Tippett.
- "Dance of the Rosebuds," piano duet, Eleanor Maye Hamilton and Thelma Leach.
- Oration, by Lee Darden.
- Poem, by Wanna Spurgin.
- "Tackle It," Glee club.

**BETTERTON—ADCOCK**

A wedding of much local interest was solemnized on last Saturday afternoon when Miss Monetta Adcock became the bride of Arthur Betterton. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Bastels Baxter, president of Abilene Christian College at "Shadydale," home of the pastor, about 5:30 Saturday in the presence of only few friends.

Miss Monetta is the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock of this city. She was a graduate of Merkel High School in 1927 and was a popular leader in all school activities because of her many winning ways and personality.

Mr. Betterton, formerly of San Angelo but for some time a resident of Merkel, is an employee of the City

Bakery since coming to Merkel he has displayed many splendid traits of character, a dependable gracious manner and a disposition to make friends all of whom wish for the happy couple a prosperous journey down life's pathway.

Mr. and Mrs. Betterton will make their home in Merkel for the present.

**FIDELIS PARTY.**

Miss Madeline Berry entertained members of her Sunday school class in the home of Mrs. V. P. Touchstone on last Thursday evening. A business meeting for the election of officers was called, Mrs. Kirby Beckett, vice-president presided in the absence of the president. At the refreshment hour a seasonal plate of delicious pumpkin pie was served with hot

chocolate to Misses Lucy Tracey, Vennie Heizer, Mesdames Sam Swann, Earl Baze, Kirby Beckett, V. P. Touchstone, Bill Haynes and Miss Berry.

**Y. P. M. S. REORGANIZED**

The young Peoples Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. Burgess on last Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing. Miss Vera Baker was elected president.

At the conclusion of the business session, Mrs. Burgess, assisted by Mrs. Touchstone, served a delicious plate. A delightful social hour was enjoyed.

The society will meet next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Earl Thornton.

Texas is drained by 11 principal river systems, only three of which, the Canadian, Pecos and Rio Grande, originate outside of the state.

Firmly built roads and a central building more than 100 feet square have been unearthed at the Roman camp at Gaer, Wales.

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Breakfast Bacon, sliced, lb.	.35
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48 lb. sack flour that must please you none better	\$1.98
8 lb. pail pure lard or compound	\$1.18
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### Members of Baptist Home Mission Board Are Sued Over Carnes

Atlanta, Oct. 25.—Seven members of the Baptist Home Mission Board were named Saturday in a petition filed in Superior Court by Walter R. Brown, local attorney, seeking to have them held responsible with Clinton S. Carnes, former treasurer, for losses incurred by the board through Carnes' alleged embezzlement.

Dr. L. R. Christie, Frank S. Etheridge, B. D. Gray, Rev. W. H. Major, Dr. A. J. Barton, W. W. Gaines and Hugh M. Willet were those named in the suit, which charged them with "negligence as members of the board."

The petition was filed by Brown, a Baptist layman, as an amendment to a former suit he instituted against the Home Mission Board and others in connection with Carnes' alleged defalcations.

It declared that the board elected Carnes its treasurer although he was an ex-convict and the board auditors members had notice "of the character of said Carnes for a number of years or by reasonable diligence could have ascertained his integrity and that he had served a prison term."

"Said members on several occasions prior to any diversion of the assets were advised as to the character of said Carnes," the petition charges, averring that the board "made no attempt to investigate" Carnes' financial transactions.

The former treasurer is held here under indictments charging him with embezzlement of approximately half a million dollars. Board members have accused him of a shortage of \$953,000.

### Sixth District P. T. A. Session is Planned

Sweetwater, Tex., Oct. 25.—Approximately 100 delegates from Parent-Teacher associations of the sixth district, which embraces 25 counties, are expected to assemble here in April for their annual meeting. Plans are already under way to make this the best annual meeting in the history of the association, according to Mrs. W. G. Davis, president of the City Council of P. T. A.

A meeting of the council was held to plan for the entertainment of the sixth district meeting, and also to urge each local organization to send their president or other delegates to the state meeting of the Mothers' Congress and P. T. A. which convenes in Amarillo on Nov. 18. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for cars to take the delegates to this meeting with each association paying their prorata of the expenses.

The Panhandle High Plains region covers almost 18,000 square miles and the number of farms in the region has increased more than fivefold since 1900.

### Chevrolet Foundry Brings Saginaw Into Prominence Again

Saginaw, Michigan, one of the finest industrial centers in the middle west because of its proximity to Great Lakes water transportation, is fast regaining the fame it knew back in the rugged days when it was the timber capital of America.

Today Saginaw is the home of the Chevrolet foundry with pouring capacity of 1,000 melting tons a day. The first of next year, by reason of intensive construction work now progressing, Saginaw will be the home of one of the world's largest foundries with a capacity of 2,000 tons a day, and will boast one of the world's most modern docks at which pig iron and sand will be unloaded from lake points to be cast into millions of Chevrolet castings.

Foundations for the 212,364 foot addition, which will almost double the present floor space, are now completed.

As early as December 1, it is anticipated, the foundrymen will be at work in their new quarters. And by the time the ice breaks on the Great Lakes next spring, the great 650 foot dock will be receiving the lake freighters with a loading capacity of 40,000 tons a month.

The present foundry originally the Grey Iron Foundry of the Saginaw Products Company, a subsidiary of the General Motors Corporation was built in 1919 and was taken over by the Chevrolet Motor Company in September, 1927. Prior to that time it had been specializing on Buick, Oakland and part of Chevrolet's cylinder block and head castings.

San Angelo has the largest and most up-to-date automatic independent telephone system in the Southwest.

### Student Fined For "Paddling," Wins Hand President's Daughter

Norman, Okla., Oct. 25.—W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma, who led a movement to obtain clemency for Lee B. Thompson, former student, sentenced to six months in jail two years ago for a student prank, is to have Thompson for a son-in-law.

Engagement of Elaine Bizzell, the president's daughter, and Thompson was announced by her parents. The wedding will be November 27.

Thompson, a member of a secret college society, was the only man ever convicted of violation of the Oklahoma anti-masking law, enacted after the entry of the Ku Klux Kan into the state. He was arrested when Joe Crowe, a graduate student, resisted a paddling by members of the society and held him until a group of farmers arrived on the scene. Crowe insisted on prosecuting Thompson and the jail sentence and a fine of \$500 followed his conviction.

Former Governor M. E. Trap released Thompson from the jail sentence and reduced the fine to \$50.

The only paper mill in Texas is at Orange on the Sabine River.

### Baptist Student Union Convention, Abilene, Oct. 26-28

Abilene, October 25.—One thousand students from 26 colleges and universities over Texas will meet at Simmons University here from October 26 to 28 inclusive for the 14th annual Baptist Student Union convention, which will be held on those days. One convention is being held in each of the fourteen Southern States at the same time.

Some of the state's most prominent religious leaders are being brought to the convention to give the main speeches. Some of these are Dr. S. P. Brooks of Baylor University, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary of the State Baptist Convention, Dr. J. D. Sandeford of Simmons University and Dr. W. P. Horn of Texas Tech.

The visitors will be entertained in the homes of Abilene. The first session will begin Friday morning, and the convention will continue through Sunday morning. On Saturday afternoon the visitors will be entertained at the football game between the Simmons Cowboys and the Daniel Baker Hill Billies.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

### Two Children Die From Poison, Given Them By Mistake

Brownfield, Oct. 25.—Given an insecticide by their father, Bill Dorman, who thought the poison was salts, two children died on a farm a few miles from Brownfield Sunday night despite the efforts of three physicians to save them.

One of the children was not feeling well Sunday and the father gave the elder what he thought was salts. The younger then asked for some medicine and a dose of the same poison was given to him. Both become violently ill and died a few hours later.

The insecticide, it was said, was given to Mrs. Dorman by a neighbor. Mrs. Dorman put it into a box which had contained salts, and it was from this box that the father took the preparation.

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**Form Neurological Society**  
Austin, Oct. 25.—Texas physicians, specializing in the care and treatment of mental and nervous disorders, organized themselves at a conference at the state insane hospital here into the Texas Neurological Society, to function as a branch of the Texas Medical Association.

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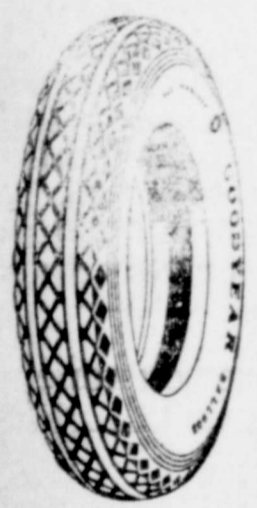
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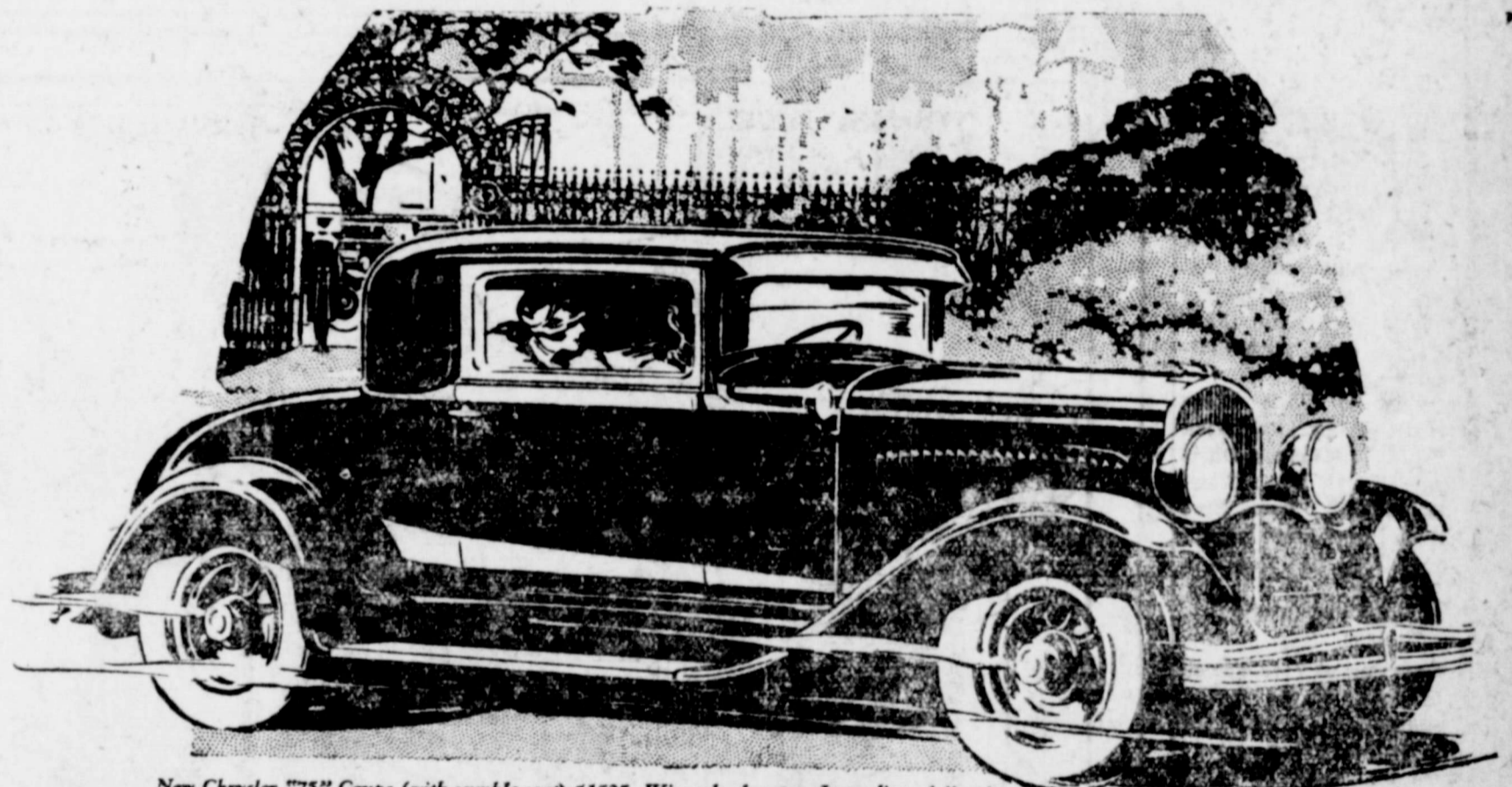
Quality considered Goodyears are the lowest-cost equipment you can buy, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that no one gets a better tire or a better price than you do.

No "special deals," no "extra discounts," no "long trade" line of taffy here—just "The World's Greatest Tire" at as low a price as quality can be sold.

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**"Ladies of the Mob,"  
With Clara Bow is  
Queen Attraction**

Electrocution of a murderer in a state prison, a bank robbery and a gun battle between police and a cornered gunman and his wife are thrilling episodes in Clara Bow's new Paramount Starring picture "Ladies of the Mob," which will run at the Queen theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

It is Clara Bow's first serious dramatic vehicle since Paramount raised her to stardom a little more than a year ago. Hitherto she has been identified with flapper roles. In the new vehicle she is seen as Yvonne, wife of a savagely successful bank robber whom eventually she forces to go "straight."

Miss Bow is supported in "Ladies of the Mob" by a cast of players chosen with special care to portray the vivid underworld characters who people the story.

One of the "meanest" heavies that has ever appeared in a motion picture is portrayed by Montagu Love, in Milton Sills' new First National starring picture, "The Hawk's Nest," coming next Wednesday and Thursday to the Queen Theatre.

As Daugherty, the leader of a gang in the submerged tenth of a great city he displays his villainy in every conceivable way but is finally circumvented by the mysterious Hawk.

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All regular services Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Strangers and visitors are always welcome in all our services. Be on time.

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In the South High Plains region of Texas cotton growing has expanded from 74,195 bales in 1919 to 322,062 bales in 1926.

**Dora Doings**

Quite a group from here were at the singing convention at Roscoe Sunday.

Mrs. L. V. Magee enjoyed a visit with her sister, Mrs. Johnson from Smith county last week-end.

Cool norther and several around butchered a porker and passed it around to neighbors.

G. W. Whittaker and daughter, Norris, made a business trip to Abilene one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger spent the day Sunday, in Merkel.

Mr. Dennis received word from Mrs. Dennis in California that her father, J. T. Lynn, is still very low.

L. E. Lee and family of Abilene spent the week-end here with his sister, Mrs. A. D. Cross.

Jasper McCoy was here several days last week.

John Dudley made several trips to Merkel last week after his winter supply of coal.

Some few have sold turkeys, getting twenty-five cents per pound. It will be several days before the Thanksgiving market opens.

R. B. Shelton of Abilene was home on business for a few hours one day last week.

Henry Laserene and family of Del Rio, spent several days last week with his aunt, Mrs. Bailey Whisenhunt.

Tommy Russen and Bennie Butman were visitors in this city Sunday night.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.**

Prayer.  
Song.  
Roll Call.

Scripture, Matthew 7:24-29, by leader, Bessylea Church.

Scripture Explanation,—Duncan Brigs.

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Vitaphone, the new invention that has made possible perfect talking and singing motion pictures by synchronizing the voice and movement of the characters upon the theatre screen, is being installed in the Majestic Theatre in Abilene, and the first public presentation of talking pictures will take place there Monday, October 29th.

The staggering cost of equipment and service necessary to the presentation of talking pictures almost precludes the adoption of the new entertainment form by smaller communities, and hence when G. L. Wood, manager of the Majestic, driving thru Abilene's trade territory this week, visited the Mail office, he stated that his mission was not to speak of the marvels of Vitaphone, inasmuch as Vitaphone had a voice of its own and

would talk for itself, but to try to impress upon us and our readers the fact that talking pictures would be offered in his theatre not merely for persons living in Abilene but for all persons of its surrounding territory.

And now a word about Vitaphone: by means of the invention, described by scientists as a modern miracle, the greatest actors of the legitimate and musical comedy stages, the greatest artists of the operatic and concert stages, the top headliners of vaudeville, will at one and the same time be seen and heard just as if they were present in person. By means of it, entire stage plays and musical comedies are being reproduced in full, every word, every sound, every scene as in the original. "The Desert Song," a big musical comedy which was presented at the Fair in Dallas is now being Vitaphoned in Hollywood and will be presented at the Majestic in Abilene at a later date.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE**

**The Farmers and Merchants National Bank  
of MERKEL  
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON  
OCTOBER 3rd, 1928**

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$ 384,935.40
2. Overdrafts	2,440.62
3. United States Government securities owned	89,750.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
5. Customers' liability on account of acceptances executed	NONE
6. Banking house, (Do not own.) Furniture and Fixtures, \$6,750.00	6,750.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	32,992.02
9. Cash and due from banks	67,528.40
10. Outside checks and other cash items	NONE
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
12. Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank	NONE
13. Securities borrowed	NONE
14. Other assets	NONE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 586,958.94</b>

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	25,600.00
17. Undivided profits—net	15,784.46
18. Reserves for dividends, contingencies, etc.	NONE
19. Reserves for interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid	NONE
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
21. Due to banks	19,239.61
22. Demand deposits	372,816.27
23. Time deposits	97,868.60
24. United States deposits	NONE
25. Agreements to repurchase U. S. Government or other securities sold	NONE
26. Bills payable and rediscounts	NONE
27. Acceptance of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank	NONE
28. (a) Acceptances executed by this bank for customers and to furnish dollar exchange	NONE
(b) Less acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted	NONE
29. Acceptances executed by other banks for account of this bank	NONE
30. Securities borrowed	NONE
31. Other securities	NONE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 586,958.94</b>

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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.  
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**"THE CLEAN-UP MAN"**  
Actions—Thrills—Romance  
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**LEGAL NOTICE.**

CITATION ON PUBLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL NO. 1719

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING.

You are hereby commanded, to cause to be published, once a week for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS To all persons interested in the estate of J. H. Christopher and F. E. Christopher, deceased.

You are hereby notified that Ben L. Cox has filed in the county court of Taylor county, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said J. H. Christopher and F. E. Christopher, deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the third Monday in December, A. D. 1928, the same being the 17th day of December, 1928, at the court house thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said court on the first day thereof of this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said court, at office in Abilene, this 18th day of October 1928.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk County Court, Taylor County Texas By VIVIAN FRYAR, Deputy.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company forecasts that Texas will have 1,270,000 telephones by 1950. It now has about 635,000.

Of the 14,000,000 acres of the original pine forest area in Texas only about 1,100,000 acres remain in virgin timber.

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marian and babe of Desdemona spent Thursday and Thursday night, with her aunt, Mrs. M. G. Scott. They were enroute to Midland, where they expect to make their home.

Mrs. Robert Martin who has been visiting her parents here for several days, returned to her home at Lorraine Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. John West of Merkel, motored to Denton Sunday to visit their daughter and sister, Miss Ruby Johnson, who is attending school at C. I. A.

Mrs. J. D. Chamlee, who visited her sister here this week, returned to her home at Ireland, Texas, Sunday.

Mrs. J. K. Winn spent Sunday with

Mrs. Joe Reid in her beautiful new home about three miles north of Trent.

Mrs. J. M. Billings of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives and friends here.

J. W. Levick and Cleon Young of Ralston, Oklahoma, are here visiting the former's sister, Mrs. G. E. Powell.

Mrs. Aubrey Terry and Mrs. J. P. Winn were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday, and while there visited Mrs. Seale and babe, who are in the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger were visiting relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John West of Merkel spent Sunday with Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and Stanley Armour and family visited Sam Rossen at Lamesa and Dr. Watkins, at Lubbock last week-end.

Dr. G. H. Watkins of Lubbock was

shaking hands with friends and attending to business here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamner left Sunday for Temple.

Mrs. Elmer Bray, after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelly, has returned to home in Arizona.

**Sie Hamm's Modern Home Ready Nov. 15**

The new Spanish stucco house being built in the Northwest part of town for Sie Hamm will be ready for occupancy about November 15, according to the estimate of the contractor.

The new home is to be modern in every respect and a credit to the city, while the architecture is said to be particularly pleasing. Clay Lumber Co. are the contractors.

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To those who have not visited us we wish to invite you to come in and see us.

Watch for our demonstration of the White Swan and White Star Gas Ranges.

Dates will be announced as soon as preparations are completed.

A useful gift that will last for years will be given each lady attending this demonstration. We want every lady in Trent's trade territory to get one of these. Be sure and attend.

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### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

A new school house at Allmon embracing three class rooms, an auditorium, teachers office and library, and costing \$14,000 for the building, and \$1,500 for the equipment has been turned over to the school district by the contractors.

Plainview is to have a new eight story Hilton Hotel on the corner of Sixth and Austin streets. Construction will begin this week, and is expected to continue for six months, at which time the building will be completed.

Big Spring is to have a new church. The church of Christ denomination is to be the owner of the new church, and will build the place of worship on South Main Street, of buff colored brick veneer at a cost of \$15,000.

The first 4-H Club for Boys and Girls has been organized in Turkey for the school children. Miss Ruby Adams, county demonstration agent organized the club and will meet with its members twice each month.

Machinery for the laundry being installed by E. H. Turner in Rotan is set as it arrives. This is to be one of the most modern equipped small laundries in the country, and capable of doing first class work.

The Coleman Gas and Oil Company is making a \$40,000 addition in the form of a six inch welded line laid from the city to the Santa Fe junction and a mile south. Another reservoir is to be constructed to the 10 inch trunk line of the Lone Star Company.

Approximately 4,000 head of spring lambs have been shipped from Farnsworth, lately. Six carloads of lambs were shipped by E. W. Biggers, and five carloads by J. W. Rogers. The farmers in this section are finding this is a profitable sideline.

Giles Garner, champion wheat raiser who lives near Snyder, has received two ounces of drought resisting wheat, namely Nongarr, Nowawa, and Glywas Early wheat from the Experimental Farm in Perth, Australia, for propagation purposes.

The fifth annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers' Association will meet in San Antonio on November 30, with a heavy bill of well known and interesting speakers on the program, including Dr. Rollo G. Reynolds of Teachers' College Columbia University.

Building permits in Lamesa have exceeded a quarter of a million dollars since the first of June this year. There is a great demand for rent houses. Plenty of labor to take care of the building now in progress is available.

The 125,000 bond issue for the purpose of building a new courthouse in Callahan county was carried by a 125 majority recently. The new temple of justice will be erected in Baird.

W. P. Weaver, county agent of Mills county, states that he will be



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available to any group of farmers in the community who want to learn terracing, if they will secure a level and select leaders. Farmers of Mullins are taking advantage of the offer.

### Funeral Services For Abilene Pioneer

Abilene, Texas, October 25th.—Last rites for Mrs. A. M. Robertson, pioneer church, club and social leader, who died Friday morning, were held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Baptist church. Burial was in a local cemetery.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the church in which Mrs. Robertson had held membership since coming to Abilene in the early eighties, was in charge of the service.

### Gets 99 Years For Murder of His Wife

Abilene, Texas, Oct. 25.—Sam Ellison, oil field barber, was convicted of murder and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary for "beating" his wife to death, by a jury in Judge Milburn S. Long's district court here Friday night. The verdict was brought into the court room shortly before midnight and after the jurors had deliberated less than an hour.

At the end of 1927 the total resources of Texas building and loan associations was \$92,300,000 and the total membership 162,436.

NOTICE—If you suffer with a Rupture ask to see our Trusses. Hamm Drug Company.

### Second-Hand Coffins on Installment Plan Sold at Sweetwater

The Sweetwater Reporter prints this story of "preparedness" as exemplified by six residents of that progressive West Texas city:

Six people in Sweetwater have purchased six second hand coffins, that had been used before for burial purposes, some of which had been used before for burial purposes, some of which had been used to convey criminals to their last resting places. They were sold to five negroes and a white man, all employees of a local hotel, by a smooth-tongued salesman, who made the claim that it was his sole business—selling second-hand coffins.

He sold these employes—all of whom were working in the kitchen of the hotel—collected \$1 from each as a down payment and then made an effort to sell the negro bell hops, but failed to get one of these to sign for the caskets.

In the lobby of the hotel, after the salesman had completed his job in the kitchen, a number of traveling men, cotton men and employes of the hotel gathered to hear the salesman make his sales talk to the bell hops. They all listened closely, giving him their undivided attention, but he could not get any one of them to close the deal. He then left the hotel.

Doubt was then expressed by some of the buyers whether they would receive their coffins as promised by the seller, but they admitted that each gave him \$1 the first payment and then agreed to pay him \$1 every

month for the remainder of their lives.

According to spectators who heard the salesman in his talk, he told the buyers the history of the coffins, the history of the people who first occupied the caskets on their initial burial, what caused their deaths and almost everything pertaining to the former usage of the coffins.

They all bought from him.

One coffin, he said, had been used to bury a notorious criminal some 20 years ago. This criminal had died from gunshot wounds received in a pistol battle. The coffin had been in the ground for some 20 years before it was dug up, renovated, fumigated, re-conditioned and placed in extra good strength for the reception of another corpse. The caskets, he said, were cedar lined, with a strong steel outside covering and would keep out anything that might bother them while they were resting in their last sleep.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.  
Sam Swann

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### Youth Given Death Penalty at Eastland

Eastland, Tex., Oct. 25.—Thomas Francis Davis, 17, was convicted by a jury in the Eighty-eighth district court here Sunday afternoon and given the death penalty for the murder of Lucian Shook.

It was the second death penalty meted out by Eastland county juries in a week growing out of the murder Sept. 7, near the deserted oil boom town of Leeray, of Lucian and Leon Shook, brothers. Clyde Thompson, 18, was given the supreme penalty several days ago.

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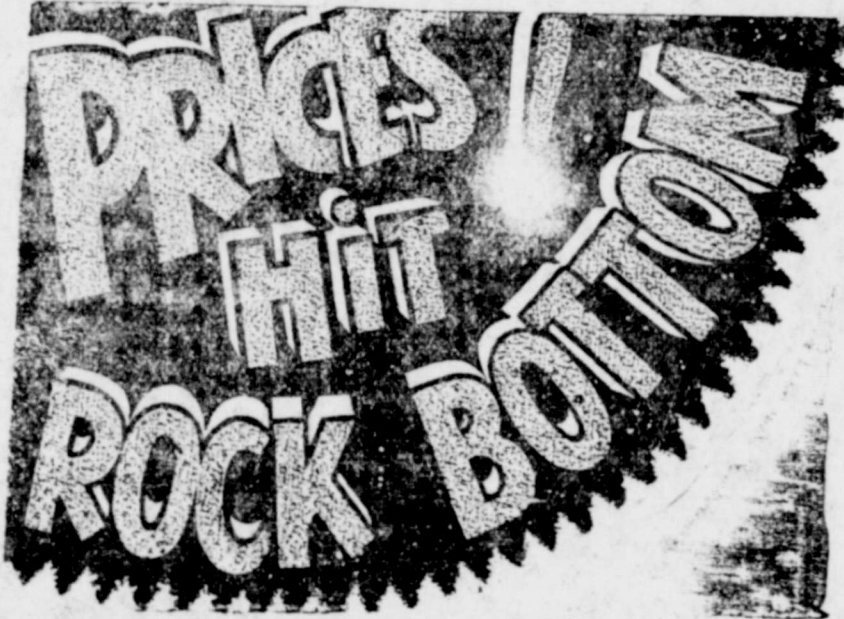
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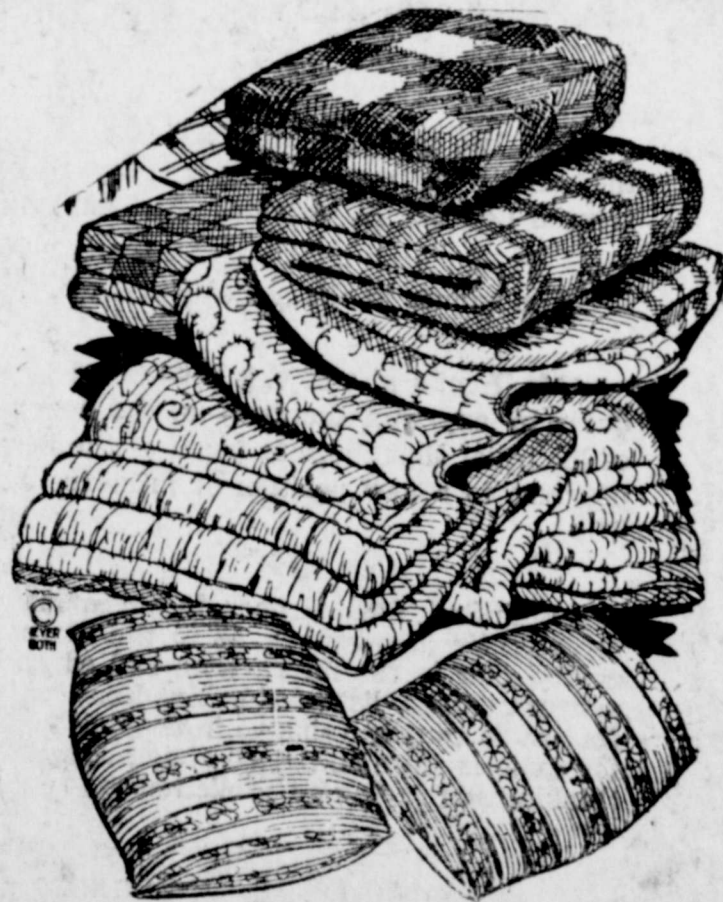
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**New Oil Well in To Boost Merkel**

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feet north of No. 2 Snowden-McSweeney Bickley, is drilling at 2205 feet.

Roberts Oil Co. Smith No. 2, 600 feet from Ind. Smith No. 1, has reached a depth of 2350 feet.

Roberts Oil Co. Smith No. 3, 600 feet east of No. 2, is drilling at 2100 feet.

Roeser-Pendleton, Grayson No. 3, 600 feet north of their No. 2, is rigging up.

Roeser-Pendleton, Grayson B1, in the southwest corner of north seventy acres, is drilling at 2350 feet.

Texas Co. Carter No. 1, 300 feet east of Grayson B1, is drilling at 1100 feet.

Texas Co. Carter No. 2, 600 feet north of their Carter No. 1, is drilling at 2250 feet.

Cranfill & Reynolds No. 1 Bickley, southwest 10 acres of Bickley tract, drilling at 1100 feet.

Phillips-Mason No. 4, 600 feet west of their No. 3, drilling at 2815 feet.

Phillips-Windham No. 1, 300 feet of north line of Marlin-Mason lease, drilling at 1850 feet.

Hurley, White Eagle and Eastland Oil Co., Derrick No. 1, drilling at 2700 feet.

**SOUTH OF RAILROAD.**

Graham & Hunter, Stephens No. 1, south of railroad, drilling at 2150 feet.

Hurley Oil Co., Mrs. Lyda Payne, south of railroad, drilling at 800 feet.

Atkinson & Sandefer, Hudspeth No. 1, drilling at 1950 feet.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the two wells drilling south of the T. & P. railway, the Stephens, two miles due south of Trent, and the other on the farm of Mrs. Lyda R. Payne, one mile due east of the Stephens, and about five miles from Merkel. Three other locations have been made in this immediate vicinity, with drilling in immediate prospect.

**Yorkshire English Club at Trent in Two Excellent Programs**

The Yorkshire English club of Trent, composed of the seventh grade, met Monday, and again Thursday. The secretary, Asha McLeod, read the minutes. Afterward the following program was read:

The Cost of Clothes.—Sallie Freeman.

Poor Taste of Over Dressing for School.—Asha McLeod.

Keep Clothes Clean.—Florence Boyd.

Arrangements of Girl's Hair.—Nami Rogers.

Carelessness About Finger Nails.—Louise Watson.

Bad Color Combination.—Lucille Turner.

Appropriate Styles.—Oneda Bell.

Polished Shoes.—Leonard Robinson.

Boy's Hair.—Boyd Howell.

Are We Ashamed of Mended Clothes?—Erma Faye Boyd.

Song—by Girls of Yorkshire Club.

Song—by Boys of Yorkshire Club.

Then for Thursday, the following program was read:

Play—Marjory Adrin Sarah Julia Johnson.

An Adventure in Dark.—Florence Boyd.

Out in a Storm.—Erma Faye Boyd.

A Leaky Boat.—Asha McLeod.

A Ferocious Dog.—Jack Bowers.

Fighting a Fire.—Leonard Stribling.

A Runaway.—Boyd Howell.

When I Trusted a Stranger.—Louise Watson.

A Close Call.—Lucille Turner.

When Advice Was Bad.—Leonard Robinson.

Lost.—Sallie Freeman.

**Workers Council of Sweetwater Baptists to Convene on Nov. 5**

The Workers' Council of Sweetwater Baptist association will convene with the Lawn Baptist church Monday, Nov. 5, with the following interesting program:

10:00. Devotional—J. W. Partin.

10:30. The Grace of Liberality—Chas. F. Bryant.

10:50. General Survey and Need of State Missions—Ira L. Parrack.

11:20. Sermon—V. W. Tatum.

NOON—Lunch.

1:00. Executive Board Meeting and W. M. U. Meeting.

1:30. Devotional—M. A. Chaparro.

1:45. Missions as it Relates to our Prayer Life.—Zebb Freeman.

2:00. Missions as it Relates to the Work of The Holy Spirit—Chas T. Whaley.

2:15. What Jesus Saw and Taught when He Sat over against the Treasury—M. A. Jenkins.

2:45. The Main Business of a Sunday School—Burt Lowe.

3:00. Checking up on Standard of Excellence—Bq Missionary.

Wanted—To buy maize heads—Sam Swann

**"Lilac Time" Has Big Emotional Role For Colleen Moore**

Acclaimed everywhere as one of the greatest film epics ever produced, "Lilac Time," First National's Colleen Moore-George Fitzmaurice special production, based on the stage play by Jane Cowl and Jane Murfin, has been booked for a feature run at the Merkel Theatre commencing Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week.

"Lilac Time" is by all odds a great special and the most pretentious in which Colleen Moore has appeared to date. Already known as the screen's foremost comedienne, her role in this production establishes her on the top-most pinnacle as a dramatic actress. The tenderness, pathos and realism of her characterization of the little French girl makes "Lilac Time" one of the most discussed pictures of the year.

George Fitzmaurice's direction of this colorful love story is said to be the best of his long career.

The supporting cast of "Lilac Time" includes Gary Cooper, hero of "Beau Sabreur," "The Legion of the Condemned" and other big productions; Bur McIntosh, George Cooper, Cleve Moore, Kathryn McGuire, Eugenie Besserer, Emile Chautary, Jack Stone and many others.

"Lilac Time" was produced by John McCormick for First National Pictures.

Manufacture of carbon black from natural gas is a growing industry in Texas and now employs about 1,500 people.

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**Merkel Students On Roll of Honor**

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Jack Lowe, 91; Mary Grace Dunn, 90; Jack Bowman, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Bridwell. Ethelda Tucker, 92; Wanda Owen, 91.

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Cookston. Harold Morgan, 94; Molly Frank Touchstone, 94; Florence Nicholson, 93; Louise Toombs, 92; Armie Love Toombs, 91; Thelma Patterson, 91; Holt Vaughan, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Guitar. Don Brown, 94; Ora Derrick, 93; Mabel Maddiel, 93; Beth Holloway, 91; Janet Hayes, 91; Horace Boney, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson. Robert Jr. Grimes, 93; Betty Grimes, 92; Alta Grayson, 92; Mildred McClure, 90; Bud Gambill, 90; Waymon Adcock, 90; Murphy Dye, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer. De La Vergne Teague, 93; Lawrence Thornton, 92; Margaret Berger, 90.

Second Grade, Miss West. Martha Faye McLeod, 96; Jake Vineyard, 95; Fern Whately, 95; Charles Shuouse, 94; Warren Vineyard, 94; Rachel Patterson, 94; Sallie Mae Salter, 92; Clayton Miller Leach, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue. Jannell Black, 90; Doris Diltz, 90; Frank Dye, 90; Charles Iddings, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff. Neola Novian, 95; J. L. Hassey Jr., 92; D. S. Price, 92.

First Grade, Miss Russell. W. C. Copeland, 91; Frances Owen, 90.

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 ADMISSION—Ladies and Children 25c—Men 50c  
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**Monday—Tuesday**  
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 William Fox Presents  
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 With  
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 A tale of reckless youths in gay night clubs. Also  
 Comedy and News Events.  
 Admission 10c-25c  
 Hear the Song "Lilac Time"

**SAT., OCT. 27**  
**JACK PERRIN**  
 in  
**"THE LAW"**  
 a smashing western also  
**"The Mark of the Frog"**  
 Comedy and News Events  
 Admission 10-25c  
 The Next Great Picture  
**"LILAC TIME"**

**WED. OCT. 31**  
**"CHICAGO"**  
 With  
**PHYLLIS HAVER**  
 a real treat is in store for you in Chicago  
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 Admission 10-25c  
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The two millionth ATWATER KENT Radio, which will come from the factory this week, probably today, will go to the winner in the Presidential Contest, A. Atwater Kent announced today.

The winner in the election will get the set—the loser get "the air."

Mr. Kent's gift of this set—the first two millionth radio to be produced by any manufacturer—to the new president-elect, is in expression of his belief that the four years of the next administration will see radio progress to a new position of influence and prestige in America's daily life.

Both Smith and Hoover, in the campaign, have used radio extensively to get their messages home to the voters. Each has recognized it as a chief factor in the information and education of the public on campaign matters. As a listener-in, Mr. Kent believes, the next President may find radio equally valuable in keeping him in touch with current opinion for radio is more and more giving a cross-section of what the country is thinking and saying on public issues.

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