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WEST TEXAS C. C. LEADERS COMING TO MERKEL

MAYOR WEST IN TALK TO LIONS ON CIVIC DUTY

Merkel Mayor Says Progress of Any Town is Dependent Upon the Efforts of the Citizenship; Unity of All is Urged.

Citing the apparent lethargy on the part of some in giving aid to the movement for a new and modern hotel in Merkel, Mayor Henry C. West made an earnest appeal at the Tuesday meeting of the Lions club for united action in all civic matters.

Mayor West regretted the fact that in every town there are some who are not willing to help, and declared that no one has the right to expect to prosper in a community without in turn showing an interest in the affairs of the community in which he lives.

"We are masters of our own destiny," the mayor said, "and no one will decide for us what kind of a town we are going to have here. That depends on our own efforts, and nothing is impossible if we are willing to pay the price in work, in planning and in execution."

HINTS OAK STREET PAVING.

Mayor West urged his hearers not to become discouraged over the lack of interest on the part of some toward the new hotel, declaring that it was one of the outstanding projects for which there was an urgent need. He emphasized the importance of formulating plans for civic betterment and then pushing such plans to completion in order. Among other needed improvements he mentioned was the paving of Oak street.

R. O. Anderson, chairman, reported that the hotel committee was still working, although discouraged at times. He believed the hotel would be built, as the need for it was becoming more imperative day by day.

RAISE C. OF C. FUND.

T. G. Bragg, chairman of the finance committee in connection with the meeting in Merkel of the district West Texas Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 6, asked for subscriptions to this fund. The entire amount of \$200 was subscribed in less than two minutes.

E. Yates Brown, reporting for the committee named to raise funds with which to gravel the road from the Taylor county line to the oil fields, reported a liberal response on the part of Merkel business men.

Much merriment was created over the initiation of B. H. Lancaster, a new member of the club. Among the forms of initiation suggested was for the new member to roll a peanut with his nose three times around the room. A compromise was finally affected by allowing the "recruit" to become a full fledged member after circling the room three times in double quick, giving the famous Lions "roar" continuously.

BLUES LEAD ATTENDANCE.

The Blues, under the leadership of Sie Hamm, again led in the attendance contest with a percentage of 95 as against 90 for the Reds, captained by Dr. H. P. Hulse. The contest closes with the next meeting, when the winners are to be served turkey and the losers beans.

Entertainment features consisted of two solos by Ralph Duke, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist. The first was entitled, "On the Road to Mandalay," and the second "A Gypsy Love Song." Both numbers were enthusiastically received.

Funeral Services Mrs. P. J. Stevenson At Trent Tuesday

Funeral services were held at Trent Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. P. J. Stevenson, who died at the home of her son, M. G. Scott of Trent, Monday night.

Services were held at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Watson, and were attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Close relatives attending the funeral were H. M. Scott, a brother, Texas, and two nephews, Zant Scott of Floydada,

MERKEL TO HAVE UNION THANKSGIVING

TRIPLET CALVES ON CHARLES ORR RANCH AT NUBIA

Charles Orr, living south of Nubia, believes he has the "wonder cow" of this section.

This cow, although of fine breed, was always considered the "runt" of the herd and therefore without future possibilities.

Recently this same cow, an outcast so far as fine stock is concerned, gave birth to three fine heifer calves which, so far as marks of good breeding are concerned, are as fine cattle as can be found on any of the larger ranches of West Texas, or anywhere else. They are the pride of the herd, and now the "runt" cow of not so long ago is the pride of the ranch.

According to last reports the "triplets" are growing rapidly, and all of them give promise of remaining a long time on the Charles Orr ranch.

FORMER MERKEL BOY IS PROMOTED

Reed Alsbrook is Named New Promotion Empire in the Winkler Oil Field.

Reed Alsbrook, who was reared in Merkel and graduated from the high school here, has been named as the new promotion empire in the Winkler oil field, press dispatches early this week revealed.

The announcement was gratifying news to a host of friends of the Alsbrook family here. The position given to the former Merkel school lad is considered one of the most important in Texas oil circles. He started in the business world as a telegraph operator, according to those who know him, later joining the ranks of railroad men, his last service in this line being at Paris, with the Texas and Pacific.

Mr. Alsbrook succeeds H. N. Pardee, whose assistant he has been throughout the period of Winkler production. Prior to his connection with this work he saw service with a number of major companies in various departments.

Mr. Alsbrook still has interests in Merkel, the family estate owning some valuable farm land near town as well as other property inside the city limits. Friends in this section are delighted with the success of Reed Alsbrook in the business world.

Merkelites Attend Funeral Services of Relatives at Midland

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hargrove of Abilene, have returned from Midland, where they were called by a telegram announcing the death of W. H. Brunson, Mrs. Rainbolt's brother-in-law.

Funeral services were held at Midland Tuesday afternoon, attended by what many believe to have been the greatest number of people ever attending a funeral at Midland. Mr. Brunson had been living in the Midland section for 40 years and prominently identified with the cattle industry during that time. Many old friends of the range came from a distance of 100 miles to attend the funeral. The floral offerings were abundant and extremely beautiful, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held by the people of the Midland section.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt and Mrs. Hargrove returned to Merkel Wednesday.

Painful Injury to Little Girl at Tye

Joannette, two and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff of Tye, suffered a painful accident at her home Wednesday afternoon. The middle finger on her right hand was caught in the drawer to the flour bin, almost completely severing the end. While the injury is painful, the little girl was reported Wednesday as doing as well as could be expected.

CHURCHES COMBINE IN ONE RELIGIOUS SERVICE

GROWN-AT-HOME FURS MAY ADORN MERKEL WOMEN

Skins of bob-cats, wolves and coon are adding to the wealth of this section of West Texas, according to reports of the number of these animals captured by trappers in the territory south of Merkel, in the vicinity of the White, Munger and Chaney ranches.

Reports from this section state that twenty bob-cats, a number of wolves and a few coons have been caught in the past few days. Trappers are in that territory under employment to "run down" the wild animals who prey upon the sheep and goats in that section. It is understood that two-thirds of their salary is paid by the state and one-third by the sheep and goat owners.

Skins of the animals are valuable, and who knows but that Merkel women will next year be wearing furs "grown at home."

GASOLINE PLANT IN NOODLE FIELD

Construction of a four unit casing-head gasoline plant in the Noodle Creek oil field, work to begin within the next thirty days, has been announced by the Phillips Petroleum Company.

It is estimated that the new plant will cost approximately \$50,000. Gas from wells in the Noodle Creek, Tiner and Shaheen fields will be used by the plant in making gasoline.

According to oil men, Jones county gas has a content of three gallons of gasoline to each 3,000 cubic feet.

Marland Production company has announced locations for two tests in the North end of the Noodle creek sector.

In the three areas twelve new locations have been made during the past ten days.

School Boy Theft Ring.

Amarillo, Texas, Nov. 22.—Officers here Tuesday said they believed they had broken up a youthful automobile theft ring, headed by a 13-year-old boy, with the arrest of nine schoolboys from 13 to 16 years of age.

The boys, officers said, took the cars for joy rides and then abandoned them. All nine were charged with auto theft and released to their parents.

Need Clothing For Orphans

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, announces that a large box will be placed in the church Monday morning for the use of those who will give clothing, shoes or wearing apparel to the Reynolds orphans' home. It is hoped there will be a liberal response.

NEW CHEVROLET SIX IS TO BE READY ON JAN. 1

Passing on to the motoring public the benefits of economics arising out of tremendous volume production, the Chevrolet Motor Company, today, introduces "the Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History—a six in the Price of Range of the Four."

In making this important announcement, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, points out that the sensational public reception accorded the car in recent years has enabled Chevrolet at this time to offer the added power, speed and smoothness of six cylinder performance at practically the same prices that contributed so much to the world-wide popularity of the four.

Preparations for the greatest year in its history are now being made by the Chevrolet Motor company. Production of the new car was started

Meeting is to Be Held at Methodist Church With All Pastors Participating; Members of Four Choirs Are to Sing.

Merkel churches will follow the custom of past years and combine in a union Thanksgiving service, to be held this year at the Methodist church, beginning at 7 p. m. next Thursday, Thanksgiving evening.

For this service a program of unusual interest has been arranged, and preparations are being made in anticipation of the largest crowd that ever assembled for a similar service in Merkel.

Rev. W. J. Mayhew, pastor of the Methodist church, will be in charge of the program, and the Scripture reading will be by Rev. C. G. Cypert of the Church of Christ. Rev. I. L. Parrack of the Baptist church will offer the prayer, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Choirs from all the churches will be combined into one for this mammoth service, under the direction of Miss Christine Collins. A musical program of unusual excellence has been arranged, which insures a Thanksgiving observance in Merkel which will appeal to all.

It is the desire of the different churches to make the 1928 Thanksgiving program the greatest from both the standpoint of interest and attendance that Merkel has ever known.

The benediction will be by Rev. Rev. Mayhew.

CATTLE DEALS IN MERKEL SECTION

Among the cattle deals of the past week was the sale by C. M. Largent to Houston breeders of one car of registered cows and calves.

Sam Lutman shipped to the Breedlove Livestock Commission Co. at Ft. Worth a mixed carload of hogs and cattle.

Merkel High School Over KTYO Monday

The combined Choral and Glee clubs of the Merkel High school, under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, with Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano, will offer a varied program of musical numbers over K.F.X.O., Abilene on Monday evening from 9 till 10 p. m.

Delivery Truck Burns.

A Ford delivery truck belonging to F. B. Huddleston was badly damaged by fire Wednesday morning, when the gasoline tank was said to have exploded. The fire boys answered the alarm.

NEW CHEVROLET SIX IS TO BE READY ON JAN. 1

last week and the company's fifteen giant factories across the country will be turning out cars to be shipped to dealers by December 15. Deliveries to the public will start January 1.

Although no definite schedule has been set for 1929, Mr. Knudsen declared that production of the new car would probably exceed 1,250,000 units thereby surpassing all former records.

VALUE-IN-HEAD PRINCIPLE
In its new offering Chevrolet has retained the highly successful valve-in-head principle. The motor is of the high compression type with a non-detonating head and develops 32 percent more power than its famous predecessor; its acceleration is measur-

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

P. G. Dedmon, prominent Ft. Worth attorney, died while playing golf.

Contract has been let for the erection of a \$50,000 hotel at Lockney.

Emery Fisher, 18, was shot to death as he was hunting ducks in Chambers county.

The grammar school building at Brownfield was slightly damaged by fire early Monday.

Houston is planning a new ship channel terminal of seven stories to cost \$5,000,000.

Julius Graff, 33, was killed instantly when a gasoline tank he was welding exploded at Wink.

Work on the new community hotel at Llano is progressing rapidly. The contract calls for completion early in 1929.

Merchandise valued at \$1200 and cash of \$250 was taken by burglars who looted the town of Lincoln, in Lee county.

Expenses totaling \$59,805 in the Texas republican campaign were reported in carrying the state for Hoover and Curtis.

Alleged violations in the obtaining of poll tax receipts led to the indictment of Glen A. Pace, mayor of Borger, in four cases.

E. H. McKinnon, banker, farmer and stock raiser of Van Zant county, has announced his probable candidacy for governor in 1930.

Probably 200 Texas hotel men are expected at the annual meeting of the State Hotel Keepers' Association at Abilene on Dec. 3 and 4.

George T. Morrow, 70-year-old pioneer who died recently, left the greater portion of his \$70,000 estate to schools and charity organizations.

Baumont was chosen as the 1929 meeting place for the Texas Baptist General Convention, and Nov. 20 chosen as the date of assembly.

Two negro women are being sought in connection with the slaying of J. R. Ferguson at Dallas, who was stabbed during an affray with a negro man.

The West Texas Pecan Growers' association was organized at Brownwood. The directors will elect officers at a later meeting to be held in Brady.

The dismembered body of a nine-months-old baby girl who had been shot and stabbed to death was found in a lonely gulch in the outskirts of Houston.

The Texas company and the Union exploration company have purchased Haskell county acreage for oil drilling purposes at a reported price of \$150 an acre.

One man was reported wounded after a gun battle between officers and burglars at Paducah. The bandit car and the loot they had loaded into it were captured.

J. E. Johnson of Parker county was acquitted of the murder of Tom Massey. The evidence showed that the shooting was the result of an argument, in which \$4 was involved.

Mrs. Billie Green 37, was shot to death four miles south of Colorado. Her husband surrendered to officers, and testified at the examining trial that the shooting was an accident.

Joel Hunt, former Texas A. & M. football star now coach for Marshall College, has been suspended from coaching in the Texas Junior College conference on a charge of using two ineligible players.

After one of his legs had been crushed by the wheels of a freight train from which he had fallen near Weatherford, Tommy Carroll a 15-year-old boy, lay quietly in the middle of the tracks while more than twenty cars of the train passed over him.

Cleo Rose, crusher foreman of the Dexter Construction company, Dallas, was killed by his own gun when it was accidentally discharged while he was crawling through a barb wire fence near Albany.

TIMELY TOPICS ARE ASSIGNED TO PROMINENT MEN

R. Q. Lee, Congressman-Elect, and A. M. Bourland, President of W. T. C. C., to Speak; Elaborate Entertainment Program.

The program for the district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which meets in Merkel on December 6, was made public Thursday by Homer D. Wade, general manager, and includes addresses by men long prominent in the affairs of West Texas.

Legislative representatives from the fifteen counties composing the district have been invited to attend the Merkel meeting and discuss past as well as future legislation. Hon. R. Q. Lee of Cisco, congressman elect from this district, is on the program for an address his subject being "Preparedness." A. M. Bourland, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will speak on "Constructive Co-operation." Others equally prominent in the organization and in the upbuilding of West Texas are also on the program.

Musical numbers include participants from both Abilene and Merkel.

Following is the program: Meeting place, Merkel theatre. Presiding officer, R. W. Haynie, former president W. T. C. C.

9:20 a. m. Band concert. 9:30 a. m. Registrations. 10:00 a. m. Meeting called to order by L. R. Thompson, general chairman.

10:05, Song, "America," led by Ed Shumway of Abilene. Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Merkel, pianist.

10:05, Invention, Rev. R. A. Walker, Merkel. 10:10, Address of welcome, H. C. West, mayor of Merkel.

10:20, Response, Judge James P. Stinson, Abilene. 10:35, Introduction of presiding officer.

10:40, Entertainment features, Simmons University. 10:50, Appointment of resolutions committee.

10:55, Address, "Our Objectives," Homer D. Wade, manager W. T. C. C. 11:00, Address, "Legislative Needs Viewed from a Business Standpoint," J. E. Thompson, Breckenridge.

11:20, Address, "Constructive Co-operation," A. M. Bourland, president W. T. C. C. 11:40, Address, "Looking Ahead," Hon. Oliver Cunningham, Abilene.

12:15, Luncheon, auspices Merkel Lions club, Houston Harte, San Angelo, toastmaster. Address, "Some Legislative Needs," Senator Walter C. Woodward, Coleman.

Music, Quartet, Abilene Christian college. Address, "Our Opportunities," Herschel Colbert, Sweetwater. Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy of Merkel.

Two minute addresses by representatives of various towns. AFTERNOON SESSION. 2:30, Entertainment features, McMurray college, Abilene. 2:30, Short addresses by visiting members of legislature. Introductions by Max Bentley, Abilene.

3:15, Report of resolutions committee. 2:45, Address, "Preparedness," by Hon. R. Q. Lee, congressman-elect, Cisco. 3:20, Selection of next place of meeting. 3:30, Adjournment. All sessions at the theatre are open to the public and a full attendance is invited.

MERKEL HIGH IS ASSURED ANNUAL

Merkel High has gone over the top in grand style.

The entire student body is jubilant. Wednesday afternoon it was announced that 1928 annuals had been sold. Early in the week the Seniors set the example by going 100 per cent. They agreed not to enter the contest and give the other classes a better chance to win the half holiday.

At the end of the contest it was found that the "Fish" had won, having a percentage of 113 15-45. The Juniors were a close second with 111 5-35, and the Sophomores 82 per cent.

The Senior class and the annual staff are appreciative of the efforts and response by each class. The support given by outsiders will enable the '28 class to produce an annual of which the entire school and Merkel citizens in general will be proud.

KEEP ON YOUR TOES

The farmer who is up to now
His land will always early plow;
So if there is but little rain
He moisture has to grow his grain.
He always keeps right on his toes,
Allows no weeds in his fence rows;
And every time he comes to town
He brings some eggs and butter down.
The Farmers State Bank has his account
And it is now no small amount.

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

V. I. Pierce, of Ozona, Crockett county breeder of registered Rambouillet lambs has purchased 50 head of registered lambs from George Williams of Eldorado at \$50 a head.

The sixth annual registered Hereford cattle auction will be held at Hereford, Texas, on January 30 and 31. Members of the committee sponsoring the sale announce that over a hundred head of cattle will be sold. The sale will be widely advertised.

J. S. Neely of Winters, who was a

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member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Motorcade to California in September, produced three peppers which placed together measure twelve inches. He is producing 400 to 500 bushels of peppers per acre.

The new \$16,000.00 school building at Ira is the culmination of a system of schools that started as a dug out, then became a one-room school, later with addition, and finally the fine brick building that is Ira's today. The opening was attended by officials and visitors.

The little town of Eola is fast becoming a little city. The latest major achievement is the securing of an electric light plant, with the current to be turned on right away. Luther Cope is putting in the plant, which was formerly at Rankin.

Canyon has a children's theatre which offers juvenile plays for very young children. One of its objectives is to develop the dramatic and literary sense of the child. The plays range from "Red Ridinghood" to "Treasure Island."

The authorities at Spearman are co-operating with the town of Perryton, Woodward, Booker Darouzett, Follet and Shattuck in improving the roads in that community, particularly between Shattuck and Woodward. Telephone service will also be improved.

Removal of the sand from the road bed of the Midland to Andrews road has been completed lately, at a cost of only \$264.00 which was taken from the regular chamber of commerce budget at Midland. H. L. Hart, McCarleyville farmer supervised the work.

Thirty cents per pound is the price five turkeys are bringing in Childress. Reports from the Childress Produce Co. says the supply will be about the same as last year. The demand from the wholesale companies is good at this time but local demand is not heavy.

November 1 the largest shipment of cattle ever shipped over the new Fort Worth & Denver Extension from Quitaque was loaded. The cattle occupied sixty five cars, or two train loads.

Material arrives daily at Crowell for construction work on Lee Highway. A car of steel to be used in reinforced concrete work on culverts and bridges is the latest to arrive. Work on this stretch of the highway is progressing rapidly.

Dora Doings

A cold norther struck here Sunday evening, lowering the temperature very rapidly.

We are sorry to say Mrs. F. A. Magee doesn't improve very fast with her rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Molton attended the birthday celebrations of the Highland Methodist church in Sweetwater Sunday.

Quite a crowd from here went to singing at Shep Sunday night.

E. P. Perry, Roy Laine, John Dudley and Earl Walters went big game hunting this week-end. John brought down one fine fellow.

The turkey crop has been moving right nicely for the last ten days at a very fancy price.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown and daughter of Del Rio back to our community for another year.

M. W. F. Hardy and family visited their daughter Mrs. J. E. Kendrick of Abilene Sunday.

Howard Cargile and family of Colorado visited relatives here last week-end.

Jasper McCoy of Merkel has been a daily visitor to this community for a week buying cattle.

Mrs. Beulah Sanders of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rotan, Sunday.

Two more school busses have arrived to help carry the children to school.

Mr. R. L. Ford has been real sick this past week with a very severe cold, pneumonia threatened.

The pie supper put on by the singing was a success, especially after such a rainy, windy day. Real soon we will have a bunch of new books.

CLOSE THANKSGIVING.

On next Thursday, November 29, which is Thanksgiving day, we, the undersigned banks, will close our doors in honor of same, and kindly ask that our friends and patrons please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

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

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

Read This

One of our customers started last Spring with nine (9) turkey hens. She had only reasonably good luck. Last week she sold seventy (70) turkeys on the local market which averaged nearly twelve (12) pounds each and brought thirty (30c) cents per pound. Her check was for Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$250.45) and she has twenty three (23) turkeys left to select her stock from for another year.

This lot of turkeys has paid her more money than many farmers in this territory are getting out of their entire cotton crop. Does this mean anything to you? To us it is just another example and further proof that DIVERSIFICATION on the farms of this community will pay.

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Dr. G. T. Harding Dead.

Santa Ana, Cal., Nov. 22.—Dr. Geo. T. Harding, 84, father of the late President Warren G. Harding, died here early Monday as a result of a paralytic stroke last Friday.

Death came quietly for the aged physician while he was unconscious about his bedside, where they had kept all-night vigil, were his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Caroline Votaw of Washington D. C., and Mrs. E. E. Rensburg, in whose home he died and other relatives.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Locating Near Merkel

J. T. Morgan and family of Brownwood are moving to the Merkel section and locating a few miles north of town, where Mr. Morgan will be engaged in farming. His father, J. R. Morgan, formerly lived in this section, moving to Callahan county about sixteen years ago.

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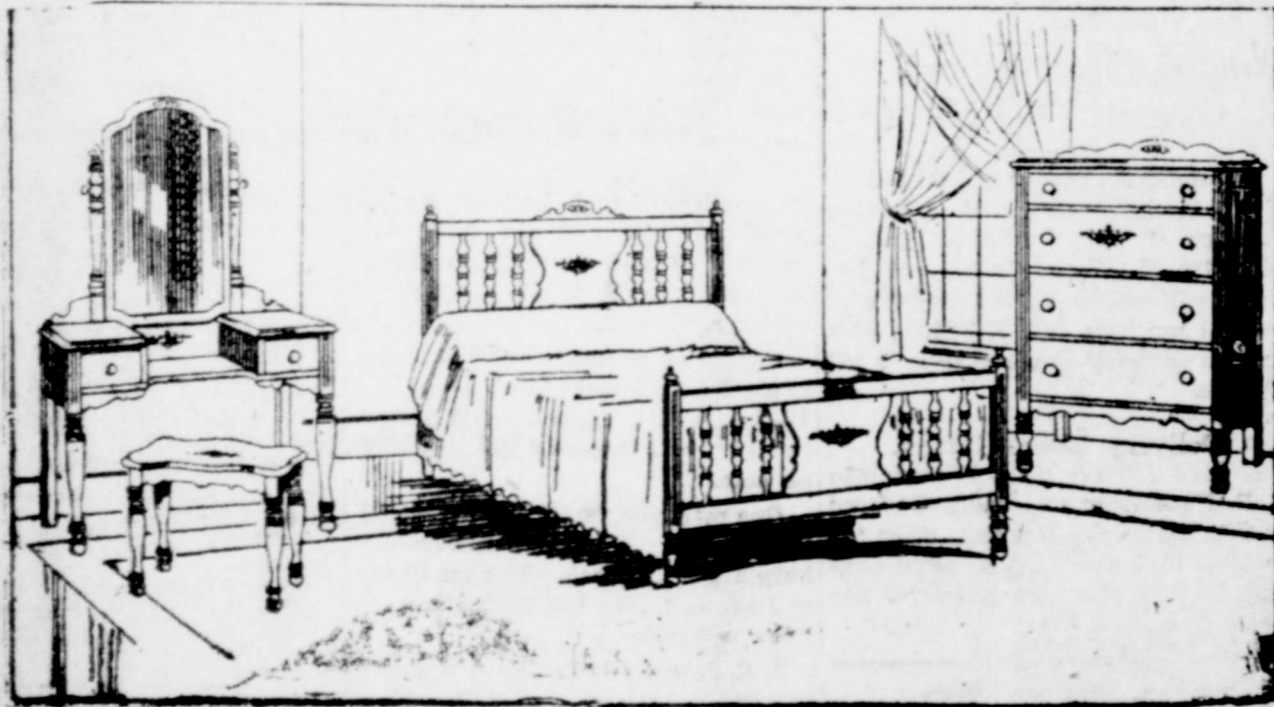
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Genuine Garza Sheeting—	
9-4 Bleached	39c
9-4 Brown	37c

32-inch Dress Gingham—	
Light and dark patterns,	11c
regular 20c, Sale Price	

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Pure Silk—new colors—	79c
SALE PRICE	

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After you have made purchase of other goods amounting to \$1.00 or more.

NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON—3 O'CLOCK
10 yards Fast Color Percale, 5c per yard
After you have made purchase of other goods amounting to \$1.00 or more.

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All sizes—regular \$2.00—	\$1.49
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For ages from 4 to 14—	\$4.95
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Boys' and Men's Dress Caps—	
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THE HIGHWAY QUESTION.

All indications point to interesting developments regarding highway construction in Texas. On every hand can be heard rumblings of taxpayers for relief from the burden of paying for state highways while their own lateral and local roads go unimproved with the state constructing its highways with a charge on the traffic.

The complaint, which seems to be justified, is that the local taxpayer, who has already spent his money for through highways, is unwilling that the funds so expended shall remain unreturned to his local roads.

R. S. Sterling, chairman of the state highway commission, proposes a statewide bond issue of \$300,000,000, to be retired in 30 years with proceeds of the gasoline tax. He would reimburse the counties for the money they have contributed to state highways—amounting to less than \$50,000,000—for use of the counties in improving their lateral roads; the balance of the bonds, plus federal aid, to be applied to the completion of a state road system, in a program of 10 years or less.

Outlining his plan, Chairman Sterling says:

"Three hundred million dollars is a tremendous amount. But we are confronted by a tremendous problem, one that needs heroic and prompt treatment. It is not good business to consider the cost of a thing without also considering its necessity, and more especially the returns. And in this case the state of Texas will profit more by making the investment than by not making it. In view of the magnitude of the highway problem, and what its quick solution means to the future of Texas, \$300,000,000 is not an immoderate figure. It means only the \$12 per year which each Texas car, on a conservative average, already is paying in gasoline taxes—less the amount which additional numbers of cars in succeeding years would pay; to say nothing of the thousands of tourists' cars that would be attracted into Texas by the good roads."

With the West Texas Chamber of Commerce district meeting coming to Merkel on Dec. 6; funds being raised by local subscription for the completion of a gravelled road to the oil fields; a minstrel show by the Lions club; Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner—busy times are in prospect for the people of this community.

Thanksgiving day comes next week. It is the one day in the year set aside for meditation and reflection on the blessings enjoyed by the people throughout the nation. The churches of Merkel have planned special services at the Methodist church, that the people of this section may come together as one in giving thanks to the Almighty for his goodness during the past year and to invoke his continued blessings through the years to come.

Mayor Henry C. West suggests the paving of Oak street as among the imperative needs of Merkel. The mayor is right. Oak street is one of the town's most prominent thoroughfares, leading to three of the churches and the schools. Permanent paving on Oak street will be a great forward step in the town's growth.

Birthday Party at Trent.

Ergal Brown was complimented by his mother Mrs. W. P. Brown, with a party on his fourth birthday Thursday of last week at the family residence at Trent.

Several games were played and gifts were brought by a number of the invited guests.

At refreshment time all assembled for the cutting of the cake, with its four candles, and beautifully decorated. All day suckers were the favors.

Soda pop and cake were served to Mervil and Joyce Love, Pauline and Prucilla Brown, Ruth Howard, Woodie Erewa, Howell and Bonnie LaRea Black. Grown-ups present were Mesdames Love, Ely, Brown, Howell and Black.

Woman Fatally Burned.

Dallas, Nov. 22.—Mrs. M. J. Turner 88, of 1215 South Brighton avenue, was fatally burned at 3:40 o'clock Wednesday morning when her night gown was ignited as she lighted a gas stove in her bedroom. She died at 11:20.

The coastwise trade of Texas with Atlantic seaboard ports is between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 tons a year, valued at about \$600,000,000.



KESNER-STEVENS.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens was the scene of a pretty wedding last Sunday morning, when their daughter Velma, became the bride of Robert L. Kesner.

A lovely color scheme of lavender and white was carried out in all house decorations, providing a pretty setting for the ceremony, which was performed at 9 o'clock, Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating.

Miss Stevens had as her only attendant Miss Dixie Blair, and Bill Thomas acted as best man for Mr. Kesner. Only a few close friends were present.

The bride was a popular student of the Merkel high school, a favorite in social and religious affairs.

Robert Kesner, formerly of New Mexico but for some time a resident of Merkel, is an employee of the Texas & Pacific Railway Co. Mr. and Mrs. Kesner have a host of friends who offer congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Tuesday evening Mrs. D. A. Lee and Mrs. N. C. Gailey, honored Mr. Lee with a 6 o'clock birthday dinner, at the home of Mrs. Gailey.

The table was beautifully decorated with candles and vases of cut flowers, the lovely birthday cake forming the center.

Covers were laid for twelve. A delicious three course chicken dinner was served, after which bridge was enjoyed throughout the evening by the following guests: Messrs and Mesdames, B. L. Hampton, A. M. Bailliff, F. M. Hammon of Abilene, D. A. Lee, N. C. Dailey, Mrs. Stark McQuain and Mr. W. A. Ivey.

Y. P. M. S. PARTY.

Members of the Young People's Missionary Society met in delightful entertainment in the home of Miss Cora Lee Hulsey on Monday evening.

The election of officers occupied the first part of the evening, after which a delightful program of musical numbers was rendered. Miss Boog Sears gave a vocal solo; Miss Mary Joe Russell entertained with a reading, followed by a song by Mollie Frank Touchstone. Inspirational talks were given by Miss Baker, president, and Mrs. Touchstone, teacher. A delicious salad plate was served with coffee to Misses Opal Patterson, Boog Sears, Bessie Westenhaver, Mary Eula Sears, Stella King, Anna Lou Russell, Vera Baker, Cora Lee Hulsey; Mesdames Claude Dye and V. P. Touchstone.

T. E. L. CLASS ENTERTAINMENT.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday school class were complimented with a pretty party in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann on Wednesday afternoon Nov. 14.

Gorgeous chrysanthemums, autumn leaves and berries were combined in lovely effect as a tribute to the season.

Introductory to the program was a business meeting in which plans were formulated for the annual love feast on Dec. 5. Contests appropriate to the Thanksgiving season were employed as the afternoon's diversion, and at the tea hour a seasonal salad plate was passed to Mesdames Gardner, Gay, Warren Lee, Divens, Bearden.

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FIDELIS Class Party.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett most graciously entertained members of her Sunday school class on last Thursday evening with a Thanksgiving party in her pretty suburban home in the Southland.

Seasonal contests furnished diversion for the evening and at the refreshment hour delectable ambrosia and cake was served to Misses Heizer, Berry, Holler, Booth, Tracey, Hughes, and Myrtle Harrell of Snyder; Mesdames Swann, Petty, Fugat, Sears, Baze and Beckett.

Methodist Philathea Class Reorganized

The members of the Philathea Sunday school class, of the Methodist church, met in the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, Tuesday evening to reorganize.

Devotional was led by Mrs. Touchstone and prayer was by Miss Cora Lee Hulsey.

The following officers were elected: Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, president; Miss Anna Lou Russell, vice-president; Miss Boog Sears, secretary and treasurer; assistant teacher, Miss Vera Baker and Mrs. Tom Allday, reporter.

Absentee committee: Miss Marye Eula Sears and Miss Anna Lou Russell.

Transportation committee: Mrs. Floyd Dowell and Miss Opal Patterson.

Sick committee: Miss Alyce McClain and Miss Eunice Richards.

Refreshments were served to Misses Anna Lou Russell, Alyce McClain, Alzada Pogue, Imogene Hays, Cora Lee Hulsey, Opal Patterson, Stella King, Marye Eula Sears, Boog Sears, Eunice Richards, Moyle, Frank Touchstone and Mesdames Claude Dye, Floyd Dowell, T. V. Touchstone and Tom Allday.

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Officers at Merkel Make Raids; Arrest Ten For Gambling

Choosing Saturday night for a wholesale raid, officers at Merkel arrested ten men who faced charges of gambling here today before Justice of the Peace W. W. Wheeler.

The first raid was in the Blair vicinity, where seven negroes were caught "rolling the bones." Six pints of whiskey and two six shooters were found on the floor of the farm house where the negroes were arrested, but none of the blacks would admit "ownership" of the property.

Three white men and two Mexicans were victims of the raid at a farm house near Merkel, all of whom faced charges of gambling in justice court here.

At the hearing before Justice Wheeler six of the men plead guilty and paid off, three are in jail here, and one who "promised" to appear reported later. Those who were actually in the game were fined \$25.70 each, while the "lookers on" were allowed to go with the payment of \$11.70.

Officers making the raids were W. H. Laney, deputy sheriff; W. H. Dowell, constable of the Merkel precinct, and D. Denny, city marshal of Merkel.

Fritz Murder Trial Continued to Jan. 16

Anson, Nov. 22.—Will Fritzs' second application for continuance was granted and the case set for Jan. 16. Fritz is charged with slaying Earl Hamilton of Rochester, Haskell county, October 24.

A hundred veniremen and 137 witnesses were present.

Roy and Shab Farrar were placed in jail, allegedly after having been caught trying to slip a bottle into Fritzs' cell. They had sealed the outside wall of the jail to the second floor when the jailer found them. The bottle was broken. Bond has not been made in either case.

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M. E. Conference in Session at Lubbock

Lubbock, Nov. 22.—The nineteenth session of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference opened here Wednesday with about 500 ministers and delegates present. Bishop Moore of Dallas presided. After a devotional led by Bishop Moore, the conference elected Rev. Cal C. Wright, Baird, secretary and as his assistants, Dr. J. W. Hunt, Abilene, J. W. Watson, Quanah, and W. B. Hicks, Muleshoe. M. B. Norwood was elected statistical secretary.

The conference was welcomed to Lubbock by Judge George Bean and Dr. Paul W. Horn, president Texas Tech college.

Baptist Board Meeting.

Mrs. R. M. White, association president, has called an executive board meeting for the Baptist church, Merkel, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every lady of the church is urged to be present. Reporter.

A Texas man has invented a device which sends and receives messages over the telephone.

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Diltz and Derrick Bring Back Proof of Successful Hunt

W. L. Diltz Jr. and C. T. Derrick returned Wednesday afternoon from an eight days' hunt on the Mexican border, and as evidence of their success they produced proof of having killed three deer, 75 ducks and three geese on Matagorda bay.

The Merkelites were joined at Gonzales by C. E. Dilworth and J. M. Davis, who continued with them on the hunt at Matagorda. They report a fine outing and game plentiful.

Body of Boy in Bayou.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 22.—The body of a 1-year-old baby, with head, arms and legs severed, was found floating in a lard can in Buffalo Bayou here late Tuesday afternoon.

Pioneer Cattleman Dead.

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 22.—Funeral services for Thomas J. Peniston, 82, one of the few remaining pioneer Texas cattlemen, who died Monday afternoon at his home, 915 Country Club Road, was held Tuesday afternoon at the residence.

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AN EDITORIAL.

Although the "Badger" is published by the Senior class every year, it is published in the interest of all the students, and should be looked upon as such. The Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors should support it just as strongly as do the Seniors, who, although they put up most of the effort, are usually criticised by the other students quite frequently. This year, however, the whole school seems to be trying to co-operate with the graduating class in putting out one of the best and most interesting annuals in the history of the school. With the student body showing more than usual interest in the work, the teachers this year are leading the way for the class which they sponsor by doing all in their power to cause that class to lead the school. Mr. Burgess is giving the greatest co-operation, and all this together with the experience gathered in the past in publishing an annual, causes one to believe that the saying that the '29 Badger is to be the best so far, is not without good foundation. —Editor.

BAND GIVES CONCERT AT HIGH SCHOOL.

Last Friday afternoon the Merkel Booster Band, directed by Joe Ward, played a twenty or thirty minute concert on the lawn at the Merkel High school.

This was enjoyed not only by the student body, but also by the band boys. The band members who played in the concert were: Joe Ward, Harold Boney and Fred Baker, trumpets; Byron Patterson and Isadore Mellinger, tenor saxophones; Lynn McSpadden, baritone; Ollie Eason, bass drum; Van Haynes McSpadden and Harold Leaton, clarinets; Myer Mellinger, alto horn; O. B. Baden and Milton Case, trombones.

BADGERS VS. BAIRD TODAY.

This afternoon at 3:30 the Merkel Badgers will take the field against the strong Baird eleven. Merkel has 17 men eligible, and all are likely to see plenty of service. Because of the distance, the pep squad will be unable to accompany the home team. However, it is expected that several of the home town fans will journey over to the railroad city to see the Badgers do battle with the crimson jerseyed warriors.

Even though both teams have been eliminated in the district race, a great game is predicted.

FOOTBALL MEETING AT ROBY.

On Monday afternoon the executive committee of district No. 9 of the

University Interscholastic League met at Roby to consider a protest filed by the Snyder High school which charged that Sweetwater used an ineligible player against them. Superintendent Burgess acted as proxy for Superintendent Connell of Anson, who dis-qualified himself because of interest that Anson might have in the outcome of the race in the western part of the district. The player under dispute was Oran Browning of Sweetwater. Snyder claims he is 21 years of age.

After considering the evidence for and against, the committee decided to await further evidence. The committee will convene again on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

The following were in attendance: L. W. Johnson, principal of Stamford High school; Supt. N. S. Holland of Stamford, Supt. Connell of Anson; Supt. Wedgeworth of Snyder; Supt. Peek of Colorado, Supt. B. H. McLean of Sweetwater, Supt. Noble Forrester of Roby, Supt. Wilson of Roscoe, Supt. Burgess of Merkel, together with coaches of the interested schools. Newspaper reporters were present to report the results, but none were forthcoming.

"THE FRESHMEN."

The Freshmen had a class meeting Monday morning. The Freshmen are coming alive now! Better watch out! When they open up their eyes and come alive they are fast working "kids."

The High school is trying to publish an annual this year, so come on, "ole tops," and let's help 'em.

We must sell over 100 annuals by the end of this week. If we do not, we will not have any annual for this year. Everyone wants to have an annual for "ole M. H. S.," so let us all put some "pep" behind it and have one. Let everyone in High school buy one, and then we shall have this annual.

The Freshmen have the largest class in school, so we are going to buy the greatest number of annuals. Watch us.

The class that makes the largest percentage of sales, based on membership, gets a half holiday. Watch us. —Reporter.

SHOWER FOR MR. AND MRS. MELVIN S. DAVIS.

Last Monday morning, during the chapel period, the High school favored Mr. and Mrs. Davis with a shower. The presents were brought in by the football boys and presented by Raymond Earthman. The present from the football boys, which was silverware, was opened and shown to the

student body. Mr. Davis said a few words of thanks. Mrs. Davis stated that she had meant to say a few words, but before she and Mr. Davis married they made an agreement for him to do all the talking in public while she would do all the talking at home.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. E. Yates Brown, teacher of piano in the Merkel public schools, gave her husband a surprise birthday dinner Sunday, Nov. 18.

The birthday cake, with its tapering candles, was placed in the center of the table and the nut cups and place cards carried out the Thanksgiving motif. The following menu was served: Fried chicken, creamed peas and potatoes, carrots, asparagus on toast, olives, stuffed celery, cranberry jelly, and minced pie.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Miss Vera Baker, Mrs. E. N. Brown, Mrs. Yates Brown and the honoree, Mr. Yates Brown.

THE FIGHT IS ON!

The fight is now on for the sale of annuals! If you haven't bought one, buy it NOW.

The staff was informed last week that unless they had sold 100 annuals in High school by Wednesday, Nov. 21, the annual proposition would be off. So naturally they got busy to try to sell the required number of annuals. It was decided by the staff and Mr. Burgess that the class, excepting the Senior class, that sold the most annuals and having the highest percent, would receive a half holiday, 75 percent or above being the required percent that must be sold before the class would be in the running.

The Seniors, even though they were out of the holiday proposition, "stepped on the gas" and went 100 percent by Monday morning, and although not one of the other three classes have gone 100 percent, they are showing a real school spirit. At the last report the Juniors and Freshmen were running a close race. Come on, Freshmen, we're betting on you. The Juniors are expecting to get the holiday, but you can't always tell. So

come on, Sophomores, and give us a real surprise and win the holiday.

The last report showed the following standing:

Seniors 100 percent
 Juniors 80 percent
 Sophomores 77 percent
 Freshmen 82 percent

POETRY BY FIFTH GRADE.

The following poems of merit were written by the pupils of Miss Marthyle Bridwell:

"The Ill Fated Ship."
 A ship named Vestris went out to sea;
 Her Passengers became full of distress
 For when she got out she began to sink
 And they sent out an S. O. S.

Another ship got the message and started out,
 But didn't get there quick enough,
 For they had gotten in their little life-boats
 And the growling sea was too rough.

Some of the people were drowned
 And some of them were saved,
 But the flag on the Vestris,
 On her mast, no longer waved.
 —B. O. Scott.

The Bluebird.
 Oh, Bluebird, up in the maple tree,
 Warbling your throat with burst of glee,
 How did you happen to be so gay?
 Singing your song that lasts all day.
 —Ethelda Tucker.

Christmas Time.
 Christmas will soon be here;
 It is a time we do not fear,
 Because it is the best time of the year,
 To little children's hearts so dear.
 —Ben Sublett.

"The Night Before."
 The many lessons are to learn,
 The midnight oil begins to burn;
 When do the leaves begin to turn?
 The night before exams.
 —Fern Toombs.

SENIOR NEWS.

It is unnecessary to inform the outside world of the progress of the Senior class, for all who come in contact with the "class of '29" have understood the relentless power and class

spirit that pushes them forward and to the top in every project they undertake. If it be buying annuals, we go 100 percent; if it be guiding the young, innocent and inexperienced underclassmen, we make it a complete and finished task, no matter how ungrateful the job. Or, should we seek knowledge from the books of learning, you shall find the result by the marks we leave in this old world.
 —Class Reporter.

SENIORS AT GAME.

The following Seniors attended the football game between Anson and Stamford on Monday, Nov. 11: Ruskin Smith, Eteyl Spurgin, Will Shephard, Max Swafford and Lester atterson.

Those attending the game between Sweetwater and Snyder were: Horton Williams, Norman Sloan and Finus Cade.

The Seniors were glad to have as their visitor Friday Christian Russell.

Ruskin Smith was a caller over in Abilene on last Sunday.

While shopping in Abilene last Saturday Wanna Spurgin saw "Wings," which was playing at that time at the Mjestic theatre.

Vernie Derrick visited friends in Sweetwater on Monday, Nov. 11.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Addie Fae Patterson accompan-

ied Velma Walker to Blair on business.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS.

As Mr. Burgess has offered the class which sells the highest percentage of annuals in proportion to the number of students in the class a half holiday, the Juniors are attempting to follow the lead of the Seniors and go 100 percent. The Juniors have always been peppy, and this year they intend to give the Seniors a run.

The Junior class is the smallest in school, and that is another reason for their having an optimistic outlook. They have only 35 enrolled, while the Freshmen have 46, the Sophomores 45, and the Seniors between the Juniors and Sophomores in numbers.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject "Stewardship of Life."

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m. There will be a meeting for the purpose of organizing an associational B. Y. P. U. at 2:15 p. m.

We expect visitors from over the association and trust that our people will attend.

A welcome awaits you in any of the services

Ira L. Parrack.

Order Approving Treasurer's Report

On this day the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Flitts, Treasurer, for the quarter ending September 30, 1928, and find same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

	Received	Paid	Balance
Jury Fund	\$1,164.94	\$ 3,521.32	\$ 2,356.38
Precinct No. 1 Fund	3,217.10	16,879.17	9,744.76
Precinct No. 2 Fund	9,605.32	14,846.93	4,215.35
Precinct No. 3 Fund	1,369.81	4,509.41	9,639.88
Precinct No. 4 Fund	6,383.14	6,324.74	3,046.30
General Fund	1,570.73	10,394.94	26,609.61
Pauper Fund	2,690.80	3,499.39	6,510.23
Court House Sinking Fund	1,427.38	150.00	3,202.60
Road Dist. No. 1 Sinking Fund	1,241.44	.00	15,885.71
Road Dist. No. 2 Sinking Fund	120.94	480.00	4,594.64
Road Dist. No. 3 Sinking Fund	33.12	1.87	5,099.11
Road Dist. No. 4 Sinking Fund	26.56	.00	1,597.38
Road Dist. No. 5 Sinking Fund	13.06	375.00	1,040.80
Road Dist. No. 6 Sinking Fund	33.57	1,350.23	1,685.38
Road Warrant Sinking Fund	143.53	3,186.35	7,273.87
Test Station	18.72	1,086.84	2.30
Precinct No. 1 Bond Account	276.96	2,971.24	43,935.46
Precinct No. 2 Bond Account	397.06	18,299.42	47,770.76
Precinct No. 3 Bond Account	23.75	4,614.11	44,568.54
Precinct No. 4 Bond Account	27.75	3,447.79	327.71
Highway No. 1 Account	97.25	501.60	14,899.18
Highway No. 30 Account	7,640.03	5,661.55	13,566.90
Highway 600 M Account	404.67	104,011.68	505.39
Permanent Improvement A/C	63.24	205.50	1,384.46
Highways 1 and 30 Sink. Fund	1,007.21	.00	26,177.04
Highway 1-A Sinking Fund	.00	2,595.20	304.78
Highway 600 M Sinking Fund	27.53	4,335.28	9.25
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 90 A and B	.00	7,522.21	.00
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 495 D	.00	.00	49,578.42
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 444-I	.00	.00	83,536.96
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 90 C	.00	6,519.10	68,700.87
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 77-U2	.00	53,047.43	46,312.59
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 444-G	.00	.00	15,956.89
Escrow A/C F. A. P. 468-U2	.00	.00	9,007.30

TOTAL CASH IN BANKS	\$ 548,995.12
BONDS AND SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUNDS	
Court House Sinking Fund—Road and School Bonds	\$ 4,800.00
Road District No. 1 Sinking Fund—Road and School Bonds	19,300.00
Road District No. 2 Sinking Fund—Road and School Bonds	1,000.00
Highway 1 and 30 Sinking Fund—Road and School Bonds	7,000.00

TOTAL SECURITIES OWNED BY COUNTY	\$32,100.00
BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS OF TAYLOR COUNTY	
Highway Bonds 1927 Issue	\$ 600,000.00
Highway Bonds 1923 Issue	332,000.00
Court House Bonds	78,000.00
Road Warrants 1918 Issue	92,000.00
Road Warrants Highway No. 1 A	52,000.00
Road District No. 1	85,000.00
Road District No. 2	16,000.00
Road District No. 3	10,500.00
Road District No. 4	10,500.00
Road District No. 5	16,000.00
Road District No. 6	16,000.00
Paving Warrants	2,500.00
Bridge and Machinery Warrants	11,995.00

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF TAYLOR COUNTY \$1,321,495.00
 The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge.
 G. B. TITTLE, Com. Pr. 1.
 P. A. DILTZ, Com. Pr. 2.
 J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Pr. 3.
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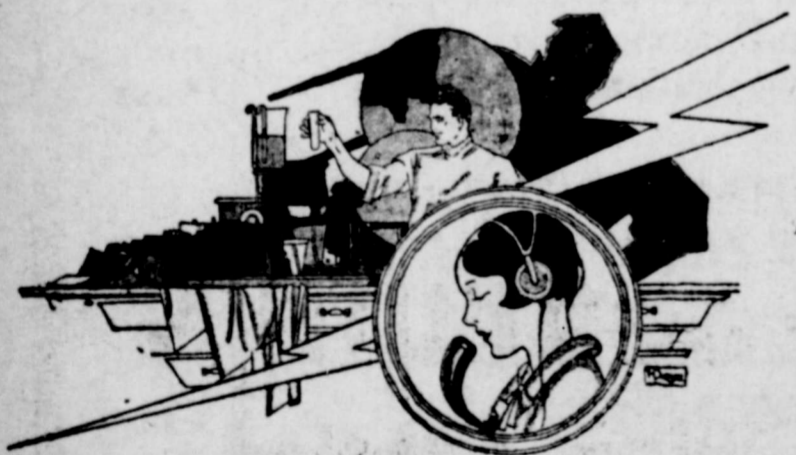
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HOOVER-CURTIS ELECTION TAKES PLACE ON FEB. 13

Plan of Getting Vote to Capital Changed at Last Session of Congress.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The actual election of Mr. Hoover and Mr. Curtis President and Vice President, did not take place when the people voted on Nov. 6, but that will occur when the electoral college meets in Washington Feb. 13. The ceremony here is with some degree of solemnity, as the votes of the States are finally canvassed, announced and tabulated. The scheme of getting the vote to Washington from the States for this purpose was changed by an act of the last session of Congress, the author of which was Representative Hatton W. Summers of the Dallas district.

According to the Summers act the electors representing the candidates who were successful in the States will meet at the State capitals on Jan. 2, the first Wednesday, "and give their votes." This means that they shall vote for the nominees carrying their States, and arrange a tabulation showing the total each set of candidates received. This is duly authenticated and dispatched to Washington. Originally the meeting dates of the electors was the second Monday in December, but the change was made to allow more time for determination of any contest which might arise.

Once the tabulations are in Washington, the houses of Congress meet in joint session while tellers go over the reports from the States, and make public announcement, with a final tabulation which tells the story of the November election in terms of electoral votes and popular vote. The former determines the election. The successful candidates must at least receive a majority of the electoral votes, or 265. Mr. Hoover and Mr. Curtis have received far more than a majority, or 444. The total vote in the college is 561, being made up of the votes of the state equal to the number of Representatives and Senators of each State in Congress. Texas and

eighteen members of the House and two Senators, therefore its vote is twenty.

CHANGE OFTEN ASKED

It could be possible for a candidate to receive the largest popular vote yet fall short of a majority in the electoral college. From time to time there is agitation for a change in the system that would allow an election on the popular vote just the same as a Governor or the Mayor of a City is now elected, and one or more bills to bring it about are offered at every session of Congress.

The system of getting the votes to Washington from the States, existing since the foundation of the Government, was changed by the Summers act, approved by President Coolidge on May 29 last. The old system was adopted when there were no railroads, and in order to give an element of security the vote of a State was dispatched by personal messenger selected by the electors. Messengers received 25¢ a mile for travel in each direction. It was a political assignment worth having, for the trip, at least, and there were many candidates for the job. Once in Washington the messenger delivered the envelope containing the certificate to the President of the Senate, collected his or her travel pay from the financial officer of the Senate, and was freed of responsibility.

In brief, the Summers act substitutes the registered mail for messengers in getting the information to the national seat of government. This does away with about \$1,500 in travel pay and also abolishes a charge of \$2,500 for advertising the result of the election as determined by the elec-

tors "many weeks after everybody knows what it is."

The new law provides that electors of each State shall certify to six statements of the votes cast for President and Vice President, one copy to be sent by registered mail to the President of the United States Senate in Washington and two copies to be delivered to the Secretary of State of the State. One of these copies is to be held subject to the order of the President of the United States Senate and the other is a part of the State's six statements of the votes cast.

Popular Couple Married.

Married at the Methodist Parsonage Merkel, last Saturday evening, Rev. W. J. Mayhew officiating, Dewey H. Thomas and Miss Thelma Windham. The many friends of this popular young couple extend congratulations.

BLACKSMITH WORK

I have bought the Polly Blacksmith Shop and am prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Wood work and Acetylene Welding, with complete equipment. I am prepared to give the very best of service and guarantee my work. I respectfully solicit the patronage of those in need of anything in my line.

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

NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. Arthur Steele and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell in Merkel.

Several families are enjoying fresh meat after the norther.

Many from here attended the funeral Saturday afternoon of the little eight months' old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bankston of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Herring and family of Bishop, Texas, are visiting friend and relatives here.

Arthur Steele returned Monday from the Plains and reported the weather very hard there.

There will be a singing at Noodle Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every one is extended a cordial invitation to come help sing. Choir practice also every Friday night. All who will are invited to come and help.

Brother Tatum will fill his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday at the Baptist church.

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Horn News

Luther Hatfield and his sister, Miss Vergie, went to Abilene Monday, where both had their tonsils removed. Friends will be glad to know that both are doing as well as could be expected.

Jake Wardlow is on the sick list.

Those visiting at Mrs. S. S. Benningfield's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benningfield, Miss Pearl McDowell and two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop and Tate Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Douglas of Stith visited her parents last week-end.

Farmers are getting along slowly gathering their cotton on account of so much damp weather.

Mrs. Jake Ward visited Mrs. Benningfield Saturday.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Lena

and Nina Bonds as teachers. The attendance is not so large at present, as some of the pupils are remaining out to pick cotton.

Misses Lena and Nina Bonds spent the week-end with their cousin, Mrs. Andrew Barbee.

CLOSE THANKSGIVING.

On next Thursday, November 29, which is Thanksgiving day, we, the undersigned banks, will close our doors in honor of same, and kindly ask that our friends and patrons please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

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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 Strickland place for price and terms see Thompson & Boswell.

FOR SALE—Old papers, 15 cents per bundle of 100. Apply Merkel Mail.

WOOD FOR SALE—\$2.00 per Mexican cord; 2 1-2 miles northeast of Merkel. L. B. McClain, Route 4.

RD truck for sale. Good '26 model, special transmission and good casings. Engine in good shape. J. H. Menges, Polly Blacksmith Shop.

FOR SALE—Coal hot blast stove, practically new. Charlie Jones.

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

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

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

LOST AND FOUND

\$25.00 REWARD—Lost Gold South-bend watch on Bickley lease, size 16 no questions asked. Return to Merkel Mail or call 215. Frank Mullican.

LOST—Man's sheep skin lined coat in Merkel business district. Leave at Merkel Mail office for reward. J. O. Joplin.

LOST—In south Merkel, bull pup, bob-tailed, brindle and some white. Liberal reward. R. J. Beasley.

STRAYED—Blue mare mule, 15 hands high. \$5.00 reward for information. W. D. James, Salt Branch.

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CANYON NEWS

Parents, teachers and a number of young people of this community were present at the first meeting of the Butman P. T. A. There were a number of minor questions discussed and officers were elected for this term as follows: Miss Mary A. Butman, president; Mrs. Will F. Butman, vice-president; Miss Elna Hale, corresponding secretary; Miss Novis J. Whitaker, treasurer.

We are reminded that today is Parents' Day. On this day each parent is supposed to visit his children's schoolroom. Come on, parents, help make this day a success at the school where your interest lies. You owe it to your children.

Saturday night Miss Anna Lee Reynolds entertained in honor of her sister, Mrs. Mina Hollis of California. A very nice time was reported by all present. For about six weeks Mr. and Mrs. Hollis and children have been visiting with Mrs. Hollis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Reynolds of the Nubia community. Mrs. Hollis' brother, Ray, will accompany them as they return to their home in California this week.

Brother Reginald Hardy delivered an inspirational message Sunday morning at White church. He was married Wednesday, Nov. 14th, and

gave the congregation great pleasure by bringing his bride with him. The Merkel Mail joins many friends in wishing them a bright and prosperous future.

G. W. Whitaker and family of Dora visited their daughter, Novis, Sunday evening.

Misses Modena Whitaker and Laura Wallis of Dora were visitors in this community Sunday afternoon.

LOCATES IN MERKEL.

J. H. Menges and family, late of Fort Stockton are now located in Merkel and will make this community their future home. Mr. Menges has been in the blacksmith and woodwork business at Fort Stockton, and will continue in the same line of business here, having bought the Polly Blacksmith Shop.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Strangers in town not in Sunday school elsewhere, come join ours.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Wm. Elliott, Supt.
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Wanted—To buy maize heads.
\$16.50 Per Ton
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Acquires Wife and Avoids Court Fine

Dallas, Nov. 22.—His marriage means a lot to one Dallas man. Just as Judge Grover Adams was about to fine the man for failing to appear as a prosecuting witness Monday, in walked a messenger boy with a telegram for the judge.

It said: "Dear Judge: Received your summons. Am in Sweetwater where I got married Saturday night. Am financially embarrassed so you will have to excuse me."

"I could hardly fine a man under those circumstances," Judge Adams decided.

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At the Church of Christ next Sunday, preaching at 11 o'clock, also at 7 Sunday evening. Sunday school 10 a. m. Let's be on time. Some special songs will be rendered at each service, out of our new song books.

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48 Lb sack flour	\$1.88
25 Lb cane sugar	\$1.73
8 Lb pail Bird brand shortening	\$1.18
Half pound Hersheys cocoa or chocolate	.19
One pound Hersheys cocoa or chocolate	.37
2 Lb jar Heinz apple butter	.48
2 2-3 Lb. jar Iowa sweet clover honey comb	.78
5 Lb bucket Iowa sweet clover honey comb	\$1.12

Just a few of our Saturday specials and they are real live ones.

Spuds per peck	30c
Sweet potatoes per peck	45c
Tokay and red emperor grapes per lb.	7c
One lot ribbon cane syrup per gallon	63c
One lot mixed syrup per gallon	53c

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HIGHWAY POLICY TO BE DISCUSSED

Austin, Nov. 22.—Governor Moody called his highway legislation conference for next Tuesday, November 27, at Austin, to discuss road policies and programs to be recommended to the 41st legislature.

Committee members from 27 of the 31 senatorial districts have been named by legislators in response to the governor's request and he expects to receive notification of the appointments of the remaining four before the conference.

The meeting will practically determine the general and perhaps specific character of highway laws to be enacted. Many of the proposals already urged probably will be threshed out.

The next legislature is almost certain to make several changes in administration of highway affairs, since the entire program of highways legislation was withdrawn in the 40th session, because of the wide variance in measures offered.

Baptist Workers' Council Will Meet With Ovalo Church

The Workers' Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will convene with the Ovalo Baptist church Dec. 3. Important matters are due to come before the meeting and pastors as well as other church representatives are urged to attend. The program follows:

- 10:00 A. M.—Devotional, A. C. Turner.
- 10:30 A. M.—How We May Arouse a Greater Missionary Spirit in our Churches, R. M. McGinnis.
- 10:55 A. M.—Relation of The Holy Spirit to Missions, Chas. T. Whaley.
- 11:20 A. M.—Sermon, W. F. Fry.
- LUNCH
- 1:00 P. M.—Board Meeting and Meeting of W. M. U.
- 1:30 P. M.—Relation of Christian Education to Missions, J. D. Sanderfer.
- 2:30 P. M.—Bible Plan of Financing Christ's Kingdom, Walter Jackson.
- 3:00 P. M.—Checking up on Sunday School Standards, by Missionary.

Convict Guard Acquitted. Huntsville, Texas, Nov. 22.—In a trial that lasted only forty-five minutes, Gus Gray, dog sergeant at the Goree State farm, was freed Monday on a charge of slaying W. C. Folsom, escaping convict.

Dentist Found Dead. Greenville, Texas, Nov. 22.—Dr. Sam G. Duff, 64, former president of the Texas Dental Association, was found dead in his home here Tuesday by neighbors who had missed him for the last two days.

Children Burn to Death. Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 22.—Three children were burned to death Monday night when they were trapped in their burning home, while their mother, Mrs. Colbert Roberts, left them alone to go to a grocery store.

Doctor's Wife Dies. Abilene, Nov. 22.—Mrs. J. A. Smith 45, wife of Dr. J. A. Smith, 1417 South Third street, died in a local hospital at 5:45 a. m. Monday.

There are 3,200,000 local telephone conversations a day in Texas.

The Bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas.

The Panhandle gas field is considered the largest gas field in the world.

Texas has about 20,000 miles of improved highways.

November used car sale. Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.

Pure Georgia Ribbon Cane Syrup and Sorghum at W. F. Hamblet.

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

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

No Riding Trick Too Daring for His Film Public

Action, dare-devil riding and thrills are again in order, with the advent of Ken Maynard, in his latest thriller, "Code of the Scarlet," which comes Saturday to the Queen theatre. It is the story of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and shows Ken in a new role. His previous pictures have carried to the west, southwest, and even into Mexico and South America, but never in the northwest before.

Charles R. Rogers, producer of the Maynard series for First National pictures, has promised a feature of this kind for some time, and from all indications has fulfilled that promise in one of the most daring and colorful pictures this star has had.

"The Gorilla," the weird, mysterious and hilarious mystery comedy, written by Ralph Spence as a stage play, has reached the movies at last after being a sensation on Broadway. "The Gorilla" will have its first showing at the Queen theatre on Wednesday and Thursday.

The cast is headed by Charlie Murray and Fred Kelsey in the roles of two dumb but willing trick detectives, Mulligan and Garrity. They complicate instead of solve the mystery, until—but that's the mystery!

Dies From Burns.

Abilene, Nov. 22.—W. F. Lamar, 67, paint contractor and resident of Abilene for 28 years died Tuesday night at 11:50 o'clock. Death resulted from burns received Monday when a gas stove which Mr. Lamar was lighting in a tourist camp a mile and a half west of Abilene, on the Merkel highway, exploded and ignited his clothing.

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WIDOW OF SLAIN MAN FILES SUIT

Emroy, Rains County, Texas, Nov. 22.—A widow's allegation that her slain husband and a companion were led into a fake bank robbery "framed" by six men and shot down for rewards their slayers expected to get from the state bankers association was on file in district court here.

Mrs. Mary Hansen, made the assertion, in a suit for \$100,000 damages entered here yesterday against the association, Reeder Webb, Ector county sheriff; A. C. Francis, Midland county sheriff; Bud Barfield, Upton county sheriff, and J. W. B. Hogan. Her husband, William Carl Hansen, and an unidentified man were killed before the Citizens National Bank of Odessa, November 25, 1927.

She charged that, to collect a standing reward of \$5,000 posted by the association for each person slain in looting a bank, six men, including "Red" Wood and J. H. Dumas executed the conspiracy.

Wood and Dumas, largely through efforts of Ranger Captain Frank Hamer, are under Upton county indictments, to be tried in Travis county (Austin), charging murder and conspiracy to murder in the killing of two supposed bank robbers at Rankin, Texas.

Mrs. Hansen's suit is to be called for trial December 3.

There are 422 fire marshals in Texas. Fires in Texas in August caused a loss of more than \$1,124,165.

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You ought to start thinking now about the gifts you're going to give. We want to suggest photographs. That will be something different this year. All your friends and all your family would enjoy having a real portrait of you. A portrait represents the essence of Christmas - - A personal Greeting.

You've no doubt seen portraits by Rodden and liked them. They're high in quality and moderate in price. Drop in this week and arrange for your Christmas portraits. Then you will avoid the worry and rush that start next month. Remember "Photographs Live Forever."

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Thanksgiving comes next week. Now is the time to have wearing apparel for all the family cleaned and pressed to look its best.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

E. L. Gordon, formerly of Merkel but now of Devine, Texas, is the guest of C. L. Boswell this week. Mr. Gordon has met many old friends during his visit here.

Messrs. Homer Patterson, Claude Dye, John Shannon, accompanied K. Stoker and Willard Kirkpatrick of Post City to Kerville on a highly successful deer hunt the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann had as their guest last week their daughter, Mrs. Forrest Sears and Miss Myrtle Harrell, both of Snyder.

Mrs. O. B. Boden is entertaining as her house guests Mesdames Warren and Moore and Miss Gladys Moore, all of Abilene.

Friends of Earl Baze will be glad to learn he is convalescing from a recent attack of the flu.

W. C. Church, delegate from Stith church, accompanied by Mrs. Church and R. V. Tooley, are in attendance upon the Methodist conference at Lubbock, which began its sessions Wednesday.

T. G. Bragg and Booth Warren were among the Merkelites who motored to Cleburne last Friday for the football game between Waco and Cleburne.

J. C. Mashburn of Colton, Calif., is in Merkel for a visit to relatives and friends. He formerly lived here, leaving more than fifteen years ago.

Messrs. Roy Largent, Dub Harkrider, Warren Smith and Dr. Sadler returned Wednesday from an enjoyable hunt on the Hughes ranch at Mertzon, Texas.

W. H. Frazier and his son-in-law, Henry Walker, were on an inspection

tour of Mr. Frazier's farms near Post Texas, the last of the week.

C. K. Russell and W. E. Lowe returned from their big game hunt last Saturday without any evidence that they were successful nimrods.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson heard Bishop John M. Moore preach at Ranger Sunday and report a delightful visit with their friends, Rev. M. C. Hays and wife. Rev. Hays was a former pastor of the Methodist church in Merkel.

Sam Swann made a business visit to Comanche the first of the week.

Miss Sallie Brown returned this week from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Robert McBean of Dallas.

Miss Lola Dennis of Simmons University spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown of Trent had for their guests Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Short Owens of Hodges, and Mrs. H. E. Fogleman and daughter, Mrs. Bob Sadler and children of Anson.

James Sears is in Dallas on a buying trip for his Merkel store.

Miss Lorena Forbes, pastor of the Nazarine church at Merkel, returned from the Baptist sanitarium, Thurs-

day, well on the way to recovery from an operation.

Rev. Forbes and wife of Clovis, New Mexico, have been here for the last ten days to look after their daughter, the Rev. Lorena Forbes, and the Rev. Mr. Forbes will have charge of the Nazarene pulpit until Miss Forbes fully recovers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. DuBois are back in Merkel after having gone a few days ago to locate in New Mexico. "Merkel is good enough for me," Mr. DuBois said on his return.

Mrs. Roger Burgess is in Lubbock this week visiting her parents and attending the sessions of the Methodist conference. Mr. Burgess will join her Friday for a week-end visit.

The public utilities, including steam railroads, pay about \$800,000,00 a year in taxes.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.
CORNISH Game roosters for sale. J. W. Teaff, Route 4.

HAVE your quilts quilted for one dollar by Mrs. J. L. Tucker, one block north Sam Swann's gin. Ideal for Christmas gifts.

FOR SALE—1 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, good as new.
1 Folding Ironing Board.
1 Zinc covered Kitchen Table.
See Mrs. Sie Hamm or Phone 167.

Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Merkel and vicinity for the splendid patronage given us in the month we have been in the city.

You have given us business above our expectations and this is very much appreciated.

We want to return these favors by serving you in a courteous and efficient way.

OUR HOLIDAY GOODS ARE ARRIVING DAILY. SEE THEM FIRST

City Drug Store

Let Us Relieve You of Worry With Your

Thanksgiving Cakes and Pies

No need to worry about your Cakes and Pies for the Thanksgiving Menu. We are prepared to supply you with the very best—all you have to do is to name your choice.

Quality Bakery

MERKEL THEATRE

Friday and Saturday November 23, 24

"KING of KINGS"

THE PICTURE OF PICTURES

You will always regret if you miss this one, it is endorsed by Churches and Schools and acclaimed the

Greatest Picture of all Times

Shows Fri.

3:30—6:30
8:45 P. M.

Shows Sat.

2:00—4:00
6:30—8:30

Come in first of

New Chevrolet Six to Be Ready Jan. 1

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ably greater and its speed has been stepped up to satisfy maximum requirements. The piston displacement is 194 cubic inches.

Despite this greatly improved performance standard, thousands of miles of testing under every road and weather conditions at the General Motors Proving ground in addition to many cross country runs, have shown that the new Chevrolet engine will operate with an economy averaging better than 20 miles to a gallon of gasoline. This is practically the same fuel economy enjoyed by the owners of the previous four-cylinder model.

The motor develops 46 horse power at low engine speed and as a result of the automatic lubrication of the valve mechanism the motor is exceptionally quiet throughout the entire speed range.

SEVEN-PASSENGER MODELS

Seven models of passenger cars and three commercial types comprise the line, which according to General Motors officials, embodies the greatest dollar value ever offered in an automobile. Included in the passenger car line are five closed and two open models. All bodies this year carry the famous Fisher stamp of craftsmanship. The commercial car line embraces a new and larger Utility Truck of one and one-half ton capacity, a new light delivery chassis and the Sedan Delivery.

From an appearance standpoint as well as from inherent design, the car is completely new with a wide range of attractive colors and fine car appointments formerly found only on the more expensive makes.

Despite the score of advanced features, prices remain practically the same, chiefly as a result of the influence of tremendous volume production. The passenger car range is from \$525 to \$725, f. o. b. Flint, Mich. The prices, according to models, are as follows: Roadster \$525; phaeton \$525; coach \$595; coupe \$595; sedan \$675; sport cabriolet \$695; convertible landau \$725. The commercial car prices are: light delivery chassis \$400; one and one-half ton Utility truck chassis \$545; one and one-half ton Utility truck chassis with cab \$650 and the sedan delivery \$595. All prices are f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

ADVANCE SHOWING

Advance showing of the new Chevrolet line will be held in leading cities strategically located throughout the country beginning November 24 and continuing until December 22. First deliveries to purchasers will start January first. No deliveries will be made prior to that time, officials stated.

Dates and places of the special advance showing are as follows: Detroit, November 24-29, Auditorium General Motors building; New York, November 24-29, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel; and Chevrolet Retail Store, Broadway at 57th Street; Washington, D. C., December 1-4, Mayflower Hotel; Chicago, December 1-6, PurOil Building, Wacker Drive and Wabash Avenue; Los

Angeles, December 1-6, Auditorium Ambassador Hotel; Cincinnati, December 8-14, Sinton Hotel; San Francisco, December 8-13, Civic Auditorium—Larking Hall; St. Louis, December 8-14, Arcadia Ballroom, 3515 Olive Street; Atlanta, December 18-22 Auditorium—Armory; Dallas, December 18-22, Adolphus Hotel; Portland Ore., December 18-22, Public Auditorium. All of the foregoing dates are inclusive.

In each of these places the complete passenger car line will be displayed in automobile show style. Elaborate entertainment features have been arranged for the display in each city and in every case provision will be made to accommodate the hundreds of thousands of visitors who will view the new Chevrolet line between November 24 and December 22.

ADVANCE ORDER URGED

Advance orders will be taken immediately following the announcement with deliveries starting January first, officials stated. They also pointed out that to insure delivery early next year it would be advisable to place orders as soon as possible.

The plan of introductory showings with deliveries to follow after January first was adopted for two reasons, it was explained. In the first place, officials pointed out approximately five weeks will be required to change over the production line from the four to the six in the motor plant at Flint, Mich. Added to this was the necessity for inventory taking, which is customary at this time each year.

At the same time R. H. Grant, vice president of the Chevrolet Motor Company, in charge of sales, said this necessary five week interval an opportunity to provide the sales organization of some 30,000 dealers and salesmen with a means of profitable activity during this period when otherwise they would be comparatively idle.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Song.
Prayer.
Roll Call.
Scripture, Exodus 20: by leader, Neil Durham.
Discussion: How Can We Show Love and Reverence to All People? By Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Lesson Story, Odel Hunter.
Story—Billy Sharp and the Circus, by Imogene Middleton.
Bible Story, Opal Huskey.
Quartet, by Neil Durham, Cullen Tittle, Mildred Richardson and Duncan Briggs.
Benediction.

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TOOK SODA 20 YEARS FOR GAS-STOPS NOW

"For 20 years I took soda for indigestion and stomach gas. One bottle of Adlerika brought me complete relief."—J. E. Hardy.

Adlerika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowels, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you feel. It will surprise you. Merkel Drug Co.

Gives Formula For Feeding Calves on Farm This Winter

College Station, Nov. 22.—A profitable winter may be spent by thousands of farmers in converting their beef calves of the last crop into baby beeves to sell next spring, points out G. W. Barnes, beef cattle specialist in the A. & M. College extension service. "While it is true that good feeder calves are hard to buy, it is also true that many farmers have a few head on hand and these animals will provide an excellent market for the farm feed crop.

"Weaned calves weighing around 350 pounds may well be fed for thirty days on a ration composed of four pounds ground maize heads or corn and crop meal, seven pounds of hay and three-fourths pound of cottonseed meal daily. At the end of that time the feed should be increased to give six pounds daily of ground maize or corn and cob meal, eight pounds of hay and one pound of cottonseed meal. As the winter advances the daily ration should be increased so that calves will receive all they can clean up. A

finished baby beef should command highest prices in the spring and feeders may make a profit both on the animal and on the feed consumed."

Bell County Farm Raises 224 Items

Temple, Texas, Nov. 22.—A total of 224 items raised on the farm of Mrs. Lee Curry, Belton, Route 2 arranged in attractive order at a "live at home" booth on display at the Bell County Farmers' Fair at Little River, won for her first place in the live-at-home exhibit contest. Mrs. P. F. Allison, Temple, Route 2, won second place; H. Perksey, Holland, Route 4, third; Mrs. A. J. Tomlinson, Little River, fourth, and Wilson Evans, Little River, fifth.


The fair featured the live-at-home idea and offered the highest awards of the premium lists for that contest.

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

Thompson and Boswell

Try a Classified Ad for Results

A fine Diamond for practical purposes



A woman's instincts crave the pleasure of a large and varied wardrobe, yet in these days of rapidly changing fashions, it is extravagant to keep right up to the minute.

A fine diamond ring—or pin—supplies this desired touch of affluence—making unnecessary too frequent purchases of new gowns.


Perfect diamonds in a range of mountings at \$75, \$100, \$150

REX A. SMITH
JEWELER
The Diamond Merchant
243 Pine St. Abilene, Texas

SPECIAL TRAIN
Thanksgiving Excursion

EL PASO

and Juarez, Mexico
3 FULL DAYS IN EL PASO



\$12.00 ROUND TRIP

Don't fail to visit Juarez, Mexico, just across the river

SPECIAL TRAIN
Standard and Tourist Sleepers, dining car and chair cars.

Leaves Merkel 5:00 P. M.
Wednesday, Nov. 28

Arrive El Paso 8:00 A. M. Thursday
RETURNING
Leaves El Paso 9:00 P. M. Saturday
MAKE YOUR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS EARLY

Slightly higher fare, good returning on any train within limit of ticket.

Go and enjoy the many Wonderful attractions of the border.

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

Altex

SPECIAL EGG LAYING MASH

WHY PAY MORE?

You can buy ABTEX in 100-lb. bags on the Cash and Carry plan Merkel for \$3.50 per 100 pounds. Smaller packages cost more in proportion.

The highest priced and very necessary ingredients in a well balanced mash are: Powdered Buttermilk, Meat and Bone Scraper, Bone Meal, and O. P. Linseed Meal. Few manufacturers are as liberal in the use of these ingredients as the Texas Mill and Elevator Co. Many of the most successful poultrymen in West Texas voluntarily tell us that they get better results from our mash than any that they have ever used.


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For Sale in Merkel by

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Phone 44 South Side

Most Things Can Be

ANYBODY'S GIFT



Your Portrait is Distinctly Yours

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CHRYSLER

Demanded everywhere for superior value

that Original Style and Sparkling Performance

Today's stimulus to produce new motor car style and performance, is in the truest sense, a tribute to Chrysler.

The quickening of interest in automobile appearance and action dates back to five years ago—to the introduction of the first Chrysler which has ever since served as a pattern to improve the standards of an industry.

Chrysler—with the new style that re-styles all motor cars—is today more than ever the leader of the industry.

The new Chryslers are not only individual and unique—they are original, owing nothing to designs offered by others here or abroad.

They are graceful and pleasing—the natural development of the principle of dynamic symmetry instituted in the first Chrysler—providing ample room and comfort without oversize and bulk.

In power, acceleration, safety and ease of control, today's Chryslers excel even the earlier Chryslers. The years have proved the dependability and long life which Chrysler Standardized Quality gives.

Not even for a thousand dollars more, can you equal elsewhere the things the new Chryslers give. Chrysler's largest production is taxed to supply the universal demand for Chrysler's superior value.



The twenty year designers have first-class ideas over the classiness of roadsters. That Chrysler showed them way!



New sweep and curve of the rear dash of roadster and coupe is a distinctive feature of the new Chrysler body style.



Chrysler "crystal-iron" chassis is closed model first a particular by showing effect inside and outside the car.

New Chrysler "75" Prices—Royal Sedan, \$1535; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1535; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1555; Town Sedan, \$1655; Crown Sedan, \$1695; Convertible Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1795; 5-passenger Phaeton, \$1795; 7-passenger Phaeton, \$2105; Convertible Sedan, \$2345, 16" pig full-balloon tires, Wire wheels extra.

New Chrysler "65" Prices—Business Coupe, \$1040; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1065; 2-door Sedan, \$1065; Touring Car, \$1075; 4-door Sedan, \$1145; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1145. Wire wheels extra. All prices f. o. b. Detroit. Immediate delivery.



Note the new graceful cap, slender-profile, chromium-plated radiator, bowl-type lamps, and "air-wing" fenders.

Front Street

MAVERICK MOTOR COMPANY

Merkel, Texas

DOLLS-DOLLS
A Big Baby doll
priced—
98c

Sale Commences
Friday Morning, Nov. 23

TALK OF THE TOWN SALE



Sale Continues
Through Monday, Dec. 24

Ladies' and
Children's Hats
98c

The First Days Are the Best Days

Sizes and Patterns are here. Just think of it—Such great reductions at the very beginning of the winter season.

Be Here Opening Day



New Fall Dresses

Nothing Carried Over

JERSEYS—FLANNEL—CREPE SATIN

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
\$6.95	\$11.75	\$19.75

COATS—ALL NEW STYLES

Why spend your money for old styles when we sell you new clean fresh goods for less?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
\$6.95	\$13.95	\$24.75

ALL CHILDREN'S COATS REDUCED

One lot children's coats, 2 to 6	One lot children's coats, 8 to 12
\$4.95	\$2.95

NEGLEGEES, SILK AND CHALLIE ROBES
Every Woman needs one **\$4.95**

RAIN COATS PRICED SPECIAL

ALL LADIES' HATS ON SALE

Another item we never carry over. Rack full of \$4.95 felt and velvet hats choice—
\$1.95

BIGGEST SALE IN OUR HISTORY

Begins Friday, Nov. 23 and continues Through Dec. 24

Every year Bragg Dry Goods Company does more business. Never before at this season have we had such a full house of High Grade Piece Goods, Silks, Shoes, Hosiery, Ready-To-Wear, Millinery, Men's and Women's Clothing, Furnishings, etc., in fact, the largest stock we ever had. Placing it on sale at the very beginning of the winter season to carry our policy to never carry over merchandise from one season to another, we offer you NEW MERCHANDISE ONLY at these reduced prices. No old stock—nothing carried over—COME BUY AND SAVE!

It Will Pay You to Come Many Miles to Merkel! Bragg Dry Goods Company's Biggest Sale

9-4 Sheeting 9-4 bleached sheeting, a little starch in finish, but a wonderful sheeting at this price; no limit while it lasts per yard. 29c	Rayon Bloomers Children's Rayon Bloomer Knee teds, \$1.50 kind priced \$1.29 Children's Rayon Bloomers 98c and 59c Children's \$2.50 Rayon Pajamas. \$1.98	9-4 Sheeting 9-4 brown sheeting, no starch; your best chance to stock up on good sheeting at the low price of the yard 26c	Prints-Gingham 22 inch Prints and Fine Gingham—bargain if you were offered one—just the cloth for ladies' and men's dresses, pajamas per yard	Prints-Ginghams 50c grade broadcloth finish prints and ginghams—all the pretty bright colors and patterns—never offered so cheap the yard 39c	Another Extra Ladies' felt and velvet hats—all new styles; we carry nothing over; value to \$4.95 your choice while they last for \$1.95	Silk Hose You will want several pair at such cheap prices: \$1.95 Service and Chiffon Hose, all colors— \$1.69 \$1.50 Service and Chiffon Hose, priced \$1.29 \$1.25 and \$1.50 hose priced 98c 75c Service Hose, 49c 50c Service Hose, 45c
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FRIDAY MORNING, FROM 9:30 to 10:30
We will sell 50-inch light and dark colored OUTFITS, limit 10 yards to the customer, at the yard **10c**

BIG SHOE SALE

Our SHOE STOCK is very complete—no broken lines—every pair fresh and styles the newest. Prices too numerous to mention here, but whatever it is Men's, women's or Children's shoes you need, the saving is just as great. Remember, our aim is not to carry over a single pair, and you know what it means to you when we put on a sale. Nothing reserved.

BLANKETS—EXTRA SIZE—BLANKETS

Pretty all wool Plaid Blankets—Soft Cotton Woolnap Blankets—the best to the cheapest. Each pair marked at a big saving to you.

BABY BLANKETS ON SALE

Colored borders, while they last, as cheap as **13c** each

TURKISH TOWELS

Colored borders, while they last, as cheap as **13c** each

Important Items at Reduce Prices

FOR OPENING DAY ONLY!!

Double Bed Tan and Grey Cotton Blanket, opening day special, the pair	\$1.49
20x40 Double Thread Bath Towels, Buy 3 months' supply; while they last each	21c
81x105 Colored Krinked Bed Spreads, to \$2.50 values. Give these for Christmas. Select several while they are only	\$1.69
A table loaded with Silk Gowns, Bloomers, Step-ins and Dance Sets. Get your supply and select several garments for christmas gifts while they are only	98c

BIG REDUCTION ON MEN'S LEATHER AND SHEEP LINED COATS

If you'd be well dressed, you'll buy a TRAVELLO SWEATER—PRICES WILL PLEASE YOU.

COMPARE OUR PRICES—ASK ABOUT MEN'S HATS AND CAPS.

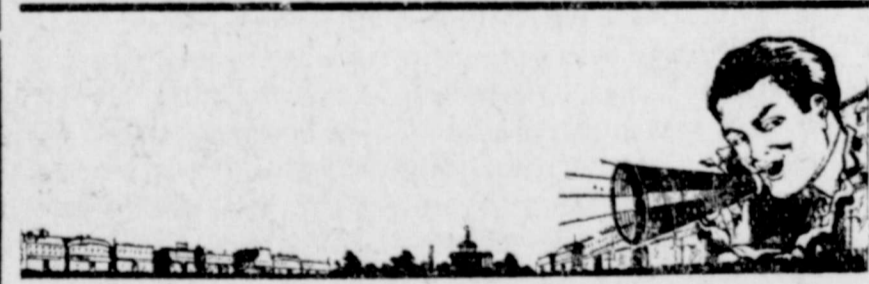
MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

Compare our prices and buy all you need.

\$3.00 Dress Shirts	\$2.45
\$2.75 Dress Shirts	\$2.35
\$2.50 Dress Shirts	\$1.95
\$2.25 Dress Shirts	\$1.85
\$2.00 Dress Shirts	\$1.65
\$1.75 Dress Shirts	\$1.45
\$1.50 Dress Shirts	\$1.30
\$1.25 Dress Shirts	95c

HERE'S GOOD NEWS

Right at the beginning of winter you can buy your underwear at a big saving.
Men's Heavy Weight Union Suits \$1.50 Grade, priced **\$1.19**
Boys' Heavy Fleece Union Suits **69c**



THE TALK OF THE TOWN IS WHAT YOU CAN BUY FOR

\$1.00
Think of it! Three yards all Wool Dress Goods on sale 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning for \$1.00. It will pay you to come many miles to take advantage of this.

Begin Your Christmas Shopping the First Day

Give blankets, silk and Rayons spreads, linens, Bath mats, sheets, pillow cases, Sweaters, Underwear, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Men's and Women's G,loves, Ties Scarfs, Bath Robes, and many other gifts of value on Sale at GREAT REDUCTIONS.

Biggest Cut Prices on Men's Suits

Our Men's department the talk of the town. Now comes your chance to be most talked of in good clothes at little cost. We have 50 Men's and young men's two pants suits—Sizes 34 to 42—priced



- \$17.50**
Extra pants to match **\$4.85**
One lot of men's \$32.50 and \$28.50 suits, priced—
\$23.85
Extra pants to match **\$5.95**
- \$47.50 Kuppenheimer suits—
\$38.85
- \$42.50 Kuppenheimer suits—
\$34.85
- \$37.50 Kuppenheimer suits—
\$29.85
Extra pants to match \$7.95 and \$6.95

Overcoats

These are not old suits and overcoats, but new and fresh from the world famous makers, offered you at the very beginning of winter at these cheap prices. Read them—Men's heavy Overcoats, no excuse for being cold.

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| One lot \$35.00 Overcoats, priced—
\$23.85 | Men's \$25.00 Stylish Top Coat for—
\$19.95 |
| One lot \$27.50 Overcoats, priced
\$18.85 | Men's \$22.50 Stylish Top Coat for—
\$17.85 |
| Men's \$32.50 Stylish Top Coats for—
\$26.85 | Men's \$19.50 Stylish Top Coat for—
\$14.95 |
| Men's \$27.50 Stylish Top Coat for—
\$22.85 | |

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS AND PANTS

Compare Our Prices—No Charge for Alterations—A Perfect Fit Guaranteed. We only carry what sells. Your money goes farther here because our clothes last longer.

Every department contributes a share of wonderful values. Compare our prices—we carry no old stock. Be here opening day and every day—the biggest sale in our history.

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

BRYAN'S VIEW RELIGIOUS ISSUE

Great Commoner Warned Party of Religious Discord in Speech At 1924 Convention.

A few days before the election papers in some sections of the country printed a speech by William Jennings Bryan, at the New York convention in 1924, warning against religious strife in the party. It was sent to this paper, and is printed now in view of the agitation among party leaders for reorganization, since it is a warning against party discord, directed particularly to the religious issue, and which so many leaders attribute as being largely responsible for the late disastrous defeat.

The speech in part, follows:
"I am not willing to bring discord into my party. The Democratic party is united on all the economic issues. We have never been so united since I have known politics, and nobody has had more reason than I to regret past discord. Now, when we are united and face our political foes with dauntless courage and with enthusiasm never excelled, these people tell us that we must turn aside from this titanic task, divide our party on a religious issue and cease to be a great political force."

"The Democratic party has never taken the side of one church against the other; the Democratic party must remain true to its traditions; it cannot surrender its rights to exist; it cannot be false to the mission that it had in the days of Jefferson, to which it remains true in the days of Jackson and to which it was still loyal in the days of Woodrow Wilson."

"My last objection is that I am not willing to divide the Christian church because if it is destroyed there is nothing to take its place. We must stand together to fight our battles of religion against maternalism."

"There is only One who can bring peace to the world and that is the Prince of Peace—the One at Whose coming the angels sang, 'On earth peace, good will toward men.'"

"Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant stand for God on whom all religion rests, and Protestant and Catholic stand for the Christ. Is it possible that now, when Jesus—the hope of the world—is more needed

than ever before—is it possible at this time, in this great land, we are to have religious warfare? Are you willing to start a blaze that may cost innumerable lives, sacrificed on the altar of religious prejudice? I cannot believe it; God forbid; I call you back in the name of the Son of God and Saviour of the world. Christians, stop fighting; let us get together and save the world from the maternalism that robs life of its spiritual values.

"Banish the 'Hymn of Hate;' our song must be 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love.'"

Legislature to Amend Fee Law, Says Moody

Austin, Texas, Nov. 22.—In the opinion of Gov. Dan Moody, the coming session of the Legislature will enact laws revising the present statutes regarding fees for officers. The Governor said the revision would be necessary as a result of the decision holding unconstitutional the law allowing Justices of the Peace to collect fees in criminal cases.

The Governor expressed the opinion that taxpayers would save money if Justices of the Peace were placed on a straight salary basis.

Decatur Banks Merge

Decatur, Nov. 22.—The First National Bank here took over the City National Bank, and Decatur for the first time in almost 40 years has only one banking institution.

Gas consumption in the United States has increased 32 per cent in five years. Domestic use has increased 25 per cent and commercial uses 63 per cent. There are eleven million customers.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.
Sam Swann

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

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

Bleeding Gums Healed

The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists often report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. Hamm Drug Co. adv.

Hoover is Hoping For Construction of Nicaragua Canal

Washington, Nov. 22.—Definite action looking to early construction of the Nicaragua Canal will be the most important concrete result of President-Elect Hoover's "good-will" tour, according to an authoritative source of information closely connected with the State Department.

The highest naval, diplomatic and commercial authorities of the administration are said to be united in the opinion that the construction within the next five years of a second canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is vital to American interests. This is the great objective toward which the recent extraordinary activities of the United States government in Nicaragua have been directed. It was to secure this end that Amer-

ican marines were landed in Nicaragua and the obligation of supervising the presidential election was assumed. This was the real purpose behind the costly expedition to crush Sandino and thus remove the last active opposition to the American plans.

The decision to press for early construction of the Nicaragua Canal is based in part upon the fact that the Panama Canal is now operating at 70 per cent of its capacity and will reach 100 per cent within a few years. It might easily become congested in case of any large movement of naval vessels. An equally compelling consideration arises out of the recent strides of curvation which emphasize the possible difficulties of defending the Panama Canal against aerial attack. A single well-placed bomb dropped from a cruising plane or Zeppelin would destroy the great locks of the canal and thus block all

traffic across the Isthmus until repairs could be made.

T. & P. Train Goes In Ditch at Strawn

Strawn, Texas, Nov. 22.—T. & P. westbound train No. 9 went in the ditch three miles east of Strawn Sunday morning at 2:30 a. m. Four passenger coaches and a mail car and a baggage car left the rails but no one was seriously injured.

The wreck was due to a broken rail and was reported to have been unavoidable.

Doctors from Strawn, Mingus and Fort Worth went to the scene of the wreck.

Traffic was tied up over the road for several hours. All available crews were summoned to clear the wreck away.

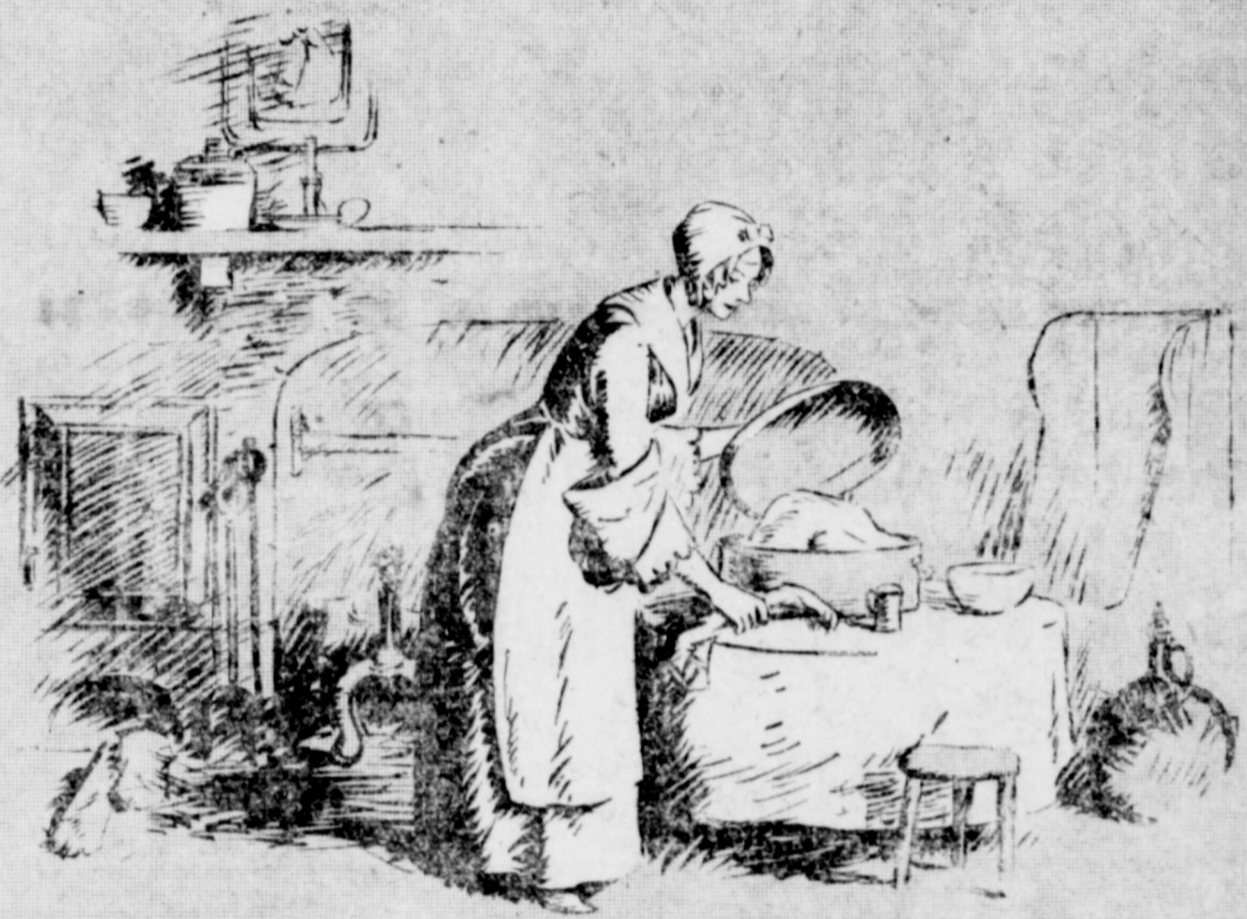
Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Atheist Fined \$100, Sentenced to Farm

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 22.—The maximum sentence, a fine of \$100 and ninety days, on the county farm, was given Charles Smith, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, when he was convicted in Municipal Court of a charge of violating an old English law against blasphemy. Smith appealed and was released under \$1,000 bond.

Under a law which he protested recently by staging an eighteen-day hunger strike while serving out a fine in the city jail, Smith again was denied the right to testify in court.

Adding Machine paper—Typewriter paper and ribbons—Loose leaf ledgers and all kind of office supplies—Hamm Drug Co.



TURKEYS, Then and Now

HOW DIFFERENT then! First a tree was felled. Then it was cut up in suitable lengths for the huge oven-fireplace . . . a tedious, tiresome task. Next a wild turkey was hunted down in knee-deep snow with the aid of a cumbersome blunderbuss. Then the patient, Puritan housewife fired up the fireplace and amid stifling heat—roasted the turkey . . . and herself.

But now . . . a plump turkey is purchased ready-dressed. No tree is felled and no stifling heat enters the kitchen. The housewife, in a cool, crinkly house dress roasts the turkey in the oven of her spotless gas range. Simply the turn of a valve to release this care-free fuel that cooks in a cool kitchen! And in other rooms of the home, the same fuel is used to heat where heating is desired.

Has not gas made a wonderful difference 'twixt this first Thanksgiving and the one today?

Lone Star[★] Gas Company



Annual Bargain RATES:

Abilene Morning News 1 Year	\$4.70
Merkel Mail 1 Year	\$1.50
Total	\$6.20
Both Papers 1 Year	\$5.50
Star Telegram, Daily and Sunday	\$7.45
Merkel Mail 1 Year	\$1.50
Total	\$8.95
Both Papers 1 Year	\$8.00
Star Telegram, Daily only	\$5.95
Merkel Mail 1 Year	\$1.50
Total	\$7.45
Both Papers 1 Year	\$6.50
Dallas News, Daily and Sunday	\$7.45
Merkel Mail 1 Year	\$1.50
Total	\$8.95
Both Papers 1 Year	\$8.00
Dallas News, Daily only	\$5.95
Merkel Mail 1 Year	\$1.50
Total	\$7.45
Both Papers 1 Year	\$6.50

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
NOW—DON'T WAIT

FULL YEAR'S CREDIT GIVEN FROM
TIME YOUR PAPER EXPIRES