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Merkel Gets West Texas C. of C. District Meet

THREE WELLS IN WEEK IS RECORD OF MERKEL AREA

Roberts Oil Co. Smith No. 2, Roser-Pendleton Grayson No. 1, and Sinclair Bickley No. 1 Are the Latest Producers.

Three new producing wells in the Merkel oil field this week added still further to the importance of this area as a real oil field.

Roberts Oil Co., Smith No. 2, came in Tuesday for an estimated production of 35 barrels, gradually increasing until it was reported Thursday as making 40 barrels an hour. This is one location south of the original Smith No. 1, which has been producing since the early part of the year. It is in the Smith area, approximately a mile and a half north-east of the Grayson.

THIRD WELL IN WEEK.

On the same day the Roser-Pendleton, Grayson No. 1, came in, making 175 barrels as a pumper. The rig was pulled while attempting to run the 8-inch casing, which will probably mean a delay of several days while removing the old timbers and erecting a new derrick. This well is in the southeast corner of the Grayson 70 acres, in the Tiner area, and means extension of production for half a mile.

Thursday morning the Sinclair Oil and Gas Bickley No. 1, offset to the original Snowden-McSweeney Bickley No. 1, was reported a producer. According to the best information obtainable, the Sinclair gives promise of a well equal to those in the same territory.

Roberts Oil Co., Smith No. 4, is drilling about 300 feet.

Ind. Oil and Gas, 600 feet west of Smith No. 2, is drilling at around 2300 feet.

McMan Oil and Gas Co., drilling at 2400 feet, is expected to come in during the next few days.

HUDSPETH WELL WATCHED.

Atkinson & Sandefer, Hudspeth No. 1, two miles north of the Tiner area, is drilling around 2300 feet and is being closely watched. It is far enough removed from production to mean a considerable extension. It is reported as logging well with producing wells in the Tiner area.

Phillips-Windham No. 1 is drilling at about 2275 feet, and if it proves a producer, will mean much activity as three offsets are practically assured. It is in the Noodle Creek area.

Texas Co. Carter No. 2 has reached a depth of 2425 feet.

TRENT TEST LOOKS GOOD

Grisham & Hunter, Stevens No. 1, two miles south of Trent, is drilling at about 2415 feet, and is being closely watched by the larger companies. Logging is showing up similar to that of the best wells in the proven area, according to oil men. A well in this territory would mean an extension of approximately six miles.

ZEPPELIN IS SAFE ON RETURN TRIP

The Graf Zeppelin arrived over her home port in Germany at 4:50 a. m. mid-European time (10:50 p. m. eastern standard time) just 68 hours and 56 minutes from the start of her flight.

She had completed the first round trip commercial air crossing over the Atlantic. The distance from Lakehurst, New Jersey, which she left at 1:45 a. m. eastern standard time on Monday, was estimated at 4,003 miles.

This was little more than half the time she required on her westward flight when she flew 6,000 miles by the Azores route.

City Manager Quits.

San Angelo, Nov. 1.—E. V. Spence, manager of San Angelo for the five years, tendered his resignation effective Jan. 1, Wednesday. No was given.

Compere School to Open.

The Compere school, 9 miles north Merkel, will open November 19, the prospects for a large attendance, according to school officials.

TAYLOR COUNTY GETTING READY TO CAST BALLOT

Election Judges to Hold Meeting in Abilene Today; Select Merkel Voting Place.

Election judges for Taylor county will meet at the court house in Abilene this morning, according to a statement given out by County Judge Tom E. Eplin. The meeting is scheduled for 10 o'clock, and at this time supplies for next Tuesday's election will be given out.

Presiding judges were elected last year for two years' service, and in the great majority of cases these will be in charge of their respective boxes. In Merkel, T. L. Grimes will be presiding judge, he having been named for this election. J. P. Sharp was elected for the two-year term in this box.

The voting box for Merkel will be in the McDonald barber shop building, on Elm Street west of the postoffice. Polls open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

Interesting Meet of Lions Promised

The following program has been announced for the meeting of the Lions club next Tuesday.

Toastmaster, A. T. Sheppard.

Vocal number, Miss Christine Collins.

Speaker from Miss Tracy's public speaking class.

Talk by Raymond Earthman on "The Badger," Merkel High school annual.

Five minute talk by Mrs. Burl Scott.

Solo by Ralph Duke, pupil of Miss Christine Collins.

Future meeting of the club will be held in the Coleman building across from the Merkel Mail office.

MERKEL SOAKED WITH 1-INCH RAIN

Rainfall in Merkel and vicinity this week totaled one inch, according to B. M. Black, local voluntary weather observer. Up until Tuesday morning the precipitation was one-half inch, but the steady, slow rain Tuesday and Wednesday increased the total to a full inch.

According to farmers, the rain did no harm, since it fell slowly. In some sections it was welcomed and badly needed. Cotton picking was slowed up for two or three days.

Burglars Rob Three Breckenridge Homes

Breckenridge, Texas, Nov. 1.—Carefully stacking loot they could not carry away in heaps, burglars robbed three homes here Sunday night, escaping with about \$6,000 worth of jewelry, clothing and cash.

They took, among other things, a diamond lavalier worth \$5,500 from a room in the W. H. Bennett home, where Mr. and Mrs. Bennett slept. In both instances, they threw clothing into piles after they had searched the pockets.

Baird Seeking Hotel.

Baird, Nov. 1.—The chamber of commerce is now making an effort to obtain a new modern 50 or 60 room hotel and is offering a city block as a site to the company or individual who will build Baird a hotel of this size.

Baggett Convicted

Cameron, Tex., Nov. 1.—After deliberating less than four hours, the jury in the trial of W. N. Baggett, charged with the murder of his stepson-in-law, A. A. Beatty, last August, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at 35 years in prison.

To Probe Gasoline Prices.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 1.—Investigation of gasoline prices in Texas by Attorney General Claude Pollard and his staff of special investigators has reached a stage already that makes imperative state regulation of prices on this widely consumed commodity, Mr. Pollard said here. He will urge before the next legislature enactment of regulatory laws, he said.

TUESDAY WE VOTE

Citizens of the United States will, on next Tuesday, express their preference at the ballot box for president, that date culminating a campaign declared to be the most memorable in history.

Approximately 43,000,000 men and women are expected to cast their ballots, most of them either for Herbert Hoover, the republican nominee, or for Alfred E. Smith, the democratic nominee.

For the first time in history, Texas and other states known as a part of the Solid South, have been as much a part of the battleground for voters as any other section of the country. Both parties have been clamoring for a heavy vote.

The important thing now is to vote. Whether your vote is cast for Hoover or for Smith, the big thing is to know that you have exercised your right to express your preference at the ballot box.

The Merkel voting box is in the McDonald barber shop building, west of the postoffice. Polls open at 8 and close at 7.

REBUILD TRENT POWER STATION

Trent, Texas, Nov. 1.—Construction work has begun on the new all-steel 66,000 volt substation of the West Texas Utilities Company here, which will replace the old wooden structure that burned on September 17.

The substation will contain 4-66 kv circuits and 2-12 kv circuits to include 2-25 kv oil circuit breakers. In building this new station, engineers of the company provided for an increased load in the Noodle Dome Oil Field.

This Jones county field has been termed by experts "the most completely electrified oil field in the world." With approximately 50 wells either drilling or pumping, all but three are using electric power exclusively. Every new well which is being spudded in will be drilled with electricity.

The new substation, it was pointed out, will be capable of providing almost an unlimited supply of power in this field.

Lorraine Man Buys Deal Drug Store

J. F. Fry, recently of Lorraine, has purchased the Deal Drug store, on Front street, and he and his family have already taken up their residence in Merkel.

The name of the store in future will be City Drug Store.

Mr. Fry and his family are being cordially welcomed as residents of Merkel.

Robert Lansing Dead.

Washington, Nov. 1.—One of the leading figures of the World War passed into history here Tuesday when Robert Lansing, Secretary of State under President Wilson, died suddenly of heart trouble.

School Bonds Voted.

Brady, Texas, Nov. 1.—In the bond election held Tuesday to issue \$135,000 in bonds for the erection of a modern high school building, a very light vote was cast. The result of the election was 128 in favor of the bonds and 21 against.

Sells Home Place.

T. L. Grimes has sold his home place, corner of Rose and Fannin streets, to T. F. Lasater, who will reside there in future, following the burning of his home recently, which was located on North Elm street.

Mr. Grimes states that his plans are indefinite.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO. PLANS POWER-DEVELOPMENT IN COUNTY

It has been announced from Abilene that the West Texas Utilities Company is contemplating a campaign of progressive power development that will ultimately mean the expenditure of \$5,000,000 in Taylor county.

On November 26 the state water board will hear the company's application to appropriate 2,500 acre feet of water annually from Lytle creek, on about 1,000 acres of watershed recently acquired in the purchase of a number of farms below the present Lytle Lake dam. If the permit is granted, and no objection has been interposed to date, the company will build a second Lytle Lake for the impounding of about 2,200,000 gallons

HIGH PRICE FOR MERKEL STEERS

J. S. Swann, president of the Farmer's State Bank of Merkel, and a prominent ranchman of this section, recently sold 31 head of cattle in Ft. Worth for \$2,467.94 net.

In the shipment were 24 yearling steers which brought an average of \$82.60 per head. Twenty-two brought 11 1-4 cents per pound and the other two 10 cents per pound.

Mr. Swann, a ranchman for over 50 years and in the Merkel territory for 38 years, says that this is the highest price he ever received for steers in all his experience.

All the cattle in the recent sale were fattened on his ranch near Merkel.

LIONS TO STAGE UNIQUE CONTEST

The Lions club is to have an attendance contest.

The membership has been divided into two divisions, with Sie Hamm as captain of one division and Dr. H. P. Hulsey captain of the other.

The contest begins with next Tuesday's meeting and will continue for one month, when the winning side eat turkey or chicken, while the losers will sit opposite them and have to be satisfied with beans and water.

The battle is on. If you are a lion and prefer chicken or turkey to beans and water, be in your place at the Lions club every meeting during the month of November.

Jones County Votes \$750,000 Road Bonds

Anson, Texas, Nov. 1.—Jones County voters Monday approved a \$750,000 highway bond issue by more than 2 to 1. In spite of the chilly blasts more than 1,000 friends of the bond issue went to the polls and not more than 400 enemies of the measure appeared.

Pampa County Seat.

Pampa, Nov. 1.—When the Court of Civil Appeals in Amarillo affirmed a District Court decision holding the Gray County seat election of last March legal, it in all probability ended a question smoldering for 20 years. The county seat was moved to Pampa from Lefors, an inland town, by decisive vote. Work will start soon on a \$250,000 courthouse here.

ANSON WINNER OVER MERKEL IN THRILLING GAME

Final Score is 6 to 0; Both Teams Show Up Well on a Rain Soaked Field

Merkel went down in defeat before the Anson team Thursday afternoon on a muddy field by a score of 6 to 0. Notwithstanding the local boys were defeated, the game was a credit to both teams. Anson scored the only touchdown of the game in the first quarter, failing to kick goal for the extra point.

The remainder of the game was a real football contest. Merkel seriously threatened at one time, but was unable to put across the counter.

Attorney Convicted

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 1.—Lloyd H. Burns, for many years an attorney here, was found guilty of embezzlement of \$500 and given a two-year penitentiary sentence in the criminal district court. The jury returned the verdict after studying the case for thirteen hours. The minimum punishment was assessed.

Keeping Up With Texas

Two Dallas firemen were severely injured while fighting a theatre fire. Colorado taxpayers will vote on a proposal to support its band by a city tax.

The Home Bakery at Big Spring was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

November 5 to 11 has been designated Educational Week by proclamation of Governor Moody.

The newly organized Lions club at Sherman was formally presented with its charter last week.

A baby boy, dead apparently 12 hours, was found in the brush, in the outskirts of Coleman.

Traffic lights are to be installed at Coleman on the busy streets in the downtown section.

Stage scenery for the Baird school auditorium has been purchased at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

L. A. Wilson has been elected for the third time as secretary of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce.

Louis Brook and son of McCulloch county have sold their calf crop at 13 cents a pound to an Illinois buyer.

Machinery is en route for the Economy Mills, Inc., feed milling and mixing plant to be erected in Colorado.

Barry Ard, 12, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile at Athens. The car was driven by a girl student.

Twenty-five blocks of paving have been completed at Clarksville, with contract awarded for fifteen more blocks.

The sewer system at Lorraine is about completed. Connections are now being made with the homes of that town.

Houston has a Herbert Hoover who will vote for Al Smith for president. San Antonio has an Al Smith who will support Hoover.

Fire almost completely destroyed the main buildings of the Texas Brick Company at Brownwood, causing \$100,000 damage.

Mrs. Martha Johnson of Palestine died in a Waco hospital as the result of a broken neck sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held at McCauley Monday for Mrs. Effie Abilene Rector, 86-year-old West Texas frontierwoman.

Simmons University debaters won from a debating team from the University of Sydney, Australia, in a contest held Monday night at Simmons.

Rev. N. E. McGuire, pastor of the Lorraine Baptist church, has tendered his resignation, saying that he thought the time had come when a change ought to be made.

One man was slain and Night Chief McDonald injured by a bullet in the jaw in a pitched battle between policemen and two men whom the officers attempted to arrest at Waco.

BIG CONVENTION TO CONVENE HERE THURSDAY, DEC. 6

Lions Club Backs Movement and Appoints Committees to Arrange For Gathering; Invited by L. R. Thompson.

Merkel will be host to the district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Thursday, Dec. 6, following the acceptance of an invitation to meet in Merkel extended by L. R. Thompson at the district convention held at Sweetwater several months ago.

Mr. Thompson presented the matter of holding the convention here to the Lions club at their meeting Tuesday, and that organization unanimously endorsed his action and pledged its united efforts to entertain the delegates during their one day stay in Merkel.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

A committee composed of the board of directors of the club will act with Mr. Thompson in making arrangements. Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Sie Hamm compose a committee to provide entertainment, and T. G. Bragg, R. O. Anderson and Sam Swann were named as a committee in charge of finances.

Mr. Thompson told the Lions that he had been trying for two years to bring the district meeting to Merkel, and by reason of this fact both Anson and Hamlin both tentative candidates for the December meeting, had graciously agreed to withdraw and allow the convention to come to Merkel.

HOMER WADE COMING.

Homer D. Wade, general manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in a long distance telephone conversation, told Mr. Thompson that he would come to Merkel next week for the purpose of talking over plans for the district meeting with the local committee. A business program will be formulated by Mr. Wade and other executive officers of the West Texas Chamber. Matters of vital importance to the fifteen West Texas counties composing the district are to be discussed, and many business leaders of this section will be in attendance upon the Merkel meeting. Invitations will be extended Chamber of Commerce officials and members throughout a wide area, and they will be urged to attend the December meeting.

Wide publicity will be accorded Merkel by reason of the convention. It is the plan of Mr. Wade to have E. H. Whitehead, publicity manager, come to Merkel at an early date and prepare an exhaustive write-up of the town and its immediate territory, with photographs of the different places of interest, including scenes from the oil field. This write-up, profusely illustrated, will appear in "West Texas Today," official publication of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Daily papers will have representatives here to cover the proceedings of the convention.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MERKEL.

In presenting the importance of the convention to Merkel, Mr. Thompson expressed the belief that the time was opportune for a visit from the builders of West Texas, with the rapid development of the oil field, the movement for a modern hotel, and general activity in all lines of business. He was joined in this opinion by R. O. Anderson, T. G. Bragg and others of the Lions club.

Expressions of members of the Lions club were to the effect that the convention would mean bringing to the town men who are most active in the development of this section of the state, and for that reason it behooves every citizen of the town to accord the delegates genuine West Texas hospitality. According to present plans, convention delegates will be guests of the Lions club for lunch on the day of the convention, and following the business session, they will probably be taken for an inspection of the oil field near Merkel.

VALUE OF FOOTBALL.

Coach Davis of the Merkel High football team addressed the club on the value of football, saying that the game develops both physically and mentally, and teaches the importance

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Pecos recently celebrated the opening of the new Graham Hotel there. It is Pecos' largest hotel and represents an investment of \$175,000 by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham and stockholders. The building is three stories high and built of brick.

Slaton's third annual poultry show will be held December 6, 7 and 8 this year. About 400 birds were displayed last year. A large increase in entries is anticipated for the show this year.

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The West Texas Chamber of Commerce agricultural exhibit for the year was launched at the Louisiana fair in Shreveport October 24. The W.T.C.C. exhibit will not attempt to win prizes and will be totally representative of West Texas agricultural products.

A paper from Amherst states that Boy Scouts of the Central Plains will get the benefit of \$500 that was the result of a recent Old Fiddlers' contest. A. F. Copeland of Amherst won first prize of \$100.

Adecock and Brown of Alvord have loaded their seventh car of peanuts out of town. Peanuts are bringing \$1.00 per bushel and about \$10,000 worth of them have been marketed in Alvord to date.

A new sanitarium is being built near Kerrville for the treatment of tuberculosis. The building is 104 feet in length and 60 feet wide. It is located on an eight and one-half acre tract of land two and one-half miles from town.

Abernathy was host to a band of musicians estimated to be about 300 strong on October 20. The musicians were members of bands from neighboring towns, and during the day played in concert and individually.

Natural gas for Roswell, N. M., within a comparatively short time became a certainty when the city council voted six to four to extend the franchise of the Southwestern Public Service company for 25 years for the purpose of bringing and distributing natural gas to the city.

The Bailbrith-Foxworth Lumber company of Dalhart has started work on a 50 by 140 foot warehouse building, which will give Dalhart one of the most modern lumber yards in that section of the state when completed.

J. E. Johnson of Rotan will have his creamery and ice cream factory in operation within a short time it is expected. Part of the creamery machinery is already at the location and is being set as it arrives.

Horn News

Health of this community is not very good at this writing. Those on the sick list this week are: G. E. Ellington, Jack Benningfield and Mrs. Luther Hatfield.

We had a good crowd at our Sunday school and prayer meeting last Sunday and Sunday night.

Charlie Davis and family and Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and family went to Abilene trading last Saturday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family last Sunday was Mrs. May Peterson and family, Mrs. S. S. Benningfield, Mrs. N. E. Horn, Mrs. J. M. Hatfield, Mrs. Lem Kenedy, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelso and family.

Those at Mrs. S. S. Benningfield, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Car, Warren and Louise Daniell, S. J. Mise, Otis and Boreaugard, and Nellie Peterson, Claud and Lorene Ellington, Luther Hatfield and family.

Mr. Gaza and family visited Mr. Sharp of Hebron Sunday.

Mrs. Francis Benningfield visited her aunt, Mrs. Ellington Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Leopard and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Danell Sunday.

J. N. Hatfield, who had his tonsils removed some two weeks ago is doing nicely.

Alton Wardow spent the evening with Claud Ellington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis had dinner with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis.

Jimmie Gregory and wife spent the night with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Friday night.

The rain of the past few days has stopped the people from picking cotton for a few days. A few more days of good weather and every one will be through picking.

Our school is supposed to start next Monday, Nov. 5 if no change is made.

Election day being near at hand is making some of the candidates get busy.

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STATEMENT of CONDITION

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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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School Bond Issue Will Be Re-Voted

Coleman, Nov. 1.—Trustees of Coleman Independent School district, in response to a petition bearing the proper number of signatures, ordered an election to be held November 20 for the purpose of revoting a \$38,000 bond issue previously voted for the purpose of improving the south and west ward school buildings.

The improvements have been made but flaws in the proceedings of the former election makes the repetition necessary before money will be available.

The issue carried almost unanimously in the former election and trustees believe that people will respond as willingly a second time.

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QUALITY AT LOW COST

FRETZ HELD FOR DOUBLE MURDER

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 1.—Murder charges have been filed against Bill Fretz, alleged to have shot to death Dudley Hamilton and his son Earle in front of their home near Rochester, in Haskell county. Fretz was brought here and placed in the Taylor county jail after he had been apprehended following a search by a number of West Texas officers.

According to Mrs. Hamilton, wife and mother of the slain men, Fretz came to the house to ask that Earle "leave the county" before Fretz went to trial on a liquor charge. Hamilton refused to send the boy away, Mrs. Hamilton said, and was shot to death a bullet from a pistol pressed against his body piercing his heart. Earle, she said, then ran toward the rear of the house, but fell with a bullet in his leg and another in his shoulder. Earle died before aid could be summoned.

Methodist Pastors Given Assignments

San Antonio, Nov. 1.—Assignment of pastors in the West Texas Methodist conference was announced at the close of the annual conference. This city was chosen as the meeting place of the 1929 conference. Assignment of pastors included:

San Angelo district: presiding elder Sterling Fisher; Big Lake, O. F. Moreland; Brady, M. K. Fred; Christoval, H. Wright; Eden-Eola, W. A. Fulbright; Eldorado, L. D. Hardt; Garden City Ct., W. A. Allen; Junction, M. F. Hill; Melvin-Rochelle, W. H. Marshall; Menard, J. W. Bickley; Merton-Barnhart, A. Y. Old; Midland, Stanley Heaver; Miles, F. P. Bishop; Millersview-Pear Valley, J. A. Foster; McCamey, E. C. Young; Ozona, J. H. Meredith; Paint Rock, J. O. Whitaker; Rankin, R. H. Washington; San Angelo, first church, J. G. Timmons; San Angelo, Chadbourne street Mims J. Jackson; Sterling City, J. D. McWhorter; Watervally, C. L. Nicholson.

Senator Stuart Resigns. Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 1.—State Senator R. A. (Bob) Stuart, democratic nominee for district attorney of Tarrant county, has forwarded his resignation from the state senate to Governor Moody.

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All-Time Woman's Record For Auto Trip Across the Continent

It was perhaps only fitting that during the same year that a woman for the first time flew the Atlantic, another woman should record what is claimed to be the all-time woman's record for a trans-continental automobile journey. At any rate, Miss Telle Glyndon of Atlantic City, driving a Chevrolet sedan, completed on Sept. 9, the 3,468 miles that separate her native city from San Francisco. The expired time for the "non-stop" journey was eight days, eight hours and fifteen minutes.

Miss Glyndon was accompanied on her journey by her brother-in-law and a friend, neither of whom has ever driven an automobile. Alone, it was up to her to drive every inch of the distance, and this she did.

"It was an endurance test solely," she explained when she checked in at the San Francisco ferry. "I did it to prove that woman's endurance is as great as man's, and I think the result of my journey has done this."

Miss Glyndon's trip was given official endorsement by Mayor Anthony M. Ruffo Jr., of Atlantic City, who timed her start and bade her bon voyage with message of greeting and the official key of Atlantic City for delivery to Mayor Rolph of San Francisco.

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Funeral Services For Bishop Kinsolving

Austin, Tex., Nov. 1.—Funeral services of the Rt. Rev. George Herbert Kinsolving, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Texas and veteran churchman, who died here Tuesday night, were held in All Saints chapel and St. Edwards church Saturday.

Three bishops of the church participated. The body lay in state in the chapel, where services were conducted at noon by Rev. Harrison Masterson, rector, assisted by Rev. Dabose Murphy, director of the Episcopal Bible chair at the University of Texas.

Albany Gateway Sign.

Albany, Tex., Nov. 1.—The Chamber of Commerce, acting upon a motion made last week at the Luncheon club, is considering the erection of a beautiful gateway east of the city on the Bankhead highway, bearing words of greeting and welcome to all tourists and motorists passing into the town.

This gate will be made of natural rock or concrete pillars.

For Sale: Service that pays in such matters as insurance—rentals—farm loan, real estate, leases and royalty. Thompson and Boswell.

Woman Gets Gusher After Encountering Several Dry Holes

Vernon, Texas, Nov. 1.—Eighteen months of discouragement were brought to an end for Mrs. Kork Kelly, said to be the only woman oil operator in the oil fields near here, when her No. 1 W. T. Waggoner blew in from a depth of 2,343 feet for a production of 650 barrels daily.

During the last year and a half of operations in Wilbarger County Mrs. Kelly has drilled one dry hole after another until a total of six dusters had been run up. With a pluck that challenged the admiration of operators, contractors and drillers alike, she kept on drilling, and late Thursday she had her reward.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

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Sore Bleeding Gums

Only one bottle Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied druggists will return your money. Hamm Drug Company.

Murder Charge Filed.

Athens, Tex., Nov. 1.—A charge of murder was filed against R. B. Greer in connection with the slaying Monday night of R. R. Shiflet near his home in the Soldier Springs community.

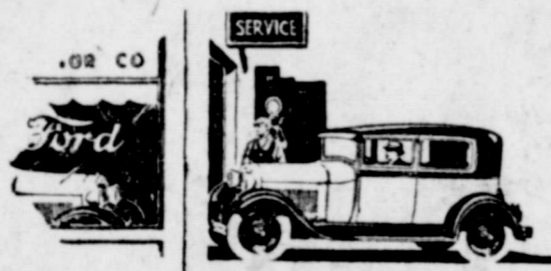
Horse's Kick Fatal

Snyder, Nov. 1.—Leroy Wilson, 17-year-old son of J. W. Wilson, who was kicked in the stomach by a horse five weeks ago, died at Lubbock recently.

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- Change engine oil
- Lubricate chassis

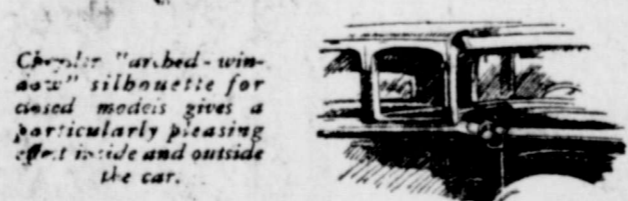
No charge is made for labor or materials incidental to this service, except, of course, where repairs are necessary through accident, misuse or neglect. The only charge is for new oil.

See your Ford dealer, therefore, and get this Free Inspection of your new car at 500, 1000 and 1500 miles. Find out, too, how little it will cost to have your car given a thorough going-over at regular periods thereafter.

A checking-up by experienced mechanics, together with oiling and greasing every 500 miles, will add months and years to the life of your car and mean more economical and pleasurable motoring every mile you drive.

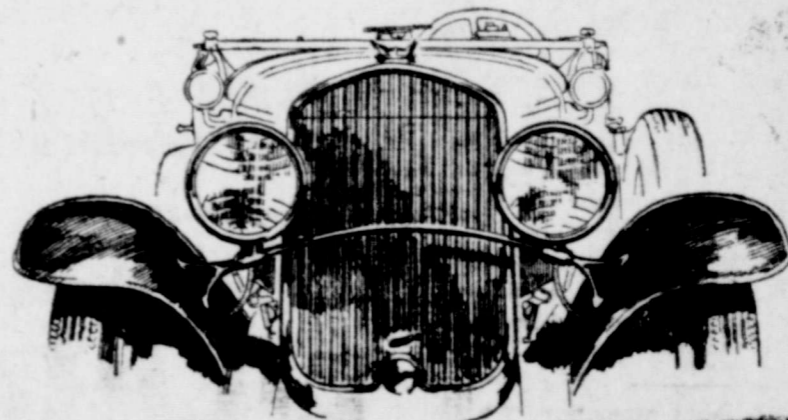
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HEARSE AS JOY VEHICLE,

"Students Buy Hearse For Ride to Game" screams a headline.

The story then relates that eight Cornell students left Ithaca, N. Y., in a motor hearse to attend the Cornell-Princeton game at Princeton, in a hearse of the vintage of 1917, purchased by the youths at auction.

The public, especially in college and university towns, have become accustomed to student "pranks," some of which have led to serious consequences.

A football game in the college centers is the occasion for a gala day in which the exuberance of youth holds full sway. No one wants to deprive the younger generation of all the joy they can get out of college life and the games that have become so prominent a part of college activity.

It seems to us that the hearse incident is carrying things too far. As we view the matter, one naturally thinks of the hearse only in terms of bereavement—not of the merry-making incident to some big athletic event.

MOODY DID RIGHT.

In commuting to life imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Bob Silver by a Tarrant county jury for the murder of Roscoe Wilson, theatre cashier, Governor Dan Moody had a difficult case to handle.

According to his own statement, the governor did not minimize the crime for which Bob Silver was convicted. Doubtless he thought Silver's crime deserved the supreme penalty.

W. A. Stone, co-partner with Silver in the robbery and murder, was given a 99-year term. The evidence in the case failed to show that Silver was any more responsible for the death of the theatre cashier than was Stone. It was this fact that saved Silver from the electric chair.

A jury had already given Stone a 99-year term, and this verdict the governor could not change. It was his duty, with the Silver case before him, to mete-out justice to all alike. No doubt he would have allowed the Silver death verdict to stand had the twelve men who passed sentence on Stone viewed the robbery and murder as did the twelve men who rendered the verdict in the Silver case.

The governor will be criticised for his action in the Silver case, but the evidence showed Silver was as much entitled to live as his co-partner in the crime. If an error has been made, it is chargeable to the jury that rendered the verdict in the Stone case.

Farm women of Mitchell county have the right idea. Under the direction of the home demonstration agent they are visiting dairy farms, the laundry, creamery and other places of interest, familiarizing themselves with the things in which the home is concerned. "Know Your County" is the slogan, and a most worthy one it is. Other counties can well follow the example of the Mitchell county farm women.

Commissioner Diltz announces the completion of grading on the road from Merkel to the Jones county line, which leads to the near-by oil field. With travel to the field growing heavier with increased production, completion of this road will be of immeasurable benefit to Merkel. The roadbed is now ready for gravel.

That big electric sign at the intersection of Merkel's main street with the Bankhead highway would be worth many times its cost in advertising the town to tourists.

Nothing impresses visitors with a town more than paved streets. Merkel is fortunate in having the business streets paved, but important residence streets, like those leading to the churches and schools, ought at no distant day to receive consideration from the city council and property owners.

The Bickley No. 3 oil well, second producer on the Bickley farm within sixty days, adds immeasurably to the importance of the near-by field. Seven other wells in the vicinity of these two producers are expected to come in during the next ten or fifteen days. Build the hotel and get ready for the steady growth that is within Merkel's grasp as development continues.

Merkel is marking time on the hotel project. Without adequate hotel facilities, no town can attract visitors to its midst. The two hotels now here report an overflow almost every night.

A new modern hotel will bring outside money. Subscribe for the hotel stock and start Merkel on the road to the greatest era of prosperity it has ever known.

**Romance, Thrills
 Make "Lilac Time"
 A Great Picture**

If love levels all ranks, it also overshadows even events of world import, so far as lovers are concerned. And as most of the world is composed of lovers and all the world loves them, it is not surprising that "Lilac Time," First National's big new special which opened last night at the Merkel Theatre with Colleen Moore as the star, enthralls by reason of the love story it tells to even a greater extent than because of the World War background.

First National has supplied a picture, perfectly directed by George Fitzmaurice, wherein a little French girl and an English aviator are the principals. Colleen Moore is the girl, Jeannine, and Gary Cooper is the young ace. Both contribute brilliant performances.

"Lilac Time," was produced by John McCormick, to whom must go credit for selecting a splendid supportin cast Gary Cooper, who flashed across the screen as a new luminary in "Beau Sabreur" and "The Legion of the Condemned," excels all previous efforts in his role. Burr McIntosh deserves credit as do George Cooper, Jack Stone and every other member of the cast.

**Trent News and
 Personal Notes**

Claud Butler of Trent and Miss Prickett of Rising Star were married Sunday. We wish for this fine young couple a pathway strewn with roses.

Rev. Joe English of Knox City spoke on the streets here Saturday in the interest of Hoover for president. Rev. English is a brother of Jack English of Trent.

Miss Estelle Terry, who is attending school at Stephenville, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

M. G. Scott made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hammer have returned from Temple, where Mrs. Hammer has gone for treatment. She is reported doing fine.

Mrs. M. B. Jongs and son, Oscar,

left Sunday for Roxton, where they were called on account of the death of Mrs. Bullington, sister of Mrs. Jones. Mr. Simpson is visiting his son here.

Guy Chambers and wife, from Corinth, Miss., visited Mr. H. G. Stutts last week.

Mrs. Capshaw, whose home is in Durant, Okla., but who has been living here about two years, left Monday for her home there.

Mrs. Parker of Post City visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steadman Sunday.

Mesdames Parks and Armour were shopping in Abilene Thursday.

Cecil McRee and H. G. Stieths made a flying trip to Abilene Monday.

Rev. R. E. L. Steiths of Abilene, visited his brother, H. G. Stieths of this place Friday.

Mrs. Capshaw of Abilene, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shannon.

PREACHING AT COMPERE.

Pastor Parrack will preach at Comper Saturday at 11 a. m. and Sunday at 2:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to every one in the Community to be in the services.

**Funeral Services For
 Shackelford Pioneer**

Albany, Texas, Nov. 1.—Funeral rites for P. J. (Jerry) Lynch, 57, Shackelford county ranchman, were held at Albany Sunday at 4 o'clock in the presence of a large number of West Texas pioneers, including Mr. Lynch's 85-year old mother, Mrs. Fannie J. Lynch. The funeral service was conducted in the Albany Methodist church, of which Mrs. Fannie Lynch is the only surviving charter member, by Revs. Boyd and Underwood, Methodist and Baptist pastors of Albany. Pallbearers were Joe B. Matthews, John Surratt, Will Powers, W. G. Webb, Roland, all of Albany, and Judge Milburn S. Long of Abilene.

Daily Paper Suspends

Paris, Texas, Nov. 11.—Lack of sufficient advertising patronage has forced suspension of publication of the Paris Daily Gazette, an afternoon and Sunday morning paper, Sayer Boyd, publisher, announced.

The paper discontinued publication with Sunday's edition.

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Colleen Moore as the "SWEETHEART-MOTHER" to seven young daredevils of the sky. See what happens when all are ordered to "take off at dawn and don't come down till you're shot down."

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"KING OF KINGS"

**NOTICE
 To The Farmers
 STOP
 And Think**

You just make one cotton crop each year, and you owe it to your family and yourself to get the most out of that cotton that can be had, by ginning where the best sample and turnout is given, also where the ginner buys your cotton at the market price every day.

Our plant is equipped with the MURRAY AIR BLAST GINS, which are the best that money can buy. We also have installed one of the latest Burr Extractors in the last few days, so we are prepared to handle any kind of cotton.

Give us a trial and be convinced that we are giving you facts.

I have done everything to accommodate the farmers of this community at all times; have bought your feed when you had it to sell and sold you feed when you had it to buy, and bought your seed the year round. Now, will you not let me gin at least one bale for you? To all those who have given us a trial, we thank you, and ask you to come again, and we urge all those who have not, to give us a trial. Yours to serve,

South Side Electric Gin
 By L. L. Murray, Manager.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—J. T. Darsey Jr.
 Asst. Editor-in-Chief—Milton Case
 Sport Editor—J. D. Ashby.
 Humor Editor—Willie Harris.
 Society Editor—Dorice Brown.

Miss. Editor—Frances Frederickson.
 Senior Reporter—Raymond Earhman.
 Junior Reporter—J. T. Darsey Jr.
 Sophomore Reporter—Louise Booth

SOPHS ORGANIZE

The Sophomore class held their second class meeting Oct. 25. The officers are: Elvis Richardson, president; Verna Tee Beasley, vice president; Harold Leeton, secretary-treasurer; Louise Booth, reporter.

The flower is red carnation. The class colors are red and white.

The meeting was held mainly to select a class motto. The one chosen is: "With the ropes of the past we will ring the bells of the future."

An entertainment committee was also chosen. They are: Elvis Richardson, Harold Leeton, Verna Tee Beasley and Benjamin Sheppard.

BADGERS DEFEAT CLYDE.

Coach Davis and his men have been wearing broad smiles ever since Friday afternoon, when they gave Clyde a convincing defeat on the home grid.

Merkel kicked to Clyde and the receiving player fumbled the ball. Merkel recovered on Clyde's 10-yard line, but was held for downs. Merkel lost the ball and Clyde carried it out of dangerous ground. Clyde was held for downs and had to punt. Boaz kicked for a field goal but missed.

The second quarter the Badgers began to fight hard and Clyde was able to make but very few yards. Boaz kicked a field goal and the half ended with the Badgers 3 and Clyde 0.

At the beginning of the second half Merkel received and ran the ball to Clyde's territory, where the playing stayed during all the last half. The Badgers had the "fight" and Clyde was slow. Williams intercepted a pass and ran 48 yards for a touchdown and Boaz kicked goal for an extra point. Clyde opened up with passes in the last quarter, but only two were completed, and they were tackled in their tracks. Neither team was able to score in this quarter. The game ended with the Badgers 10 and Clyde 0.

Summary:

	Merkel	Clyde
Touchdowns	6	0
Extra Points	1	0
Field Goals	3	0

First downs: Merkel 19, Clyde 6. Merkel showed up well on defense and carried the ball for many first downs, but Clyde held inside her own 10-yard line.

Referee, R. Deeberry (Simmons); umpire, T. Pickens (Simmons); headlinesman, Marshall (Simmons).

The following was Merkel's line-up: Orion Tittle, left end; Terrel Mashburn, left tackle; Lee Darden, left guard; Max Swafford, center; William Sheppard, right guard; Ectyle Spurgin, right tackle; J. D. Ashbey, right end; Finis Cade, quarterback; Horton Williams, left halfback; J. E. Boaz (captain), right halfback; Fred Guitar, fullback.

Substitutes: Norman Sloan, Ed Turner, Alton Whiteaker, Willie Harris, Harold Leeton, John B. Hughes, Jeff Chancey.

PEP SQUAD ENTERTAINS FOOTBALL BOYS.

Last Friday evening, from 6:30 until 8 o'clock, the pep squad entertained the football boys with a feast on the high school campus. The feast consisted of sandwiches, potato chips, toasted marshmallows, wieners, pickles and lemonade. There was a lot of "pep" in the feast because of the rejoicing over the football game, in which we defeated Clyde. Before the party dispersed, the football boys, with their coach, Mr. Davis, gave some yells for the pep squad. Besides the pep squad, football boys and high school faculty, these visitors were present: Misses Lorina Hood, Ima and Mary Parrack.

BADGERS AND PEP SQUAD GIVEN THEATER PARTY.

On Monday evening of this week George Overton, manager of the Merkel theater, entertained with a theater party for the football boys and pep squad. The show was "Dry Martini," and was enjoyed by every one who was present. We were sorry the weather was unfavorable, which kept many from enjoying it with

Following were present at the party: Coach Davis, Captain Boaz, Max Swafford, J. D. Ashbey, William Sheppard, Willie Harris, Orion Tittle, Harold Norman Sloan, Finis Cade, Williams, Ectyle Spurgin, Len, Jeff Chancey; Yell leader Bell Boaz and Vivian Ber-Lola Shelton, Eunalea Gilie Richie, Oleta Moore, Vera

Methodist Ladies In All-Day Prayer Service Next Monday

On Monday, Nov. 5, starting at 10 a. m., the Methodist ladies will have an all-day meeting at the church. All Methodist women are cordially invited to attend this meeting and bring a covered dish for lunch. An enjoyable and profitable day is promised. The following program will be rendered:

Morning:
 Song 193.
 Devotional—Rev. Mayhew.
 China and Japan—Mrs. V. Touchstone.
 Prayer for China and Japan—Mrs. Rainbolt.
 Solo—Boag Sears.
 Africa—Mrs. Hutchinson.
 Prayer for Africa—Mrs. Mayhew.
 Song—146.
 Lunch Hour.

Afternoon:
 Song—221.
 Devotional—Mrs. Richards.
 Europe—Mrs. Brown.
 Prayer for Europe—Mrs. Graham.
 Solo—No. 22—Mrs. Hughes.
 Latin America—Mrs. Thornton.
 Prayer for Latin America—Mrs. C. B. Smith.
 Reading—Miss Cora Lee Hulsey.
 Homeland—Mrs. L. R. Thompson.
 Prayer for Homeland—Mrs. Hutchinson.
 Song—No. 231.
 Golden Light Service—Mrs. Thos. Durham.
 Duet No. 36—Boag and Mary Eula Sears.
 Song—85.
 Closing Prayer—Mrs. Mayhew.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 W. G. Cypert will preach next Sunday at 11 o'clock at North Side Church of Christ.
 There will be a big singing at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Trent, Noodle, Stith, Blair and all lovers of music are invited to be with us.
 Northern Woods will be in charge of the singing.

Just received a nice assortment of pipes of all kind—Hamm Drug Co.

Presbyterian Mission Women Meet Monday

The Presbyterian Missionary society will meet at the church Monday, Nov. 5, with the following program.

Subject: "Siam and the Southern Mountains."
 Devotional—Matthew 10-42.
 Song—"Help Somebody Today."
 Prayer for missionaries, by Mrs. G. F. West.
 "A Moonlight School"—Mrs. Russel.
 "The Romance of Khammoon"—Mrs. Sears.
 "The Silver Woman"—Mrs. Dub Diltz.
 "They Want to Come"—Mrs. Elliott.
 "They Have Heard the Call"—Mrs. John West.
 Closing prayer.
 Business session.

Vernon Municipal Building.
 Vernon, Texas, Nov. 1.—Taylor Brothers of Wichita Falls, Texas was awarded the general contract on the new municipal building at a meeting of the City Commission. The Taylor bid was \$74,469 and was the lowest proposal submitted, and is exclusive of plumbing, heating and electrical work.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

METHODIST CHURCH.
 Next Sunday is to be an unusually important day at the Methodist church. It is the first Sunday of the Conference year, and the new board of stewards is to be publicly installed, and its policies announced at the 11 o'clock service.
 At the evening hour—7 o'clock—a pageant, "The Holiest Task," will be presented.

At the Sunday school at 9:45, begins the New Year in that work also. The attendance will constitute the new roll of membership, together with the Home Department and Cradle Roll.
 Let every Methodist remember that the work of the conference year closes with this week. All finances,

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The Merkel Mail and Abilene News
 1 Year each, for \$5.50

in order to be in this year's report, must be in the hands of the board of stewards before next Sunday. A report of the year's work will be made at the morning service. If you are interested in the work of the church you will want to hear this report.
 W. J. Mayhew, pastor.

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 King of all dogs stars in
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 and News

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"THE KID COWBOY"
 You Will Like Him
 Also Our Gang Comedy, "BATTLE OF THE CENTURY"
 and News

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

A Paramount Picture
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 With James Hall and Ruth Taylor
 All the Thrill of Being Married.
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GUITAR

Gin Company

Fred Guitar, Manager.

Bob Silver Given Commutation; Begins Serving Life Term

Austin, Texas, Nov. 1.—Spared death by act of the Governor on the eve of the date set for his execution, Bob Silver Friday began serving a life term of imprisonment, commuted partially for his alleged participation in a Fort Worth theatre holdup in which Roscoe Wilson, cashier, was killed.

The prisoner entered the rank of "lifers," differing only in the respect that a portion of his hair had been shaven from his head to make room for the electrodes which in a few hours were to have been pressed against his skin. Razor in hand, the barber was in the act of shaving Silver's face when Assistant Warden A. T. Chenault announced the Governor's execution-eve decision.

HEBRON NEWS

The health of this community is good at the present writing.

The farmers are busy gathering their cotton.

Miss Norah Foster spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. M. Carey.

Miss Winnie Bayless has returned to her home from Dallas, where she has been working.

The many friends of Otis Foster are glad to know that he is much improved after being ill for nearly two months. He is at Wichita Falls.

Walter and Norris Barnett and Truman Carey were recent visitors to Hamlin.

Miss Blanche Carey spent Thursday and Friday nights with Miss Norah Foster.

The party at Alberta Mullins' Saturday night was enjoyed by a good crowd.

There will be a party at Mrs. Blackwell's, Friday night.

Leo Harris spent Sunday with Willie and Charlie Blackwell.

Mrs. George Sherril and children visited her mother, Mrs. Bayless, Sunday.

Miss Blanche Carey spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson of town.

J. B. Foster Jr., of Warren was seen in our midst Saturday night.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell visited Winnie Bayless Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickerson Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lona Martin spent the day Sunday with Maude and Lucille Oliver.

Roy Dickerson spent Sunday evening with Clements Sarey.

A good B.Y.P.U. program was rendered Sunday night. Mrs. A. B. Bayless' group was in charge.

The children are getting ready for school, which starts Monday.

Next Sunday is church day, also Sunday school and church Saturday night. Everyone is invited to come.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us.

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Lively Meeting of Merkel Boy Scouts With Another Tonight

Last Friday, the local Boy Scout Troop No. 20 held its regular Friday night meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian church.

Elmer Adcock met with the first class Scouts. They reviewed some of their tenderfoot work, and plan to elaborate still further on this at their meeting tonight, at the church. The first class Scouts present were: J. T. Darsey Jr. and Benjamin Sheppard.

Herbert Patterson met with the second class Scouts and they planned to build a table for the Scout cabin. They are to work on it during the week. The second class Scouts present were: Kennedy Whitley, Ross Ferrer, and Mardell Shaude.

Rev. Walker met with the tenderfoot Scouts and they reviewed their work. Those boys in the tenderfoot class do not intend to remain there any longer than is necessary and intend to be merit badge Scouts soon.

At the general assembly, J. T. Darsey Jr., a star Scout, was elected Scout scribe. It will be his work to keep records of all the meetings, as well as take care of all correspondence. Also the Scout leaders decided to have a recruiting contest. Each new member is to count one point in this contest. Mr. Patterson has not yet announced the prize, but all the boys

know that it will be something worth while.

Jim Sears, a new booster for the local troop, is arousing plenty of interest with a Silver Ace Model Plane, which will serve to instruct the local scouts in aircraft building, a thing which they intend to learn much of in the near future.

All boys over, or near twelve years of age, are invited to be present tonight, as there are prospects for a real good meeting. SCRIBE.

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE CLINTON, A LITTLE PINK ROSE.
(Written by Mrs. C. B. Gardner.)
A little pink rose in my garden grew,
The tiniest of all;
'Twas kissed by the sun, caressed by the dew;
Oh, little pink rose of my garden,
Oh, little pink rose, 'twas you.

Oh, little pink rose of your mother heart,
Have you faded and gone away,
Has the Gardener gathered my little pink rose
For his loveliest garden today?

Did he need one more blossom of your size and hue
And was that the reason the Gardener chose you?
Oh, little pink rose of your mother's heart,
Have you faded and gone away?

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Utilities Men Hold Meeting at Haskell

Haskell, Nov. 1.—Three hundred employees of the West Texas Utilities company held a two days quarterly conference in Haskell last week. Private sectional meetings were held the first day. G. W. Fry, president

of the organization, whose home is in Abilene, addressed the public meeting.

Mr. Fry in his address stressed the fact that the West Texas Utilities Co. had advanced from a construction company to an operating company, stating that northern capital had put up the money for the construction, but that from now on the company must be self supporting.

Baird Pool Extended.

Baird, Texas, Nov. 1.—A half year extension to the Moutray pool, Baird shallow oil field was made when L. A. Warren et al drilled their No. well into the pay at 725 to 737 feet the northwest corner of the southwest fifty acres of the Hearne estate, section 129.

QUEEN

10c "SHOWING THE PICK OF THE PICTURES" 25c

FRIDAY

Laugh! Laugh! Laugh!
Harry Langdon
—in—
"Heart Trouble"

You can't help it. It is so funny; wins a war but can't win a girl; puts the enemy to rout with laughing gas; bombards the blues away with bombs of mirth; you're the judge for yourself.

Also the Great Serial.

"The Vanishing Rider"
and Comedy—
"Sword Points"

SATURDAY

Tom Tyler

—in—
"Tom's Gang"

A real fast western.
Also the Great Serial
"The Vanishing Rider"
and Two reel comedy.

"Girls From Everywhere"

Watch for the coming specials and don't miss a One. They are great. Regular Admission

Monday & Tuesday

Fred Thompson
—in—
"Kit Carson"

Brought to life—the daring Kit Carson. Kit in love, Kit torn by a girl's devotion. Here is the heart of the pioneer opened. It's big. It's Great.

Also comedy

"Companionate Mirage"
and International News

Wednesday & Thurs

The picture with the Silver Lining.

Colleen Moore

—in—
"Happiness Ahead"

Shattered dreams, a broken heart, but a spirit born of love that sent her laughing, fighting, ever onward to the happiness just around the corner. One of Colleen's most beautiful romances. The kind of a picture you see only once in a great while, but well worth while waiting for.

and Comedy—

"Don't Fire"

- Fred Thompson in "Kit Carson."
- Colleen Moore in "Happiness Ahead."
- Joan Crawford in "Dancing Daughters."
- Billie Dove in "The Heart of a Follies Girl."
- Noah Beery and George Bancroft in "The Rough Riders."
- Charlie Murray in "The Gorilla."
- Emil Jannings in "The Street of Sin."
- Dolores Del Rio in "Revenge."
- Will Rogers in "A Texas Steer."
- Mary Astor in "Rose of the Golden West."
- Marion Francis in "Shepherd of the Hills."
- Billie Dove in "The Yellow Lily."
- Milton Sills in "The Barker."
- Richard Barthelmess in "Wheel of Chance."
- Richard Barthelmess in "Out of the Ruins."
- Emil Jannings in "The Last Command."
- Esther Ralston in "Old Ironside."
- Gary Cooper in "Legion of the Condemned."

All these and others are coming soon. The best Line-up money can buy and we stick to our slogan. United Artists, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount, First National, Universal, F. B. O. and others of high merit

So fall in line with the rest and get your money's worth.

Bollies or Snaps

We have the best boiling machine on the market. Can gin your snap and give you as good sample as any gin in this territory.

GIVE US A TRIAL.

Sam Swann Gin



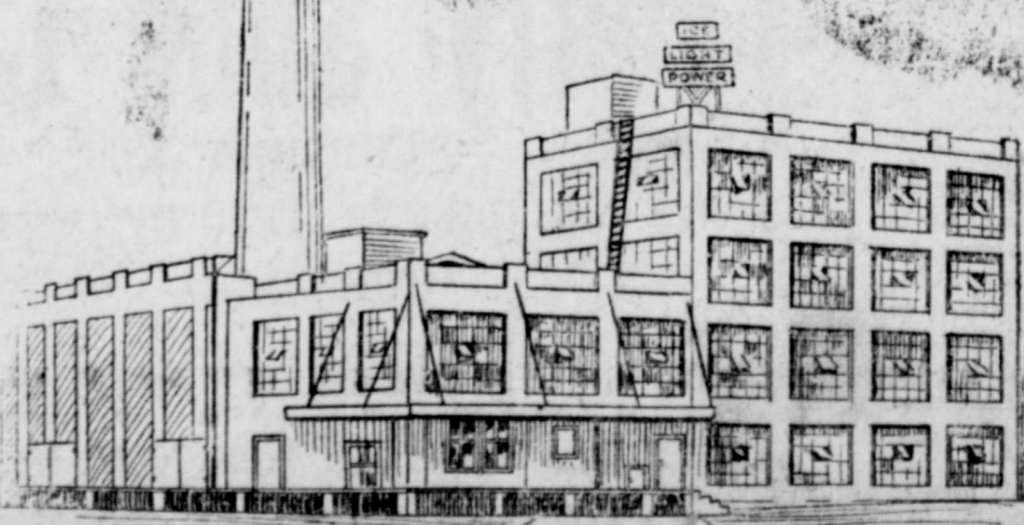
Another Milestone on the highway of Progress

Ever mindful of the needs of West Texas in its phenomenal growth, and thinking several years ahead of its rapid development, the West Texas Utilities Company has set another milestone on this Highway of Progress.

Where six months ago was the bald prairie five miles northeast of Quanah, now stands the Lake Pauline Generating Station, capable of generating 20,000 horsepower of electricity. When this newest electrical giant of the West Texas Utilities Company was put into operation recently it began doing work in homes, industrial plants, oil fields and on farms and ranches of West Texas which is equivalent to the combined efforts of more than 200,000 men.

This station increased the available generating capacity of the company to approximately 70,000 horsepower, thereby not only insuring this territory unlimited power supply, but providing enough reserve to serve at least half a hundred more communities.

The West Texas Utilities Company is constantly working and planning to meet the future demands of West Texas.



West Texas Utilities Company

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Poland china pigs. L. W. Cox, route 3, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—My home for sale on south side. Mrs. J. B. Ferrier.

FOR SALE—Practically new Dodge Victory Sedan at a saving. Ross Ferrier at Merkel Garage.

FOR SALE—Large Shapley heating stove for wood or coal, suitable for homes, churches or school. Known as furnace stove. Bargain. Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE—Cole heater, good as new. C. S. Higgins Garage.

FOR SALE—Two large asparagus sprengerii ferns. Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Phone 261W

FOR SALE—160 acres near Dora at \$26 per acre—a wonderful bargain. Thompson & Boswell.

FOR SALE—New house, excellently located will rent for \$35. \$3000 if sold in ten days. Thompson & Boswell.

FOR SALE—We have listed the brickland place for price and terms. Thompson & Boswell.

FOR SALE—2 fat hogs, and 3 mules. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Route 5.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Adjoining Clyde, house, seven acres, orchard. Apply 502 Jeanett, Abilene, Texas.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished front rooms, close in. C. S. Higgins Garage.

FOR RENT—160 acre farm. C. A. Duncan, Trent, Texas Route 2.

FOR RENT—Bed room to lady only. Inquire at telephone office.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms with gas, lights, and water. See J. C. Tucker at home of Mrs. E. D. Coats.

NEW TWO-room house furnished; with gas and sink. Mrs. C. L. Boswell, Phone 171W.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—One pair German Police dogs, male and female. Scissors Brand E on shoulder. Reward, Henry Ellerbe, Merkel, Texas.

STRAYED—Brown muley cow. Earl Lassiter.

WANTED

WORK WANTED—Man of good habits; hard worker; temporarily unemployed; will accept any kind of work. Apply at Merkel Mail office.

FARMERS—See us before you sell your cattle and hogs. Will pay market price. O. F. Weidenbach, at Quality Market.

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 the 18th day of October 1928.

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

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP. Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, for October 1, 1928.

State of Texas,
County of Taylor, ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, Jr., who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of The Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations:

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager: J. J. Hutchison editor, Merkel, Texas.
2. That the owner is: J. J. Hutchison, George E. Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr., all of Merkel, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: Mergenthaler Linotype Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Maggie M. Jackson, Abilene, Texas.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of October, 1928.
(Seal) WILLIE TOOMBS
(My commission expires June 1, 1929)

Good Luck in Bunches.
Breckenridge, Texas, Nov. 1.—Supply followed demand when C. K. West, oil operator of this city, received two telephone calls in rapid succession.

The first call informed West of the arrival of a nine-pound baby girl at his home, his first born.

The second call, highly acceptable under the circumstances, notified him that his Allen No. 3 well had come in near Graham, making 100 barrels.

Your favorite cigar is always moist when you buy it at—Hamm Drug Co.

Three Men in Jail After Wholesale Sacking of Town

Fentress, Tex., Nov. 1.—Three masked men broke into the Fentress State Bank, stripped three stores and a garage and finally bound a night watchman while they hauled off a safe from the postoffice. Approximately \$150 in cash and supplies was in the safe.

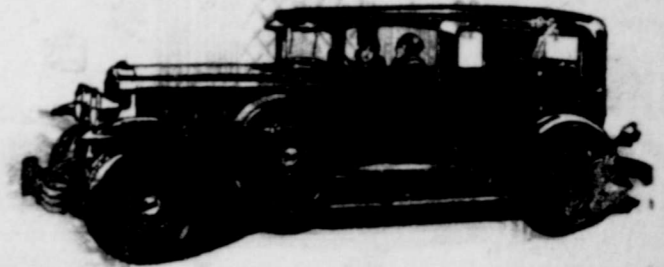
Three men, whom officers said had

been identified as ex-convicts wanted in Denver, Colo., and other points, were arrested and placed in jail at Seguin, for investigation in the wholesale sacking of the town.

We appreciate your business, large or small, and endeavor to merit your patronage by always giving courteous service and quality meats. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

The new Buick is the new Style



Men and women on every street-- in every city and town-- are pronouncing the new BUICK with Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher, the most beautiful automobile of the day.

Never before in the history of motor car manufacture have the motorists of America welcomed any new automobile as they are welcoming the Silver Anniversary Buick with new Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher!

Sweeping into the market at a time when motor car lines were practically standardized—when imitation was destroying individuality—these epic Buick creations introduced an entirely new mode—

A mode of body-symmetry—of size and magnificence—of soft contours instead of straight

lines—of embossed side and hood panels involving the most costly steel paneling work employed on any car in the world!

And as the weeks have passed—and the full significance of Buick's achievement has become apparent to the public—enthusiasm for this car has swelled and grown to unprecedented proportions!

Buick sales records have been broken! Production schedules have been increased again and again! The great Buick plants are working to the limit of their capacity to supply the demand.

The Silver Anniversary
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DEEVOURS-WARE COMPANY
ABILENE, TEXAS
WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

We Appreciate

the nice business given us and continue to solicit your business.

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PHONE 62 Est. 1881

SPUDS 35 CENTS PECK

For the Friday night Band Concert special, we offer in our grocery department, Spuds at per peck **35c**

WEST COMPANY

FLOOR DRESSING SPECIAL

We will sell from 7 to 9 o'clock Friday night, Magnolia Floor Dressing, per gallon **75c**

MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO.
C. K. JONES, Agent.

CHILDREN'S UNION SUITS

A real bargain in children's full bleached E. Z. style Union Suits, age 2 to 14, Friday night special, just **49c**

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

CHILDREN'S HOSE

Special for Friday night, 7 to 9 only, Children's Hose, Band Concert special, per pair **19c**

SEARS VARIETY STORE

7 TO 9 P. M. FRIDAY

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

HAMM DRUG COMPANY

BRAGG'S CASH STORE

Offers for Friday night special, good cotton blankets, size 68x74 for only, the pair **\$1.59**

BRAGG'S CASH STORE

BAND CONCERT

FRIDAY NIGHT NOV. 2nd

On Streets of Merkel

(Dedicated to Nubia and Butman Trade Territory)

7:30 to 8:30 o'clock

This is the third of a series of Band Concerts given each Friday night and dedicated to the Merkel trade-territory.

MARCH	
Bronco Buster	Sweet
Georgia Girl	King
March	
Kentucky Sunrise	Key
Trombone Blues	Jewell
March	
National Emblem	Bagdy
OVERTURE	
Megnetette	Boughman
March	
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Merkel Merchants Welcome You.

PECAN VALLEY COFFEE

One 2 1-2 Sun Kist Peaches free with 3 lb. can Pecan Valley Coffee, Friday night special, 7 to 9. **\$1.50**

CLARENCE SAUNDERS

AT THE BOSTON STORE

From 7 to 9 p. m. Friday, as a Band Concert special, we will sell OIL CLOTH at a yard **19c**

BOSTON BARGAIN STORE

O'CEDAR POLISH SPECIAL

From 7 to 9 o'clock Friday night, we will sell the regular 60-cent size O'Cedar Polish for 44c and the regular 30c size for **22c**

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

BOYS KNEE PANTS

50 pairs Boys Knee Pants, value up to \$2.50 special for Friday Band Concert from 7 to 9 sale price **50c**

JONES DRY GOODS CO.

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT

From 7 to 9 o'clock Friday night, as a Band Concert special, we will sell Ladies' Coats and Dresses at 10 Per Cent Discount

J. T. DENNIS

MERKEL DRUG SPECIAL

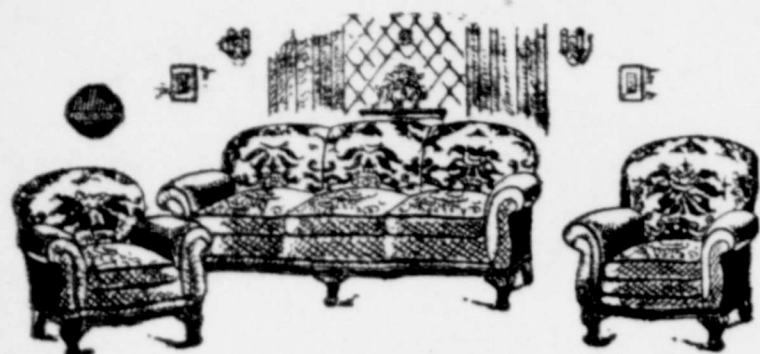
\$1.00 Fountain Pen and \$1.00 box of Stationery, Friday night Band Concert special, both for **\$1.00**

MERKEL DRUG CO.

SPECIAL CASH PRICE SALE

7 DAYS--Beginning Saturday, November 3rd--7 DAYS

The Barrow Furniture Co. Merkel, Texas



New Living Room Suites

3-piece jacquard velour suite with beautiful reverse cushions, regular \$110.00 value on sale for **\$79.50**

Beautiful 3-piece jacquard velour suite, a bargain to sell in this special cash sale at **\$87.50**

1 3-piece jacquard velour suite with silk damask reverse cushions, regular \$225.00 value, to close out during this sale at **\$127.50**

1 new 3-piece mohair living room suite; regular price \$185 Priced this sale for cash **\$129.50**

Many other beautiful living room suites from which to choose—all at greatly reduced prices during this sale.

Everything In Our Large and Complete Stocks Placed On Sale at

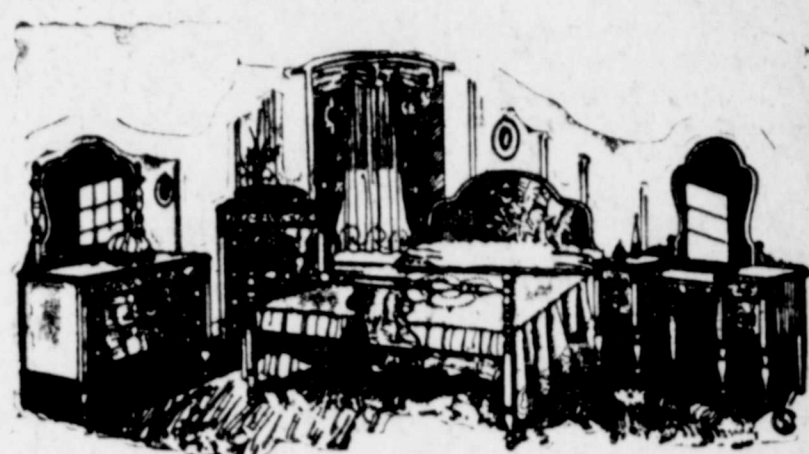
Greatly Reduced Prices

FOR THESE SEVEN DAYS

Beautiful new things for every room in your home—Living Room Suites, Dining Room Suites, Bed Room Suites, and scores of odd pieces—all placed on sale for these seven days at cash prices that mean worthwhile savings to you

COME IN AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY TO ASSURE BEST SELECTIONS

WE DELIVER FREE TO YOUR HOME ANYWHERE IN WEST TEXAS



New Bed Room Suites

Several 4-piece suites in genuine walnut veneer and Cafe A Lait finish, your choice of finish, regular \$70.00 values, reduced in this sale to **\$53.50**

4-piece bed room suite in walnut, regular \$85.00 value, closing out during this sale for only **\$49.50**

New 4-piece suite, regular \$135 value, good style, specially priced in this cash sale for only **\$87.50**

\$285.00 genuine walnut, hand decorated suite, offered at a close-out price during this sale of **\$169⁵⁰**

Many other beautiful suites at values you will appreciate are offered in our bed room suites department for this sale.



KITCHEN CABINETS

One well made, sturdy cabinet, finished in white enamel, very conveniently arranged, a regular \$47.50 seller, to go in this sale at only

\$29.50

Other Cabinets Reduced 15% to 25%

DRESSERS

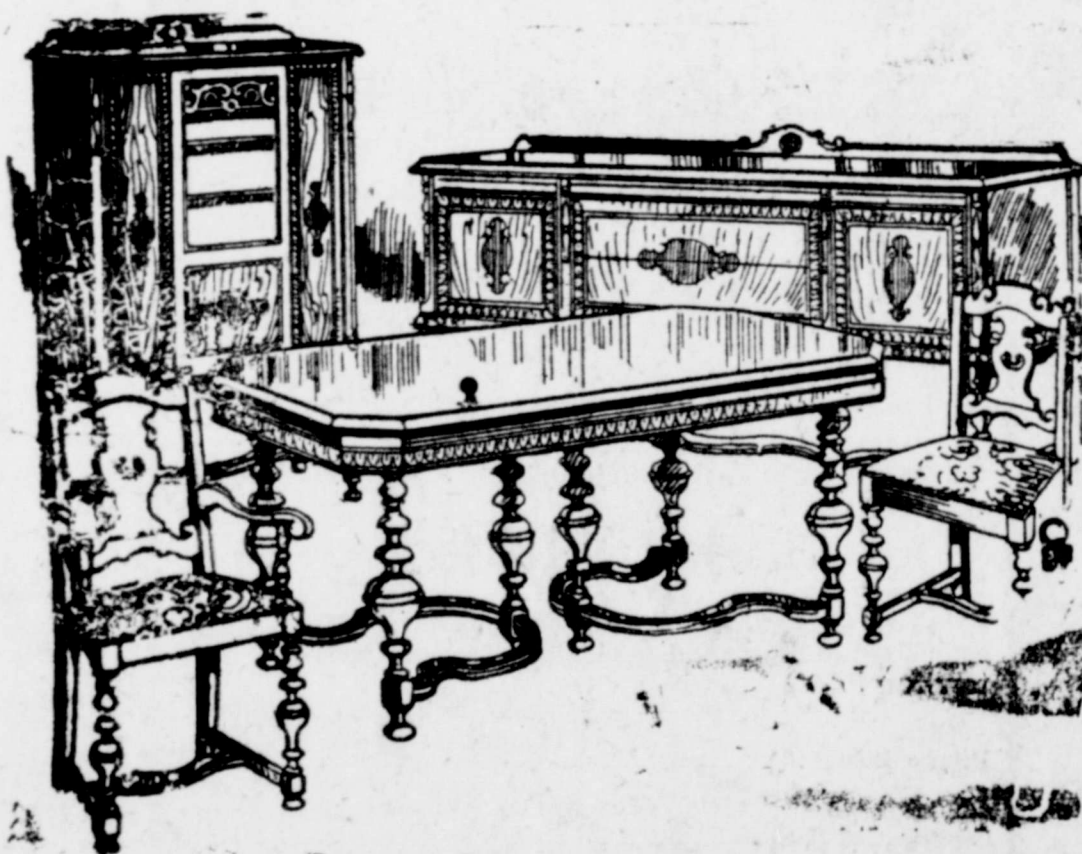
Any finish, a wide variety of styles to choose from. All are specially priced at

\$12.85 TO \$45.00

EXTRA SPECIAL

Cane bottom chairs—the good old stand-by—sell during this sale at, each

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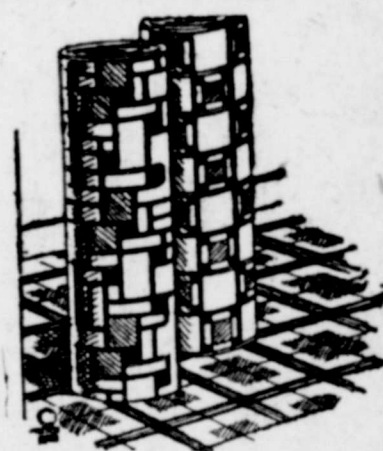
DINING ROOM SUITES

New Eight-Piece genuine Walnut Dining Room Suite sells regularly for \$100.00. A value you can't afford to overlook in this Special Cash Sale **\$69.50**

New Eight-Piece Dining Room Suite in genuine Walnut; regular \$135.00 value. Specially priced **\$89.50**

New Eight-Piece genuine Walnut Suite that is one of the most beautiful Suites we have ever shown, regular price \$165.00. Sale price **\$99.50**

Several other very charming dining room suites will be found here at special discounts for cash.



9x12 PABCO RUGS

Very pretty patterns in this sale at the unusually low price of each

\$4.95

9x12 GOLD SEAL CONGOLEUM RUGS

The rugs you see advertised in your favorite magazines. Selling in this sale at, each

\$8.95

20% DISCOUNT On

Mirrors, Lamps, Smokers, Pictures, Console Tables, End Tables, Occasional Tables, Linoleum Remnants and many other home necessities too numerous to mention.

WINDOW SHADES

Six Foot good quality water-color window shade, 36 inches wide, in this sale at, each

49c

Barrow Furniture Co. Merkel, Texas

Teachers' Institute to Meet at Abilene Friday and Saturday

Sessions of the annual Taylor County Teachers' Institute will be held in the district court room at Abilene Friday and Saturday of this week, the opening session to begin this morning at 9 o'clock.

M. A. Williams, county superintendent, has announced that the institute program will be conducted in the nature of an informal faculty meeting, with only two formal addresses. On Friday morning a representative of the district Parent-Teacher Association will speak. On Saturday morning Boyd M. McKeown, dean of McMurry College, will speak.

A report will be given on the state association Friday morning, and officers of the Taylor County Teachers' Association will be elected at this session.

Friday afternoon basketball schedules for the county will be worked out, to be followed by a general discussion of school problems, in which all teachers are invited to participate. How to improve school attendance, school housekeeping, heating and ventilation, playground activities, industrial school work, community interest and proposed school legislation are the subjects already booked for discussion.

Trustees and school patrons of the county are invited by Mr. Williams to attend the sessions of the institute.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
Prayer—Scripture, James 3: 4-6; Galatians 5: 9, Lois Whiteley.

Song.
Talk no. 1, by Alice Church.
Talk no. 2, by Imagine Middleton.
Talk no. 3, by Kennedy Whiteley.
Talk no. 4, by Wanda Hunter.
Talk no. 5, by Bessylea Church.
Talk no. 6, by Bessie Boaz.
Talk no. 7, by Frances Marie Church.
Talk no. 8, by Odell Hunter.
Talk no. 9, by Marie Stanford.
Bible story, by Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Benediction.
Juniors, don't forget the Halloween party on Friday night at Miss Cora Lee Hulsey's.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Moore of Cross-Plains spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Dod Gibson and family of Hopkins county, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowell of Sweetwater, spent the week-end with their brothers Messrs. Jim and I. Cavetts and families.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, spent the week-end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doan of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors and daughter, Miss Noma, visited friends in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks were seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stonily of Stith, dined with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Spears, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton of Noodle Dome spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family, Brother Hardy, Ruby Brown and Maxie Abott dined with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Meeks spent several days the past week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborn and family motored to Sweetwater on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan.

Messrs Marshall Owens and Jim Moore made a flying trip to Ballinger Monday.

Give us a chance to prove to you the superior quality of our meats and we believe you will become one of our regular customers. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

Everybody's Dream Comes True in Film Showing at Queen

Did you ever have a dream wherein you found a trail of nickles and as you picked each one up, you saw another just a few feet away and they filled your hand.

Harry Langdon in his First National comedy, "Heart Trouble," at the Queen Theatre, today doesn't dream this, but does find a big pile of change on the street. It had fallen from the pockets of a jitney driver and street car conductor, who are fighting on the street.

Harry loses no time to salvage the money and as he picks up the remaining coin—see the picture and you'll know what happened.

Spectacular backgrounds, mass movements of whites and Indians, struggles between trappers and the red men, with Fred Thompson and his white horse, Silver King, at their best, combine to make "Kit Carson," one of the outstanding pictures of the season. Carson's life was a series of thrills and Mr. Thompson has skillfully chosen many of them in building up a remarkably dramatic story for his Paramount special which comes to the Queen, Monday and Tuesday.

In a picture decidedly different from anything in which she has appeared in the past, Colleen Moore, winsome First National star, comes to the Queen Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, in her latest starring picture, "Happiness Ahead."

Although this production provides her with every opportunity to display her excellent flair for comedy, Miss Moore will also be seen in moments of deep drama, in which she is said to have proven an unusually capable actress.

Take home a box of good candy, our candy is fresh—Hamm Drug Co.

Dora Doings

Bro. M. A. Quinlin filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday night, Bro. Badgett preaching Sunday morning.

Our B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely. We invite all young people to come and take part with us.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Erans very sick at her home near Nolan.

Howard Cargill and family spent Saturday night here with J. F. Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mallon made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Ora and Mattie Ford and Doris Jones were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Several from here went pecan gathering last week-end. I believe they report full sacks.

Charlie Griggs came home from Waco last week-end riding a new motorcycle; so we are having an unusual amount of popping in the streets now.

Eula Ensminger a teacher at Mary Neal, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Bruce Brown and wife of Del Rio are here on business for a few days.

Pete Oliver is riding around in a good looking Chevrolet coupe.

Bro. Garner, our Methodist pastor, got a "severe" pounding at Mary Neal church Sunday night.

We are enjoying a nice cool misty norther now. Makes a fire and hot meals a real comfort.

Jones Pioneer Dies.

Abilene, Tex., Nov. 1.—Funeral rites for Mrs. Georgia A. Dookery, 62, resident of Hawley for 35 years, were held at the Hawley Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. J. R. Plant, pastor, conducted the service. Burial was made in the Hawley cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Dookery's husband, J. L. Dookery, who died five years ago.

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

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- 48 lb. sack flour that must please you none better \$1.98
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Christmas Cards

Our new designs are now ready and you are cordially invited to inspect them. The increasing popularity of this style of Christmas greetings suggests the advisability of making your selection early.

MERKEL MAIL



HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones entertained Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, honoring the young people's organization of the Presbyterian church and other friends.

The evening was spent in playing 42, making candy and enjoying music furnished by Misses Mona Margaret Jones and Phala Diltz.

The hostess, assisted by her mother, served a delectable salad course, hot chocolate and candy to the following guests: Vera, Mamie and Velma Walker, Mona Margaret Jones, Alline Riley, Madeline Murray, Venice Bell, Ola Smith, Eloise Manselle and Phala Diltz; Messrs Ralph Duke, Wren Durham, Carleton Vick, Andrew Howell, Rex and Max Roberts, Messrs and Mesdames Jim Sears, Andrew Baker, Emery Jones, Mrs. Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL PATRONS.

Section M-3 of the first and third grades will present a picture show, "The Three Bears," in the grammar school auditorium Thursday afternoon November 8, at 3 o'clock.

At the same time the Songphone band, composed of pupils from the first, second and third grades, will be presented.

All parents are invited to attend on Thursday, and a second showing will be given for the benefit of the school children in chapel Friday morning.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

A lovely party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John West on last Thursday evening climaxed the social affairs this gay Halloween season. Appropriate Halloween decorations were very much in evidence throughout the entertaining rooms and harmonious game accessories made tables arranged for progressive 42 very attractive.

At the culmination of the games, a delectable refreshment of pumpkins moulded of cream and angel food squares were served to Mesdames and Messrs. Kirby Beckett, C. B. Gardner, H. L. Propst, Booth Warren, Elmer Lowe and John West.

W. M. S. PARTY.

The Women's Missionary Society members were most graciously entertained in the home of Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt with Mrs. Marvin Armstrong and Mrs. Rainbolt joint hostesses. A nice program was rendered from the "Missionary Voice," after which Miss Jesse Stell of Colorado City gave a most interesting talk. Miss Cora Lee Hulsey next entertained with an appropriate reading and at its culmination plans were formulated for a covered-dish-luncheon to be given by the society.

A seasonal refreshment was served consisting of sandwiches, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee to about twenty five members.

Y. P. M. S. PARTY.

Members of the Young People's Missionary Society were complimented last Monday afternoon with a Halloween party in the home of Mrs. Earl Thornton. An inspirational program was rendered by various members of the society, and at its culmination a lovely refreshment plate, carrying favors in keeping with the house decorations and salads, pumpkin pie, with chocolate was passed to Misses Vera Baker, Cora Lee Hulsey, Mesdames V. P. Touchstone, Tom Allday and Earl Thornton.

ENTERTAIN S. S. CLASS.

Last Sunday Mrs. W. M. Hays and Mrs. G. L. Reeves entertained their Sunday school classes with a picnic near the home of Mrs. Reeves. At the noon hour a bountiful lunch was spread. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mary Ellen and Dorothy Horton, Evelyn and Zeil Robertson, Lela, Pauline and Lorena Higgins, Vernon, La Roy and Frances Hester, Lee McMurry, Horace Armstrong, Glen Robertson, J. E. and Nollie Jaynes; Hazel, Eldon Othell, Alice and John Henry Reeves. Visitors were Mrs. Wilma Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones, Bill Hays and Doris Robertson.

SHANNON HOME OPENED.

Misses Norma Shannon and Vivian Berger entertained on Halloween eve in the home of Miss Shannon, in North Merkel. Indoor games, typical Halloween stunts and music all made the evening one gala event for the guests, and at the refreshment hour sandwiches, olives, devil's food cake and hot chocolate were served to Misses Thelma Walker, Addie Faye Patterson, Lola Shelton, Una Lee Gamore, Elsie Richie, Ima Gene Mangum, Reba McLeod, Vivian Berger and Norma Shannon; Messrs. J. D. Ashby, Mac Swafford, William Sheppard, Fred Guitan, Finis Cade, Norman Steas, Marvin Case, J. E. Braz.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown visited in San Angelo last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett.

Mrs. M. Armstrong returned Wednesday from a visit in Ft. Worth with her son, Dr. Frank Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood and their son, Earl Wood of Hereford, Texas, were guests in the Shannon home last week-end.

Mrs. Maud Jones of Big Spring is the house guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Durham.

Miss Jessie Marie Golightly of Floydada returned home Sunday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. C. S. Higgins.

Mrs. C. S. Higgins and Miss Jessie Marie Golightly visited in Haskell last week-end.

Mrs. W. Z. Harris has returned to make Merkel her home, a fact which her many friends will be glad to learn.

L. B. Scott spent the first of the week in Dallas on business, and plans to go again for a general convention of West Texas Ford dealers on Nov. 8th.

Emmett Grimes, with his family have moved to Abilene. Mr. Grimes has accepted employment with the Jack Linton drug store.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes is at home from a two weeks' visit to her mother in Dallas and to her grandmother at Nevada, in Collin county.

G. E. Hancock of Dallas is here this week installing the Hancock Burr Extractor in the South Side Electric and Guitar Gins.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. Sam Swann

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Merkel Gets West Texas C. of C. Meet

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of co-operation. Mr. Davis said that the game was criticised in some quarters because of what it costs in life, work and cripples, but that there was an element of danger in everything, even on the streets, with fast moving vehicles all around us. He contended that the training given to boys physically, mentally and in the co-operation which the game teaches, could be obtained in no other way. The school as a whole benefits, Mr. Davis said, because the entire student body can gather around and boost its team in a spirit of unity, and the town benefits by reason of the advertisement a clean, wholesome team gives it.

READINGS ENTERTAIN.

Little Miss Betty Lou Grimes and Masters Robert Grimes Jr. and Truett-Patterson delighted the club with readings, all showing careful training.

In the absence of President Scott, Dee Grimes presided over the business meeting. Dr. W. A. Buckner was toastmaster. Mr. Grimes, reporting for the committee attending the Lions district meeting at Abilene, said a large crowd was present, and that some profitable addresses were delivered.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. George Moore.

FOR RENT—Three up-stairs unfurnished rooms, near churches and schools. S. F. Haynes.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce to the people of Merkel and this territory that I have purchased the Deal Drug Store, on Front street, and will operate the store in future under the name of the CITY DRUG STORE.

I will appreciate a continuance of the favors of past patrons of the store, and cordially solicit the patronage of the drug trade of this section.

City Drug Store

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