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FOUR NEW OIL WELLS COMPLETED DURING PAST WEEK

EXAMINATIONS IN MERKEL SCHOOLS COME NEXT WEEK

Will Determine the Progress of Pupils During First Half of School Term; Burgess Lists Causes of Failures.

Superintendent R. A. Burgess of the Merkel schools submits the following interesting information to parents and teachers regarding the mid-year examinations:

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week the examinations which cover the work done for the first half-year will be given both in the high school and in the grades. Parents and pupils usually attach too much importance to these examinations. The examination is not going to cause to fail any pupil who has prepared conscientiously from the beginning of the year. It is not a question of failing on the examination, but one of having failed during the four and one-half months to do his work from day to day.

CAUSES OF FAILURE.

Report cards will be sent the parents after these papers have been graded. In the High school the cards will be given out on Monday, January 24. These cards will show whether or not your child has made his work for the first half-year. Some will fail. Almost all of the failures will be due to one of the following causes:

1. Failure of the student to have each school night a study period at home.
2. Lack of preparation in the next lower grade—having barely made his work last year.
3. Too many and too serious outside distractions.
4. Poor health.

HOME STUDY ESSENTIAL.

At this season of the year when failures cause some dissatisfaction, it is well for us to be again reminded that oil and water do not make a good mixture. Pupils who do what they should with their school work should remain at home night and study some. A long study period each night is not necessary. It is the regularity of the definite time for study each night that counts. The regularity of the study period keeps outside matters from detracting from the pupil's main work—his studies. Outside matters not only keep the pupil from devoting his time to school work, but what causes most harm is the fact that they so detract from his school work that he cannot concentrate and really work at his studies when he is in school. He is present in body, but not in spirit. We are usually interested in what we work at. A place at home where the pupil may unmolested study for a definite period every school night will do much to arouse the interest of the otherwise disinterested pupil.

HOME WORK IMPORTANT.

This is a matter to be handled largely by the parent and the child. It is a matter of deciding, of what is most important and then devoting attention to that matter. If other things are considered more important than the child's success at school, then it is all right to devote the attention of the child to those matters, but in so doing no complaint should be made if the child does not do well in school.

The above matters are suggestions that I have for improvement of school work. I believe they will help. Your co-operation in these matters will be appreciated, and more than that, I believe it will mean successful school work for your child. To succeed in school work, I believe, is the major work of every child. I want to make it possible for this to be done. Let's all work together to see that so far as possible more attention is given to the work of the school.

Roger A. Burgess,
Supt. Merkel Schools.

Abilene Woman Dead.

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Florence Lessing, 40, wife of W. E. Lessing, local attorney, died unexpectedly at her home, 1465 North 16th street, last night at 7:30 o'clock. Death resulted from a heart attack suffered about 7 o'clock.

AGED SISTER MRS. ACE SHEPPARD IS HURT IN ACCIDENT

Condition is Critical Following Auto Accident; Other Relatives Painfully Injured.

Mrs. H. Neil, 77, of Eastland, sister of Mrs. Ace Sheppard of Merkel, continues in a serious condition in an Abilene hospital, following an automobile accident late Sunday afternoon near Baird.

Mrs. Neil was a member of a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harkrider of Fort Worth and Mrs. R. Harkrider and daughter, Ruth, also of Fort Worth, who were returning home from a celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Harkrider of Abilene.

Concussion and general shock resulted in Mrs. Neil's being unconscious and the injuries sustained, together with her advanced age, makes her condition extremely critical.

OTHERS INJURED.

Mrs. R. Harkrider, sister-in-law of Mrs. Sheppard, was also seriously injured, being almost completely scalped. While her injuries are very painful, she is reported as rapidly recovering. F. A. Harkrider, Mrs. Sheppard's brother, who was driving the car, suffered a number of bad face lacerations, cuts on the hands and body, and chest injuries. His wife also received a number of cuts and was badly bruised. Ruth, daughter of Mrs. A. Harkrider, was badly bruised and cut.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Kirby of Abilene, who were the first to render aid to the injured, they had been following the light roadster which struck the Harkrider car, observing that it was veering from one side of the road to the other and had been afraid to pass it for fear of being hurled from the road. When the Harkrider car approached, the roadster careened to one side of the road as though about to go into the ditch, but later straightened its course and crashed into the sedan.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

Late reports from Mrs. Neil's bedside are to the effect that her condition is unchanged. Four of her five children are with her, and Mrs. Sheppard has made daily trips to Abilene since the accident occurred. Other relatives and friends have been in constant attendance.

The accident followed a day of rejoicing and merry-making celebrating the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Harkrider, citizens of Abilene since 1882, attended by forty relatives of the beloved couple. Mr. and Mrs. Ace Sheppard were present from Merkel.

MERKEL CATTLE SALES ACTIVE

Cattle sales and shipment have been active in Merkel during the past few days.

V. W. Lepard received a car of good steer yearlings bought at Fort Worth and will pasture them at his place on the river.

Jasper McCoy sold one car of mixed cattle to Whisenant and Sorelle of Fort Worth, who in turn shipped them to Fort Worth. He also sold fifty good steer yearlings to Sam Butman Sr.

Collins Bros. sold one car of fat heifers to Joe Henshaw of Abilene, also fifty Hereford heifer calves to J. D. Hamilton of Hamilton. One car of calves were shipped by Collins Bros. to Fort Worth.

James Patterson shipped a carload of mixed cattle to the Fort Worth market.

Accident Injuries Fatal to G. A. Spurrier

Funeral rites for G. A. Spurrier, 50, of Hamby community and resident of Taylor county since 1900, who died at the home of his son, T. M. Spurrier, at Abilene, Tuesday morning, were conducted from the home of his son Wednesday afternoon. Z. B. Freeman, Baptist minister, officiated.

Mr. Spurrier's death resulted from pneumonia, contracted a week ago, the aftermath of injuries received in an automobile accident near Hamby, December 27.

DEE GRIMES IS NEW PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB

Pledges Best Efforts in Behalf of Merkel; Booth Warren and R. O. Anderson Are Chosen as Vice Presidents.

The Merkel Lions club started 1929 with a new set of officers, or with old officers advanced in station. Dee Grimes was elevated to the presidency, succeeding L. B. Scott; Booth Warren was chosen first vice president and R. O. Anderson second vice president. Lige Gambill was chosen as a member of the board of directors.

The new officers officiated for the first time at the meeting held Tuesday of this week. Retiring President Scott reviewed the accomplishments of the club during the past year, saying that the progress made on securing a new hotel for Merkel he considered the outstanding achievement of the club. He referred to good roads, better town sports, aid to the Boy Scouts, assisting in getting the lights rate lowered, and the entertainment of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention as among the worth while achievements of the club.

NEW PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

Dee Grimes, the new president, pledged his best efforts in carrying forward the activities of the club, declaring that the new hotel project was uppermost in his mind. Among other things, he suggested that the club continue its efforts toward beautifying and improving the athletic field at the high school, the securing of a new depot, and encouragement to residents for more beautiful yards. Booth Warren and R. O. Anderson, vice presidents, spoke briefly, pledging their best efforts in making Merkel a better town.

Superintendent R. A. Burgess of the Merkel schools, asked as to what the club could do to help school athletics, said the most urgent need was a good fence around the athletic field. It was his belief that prospects were excellent for a good football team next year, and said there was much interest in all forms of athletics.

Sam Johnson was appointed chairman of a committee to encourage a baseball team for Merkel during the coming season.

At the postponed meeting, held Friday of last week, each member of the club was required to make a new year resolution, resulting in much merriment.

Merkelities Living in Missouri Start New Year Right

Centralia, Mo.,
January 1, 1929.

Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Friends:
Taking this method to show you we intend to start the New Year right and to keep the days humming, we are sending in our renewal for "The Old Home Paper."

Your friends,
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Grafford.

LOWER KEY RATE NOW IN EFFECT

Insurance agents of Merkel have been advised of the reduced key rate here, which became effective Monday of this week. Policies are now being written on the 34 cent key rate, compared with 41 cents heretofore.

The reduced rate is made possible by the improvement to the waterworks system, according to a statement given out from the department of insurance and banking at Austin.

The reduction in the key rate will mean a saving of several hundred dollars annually to Merkel insurers. It is estimated that approximately \$2,000,000 insurance is in force in Merkel at the present time.

Rainfall .25 Inch.

Rainfall in Merkel Tuesday night totaled .25 inch, according to measurements of B. M. Black, voluntary weather observer.

SATURDAY LAST DAY TO PAY CAR TAX IN MERKEL

Delinquents Will Have to Go to Abilene to Register Automobiles After This Week; No Time Extension.

Saturday will be the last day automobile licenses can be bought in Merkel, according to L. R. Thompson, who has been in charge of the work of registering cars here for the past few weeks. Over 600 licenses have been issued by Mr. Thompson as the representative of the county tax collector's office.

It has been a great convenience to owners of cars in this section of the county to be allowed to register their cars in Merkel and many expressions of commendation have been heard. There are numbers of cars owners who have not yet registered their cars and after Saturday all delinquents will have to go to Abilene.

There has been no official extension of time for auto license payments this year. On the contrary, officials at Abilene have said that owners operating cars with the 1928 license are subject to arrest and fine. In some Texas counties arrests have been made.

GIRL DROPS DEAD WHILE AT PLAY

Winnie Fay Lucas, age 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lucas, living near Noodle, dropped dead Tuesday at noon while playing basketball on the court at the Noodle school, where she was a student.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon, followed by interment in the Comper cemetery. Rev. Clyde Campbell of Abilene conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack and Rev. O. B. Tatum, both of Merkel.

Heart failure was given by physicians as the cause of death. Students and teachers rushed to the girl as she fell, but she had expired instantly.

Miss Lucas was extremely popular among both students and teachers, and her sudden death was a great shock to the entire Noodle community. The large concourse of friends who attended the funeral services attested to the esteem in which she was held.

MERKEL SCHOOLS HAVE LITTLE FLU

The schools of Merkel are fortunate so far in having comparatively few cases of flu. In several schools the disease has become an epidemic, some few over the country having closed because of it.

A check-up made by Supt. Burgess on Tuesday of this week showed only five absent in high school—that is one in thirty, or 3%—and forty absent in grammar school grades—about one in twelve, or 8%. A check-up on the causes for the absence of all these pupils was impossible, but several are known to be absent for other causes than flu. The school taken as a whole has only 14% or one in seven absent for any cause. Most of the absences are in the first, second and third grades, and many of these are doubtless due to bad colds and common ailments other than flu.

The schools are endeavoring to take the precautions suggested by the state health officer and the local authorities and no serious flu epidemic is anticipated.

Merkel Men Attend Church Conference

A meeting of ministers and elders of the Abilene Presbytery was held at the Central Presbyterian church at Abilene, Tuesday, for a conference with Dr. Dudley M. Claggett of St. Louis, member of the general council of field activities, and Dr. Geo. W. Fender of Arlington, chairman of the synod's national missions.

Those attending the conference from Merkel were Rev. R. A. Walker and Elders W. L. Diltz and J. H. West.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Winfred E. Brewer, 23, of Abilene, was found dead at Wink Monday.

George W. Shield, former sheriff of Tom Green county, is under \$1,500 bond on a liquor charge.

Stanley Jones, Abilene school student, died after a week's illness with influenza-pneumonia.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Cooper hotel, a 24-room frame building, at Stamford.

Dolly Payne has been elected president of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, succeeding W. G. Swenson.

Population of Sweetwater is placed at 10,753, according to a survey just issued by the newspaper feature bureau.

Hjalmer Lillus, age 87, pioneer citizen of Abilene, was found dead by his daughter at his home Tuesday afternoon.

Five persons were killed and 14 injured by a tornado which struck seven miles south of Bay City Saturday night.

W. D. Reynolds, pioneer Texas cattleman, former resident of Shackelford county, died last week at his Fort Worth home.

Jessie Thompson, age 5, died at Big Spring as the result of burns received in a tourist camp at Coahoma several weeks ago.

Funeral services were held at Hamlin Monday for Mrs. Mary Reeves Herrington, 83, pioneer resident of Jones county.

Mrs. M. W. McMurry, 77, resident of Texas 72 years and of Abilene for the past six years, died last week at her home after an illness of ten days.

The City Attorneys' Association of Texas, meeting last Saturday at Austin, selected Galveston as next year's convention city.

An explosion of undetermined origin caused a fire which destroyed three buildings at Honey Grove with a loss estimated at about \$75,000.

J. B. Morrison and J. A. Clements, both of Cisco, have purchased the R. F. Scott ranch, near Putman, consisting of 6,000 acres, with 800 in cultivation.

Lawrence and Roy Wilson, brothers, are held at Wichita Falls under \$7,500 bond each on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice by killing a government witness in Arkansas in 1920.

Newton Byrnes, assessed the death penalty for the alleged hatchet slaying of Myra Juergens at San Angelo, is to be electrocuted at Huntsville early this morning.

Dabney Willis Hodges, 50, oil drilling contractor of Brownwood, was found dead in his automobile in the outskirts of Albany after having collided with a parked car.

Senator W. D. McFarlane of Graham is to introduce a bill in the senate providing for the making of automobile license plates by inmates of the Huntsville penitentiary.

County Judge W. B. Howard of Childress was committed to jail for 24 hours for contempt of court. The sentence and a \$50 fine were imposed after District Judge A. J. Fires had warned the offender about being late in the court room.

The new \$75,000 home and office building of the First National Bank of Sonora was opened this week, with a number of prominent bankers from a number of near-by towns and cities present.

County Attorney Royce A. Oxford of Plainview has announced that the Texas Sunday law against operation of moving picture shows on Sunday will be rigidly enforced beginning next Sunday.

Texas A. & M. exes from all parts of Texas will gather in Fort Worth March 9 for the appreciation banquet to be given Dana X. Bible, who recently accepted a post with Nebraska after many years at College Station.

Ben C. Richards Jr., of Dallas, charged by indictment with forgery growing out of an election bet which resulted in the killing of Orville Matthews, Dallas banker, by V. Ray Adams of Bartlett, is seeking a change of venue, alleging prejudice in Dallas county.

EVERY SECTION THREE WAY POOL GETS PRODUCER

Estimated Yield of From 600 to 800 Barrels Daily From Each of Four New Wells; Number Late Locations.

The importance of the oil area near Merkel was further emphasized during the past week with the bringing in of four new producers, all of them good wells, and due to average 600 barrels or more.

According to those in close touch with the field, the production of the four new wells will exceed that of the great majority of the wells in the three areas, which is considered a most favorable sign that the field will continue to increase its output.

TWO ON BICKLEY FARM.

Cosden & Company, Herbert & Weaver's No. 5 Bickley is the latest addition to the producers. This well came in Tuesday, finding the pay in lime from 2,485 to 2,491 feet and swabbed at the rate of 650 barrels a day. The new well, located 330 feet south of the center of the north line of the south 80 acres in the northwest quarter of section 50, T. & P. survey 18, and a south offset to Snowden & McSweeney's No. 4, Bickley completed earlier in the week for an initial production of 1,100 barrels, topped the Noodle Creek lime at 2,465 feet.

The other wells completed during this week in the southwest Jones county area, Robert Oil Corporation and Cosden's No. 7, Grayson in section 13, T. & P. survey 19, made around 600 barrels Tuesday while cleaning out and Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 5 Mason in the west half of the northeast quarter of section 18, T. & P. survey 19, and in the northwest part of the Noodle Creek pool, swabbed 192 barrels in 14 hours during Tuesday.

New operations announced for the area adjacent to Merkel include four on the outside edges of the Noodle Creek field; three on the north side of the Tiner area and the eighth in the undeveloped strip between the Tiner and Shaheen pools.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 2 Windham, 330 feet north and 990 feet west of the southeast corner of section 17, T. & P. survey 19, will be one location due west of the same company's No. 1 Windham, recently completed as a producer from the Noodle Creek lime around 2,500 feet to give a quarter of a mile north extension to the pool.

Phillips' No. 3 Windham will be at the center of the east line of the south 120 acres in the southeast quarter of section 17, a north offset to the No. 1 Windham.

Phillips' No. 6 Joe Winter is to be 992 feet north and 1,632 feet east of the southwest corner of the north half of section 19, T. & P. survey 19.

Phillips' No. 3 Vestal will be located 990 feet from the east and 330 feet from the south of the northwest quarter of section 18, T. & P. survey 19, which will make it in the northwest corner of the field, outside any production.

The new locations in the Tiner area are:

Grisham-Hunter Corporation's No. 1 Tiner, 330 feet west and north of the southeast corner of the Gabriel Zumwalt survey No. 279. This test well will be a north offset to Roser-Pend-

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GRISHAM-HUNTER WELL NEAR BLAIR

A derrick is being erected on the Grisham & Hunter block, northwest of Blair, for a thorough oil test in that vicinity. The test well is located on the northwest corner of the Hugh Campbell farm, approximately three miles from Blair and about one mile from the J. H. Gilliam of Merkel.

There is much leasing talk and indications of further drilling south of the railroad, leading to belief that activity will be present in that section during the months.

Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Dec. 31, 1928

RESOURCES.	
Loans	\$362,542.03
Overdrafts	121.32
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,010.84
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	8,130.74
U. S. Bonds	\$ 41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	72,762.67
Cash and Ex.	132,769.55
Total Available Cash	246,832.22
	\$659,243.03

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	5,284.86
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	603,958.17
	\$659,243.03

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business. Our funds are loaned locally for the benefit of this community.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President	HERBERT PATTERSON,
R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
W. L. DILTZ, Cashier.	DAVID HENDRICKS

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Part of the Cap Rock Jersey farm at Crosbyton is being cut up into blocks for rent and for sale. Each residence has five acres of fertile land surrounding it. This fills a need for new homes that has been growing in Crosbyton.

Under the joint auspices of the Brady Chamber of Commerce, and the Brady Water and Light board eleven prizes were given for the best lighting effects used on local houses during the holidays. First prize was \$40.00.

The paving of seven blocks in the business district of Muleshoe will occupy the people of that progressive town during 1929. The problem of drainage, which has been a handicap is being studied by an expert engineer

Ballyboro's new school building is going up as rapidly as material can be obtained. It will contain four class rooms and an auditorium and be modern in every respect.

Calahan county farmers and ranchmen are making efforts to rid the county of wolves. One cent per acre is paid by the farmers, and this money used to buy dead wolves. The price paid is \$7.50 for females, \$5.00 for males, and \$2.50 for pups.

Pyote's new \$10,000 school will be occupied in full by the second week in January. Previously it has been occupied in part while work continued on parts of it. Two years ago Pyote's scholastics could have been housed in one room, so the growth is remarkable.

Estelline High School is to have a new athletic stadium to be built from contributions donated by business men. The stadium is to be built of wood and will be 84 by 90 feet wide. The ceiling will be twenty feet in the clear, which will give plenty of room for basketball games.

Motorcade Trip to California Soon to Study Agriculture

Stanford, Tex., Jan. 10.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will start the new year's work by promoting another agricultural motorcade to California, to study the methods of farming, poultry raising, and dairying in the sunshine state.

The first trip of this kind sponsored by the agricultural department of the regional organization was held in September and was very successful. Most of the advertising of the trips has been word of mouth publicity given out by the twenty-five Texans who made the initial journey.

On this account several reservations have already been made for the next trip, which is scheduled to start January 15. A new bus has been secured from the West Texas Coaches of Ft. Worth, which has a capacity of twenty-nine passengers. Only twenty-five or twenty-six passengers will be taken on each trip, however, according to B. M. Whitaker, who is arranging the trip.

Special rates have been promised by the motor company and the round trip can be made for less than \$50.00 bus fare. Other necessities, such as rooms and meals for the entire trip, will bring the expense for the two weeks or longer to about \$95.00.

On the first trip Scurrey county sent the most representatives, there being five from Snyder. So far Haskell county leads with the largest number for this trip.

Information about the trip will be freely given from the Stamford office.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Roll Call.
- Scripture, Luke 4:16-21, by leader, Mollie Frank Touchstone.
- Prayer, by leader.
- Song.
- As His Sustom Was—Neal Durham.
- He Stood Up to Read—Bertie Mae Leslie.
- He Found Himself—Vivian Lasater.
- Bible story, by Florene Rider.
- Prayer.
- Song.
- League Benediction.

John A. Ward Dead.

San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 10.—Death claimed one of America's best known raisers, exhibitors and judges of goats when John A. Ward of San Angelo, about 60, succumbed Saturday night in a hospital at Junction to an operation performed there Dec. 31. The body was brought here and burial will be made Monday afternoon.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

Statement of Condition

Close of Business Dec. 31st 1928.

THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$ 232,646.75	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	1,486.45	Surplus	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00	Undivided Profits	14,344.10
5% Redemption Fund	312.50	Circulation	6,050.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00	Borrowed Money	NONE
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 64,127.19	Bills Payable	NONE
Commercial Paper	77,500.00	Rediscounts	NONE
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	39,923.32		
U. S. Bonds (owned)	111,300.00	DEPOSITS	\$600,753.69
Cash & Sight Exchange	160,451.58		
CASH AVAILABLE	\$453,302.09		
	\$696,147.79		\$696,147.79

We solicit YOUR business in 1929 upon the STRENGTH and LIQUIDITY of the above statement and upon our ABILITY to meet your requirements.

J. T. Warren	Booth Warren	
G. F. West	Sam Butman Sr.	F. Y. Gaither
Geo. L. Paxton	Owen Ellis	

Escaping Convicts Total 65 Last Month

Austin, Texas, Jan. 10.—Escapes of convicts from prison farms during December reached the high mark of sixty-five, it was shown in the monthly report of the Prison Board filed with Gov. Dan Moody. The number

of convicts recaptured during the month was fifty-eight, including escapes in previous months.

The number of convicts at the end of December was 4,561, compared with a prison population of 3,891 in December 1927.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Man Wanted

Capable of Earning

\$100 a Week

Here's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own a big, thriving, prosperous business of your own as a District Dealer for The J. R. Watkins Company. You merely supply nationally-known and daily-used home and farm needs to established users. A great expansion program for 1929 makes it necessary to add a few more Dealers to take care of the increased business.

You Are Backed By A

\$10,000,000 Company

The J. R. Watkins Company has been in business for sixty years and has twelve great factories and branches in the United States and Canada. Its world-famous products have been used for three generations. You can earn \$50 a week right from the start and you don't need to have any previous selling experience. Write or phone at once. I will be very glad to explain this entire proposition to you.

W. A. WHITELEY

FOR CONCHO, SOUTH DAWSON AND OTHER VACANT LOCALITIES.

for Economical Transportation



"Beyond all Expectations!"

-say those who have seen the

Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History

-a Six in the price range of the four!

The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History has now been seen and inspected by millions of people in every section of America—and everywhere it has been enthusiastically hailed as exceeding all expectations.

Everyone anticipated that Chevrolet would produce a remarkable automobile—but no one expected such a sensational six-cylinder motor... such delightful handling ease... such marvelous com-

fort... such luxurious Fisher bodies... and a fuel-economy of better than 20 miles to the gallon! And no one believed that it would be possible to produce such a car in the price range of the four!

If you have not already made a personal inspection of the new Chevrolet, we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. We are now displaying these beautiful new models—and we cordially invite you to call.

Read what these leading automobile editors said after seeing and riding in the new Chevrolet Six—

"In appearance, performance and mechanical nicety the new Chevrolet Six presents actual values far beyond its price range."
—Hazen Conklin
New York World

"Aside from beauty in body lines and attractiveness in finish, the astounding feature of the new Chevrolet Six is its powerful and flexible motor. One will have to go far to equal the high performance of this new Chevrolet in general road and traffic use."
—Leon J. Pinkson
San Francisco Chronicle

"The new Chevrolet is a triumph for volume production. The car at its price is one of the greatest achievements ever recorded in the automobile industry. Its beauty is a treat; its riding comfort a new delight and its performance a real sensation."
—Ray Priest
Detroit Times

"St. Louis motordom is tremendously enthused over the new Chevrolet Six. Personally I have never seen the public so interested in a new car. The factory should be congratulated on the truly monumental engineering feat it has accomplished."
—Robert Henry Hall
St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Come in and See these Sensational New Cars—Now on Display.
Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.
Merkel, Texas
QUALITY AT LOW COST

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29—Vera Baker sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—J. T. Darsey Jr.
 Asst. Editor-in-Chief—Milton Case
 Sport Editor—J. D. Ashby.
 Humor Editor—Willie Harris.
 Society Editor—Dorice Brown.
 Miss. Editor—Frances Frederickson.
 Senior Reporter—Raymond Earthman.
 Junior Reporter—J. T. Darsey Jr.
 Sophomore Reporter—Louise Booth
 Freshman Reporter.
 Willie Evelyn Boaz.

HOW TO ADVERTISE IN THE ANNUAL.

"Advertising is Salesmanship in Print"

Just what is advertising anyway? Well, it's not publicity, any more than mere notoriety is fame. Much money is wasted every year for lack of understanding that distinction. One of the main factors is the "card" ad in previous annuals, whether full pages or fourths, reading as follows:

John Jones
 Grocer
 Front Street
 Phone 199
 We serve others,
 Why not you?

Is that an advertisement? Of course not! It does not carry the true spirit of advertising. If Mr. Jones could buy the right to talk for five minutes to the assembled student body, about the merits of his grocery store, do you think he would be satisfied with just saying, "My name is John Jones. My grocery store is on Front street. We serve others, why not you." No, indeed; he would try to have something to say that would be special interest to the high school students, to win their influence on their parent's buying, and to bring them to him when they have homes of their own. And yet, when we sell an advertisement in the school annual, what you are really buying is just this privilege of talking to the student body—"advertising is salesmanship in print!"

Granted that the space will be intelligently and skillfully used, is the school annual a profitable medium for advertising? It is. It is even more so—it is one of the best, if not the best, advertising medium available to the business men of this community.

And the basic selling problem of advertising has as its object, "Getting the personality across." That is salesmanship, not of the goods, but of the store itself as the right place to buy the goods.

It is often called "good will" advertising, and that element is strongly present; but the term is not quite accurate, for when well done, this advertising is much more definite and direct than vague "good will." It displays understanding of the customer's needs and wishes, and offers definite evidence as to why this is the best store to supply them. It is not general, but specific, and it builds up in the minds of the people of the community as clear-cut a personality as any of their friends. It transforms a store, or a bank, or even a service station, into an institution.

It is this most important and profitable advertising which the school annual is specially and peculiarly fitted to carry; and in doing so, it is not a charity, but on the contrary, performs a unique service to the business men of this community, both because of the "prospects" which the annual reaches and because of the manner in which it reaches them.

The students of the school are by long odds the most important group in the community for any business which expects to last longer than the next year or two. They are the people who will be doing the buying in the near future. They can be won by the right appeal; and the time to advertise to them is now, while they are still in school, before they make their choice and form their opinions.

And the place to advertise to them is in the school annual. To sell them the store itself, to make them steady customers, whether now or later, to grip them to you and turn their footsteps automatically toward your doors whenever they need or want goods in your line, then use the annual.

Use the annual for this kind of advertising for two reasons:

First, the student is in the right mood for such an appeal when he reads his annual. Such an appeal does not have "news" value; the annual is written in a friendly vein, and it is compounded with sentiment and with memories. What more favorable setting could possibly be offered for an advertisement which has as its object the making of friendship? None!

Second, you are talking, whether directly or by inference, in terms of permanence, in periods of a life time; and the medium should be in keeping.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—

—That by this time next week we will have finished the worst part of the first term—the examinations?—That we believe a large percentage of the Juniors will pass and we hope that the other students—will also pass?—

That Miss Sloan was greatly missed the day that the "flu" kept her out of school, as also was Mrs. Young the day and a half that she was absent?—That if you see a large amount of gold color moving before you that there is no need to be alarmed, because it is probably only one of the football boys in his new honor sweater?—That Mr. Burgess thinks there should be more alarm clocks, as too many of the students are tardy every morning, even though they usually all arrive by noon?

Editor.

THE WAIL OF THE BAUSHEE.

The Baushee wailed, and
 The Irishman trembled
 And the cold dark hours sped by
 But the bloody rays of the sun came up
 And lighted all o'green Ireland
 While the Baushee hushed is
 Mournful wail
 And they bore the Irishman away
 To his grave in the shade of
 The old Shamrock.

—Beryl Hunter.

HERE AND THERE.

Lola is William's main support; she always stands him up.
 In English IV., Miss Baker will not admit that there are three kinds of clauses; Independent, Dependent, and Santa Clauses. She also insists that we do not mention the cow mood along with the imperative mood, etc.
 Ruskin is improving. He proudly admitted today that he was only late four mornings out of five. As he tip toed into physics class last Friday morning with down cast eyes, Mr. Davis, with a thundering voice and murder in his eye, said, "Young man, what are you late for today?" "For class," I guess timidly replied Ruskin.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Senior class, realizing the importance and significance of the forth coming catastrophe, is putting forth every effort and exerting all their energy in a desperate attempt to have the entire class unanimously exempt from all exams. The teachers expressed their opinion, a few days ago, that the Junior class should have much energy stored up. At least, they haven't shown any, or used any, since school started! But, gentle reader, don't let this reach the Junior class; it might disillusion the poor chaps and you know how important they were feeling in last week's paper. We should not judge them too harshly though, because you can hardly blame them for being in such wild and jovial mood, as they gaze upon the Senior class in all its glory and realize that they, also shall hold this honorable position one year hence.

CHAPEL PROGRAM MONDAY.

Mr. Davis presented the football

team with honor sweaters. There were fourteen sweaters awarded, as follows:

J. E. Boaz, captain, Orion Tittle, William Sheppard, Terrell Mashburn, Willie Harris, Harold Leeton, Max Swafford, Lee Darden, Etsell Spurgion, J. D. Ashby, Norma Sloan, Finus Cade, Horton Williams, and Fred Guitar, captain-elect.

Mr. Burgess made a short, but effective talk on the way the students were neglecting their studies, if any.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

Miss Martin: "Who was king of France during the French revolution?"

H. C. Toombs: "Louis the 13th, or was it the 15th. No, I believe it was the 14th. Anyway he was in his 'teens."

It looks like by the answer H. C. gave, he had better get to studying, because the "exams" will be here soon! (Too soon, I think).

I think W. M.'s mother has caught him slipping off and going with the girls, because this is what she said to him the other day:

Mrs. Taylor: "Son, do I smell tobacco on your breath?"
 W. M.: "Yes, Mother."

Mrs. Taylor: "Then you will have to stop going out with those girls."

ORGANIZATION OF CHORAL CLUB.

Last Thursday morning the Choral club met to organize for the second term. The following officers were elected: Nadine Tippett, president; Dorice Brown, secretary-treasurer, and Verna Lee Beasley, reporter.

AGAINST THE SUNSET.

Erect
 Poised on a green knoll,
 Poised as if on wings
 Stood the Red Stallion.
 At Sunset
 Fires burned in the sky,
 Scarlet was the West,
 Painted by "The Painter."
 Poised
 A silhouette against the red,
 His mane wind-blown
 And his body wild and free,
 Awed
 By the sight of the sunset
 And held by a divine power,
 There on the green knoll
 Majestic
 Stood the Red Stallion.
 —Beryl Hunter.

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

Get a roast or steak from our choice Home Fed Baby Beef. Chickens and Turkeys dressed to order. Fresh Oysters and Cat Fish. Quality Market. Phone No. 2.

DRESSMAKING

MRS. PETTIT
 Phone 164J

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TRENT, TEXAS

Where Everybody Goes—Always a Good Show—Fine Music!

TODAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 11 "THE SEA TIGER"

With Milton Sills, Alice White and Mary Astor. A great show with a great cast.
 Also "Eagle of the Night" Chapter 7 and News

SATURDAY

Tim McCoy with Joan Crawford in "THE LAW OF THE RANGE"

Fast Moving Western Special. Better See it.
 Also Comedy and News

MONDAY—TUESDAY

A Paramount Special Richard Dix with Ruth Elder in "MORAN OF THE MARINES"

Mighty Drama of Our Marines. Also comedy, 'Slick Slickers'

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY

Here Comes the Big One Jackie Coogan with a Great Cast in "THE BUGLE CALL"

Jackie blows himself to fame as a bugler in the days of Indian Warfare. Also Comedy and News

WATCH FOR DATES ON

"THE JAZZ SINGER," AL JOLSON

FARMERS

Why waste your feed when you can get it ground and get the benefit of all of it with no waste. Makes better feed and goes further.

I have a feed mill installed at my gin and can grind any kind of feed you have.

I ask you to come by and see it work. Will be glad to demonstrate it at any time.

SAM SWANN



ALADDIN'S LAMP AWAITS YOU

INSOEAR as performing miracles is concerned, Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp, which could summon the magic genie to attend his wants, was no more fortunate than are you.

For while Aladdin rubbed the lamp for his service, you merely throw a switch and the modern genie "Electricity" does your bidding.

He can light your property and buildings, do your housework, your cooking, operate your radio, do your washing and ironing, milk your cows, separate the milk, and operate a multitude of important and labor-saving appliances.

It is vitally important to your best interests that you investigate the full powers of this remarkable slave which modern science has created for your use. Seventy thousand horsepower of electrical energy await your every wish.

West Texas Utilities Company

THE MERKEL MAIL
Published Every Friday Morning
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Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
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TELEPHONE No. 61
Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

SAFEGUARDING LIFE ON TEXAS HIGHWAYS.

The Texas legislature, now in session, will have before it a number of bills for highway construction in Texas. The problem is one uppermost in the minds of the people of the state. Numerous conferences have been held by those in authority and by interested citizens in an effort to arrive at a proper solution of the financing problem.

So far as press reports indicate, not a word has been said regarding the importance of safe guarding life on the highways now built and those to be constructed in future years. At least five serious automobile accidents on the Bankhead highway between Ft. Worth and Sweetwater since the new year ought to be cause for alarm, especially in view of the fact that it is generally conceded that with perhaps one exception all of these accidents were the result of reckless driving. One reckless driver on a highway such as the Bankhead endangers the lives of every motorist whom he meets or passes. Being a careful driver is no protection when one fool, without regard for the safety of himself or others, is allowed to sit at the steering wheel.

No one will deny the importance of paved highways. They are a great convenience and pleasure to 95 per cent of the people who use them, but not when the remaining 5 per cent are permitted to endanger the lives of every person whose business or pleasure makes it desirable that such persons use the public thoroughfares.

It is a question with which our lawmakers and highway advocates should give consideration. Insurance to replace or repair an automobile is not enough when human life is at stake. A few penitentiary sentences for drivers who violate every rule of the road and maim or kill human beings would have a salutary effect. One or a dozen fool drivers should not be permitted to endanger the lives of the thousands of persons who are daily using the highways of the state.

Highway building denotes progress, but with it ought to go protection for the motorist who observes and practices all the rules of highway safety.

The newly graveled road toward the oil field is a great asset to Merkel.

One only needs to observe the influx of oil well workers coming to Merkel daily to realize the growing importance of this section as an oil center.

With wells coming in at the rate of four a week, there should be no "holding back." Co-operative efforts on the part of every citizen will make the old town grow as never before.

Nine producing wells on the Bickley farm and two more drilling. Mr. Bickley was here from his Oklahoma home during the week witnessing the riches flowing from the earth. It must be a pleasant feeling.

Four new wells in the Merkel oil area within one week is big news for this section. The fact that all of the new wells equal and exceed in production the older wells indicates that the big pool is yet to be discovered.

Merkel business men are proud of the schools of the town. For that reason a number have interested themselves in an athletic field, adequately fenced, before the beginning of another football season. Such provision will mean more games at home.

The city council is to be commended for its efforts in keeping Merkel's residence streets in good repair. Graders are working following the rains and the drainage is being improved. Some of these days the principal residence streets will be paved.

Doc Grimes is the new president of the Lions Club, composed of approximately 40 Merkel business men. The club is active in everything that pertains to advancing the interests of the town. Get in line with President Grimes and the Lions club and help to "make a good town a better town."

The new hotel for Merkel is on the way. Outside interest who have made the proposition to build and operate a hotel for a bonus of \$12,500 have been inspected the field. Favorably impressed with the plan and the need for a hotel as is proposed. If you are already subscribed to the paper, now is the time.

TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS

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MATTHIAS WARD
(1858-1859)

Matthias Ward was born in Elbert county, Georgia, in about the year 1800. When a child he moved with his parents to Madison county, Alabama. He received a classical education, taught school for about two years, and later studied law. In 1836 he became a citizen of Texas, serving as a member of the Texas congress for several years.

Upon the admission of Texas to the Union in 1845, Mr. Ward was elected as a member of the upper house of the Texas legislature. In 1851, he was a candidate for lieutenant-governor with J. W. Henderson, Charles J. Keenan and J. S. Gillett. Henderson was elected, Ward receiving the second largest vote.

Mr. Ward was a delegate to the national democratic conventions of 1852 and 1856, and in 1856 served as president of the convention. He thus participated in the nomination of Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan for the presidency of the United States.

In 1855 Mr. Ward was nominated by a convention as a candidate for congress, but he was put forward by the democrats of the strict constructionist class. He was defeated by Judge Lemuel D. Evans, the favored candidate of what was known as the Know Nothing party, who had been a candidate for governor against Governor Pease in 1853.

In 1858 Mr. Ward was appointed by Governor Runnels as a state rights democrat to fill the vacancy created in the United States senate by the death of Senator J. Pinckney Henderson, and took his seat on September 27, 1858. He served until December 5, 1859, when he was succeeded by Lewis T. Wigfall, who had in the meantime been elected by the Texas legislature.

Senator Ward ardently supported the bill providing for the establishment of the Pacific railway from some point on the Mississippi, or the Missouri river, to the Bay of San Francisco, which was to "carry population over the continent, carry the light of Christian civilization to the shores of the Pacific, develop the power and wealth of the Republic, and bind together by ties of interest, as well as affection, the people who were thereafter to dwell on the Atlantic and Pacific slopes of the Rocky Mountains." He made several very able speeches in the Senate in which he forcibly discussed the advantage and urged the authorization and speedy construction of that great railway system.

Senator Ward's service in the United States senate was of short duration, but the record of the proceedings of that body shows that he was a fearless, conscientious and capable representative.

According to the official congressional records at Washington, Senator Ward died near Jefferson, in Marion county, Texas, on October 13, 1861.

Crime in Dallas.

Dallas, Jan. 10.—Deploring the present crime wave in Dallas, District Judge C. A. Pippen told a grand jury "it is unsafe to be on the streets of Dallas at the present time," in his charge to the probing body.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.
\$18.00 per ton.
Sam Swann

MOODY SUGGESTS MANY CHANGES

Austin, Jan. 10.—Before a joint session of the house and senate, Governor Moody Wednesday laid before the 41st legislature highway, prison system, judicial and executive problems confronting Texas and his recommendations for their solution.

Among the recommendations made by Gov. Moody in his message were the following:

- Revision of highway financing.
- Concentration of the prison system.
- Amendment of the State land leasing law.
- More adequate educational facilities.
- Public control of utilities.
- Short ballot plan, under which Governor would appoint heads of State departments as a means of securing better co-ordination and administration.
- Consolidation of a nine-member Supreme Court.
- Consolidation or elimination of many State bureaus and agencies.
- Another \$15 per capita apportionment for school children.
- Civil service plan.
- Better housing for the insane wards of the State.
- Change in the fee system.

Senate and House Elect.

Austin, Jan. 10.—After the preliminaries of electing W. S. Barron of Bryan as speaker of the house and Walter C. Woodward of Coleman president protem of the senate, the significant development of the first day's session of the Forty-first Legislature Tuesday was the line-up of committees, indicating that the state highway bond issue will have a mighty rough road to travel.

Howard Laney in Cattle Business Near Brownfield

Howard Laney has leased several sections of grass land near Brownfield and will enter the cattle raising business on a large scale. W. H. Laney, his father, has gone to the ranch and will assist in getting plans under way for the stocking of the ranch.

Two hundred high grade Hereford cows have been bought as a starter, and additions to the herd will be made as further plans develop.

Mrs. J. T. Warren Slightly Improved

Mrs. J. T. Warren, who has been in Mineral Wells hospital suffering from severe injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Mineral Wells about two weeks ago, is reported slowly recovering.

The injury to her tongue, which required twelve stitches, is extremely painful, but physicians note an improvement in her condition.

Mr. Warren returned to Mineral Wells Wednesday, and it is possible that Mrs. Warren will be able to return to her home here the latter part of this week.

Mother, Son Found Dead.

Rusk, Tex., Jan. 10.—The bodies of Mrs. Pearl Vernon and her son, Erical, 9, were found late Wednesday afternoon in the room of a local hotel, each with a bullet wound through the heart.

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Wife Turns in Alarm Which Sends Lubbock Fire Chief to Death

Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 10.—J. Neuel Bryan, 28, assistant fire chief was killed late Tuesday night when he was crushed by the fire truck he was driving to a fire. The truck skidded into the curb and turned over a revolution and a half after Bryan had headed the truck into the curb to miss two automobiles that were driven into the street directly in front of the fire truck.

The wife of the assistant chief, who lived near the burning house had turned in the alarm and was the first to reach her husband and pull him from under the overturned truck in an unconscious condition, from which he never recovered. The accident occurred shortly after 10 p. m. and the victim of the wreck died in a local hospital shortly after midnight.

The drivers of the two cars who blocked the passage of the truck are unidentified.

Glenn Smith, who was riding with Bryan, keeping the fire siren going, was slightly injured, but is reported resting well and is expected to be out of the sanitarium in a few days. Maurice Scott, a third fireman on the truck, was only slightly injured.

Taylor County Gets \$2,799 School Fund

Abilene, Jan. 10.—An apportionment of \$2,779 from the state school fund has been received at the county superintendent's office for distribution among county rural schools. The sum was the third apportionment received for the year of the \$15 per capita aid.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their kindness in our recent sorrow in the death of Winnie Faye, our daughter and sister. The consoling words and floral offerings will never be forgotten. May God bless each and every one that thought of us.

M. D. Lucas and family.

Commissioners Meet Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of Taylor county commissioners court is to convene Monday at the courthouse. No particularly important matters are scheduled at this time it was said.

FLU STOPS WORK OF GRAND JURY

After two days of investigation, the grand jury of the 42nd district court recessed Wednesday, returning fifteen felony indictments and one misdemeanor.

It was said the recess was ordered because of the flu epidemic, many witnesses being unable to attend because of illness.

The indictments included one for murder against a negro, accused of killing another; two for forgery; embezzlement, 2; assault to murder, 1; driving car while intoxicated 2; transporting liquor 2; swindling 1; burglary 2 and theft from person, 1.

One of the indictments billed Paul

line Denning, alias Mrs. Jack Dunning. Mrs. Dunning is being held at Belton, Texas on a complaint there and will probably be returned here. She is charged with burglary.

An indictment was returned against an Abilene man charging use of abusive language over the telephone.

Oldest Snyder Resident Dead.

Snyder, Jan. 10.—Rev. R. T. Hailey, 93, of Ira, oldest man in Scurry county, died Wednesday of influenza. His wife also is ill with flu.

Woman Bootlegger Sentenced.

Cameron, Jan. 10.—Mrs. John Watson, 30, was sentenced today to 18 months in the penitentiary for bootlegging. Her husband will be tried on the same charge.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

MERKEL THEATER

Under New Management
SHOWING GOOD PICTURES IN A GOOD TOWN.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

A BIG SPECIAL
SEE IT

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

CLARA BOW

"THREE WEEK ENDS"
NUFF SAID

WEDNESDAY ONLY
POLA NEGRI

"THE WOMAN FROM MOSCOW"

THURSDAY
"MILO'S BROADWAY STEPPERS"

COMING SOON

"MOTHER MACHREE"



Trade among Friends

No matter what some folks say to the contrary, there certainly is a lot of sentiment in business. Friendship, for instance, makes more satisfactory sales than all the cleverness and argument in the world.

You like to trade at a certain store—not because its counters are arranged in a scientific way, but because the folks who serve you are always friendly and helpful.

Just that very thing—FRIENDLY SERVICE—is the power that draws people together into communities like this, where everybody can enjoy the many benefits of neighborly cooperation.

And FRIENDLY SERVICE is the sentimental reason why you find it very much to your advantage to trade with our advertisers—to buy where you feel at home, where your friends will see that you are well satisfied.

Read the Ads in this Paper
and save yourself money by trading at home

We now offer

ARNOIL
STEAM TREATMENTS WITH THE
ARNAO STEAMER

This newest aid to beautiful hair is in great demand among women who demand the best things in life.

Four distinct treatments to correct these conditions—dandruff, falling hair, excessively oily hair, tight scalp and dry hair.

We will be glad to demonstrate the remarkable effectiveness of the Arnao method of caring for beautiful hair.

MARINELLO SHOP
MOLLYE SHANNON PRIVATE PHONE 123

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE—Jersey heifers, heavy springers, the good kind. At my place at Noodle. T. C. Jinkens.

FOR SALE—1924 Ford Roadster good running condition; good rubber will trade for heifer calves or milk cows. Otis Foster.

TWELVE 2-year old Monthly Blooming Roses, \$3.00; money back, if not satisfied. Cash with order. A. C. Benge, Arlington, Texas.

FOR SALE—One five burner Perfection oil stove; worth the money. J. E. Richardson at Merkel Lumber Co.

PURE BRED Rhode Island Red eggs; 15 for 75 cents. W. F. Hamblet.

FOR SALE—Three burner oil stove; also breakfast room suite at a bargain. Harry McCandless.

A PERFORMING FOOL

If you have not yet had your ride in the new Six Cylinder Chevrolet, we urge that you come to our show room or call 17 and arrange for same.

It will surprise you how this marvel car will crawl along 1 mile per hour in high gear. And how it responds to the press of the foot.

Talk about "PERFORMANCE," it's got it. Look it over, compare it, drive it. Then judge for yourself.

Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.

Phone 17 Merkel, Texas

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Pocket book. Owner can have same by describing and paying for this ad. R. A. Martin.

LOST—Tire size 30x5.77, rim and tire cover from Maverick Motor Co. Return to Jay Causseaux at Hamm Drug and receive reward.

FOR RENT

FARM FOR RENT—80 acres close to town and school, 55 acres in cultivation. Apply Booth Warren at F. & M. National Bank.

AFTER JAN. 1st I will have furnished and unfurnished rooms for rent at my home in Noodle. Address Mrs. Lottie Green, 1241 North Fourth, Abilene, Texas. Phone 6419.

FOR RENT—Three upstairs rooms, with all modern conveniences; near school and churches. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

BED ROOM for rent, \$2.50 per week; also laundry work wanted; two blocks north Guitarr Gin. Mrs. Parks. Phone 296J.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment; gas, water and lights. Phone 228J. Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

WANTED

BOYS, bring your skunks and o'possum furs to McDonald Grocery Co. Watts.

QUESTION MARK IN AIR 150 HOURS

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—The army's endurance flight plane, the Question Mark, glided to a perfect landing here at 2:07:01 o'clock Monday afternoon after a historic and record smashing flight of 150 hours, 40 minutes and 15 seconds. The ship had been in the air continuously for six nights and nearly seven days following its take-off here on New Year's morning at 7:26:46 o'clock.

The end of one of the greatest flights in all aviation history came after a crew of five weary men had fought constantly against time and motors which piled trouble in a heap upon them an hour before the landing. Thirty hours before their work seemed near an end when the motors balked, but it cleared away and the flight went on. This time, as though in protest to the great strain placed upon them the motors stuttered, one went "dead" and with another rapidly failing, they forced the nose of the ship earthward.

Cedar Creek School Wins in Seal Sales

Cedar Creek school was the winner in the Christmas seal sales conducted in Taylor county schools, under the direction of the Taylor County Tuberculosis Association, and was awarded the first prize for selling the largest number of seals per capita.

The school, of which Miss Edna Clarida is teacher, was presented with Howe school scales and measuring rod, valued at about \$40. The twelve students of the school sold 200 seals, an average of 16 2-3 each.

Second prize in the sales contest, \$10 cash, went to the Neill school, where 27 students sold an average of 12 2-7 seals each. Miss Vera Williams is principal of the school.

Two Clubs Added to West Texas Loop

Sweetwater, Jan. 10.—With the addition of Eastland and Sweetwater at a meeting of league officials here Sunday, the roster of the West Texas Baseball League was brought to eight clubs. Other teams in the thriving circuit are Big Spring, Midland, Abilene, San Angelo, Lubbock and Coleman.

W. R. Keeble, Abilene, was elected president of the league to succeed J. McAlester Stevenson, Abilene. J. A. Johnson, Midland, was named vice president.

It was decided to open the season of 126 games, May 1. Salary limit for each club per month was set at \$2,400, exclusive of manager's salary.

Hearing on Land Writ

Austin, Jan. 10.—A hearing on the injunction suit seeking to restrain J. T. Robison, land commissioner, from selling oil and gas leases on university lands, was set for Jan. 15 in district court Tuesday.

Robison Monday filed his answer to and asked dissolution of the temporary injunction granted Jan. 1 on application of the state joined by the board of regents of the University of Texas.

Wurzbach Yet Has Chance.

Austin, Jan. 10.—The right of Judge Augustus McCloskey of San Antonio to a certificate of election as congressman from the fourteenth district was in doubt again today, when an alleged error in the Guadalupe county returns was found.

On the face of the latest corrected returns, if they are adopted, Congressman Harry M. Wurzbach of Seguin would be elected by 98 votes, it was claimed.

Notice to the Public.

I have moved my Mattress Factory four blocks north of Sam Swann's Gin. All work will be appreciated. R. L. Griffin.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

"Ye Old District School" Re-enacted By Fellowship Club

"Friday afternoon at Ye Old District School" was re-enacted at the monthly meeting of the Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church, held at the church Tuesday evening. The program committee, composed of Charley Jones, Harry Barnett and Jim West, presented this feature as a surprise, and it proved to be one of the most interesting and mirth-provoking of the many entertainments provided by the club in recent months.

Participants were dressed in "kid" costume, truly representative of the scenes and habits of the time depicted. One only needs to know at least "some" of the cast of characters to appreciate the excellence of this part of the entertainment. It included Harry Barnett, Fred Hughes, Charlie Jones, C. L. Boswell, H. A. Brackeen, Misses Melba West, Mona Margaret Jones and Alice Russell. The "cast" was heard in songs and recitations. James H. West, president of the club, in addition to acting as teacher for the "unruly" bunch, made an excellent talk to the "parents."

Following the entertainment, enjoyed by a large number of members and several visitors, a weiner roast and social hour contributed to an evening of real pleasure.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Had a good day at the Methodist church last Sunday. When so many are forced to stay away from church on account of sickness it ought to make those of us who are able to attend the more determined to do so. Just feeling a little bad ought not to keep us away from the services of the church. Often an hour in public worship will make us feel better.

The pastor will be in the pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Sunday school meets promptly at 9:45 a. m. We begin our first teacher-training class, for Sunday school workers next Monday evening. We are hoping for a good class. The text will be the New Testament section of the "Worker and His Bible." Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. We are beginning the study of Matthew. Come and be with us. T. C. Willett, pastor.

O. E. S. Chapter.

The chapter held their regular semi-monthly meeting Saturday night. There is a call meeting Saturday night at 7 o'clock for initiation, after which refreshments will be served. All members are requested to be present and a special invitation to all visitors.

Mrs. Aurra Johnson, W. M. Mrs. May Lee, Sec.

Twins Born Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hill of Burleson are the proud parents of twin boys, born Jan. 2. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Effie Grayson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson of Merkel.

B. D. Surratt Buried.

Funeral services for B. D. Surratt, 35, resident of the Hamby community for 15 years, were held at the graveyard in the Hamby cemetery Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Z. B. Freeman, Baptist minister of Abilene conducted the rites.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

CANYON NEWS

The little son of Johnnie Barbee has suffered great pain from the accident which occurred last week. While trying to catch a ride with his father, he was thrown under the truck and one of the wheels passed over his body.

The "flu" is still raging in Mulberry Canyon. In nearly every home there are from two to seven cases of the disease. The few who are not sick are nursing the patients through without pneumonia developing.

Lonetta, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn, has been seriously ill for several days.

Jack Meeks, from the plains, was here visiting relatives and friends last week.

Elec Forhand, Shep, and grandson, Austin Allen, spent Friday night with Sam Butman Sr. They were driving a herd of cattle through the country, and as in old pioneer days, they "put up" with one of their fellow cattlemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Euel Ray Coleman, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr.

Mrs. Luther Jones and John D. Isenhower, Putnam, were in the community visiting relatives and friends Monday. Mrs. Jones reported that Luther was sick with the "flu" at Putnam.

A number of young people of the Butman community enjoyed an outing and kodaking Sunday afternoon.

Wayne Clackley, Abilene, was visitor in this community Sunday.

Ben Butman is "airing" a new Ford roadster.

If possible, the Butman school P. T. A. will meet Friday night, Jan. 11. Come on, parents, and let's see what the new year can do for our P. T. A.

I am in the market for some good butcher hogs, and cattle. O. F. Weidenbach at Quality Market.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

SWEETWATER HATCHERY

The Sweetwater Hatchery wishes to state to their many friends and customers of Merkel and vicinity that they are open for business at their new location at the end of Fourth Street, where they are better equipped than ever before to care for their trade. We have opened Receiving Stations where we will receive eggs for custom hatching and also carry a stock of baby chicks for sale in electric storage brooders. We have taken in this new territory to be able to procure eggs from the very best full blood flocks for our baby chick trade. These receiving stations are located at Merkel, Roby, Hermleigh and Blackwell.

The Merkel Station is in charge of the McDonald Grocery Company. Call on them and make arrangements.

We have added some new incubators of the sectional type which is supposed to be the latest improved method of hatching Turkey and Duck eggs. We now have a capacity of over 40,000 every three weeks. When in Sweetwater, call at the Hatchery and look our plant over.

SWEETWATER HATCHERY

Governor and Wife Parents 8-Lb. Boy

Austin, Jan. 10.—An eight pound, two ounce boy, Dan Moody, Jr., whom the doctor says probably will be a burn haired like his father, was born Sunday at a hospital to Mrs. Dan Moody. The youngster is the first child of the youngest couple that has occupied the governor's mansion.

Immigration from the United States to Texas began to trickle in following the Louisiana purchase in 1803.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

State Plans Road Awards.

Austin, Jan. 10.—Road construction work estimated at \$1,722,000 in value, including three bridges, 14 miles of concrete pavement and 125 miles of grading and drainage structures, in 16 counties was advertised today for letting at the January 21-22 meeting of the highway commission.

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

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Form B-76 No. 1398

Official Statement of Financial Condition of the

HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1928, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1929.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$163,626.82
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	885.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	93.63
Bonds, stocks and other securities	300.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash on hand	5,644.09
Due from approved reserve agents	91,056.77
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	5,162.82
Total	\$272,169.14

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,380.61
Individual Deposits subject to check	227,109.82
Public Funds on Deposit—	
City	\$ 186.00
School	1,992.71
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	500.00
Total	\$272,169.14

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1929.

Booth Warren,

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Pastor's Tribute to Memory Uncle Terrell Winter

As a former pastor of the late Uncle Terrell Winter, I take this opportunity of saying some words about him and his life.

I count it a rare privilege for a pastor to have as his deacon just such a man as he was. It was my joy to serve as his under shepherd seven years—years of strenuous times during that worst of all wars, the late world war.

As a text, if I should use one, would be the words Paul wrote to Timothy in his second letter, fourth chapter and seventh verse, which reads: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." We notice in the first place that the Christian career is one of aggressive warfare. As an humble Christian Uncle Terrell was the very embodiment of aggression. It was his constant desire to be pushing forward in Sunday school and in all church activities. Never was he willing to stop for one brief moment and risk the enemy reinforcing which might in some way impede the Lord's work. He always used the motto of Caleb and Joshua: "Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we are well able." He had undaunted and implicit faith in his God. He possessed the spirit of meekness seen in such men as John and the type of such as was exemplified in Nathan.

In those old days of bygone Saturday conferences this unworthy preacher always knew of at least three who would be on hand. Always without fail Uncle Terrell was there. In the seven years pastorate in his church I have no recollection that Bro. Winter ever missed even one Saturday service. Never shall I forget one revival meeting we were to begin at Shilo several years ago. The weather was very threatening that day and when the eleven o'clock hour came no one save this writer and Bro. Beavers and Uncle Terrell were present. I shall never forget how those two deacons prayed that day for the meeting that was then beginning with three present and rain falling straight down. We had a glorious revival and many souls were saved during the meeting. Can see now in my imagination those deacons kneeling down beside the platform there and invoking the leadership of God.

In the second place Paul affirmed he had kept the Faith: Bro. Winter was faithful unto the end. He never let an opportunity pass that he did not relate his experience of Grace if the opportunity was given. He lived in close fellowship with his Creator and well knew from whence all blessings come. He contended for the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints. As Superintendent of the Sunday school he devoted his life for near one-quarter of a century. In the cold wintery months he was always at his post in the school. And too, as a

support for the pastor, no doubt there were few men even his equal. A preacher always knew where to place him. One had no need to guess how he stood on things pertaining to the ongoing of the Kingdom. Fervent in spirit serving the Lord always. Surely in his last hours, could he have spoken, he could have witnessed with Stephen the glories of Heaven as they opened to his vision. He thinks that Heaven will be more real since his going.

In the last part of the verse referred to, these significant words appear: "I have finished my course." The real summit of the Christian life is perhaps in the last battles of life. The last enemy he conquered was death. Glorious victory indeed. How the child of God in the very last moments may look through the shadows of death to the eternal abode where never again will there be any heartaches or pain. John says: "Behold all things are become new." Bro. Winter had run a wonderful race in the Christian career. He had always kept the end in mind (Christ) and had one fervent desire in life and that was to please Him.

Eternity alone will be able to really reveal what his life meant to his community, his home, his church, and his friends. His going is surely a loss to all of us, but thank God, it is a gain to him. There is surely a gain to every child of God when he shall lay aside this mortal and put on immortality. Lay aside the natural and be clothed with the spiritual. Wonderful, marvelous, glorious victory.

Then with expectancy Paul exclaimed: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto ALL THEM that love his appearing." Bro. Winter never perhaps wore even an earthly crown during his pilgrimage here, but now he wears a crown of righteousness given by the Savior for his faithfulness here on earth. Thank God for salvation through Jesus Christ and for the privilege of a humble part in His Kingdom. All those days he spent in prayer to the Lord, all those tears he shed while with us were not in vain after all. They were just jewels going on to be placed in the crown of righteousness which Paul is here speaking about. With the poet we might say:

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let Angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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Screen's Busiest Co-Stars at Queen in New Comedy

The Lew Cody-Aileen Pringle team has been about the busiest pair of co-stars on the screen.

As soon as Cody wound up his recent big-time vaudeville tour he and Miss Pringle resumed their film partnership, filmed "Beau Broadway," and then plunged into "The Baby Cyclone," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's hilarious filmization of the famous George M. Cohan stage play, being shown at the Queen Theatre Friday.

It is a sophisticated comedy based on a satirical view of New York society, and deals with the troubles made in a household and the bumps placed in the path of true love by a small Pekingese pup. Cody plays a wealthy clubman who loses his fiancée, Miss Pringle, through the pup and only gets her back after an amazing series of trials and tribulations. En route to the culmination of his romance, incidentally, he gets a black eye.

The other couple in the comedy are played by Robert Armstrong, famous on the stage in "Is Zat So?" and Gwen Lee, and Richard Carlyle, Nora Cecil, Fred Esmelton, Robert Dudley, Clarissa Selwynne and others of note are in the cast.

F. Hugh Herbert adapted the story from the original play. Despite its uproarious comedy, a romantic love interest runs through the entire picture.

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Hilton Hotel For Lubbock. Lubbock, Jan. 10.—A 12-story \$700,000 hotel was put on Lubbock's 1929 building program with the closing of a contract between Lubbock people and the Hilton Hotel company of Dallas.

On March 6, four days after the Texas declaration of independence the Alamo at San Antonio fell and the new born republic lost such able leaders as Travis, Bowie and Crockett.

Gibbs Entries Win At Poultry Show

W. H. Gibbs and C. A. Gibbs of the Sweetwater Hatchery have received the following letter from J. E. Wright, president of the Highland Poultry Show at Alpine:

"This is to thank you for the nice entry you sent our show. Your Australorps won second and your Leghorns won first exhibition trio. You will be interested to know that an Australorps cockerel won the grand champion male of the show. Check enclosed for \$6.

"Hoping you will have a great season and that you will show with us again next year."

Honor Students at Union Ridge School

One of the teachers and several of the students of Union Ridge school have been kept at home by the flu epidemic during the past several days. Notwithstanding this handicap, excellent work has been done, with the following pupils on the honor roll:

- Primer—Blanton Carey, Doswell Carey, A. B. Harris.
- First Grade—Junior Clark, Laverne Harevell, L. S. Tipton Jr.
- Third grade—Wynama Eason.
- Fifth grade—Ruby Carey, Aline McAnich, Alice Carey, Anna Mae Harris.
- Sixth grade—Paul Pannell, Cal McAnich.
- Seventh grade—Mary Bell Douglas.
- Eighth grade—Bernice Clark, Margaret Dean, Lou Pannell, Clement Carey.

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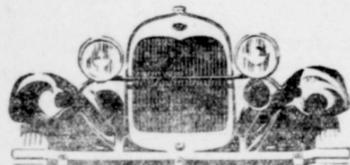
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The purpose of this water plant is to keep the engine cooled to a temperature that will make it efficient in operation. If it were not for this, the cylinder walls would become overheated and the pistons refuse to operate.

The cooling system of the new Ford is particularly interesting because it is so simple and reliable.

When the radiator is full of water, the engine of the new Ford will not overheat under the hardest driving. Yet the water is so regulated that it will not impair engine operation by running too cold in winter.

The cooling surface of the Ford radiator is large, with four rows of tubes set in staggered position so that each receives the full benefit of the incoming air. The fan is of the airplane propeller type and draws air through the radiator at the rapid rate of 850 cubic feet per minute at 1000 revolutions per minute of the motor.

The hot water around the cylinder head is drawn to the radiator to be cooled by a centrifugal water pump of new design.

The entire cooling system of the new Ford is so simple in design and so carefully made that it requires very little attention.

The radiator should be kept full, of course, and drained once each month so that sediment will not collect and retard the free passage of water. In cold weather, a reliable anti-freeze solution should be added.

As owner and manager of this important water plant you should also see that the water pump and fan shaft are properly lubricated and the packing around the pump shaft kept in adjustment.

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Rickard Dies in Miami Hospital

Miami Beach, Fla., Jan. 10.—Death Sunday claimed George L. (Tex) Rickard, New York sports promoter. He succumbed in a hospital here at 7 o'clock Sunday morning to complications which set in after an operation for the removal of his appendix New Year's night.

Mrs. Rickard, Jack Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Field of New York, Dr. E. H. Adkins and two nurses were at the bedside when the maker of champions passed away.

Rickard, accompanied by his wife and child, came to Miami Beach recently as head of the Madison Square Garden Corporation to superintend the opening of a greyhound race track and to arrange for a heavyweight match between Young Stribling and Jack Sharkey.

Million Increase in Year's Car Output

An increase of 1,056,329 in motor vehicle production was made in 1928 over 1927, figures released by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce show. Total car and truck production in the United States and Canada during the last year was 4,630,000 against 3,573,671 in 1927, and sets a new all-time mark in motor vehicle output.

Registrations in the United States totaled 24,750,000 at the close of 1928, it was reported. This is an increase of 1,622,685 over the 23,127,315 of 1927. The world registration of motor vehicles was 31,725,000 at the end of the year, 78 per cent of the world's cars being registered in the United States, the same percentage as in 1927. Motor vehicle registration on American farms was 5,450,000 against 5,007,124 in 1927.

The average retail price of cars was \$876 and of trucks \$955 in 1928, it was shown. Closed cars showed a slight gain from 83 per cent of the total in 1927 to 85 per cent in 1928.

Auto Fumes Fatal to Youth, Aged 3

Paris, Texas, Jan. 10.—Sudden death of one of their small children here after midnight Friday brought to a halt an automobile journey of a young couple from Los Angeles to their home in Hammond, Ind.

Fumes from an open exhaust pipe, turned upward to give warmth in the car, presumably caused the death of Dorrell Roy Freeman, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeman.

The child died at a local cafe, where the parents sought aid when they discovered the child very ill. Efforts of physicians were unavailing and the child died shortly after medical help was secured.

The child had been lying on the back seat of an open car.

Death Ends Career A. B. Spencer, Long West Texas Builder

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 10.—A. B. Spencer of Fort Worth, former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and later manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, died at his home about 5 p. m. Saturday.

Mr. Spencer served as president of the West Texas organization in 1922 and 1923. At the time of his election his home was at Crosbyton, where he had cattle holdings. He was the builder of the railroad line between Lubbock and Crosbyton, now owned by the Santa Fe. Some of his principal activities during his service to the West Texas body were in railway matters. He acted as director of the organization for some time after he was president.

Moving to Fort Worth in 1925, he later became manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, serving in that capacity until January 1, 1928, when he devoted his time to private business.

Homer D. Wade, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, declared late Saturday that West Texas and all of Texas had suffered a great loss in Mr. Spencer's death.

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Frank Kell Address Over Radio Tonight

Radio station KGKO at Wichita Falls will broadcast the dinner hour at the annual banquet of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening, January 11. Dinner is at seven and the program starts at eight o'clock.

The principal address of the evening will be delivered by Frank Kell, of Wichita Falls, nationally known financier and business man. His talk will deal with business conditions in the Southwest.

Cattlemen Urging State "Butcher" Law

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 10.—Urged by officials of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, which has headquarters in Fort Worth, cattlemen in many Texas counties are writing members of the Legislature on appeal for their support of the proposed state "butcher law." For several years the association has endeavored to create interest in this measure which, if passed, would do much toward halting cattle thefts, according to E. B. Spiller, secretary.

"If there is no market for stolen meat there is no incentive to steal cattle," is the attitude the cattlemen are taking, Spiller said. It is believed by officials of the association that the "butcher law" practically would eliminate the demand for stolen meat.

"The cattle raisers association receives reports from many sections of the State of losses of cattle and other livestock," said Spiller. "In practically every case the loss is due to local slaughter."

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Woman, 81, Mother of Eleven Children, Marries Man of 59

Kerrville, Jan. 10.—E. H. Turner, magistrate here for 28 years, has performed his four hundred thirteenth marriage ceremony and that one was a most unusual wedding.

The groom, W. G. Weldon of Kerrville, was 59 years old, and the bride, Mrs. M. J. Parker of Noxville, was 81. The ceremony took place at the Kerr County Courthouse, where Turner has his office as justice of the peace and city tax assessor.

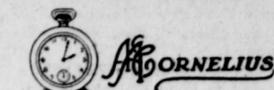
The bride is the mother of 11 children, some of them having adult grandchildren. The couple will live at the Parker ranch near Noxville.

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Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Arrested For Old Murder. Bartlett, Jan. 10.—A negro is being held in the Bartlesville, Okla., jail in connection with the killing of Deputy Sheriff August Becker in Bartlett 14 years ago. Deputy Sheriff Bartlett was in Fort Worth some time ago and found a clew which followed up led to the location of the negro in Bartlesville.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.



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who can judge this woman? —married to a brute, in love with a man SOMETIMES, Laura thought herself gripped by some terrible nightmare. But the steaming, fever-laden jungle with its brooding loneliness and that tattered, whiskey-soaked beast, who was her husband, were only too real. How could she have ever dreamed that she loved him?—the scientist she had thought a man. True, she had been very young when she had married him, and had come to Brazil. But fever, that white man's curse, had got into his blood—and she had seen him slowly degenerate into a booze-sodden beast. Then Townley, young, clean, wholesome, came adventuring up the river, to find a girl of twenty, with the body of a youthful Venus—glistening hair, creamy skin and star-like eyes—eyes clouded with silent misery. Amazement, anger, pity were but the prelude to love. And when one day an answering light illumined her soft, dark eyes flashing him a wonderful message— Thus it began—this strange drama of the jungle—a drama of maddening love on Townley's part—a tragedy of renunciation, of desperate battling with conscience on the part of Laura. Don't miss this startling true-life story, "Flower of the Jungle," in February True Story Magazine. Tune in on the True Story Hour broadcast every Friday night over WOR and the Columbia Chain. Consult Your Paper for Exact Time. Partial Contents for February: The Marriage Wrecker I Fanned My Very Soul The Wife Who Had to Have Romance My Mysterious Inheritance First in a Woman's Life —and eight other stories February Out Now! True Story At All Newsstands—only 25c



FAMILY REUNION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson was one of much pleasure and merry-making during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson having all their children with them for the first time in fourteen years. One son-in-law and seven grandchildren were unable to enjoy the happy occasion.

Participating in the reunion were thirty-nine persons, and the occasion was one of extreme delight to every member of the large family, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Grayson, who are pioneer residents of this section, having lived near Merkel for 41 years. Those present were:

Mrs. U. E. Wheeler and baby, Bovina, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Dupuy, Mexia, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson and four children, Bovina, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Grayson and four children, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and four children, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Greene and baby, all of Trent, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Flod Grayson and two children, Bovina, Texas.

WATCH PARTY.

On Monday evening, Dec. 31, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier entertained a few of their relatives and friends with a "watch" party.

With the arrival of the guests they were directed into the living room, where all enjoyed ring plays and an abundance of good music. The merry games continued until a late hour, when the guests were inducted into the dining room, where the hostess, assisted by Mrs. E. J. Patterson, served delicious cake and hot chocolate, and all "watched" the old year out and welcomed the coming of the new.

Those enjoying the courtesies of Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner and three children, Vada, Vivian and Virgil, of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Frazier and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and family all of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown, Mr. E. L. Frazier and children, Mary Ellen and Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger and son; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and son; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson and two children.

All enjoyed to the utmost the evening's entertainment, and happy New Year's were exchanged as the guests departed at 12:30.

BRIDGE GAMES.

A series of bridge lovers resumed their Thursday evening diversion in the home of Miss Melba West this week. Radio and victrola music interspersed progression of the games and at the refreshment hour dainty sandwiches, nuts and drinks were served to Misses Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Mary Cleo Booth, Vera Baker, Melba West, Roberta Sloan, Mesdames Jack Anderson and Claude Young.

CLASS ENTERTAINED.

The Kings Daughters class of the M. E. Sunday school was entertained at the home of Mrs. C. K. Russell Wednesday afternoon. The following members of the class were present: Mesdames J. C. Calvert, Harkrider, Dry, Mitchell, McSpadden, Huddleston, Rainbolt, Richards, Cox, Martin, Golladay, Beene and Hutcheson.

The guests of the class were Mrs. Ruby Fay Johnson, Mrs. Floyd Dowell, Mrs. John R. West and daughter, Dorris Gay, Mrs. Tyman Collins and Miss Julia Martin.

After a business meeting those present were entertained by games. Readings were given by Mrs. McSpadden and Miss Mary Joe Russell and Mrs. Beene and Mrs. Dowell rendered a piano duet. Refreshments were served.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

A lovely social function of the week was a bridge-luncheon in the home of Mrs. Sam Cummings in south Merkel. At the noon hour a delectable four course luncheon was served, after which games of auction bridge progressed throughout the afternoon hours. At the culmination of the games dainty awards went to Miss Mary Eula Sears for high score and to Mrs. S. D. Gamble who cut high.

Mrs. Cummings' guest list included Misses Mary Eula Sears, Mary Cleo Booth, Boag Sears, Mesdames L. B. Scott, C. H. Jones, R. I. Grimes, Harvey, S. D. Gamble and Sam Cummings.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and during the week. It is hoped that the people will be sufficiently recovered from the "flu" to be back in the regular services. We have been able to hold all regular services but have been short-handed part of the time. Come and find a welcome in any of the services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and little son, Roland, have returned to their home at Santa Ana, Calif., after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Merkel.

Misses Iva Bragg and Christine Collins have returned from a very pleasant holiday visit in Clarksville, Texas. Enroute they visited friends in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson have returned from Greenville where they were the guests of Mrs. Anderson's parents.

Friends of Mrs. Henry West will be very glad to learn that she is convalescing rapidly after her very serious illness.

Earl Thornton who is another of our "flu" victims, is improving although still confined to his bed.

Mrs. Hail Lancaster has been called to Dublin on account of the serious illness of the baby of Mrs. Homer Lancaster. The little one is suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Luke Huddleston of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

Mrs. M. C. Sadler was called from Ft. Worth to attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, who has been ill with rheumatism for the past four weeks but who is now slowly improving.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton during the recent holiday season were Mr. Hamilton's mother, Mrs. W. E. Hamilton of Whitney, and his brother, B. E. Hamilton and wife of Roscoe.

Miss Lala Hays of Denton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hays, two miles north of Merkel, and other relatives living in this section.

F. H. Latham and family, who have been living in Dallas for the past year or more, have returned to Merkel and will make this their home in future.

Four New Wells During Past Week

(Continued From Page One.)

Clifton and Landreth Production Company's recently completed No. A3 Grayson, a 60-barrel pumper.

Grisham-Hunter Corporation's No. 2 Tiner will be 330 feet north and 990 feet west of the southeast corner of the Gabriel Zumwalt survey No. 279.

Roeser-Pendleton and Landreth Production Company's No. A4 Grayson will be a south offset to Grisham-Hunter Corporation's No. 2 Tiner and will be 990 feet west and 330 feet south of the northeast corner of the Grayson A lease in section 13, T. & F. Survey 19.

Jones County's eighth new location during the week is Grisham-Hunter Corporation and Cosden & Co.'s No. 1 Brown to be 330 feet north and west of the southeast corner of E. C. Brown survey.

Roeser-Pendleton et al's No. 1 Cassel, at the center of the south half of the northeast quarter of lot 4, Goliad County school land survey No. 260 was also spudded and is now drilling below 375 feet. This test is three miles east of the west line of Jones County and about the middle of the line.

Richardson-Burnett.

W. G. Cypert officiated at the marriage of Acie Richardson and Miss Voma Burnett Saturday evening, the ceremony being performed at the residence of Mr. Cypert.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Visitors and strangers are invited to worship with us. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Wm. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Preaching at North Side Church of Christ at 11 o'clock by W. G. Cypert. At 7 p. m. Elder A. E. Phillips of Abilene will preach. All are invited to be with us.

On March 2, 1836 the Texans in convention at Washington declared an independent republic and David B. Burnett was named president.

Mrs. Lenora Whatley Succumbs to Illness of Long Duration

Mrs. Lenora Whatley, age 39, wife of N. F. Whatley, died Tuesday at the family home after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, with interment in the local cemetery. Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiated.

Mrs. Whatley had been a resident of Merkel for several years, and during that time had endeared herself to a large circle of friends. She joined the Baptist church in Robertson county in 1921 and had been active in church affairs so long as her health permitted.

Surviving are her husband, one son, two daughters, her father, one brother and two sisters, as follows: The children are Ruth, Fern and Sherman, all of Merkel; the sisters are Mrs. Bertha Roberts, California; Mrs. Beulah Derrington, Thalia, Texas; the brother, Jack Knight, lives in California. J. J. Knight, her father, lives in Oklahoma.

Blair Items

There is a great deal of sickness in the community at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks and family of Southland, Texas, visited their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown and other relatives at this place New Year's.

Clint Maddera and Miss Burliemae Bryant were united in marriage at Abilene, Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family spent the past week-end with the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds, of Franklin, Texas.

Mrs. Ira Cavett spent the week-end at the bed-side of her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Gilliam of Merkel.

Bro. Badgett of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer and son, J. H. of Snyder, Texas, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, and other relatives of this place.

Presbyterian Board Mum on Heresy Case

Temple, Jan. 10.—After appointing a committee of three to counsel further with the Rev. H. G. Kenney of Cameron in regard to his purported "modernist" belief and preachings, the Central Texas Presbytery, which met in executive session here today to investigate heresy charges against the Cameron pastor, adjourned without taking definite action.

The committee was ordered to report its findings to the meetings of the general Presbytery at Clifton, Texas, in April.

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