THE MERKEL MAIL

PLANS BEING DRAWN FOR PROPOSED NEW HOTEL

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GOLF FEATURED AT WEEKLY MEET OF LIONS CLUB

vantages Offered Members of known. Merkel Golf Association; Visiting Oil Men Speak.

A recreational program, with special emphasis on golf and the aspirations meeting of the Lions club held at noon . Tuesday. Golf clubs were utilized to furnish attractive table decorations, while the Valentine motif was carried out with red hearts bearing invitations to Merkel citizens to join the Golf club and participate in its activities.

E. Yates Brown was toastmaster, first introducing Joe Ward of Abilene who gave several cornet solos, with Mrs. E. Yates Brown accompanying at the piano. Miss Lucy Tracey followed with two readings, both having to do with golf, and fitthe day.

DILTZ EXPLAINS CLUB PLAN.

W. L. Diltz Jr., president of the Merkel Golf Association, was the guest of the Lions and explained the early organization of the Golf club and the present plan of operation. He said the "pay as you go" policy had been adopted, each member being pledged to pay \$2.00 per month as dues, which amount provided for the employment of a caretaker for the course and enabled the members to enjoy the game at all times and without inconvenience. Membership was urged both from the standpoint of recreational advantage to the individual member and as a contribution to civic advancement. Golf club, said that 25 members had that city officials are in line and M. Man Oil Co. is contructing a a year to maintenance of the club. stressed the invitation to Merkel busi-He said that late statistics showed on this forward move. A town can- ing the past week due to inclement there were over a million golfers in North America at the present time.

AN EDITORIAL.

around Merkel. All signs point to continuous and rapid growth for this own. Analysis of conditions gives unmistakable indication of prosper-Program Centered Around Ad- ity such as Merkel has never before

> the beginning of Merkel's first step in the march of progress. Since the 70 feet in the lime, has not reached

> discovery well in that area little more the bottom. The swabbing test, while new citizens attracted by oil activity. territory unsurpassed by those of any other field in Texas.

Then there is every reason to believe the test will be drilled deeper. that a new and undeveloped oil field has been discovered twelve miles south of Merkel. Midcontinent Oil and Gas Company's Taylor No. 1 well is conceded to be a paying producer. The first showing of oil was encountered ting in admirably with the program of in this wildcat test three weeks ago. It is in new territory, twenty miles from the nearest production, with Merkel occupying the strategic position of being only twelve miles from the Taylor well and the same distance from the proven field. With a new field to the south, Merkel is the center of the two areas, both yielding as

high gravity oil as can be found in the state. ...

That Merkel is determined to keep step in the march of progress is indicated by the action of citizens living on Oak street in petitioning the city council to pave that thorough-

MERKEL'S OUTLOOK. SWABBING OPERATION AN EDITORIAL. Big things are happening in and IN TAYLOR WILDCAT: BARRELS OF OIL 12

Extent of production in Midcontinent Oil and Gas Company's Taylor county wildcat test was still undetermined Thursday. The well was subjected to a 24-hours swabbing test this week, and in The oil field twelve miles north was that period yielded approximately twelve barrels of oil.

Total depth of the hole stands at 2461 feet, and the drill, while

than two years ago, outside money disappointing, is not considered as DADS GUESTS AT of the Merkel Golf club, featured the has found its way into Merkel and proving the well a failure. On the contrary, well posted oil men assert The field has been extended to cover that the showing the well has already a wide area, with predictions from made is conclusive evidence that the prominent oil men that this spring and territory in the vicinity of the View summer will see operations in this well has a good oil pool. Probabilities are that the well will be given another swabbing, and if it fails to produce in paying quantities, it is likely that

NOT FAIR TEST.

Some oil men contend that the swabbing process was not a fair test, due Trail area council; Dr. E. B. Surincomplete operation. They say face, pastor of the First Presbyterian that with a different swab, which would prevent leakage, the test would probably have yielded as much as twenty barrels.

It will probably be some time next week before the future of the well is definitely known. The showing of oil has been suffcient, in the opinion of oil men, to justify the belief that the territory surrounding the well will be given a thorough test. While no information has come from the officers of the Midcontinent Oil and Gas Co., drillers of the well, it is believed the showing will justify further opera- gram arranged Tuesday night by the tions by this company.

NEW RIGS IN NORTH.

In the field to the north of Merkel fare. The council, in accepting the Phillips Petroleum Co. is erecting a petitions and immediately announcing rig on the Windham tract, which is or in other words, the goal to be atthe employment of an engineer to expected to cause an offset on the tained in the coming year.

San Angelo is planning to install 65 automatic electric fire alarm boxes. Funeral rites were held at Anson Tuesday afternoon for J. J. Randel,

77, Jones county pioneer. E. G. Senter of Dallas, lawyer and newspaper man, has announced his candidacy for governor in 1930.

A. A. Bergdorf, farmer, was given SCOUT BANQUET

present last night for the Boy Scout father and son banquet, held in the Lions banquet hall. Inspiring addresses were male by prominent visitors

stantly killed when his car was struck by a Texas and Pacific train near E. Hayden, Mayor of Abilene; Judge Jas. P. Stinson, president of Chisholm Arlington.

church of Abilene, and Ed Shumway, scout executive for the Chisholm electric power. Trail area. Herbert Patterson of Merkel presided.

chant at Abilene, died at his home Men's Fellowship ness of several months. Club Reviews Work

> And Elects Officers Burke were instantly killed in an automobile collision at Dallas. Both

As the February meeting of the were residents of that city. Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church was the last one of the first year of the organization, the prothe fatal shooting of Clarkes Wallace, Dallas youth, near Big Spring. president, James H. West, was in the nature of a review of the accomplishments of the past year, together with a statement of the aims and purposes. skating rink near Belton.

With this in view, the fixed pro-

MAKER OF OFFER TO BUILD PLANS ANEARLY START

Writes Letter Saying Specifications Will Be Ready for Inspection and Approval of Committee in Next Few Days.

Plans for Merkel's proposed new hotel will be ready for inspection and the death penalty at Big Spring for approval of the local hotel committee the murder of Charles Watson, Dal- in the next few days.

This was the information conveyed in a letter to R. O. Anderson, chairman of the committee, which was written by the out of town party who has been to Merkel several times in recent weeks investigating the possibil-H. C. Anderson of Cleburne was in- ities of a hotel here.

BONUS PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

A short time ago, after a number of conferences with Mr. Anderson and A series of seven dams to be built his committee, the interested party at regular intervals are planned to made a proposition to build and operbe built on Devil's river to create ate a modern hotel here for a bonus of \$12,500. The proposition was ac-Donald C. Pitts, 31, hardware mer- cepted on behalf of Merkel, and since that time backers of the hotel move-Tuesday afternoon following an ill- ment have awaited developments.

The letter to Mr. Anderson stated plans and specifications were almost complete, together with architect's drawing, and that they would be in the hands of the local committee in the very near future. Illness of the hotel A plea of insanity was entered by builder was assigned as the reason for A. A. Bergdorff when arraigned for the apparent delay.

EARLY ACTION INDICATED.

It is presumed that with the arrival H. G. Thompson was sentenced to of the plans, provided they meet with 30 years in the penitentiary for the the approval of the local committee, fatal shooting of Carlton Fewell at a the party proposing to build and operate the hotel, will be ready to begin H. J. Leahy, convicted of killing Dr. construction at an early date. All of J. A. Ramsey, aged Mathis physician, the details have been agreed upon, ingram included a number of talks af- has been sentenced to die in the elec- cluding the amount of the bonus signed pledge cards contributing \$24 ready to take the lead in behalf of rig for their Bickley No. 2, which will ter sandwiches and cocoa were served. tric chair at Huntsville April 12. general summary of the past year's months' stay of execution to Bill Smith stood and will no doubt form a part of Merkel people are enthusiastic over the hotel project, it being generally Hunter, as a layman; Rev. T. C. Wil- Texas, and for a number of years conceded that such a structure as is lett of the Methodist church, speak- president of the Texas Electric rail- proposed will attract enough visitors and transient trade to make the hotel a paying investment from the start. On every hand inquiries are made daily as to the status of the new project, and the fact that plans and specifications are being prepared will be welcome news to every person who has the welfare of Merkel at heart.

las youth. About 70 boys and their dads were The O. B. Jackson wholesale meat packing house at Plainview was destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$25,000. and a general good time was enjoyed. Among the speakers were Thomas

OIL MEN SPEAKERS.

F. L. Routh of Breckenridge, connected with the legal department of the Phillips Petroleum Co., and C. H. Siggins of Tulsa, Okla., production Manager for the Midcontinent Oil and Gas Co., were guests of the club and spoke interestingly of Merkel's connection with oil development.

Mr. Routh gave it as his belief that Merkel occupied a stragegic position for rapid development with a prolific oil field to the north and prospects for another field the same distance south. He urged Merkel citizens to take advantage of the opportunities now the construction of the gravel road toward the oil field, Mr. Routh saying it was a step in the right direction, as tivity in the field would be seeking new depot for Merkel. The passenger He is survived by his wife and three two weeks. an advantageous point in which to depot maintained by the T. & P. rail- boys, Laval, Henry Keller and Sheran enlargement. "We want to see near-by oil development," Mr. Routh concluded.

TALKED OF VIEW WELL.

Mr. Siggins, representing the Midcontinent Oil and Gas Co., which company is drilling the well near View with a good showing of oil, said the proportions of that test were as yet uncertain. He hoped that a new field would be open in the south territory, and that his company was always anxious to develop with the communities where they had interests. business institutions would follow if health of the citizenship. Excellent auditorium at 8 o'clock. the territory to the south of Merkel houses of worship and able pastors Any one, man or woman, wishing of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. closing he added a word of encour-

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prepare specifications, demonstrated Pomeroy tract. worthwhile projects for city better- result in an offset to the Cosden. ment. The paving of Oak street, Grisham-Hunter's well on the Tiner be derived from membership, and which is the chief avenue of travel to is at an interesting depth and is bethe schools and most of the churches, ing closely watched. This is expected is bound to result in other improve- to be the next well to be brought in in citizens in helping to maintain a golf ments. The citizens of Oak street and the north field. the city council are to be congratulated Operations have been delayed dur-

not lose by making permanent im- weather, but indications point to reprovements.

service between Texas and California.

pot should be urged before the pro-

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kel indeed looks promising.

per officials.

The same spirit of civic enterprise that is paving Oak street is going to T. F. Stevens Dies at His Home Near Trent build a new and modern hotel in Merkel. The hotel project has been lagging for several weeks, but is by

weeks.

no means abandoned. R. O. Ander- of the Trent community practically derson, secretary-treasurer, both re- tin and to erect monuments was passon, chairman of the hotel committee, all of his life, died at his home there elected; and an executive committee sed by the senate without objection. said at the last meeting of the Lions Friday. Funeral services were held consisting of L. L. Murray, Dr. H. P. Lindell Ward, 19, daughter of W. club that a plan was being devised at the Trent Methodist church Sat- Hulsey and C. J. Glover, Jr., with the P. Ward of Bryan, was shot by her which his committee believed would urday morning, with Rev. J. C. Wat- pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, as Ex Of- father when he mistook her for a burgive to Merkel the much needed hotel. son, pastor of the Trent Methodist ficio member. The hotel project, as we see it, is of church, officiating. Interment was in outstanding importance at the present the Merkel cemetery.

newed activity during the next few

time. With oil activity on the increase Mr. Stevens was born at Greenville and the consequent influx of vis- in 1892, and located near Trent when itors and tourists, the hotel is a ne- a small boy, where he grew to manfits to which she is rightfully entitled. Erwin in 1912.

Both in Trent and in Merkel, where Lyle Cade is building a modern five of 61 to 58. and prosperity should result in a a host of friends.

ing. He called attention to the fact corded the railroad at this point. It ters, Mrs, Ruben Reeves and Mrs. equipped with all modern conveniences, head. that the Phillips Petroleum Co. was is old and antiquated, built when Mer- Jack Freeman, Trent, and Mrs. David which he will occupy as a home place. Conrad Oschner, aged bachelor livspending half a million dollars in the kel was "just a village," long before Jones, Merkel. Other relatives who construction of a gasoline plant and there was an oil field, paved streets, attended the funeral were Mrs. Norma recently inaugurated air passenger and Mrs. Akin of Fort Worth.

> Merkel's claims for a new modern de- Fiddlers' Reunion Sweetwater Event Evening of Feb. 25

All these are recent and contemplated improvements. Natural gas for domestic and commercial use has year by the Sweetwater chapter of the conducted at Simmons University, been with us for more than a year. United Daughters of the Confederacy beginning June 4 and continuing un-An improved waterworks system as an entertainment feature of the til August 19. Mr. Burgess will confurnishes good water in abundance. annual Hereford auction sale at duct two courses in education. A complete sewerage system reaching Sweetwater, will be given on the eveninto all parts of the city protects the ing of Feb: 25, at the Sweetwater city

developed, Mr. Siggins declared. In serve the different congregations. to take part is invited to write Mrs. A. S. H. King of Austin. Mr. King was With past accomplishments and im- A. Chapman or Mrs. J. D. Dulaney of formerly postmaster at Merkel, and mediate prospects, the future of Mer- Sweetwater, that their names may be is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King of Castle Peak school tonight to which and will be able to leave the h placed on the program.

ing from the standpoint of the pastor; way, died at his home in Dallas. club's work in the church; L. L. Mur-

others. Election of officers for the ensuing

year resulted in the re-election of

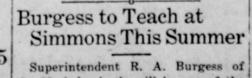
Three New Cottages Building in Merkel

time.

These unmistakable signs of growth he was well known, Mr. Stevens had room house on Oak street which will Cecil Brown, Abilene school teacher, licensed him to preach. Few men

was the logical place for such school- ance of the town and the business ac- Mrs. T. L. Stevens, Trent; three sis- tion a new house in South Merkel, of injuries inflicted by a blow on the

he hoped that conditions would justify oil supply houses and other unmis-Keller and daughter, Dallas; Mr. and build a 4-room cottage on West Elm of his cabin. He was a sufferer from takable signs of progress. The T. & Mrs. Kessie Erwin, Fort Worth; Mr. street. He will move his family here rheumatism, and is believed to have Merkel inseparably linked with the F. is a progressive railroad; it has and Mrs. W. C. Cazort and daughter from Abilene as soon as work on the fallen out of bed and was unable to house is completed.



The annual fiddlers reunion each teachers in the summer school to be be in continuous session.

Son Born at Austin. Relatives here have received news

Miss Winifred Gandy and Joe A.

work with its enthusiastic endorse- sentenced to die for the murder of the general plans. ment and support by the men of the Sheriff Bob Smith of Fisher county. church, talks were made by S. M. Jack Beall, 62, ex-congressman from

Rev. R. A. Walker of the Presbyterian James W. Swayne, noted Texas church, showing the effect on the jurist and an intimate friend and business associate of the late Goverray, as one of the workers, and nor J. S. Hogg, died at Austin this week at the age of 73.

The Love bill to appropriate \$8,800 James H. West as president; J. A. to remove the bodies of certain Texas Thomas Frank Stevens, 37, resident Sears, vice-president, and R. O. An- heroes to the state cemetery in Aus- Caps Pastor Will car to go to a night train to meet a friend.

aimed to keep the names of persons urge the entire membership of the Three new cottages are under con- who supported Hoover off the demo- church, together with the general new ones. Merkel was commended for cessity if Merkel is to reap the bene-hood. He was married to Miss Annie struction in Merkel at the present cratic primary ballot in 1930, was de-public, to hear him Sunday. feated in the Texas house by a vote He enjoys the distinction of being

likely be completed during the next was found not guilty of a charge of have been able to make good as pasforgery in a trial in the district court for where they were reared and where at Waco. Defense claims were that the people of the community had an advantageous point in which to school their children and that Merkel road is not in keeping with the import- wood; his father and mother, Mr. and Paul Douglas has under construc- Brown was not a normal man because thought of him as just one of the boys.

> ing alone in his Shanty near Taylor, Austin Attorney to A. A. Cornelius is 'preparing to was found frozen to death on the floor pull himself off the floor.

June 16 has been set as the date for Texas to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to decide whether Texas shall have a supreme court of Superintendent R. A. Burgess of nine members instead of three as at the Merkel schools will be one of the present, and whether the court shall

Lindbergh to Wed.

engagement of Colonel Charles A. removed to Merkel and will make his Lindbergh to Miss Anne Morrow, daughter of Mexican Ambassador Dwight L. Morrow.

Box Supper Tonight.

every one is cordially invited.

Preach Here Sunday At Baptist Church

Rev. J. Perry King pastor of the glar. Miss Ward was starting her Caps church, will preach for the local Baptist church at both hours Sunday. Rev. King is one of the outstanding The party loyalty bill by Hankin, preachers in our association and we

the pastor of the church that first

All other services as usual. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Practice Law Here

Allen A. Heathington, formerly of Haskell county, has formed a partership with Judge N. B. Cobb for the general practice of law under the firm name of Cobb & Heathington.

Mr. Heathington was graduated from the law school of the University of Texas in the June class of 1928, and has been connected with the bond department of the state comp troller's office at Austin since th Announcement has been made of the time, retiring on January 1. He has home here.

> Fred Beal Recovering. Fred Beal, who was critically ill

from influenza-pneumonia for over A box supper is to be given at week, is now on the road to recovery in the next few days.

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THE BANK TO CHOOSE

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The man who starts to big things do Must have a credit to carry him thru; No matter how sound, how good a plan A credit must be behind the man. And whether you win or whether you lose Very much depends on the bank you choose. That's why a bank broad-gauged and fair You should always choose with greatest care. The Farmers State Bank can take care of you. Come in and tell us what you want to do.

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WARNING AS TO PECAN PLANTING

West Texas Farmers Told Trees Bred in Rainfall Area Are Not Suitable.

Fort Worth, Feb. 14 .- A warning to West Texas farmers contemplating pecan planting, that trees which have been bred to high rainfall conditions will not develop properly in West Texas has been issued by Col. R. L. Penick, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Col Penick stated that many West Texas farmers have been interested in planting pecans to the extent that they have bought a few trees for experimental purposes and were very much disappointed when they died. This failure of the trees to live was because they had been raised in a climate where from 60 to 70 inches of rain fell each year and were planted in a climate which averaged 20 inches of rainfall per year.

The western varieties have smaller leaves than the eastern varieties and require less water. Reputable western nurserymen sell no other kind.

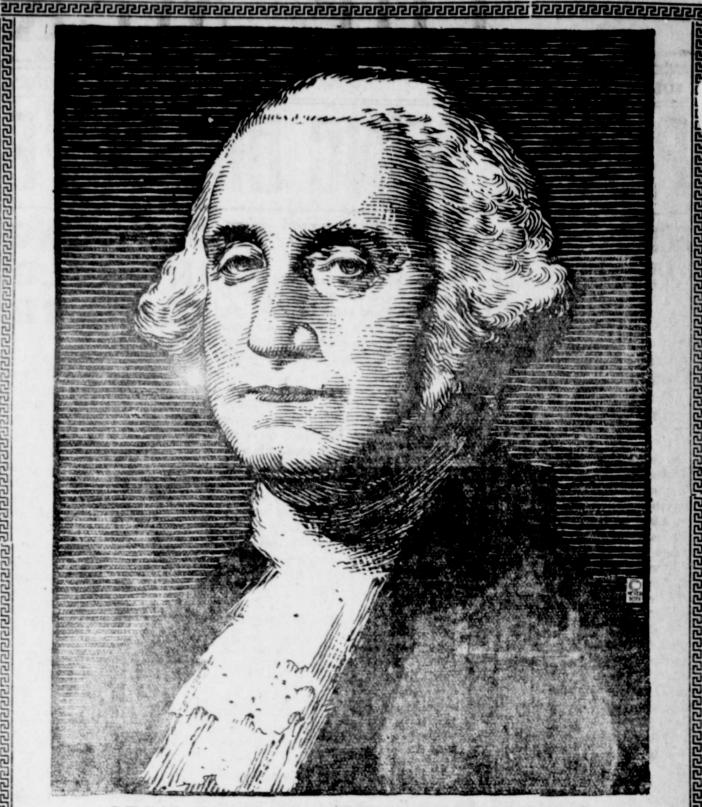
Originally the West Texas Chamber of Commerce undertook to distribute one thousand trees at very nominal prices but a new deal whereby all orders for trees during the season can be filled has been made. The orders will be received at the headquarters office at Stamford for Halberts, Nuggetts, Burketts and Success, all proved vestern varieties.

Royal Belgium Band at Abilene April 15

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 7 .- The band of the Royal Belgian Guards, under the patronage of King Albert of Belgium, will appear in concert at the Simmons University auditorium here on April 15th, it has been announced from the office of the Cowboy Band of that school, which is sponsoring the attraction.

This eighty piece symphonic band, already renowned in Europe as one of the continent's greatest musical organizations, will begin its tour of America March 15, making only three stops in Texas, one of which is Abilene. It will be accompanied on the trip by the Belgian ambassador to the United States.

The band is comp



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on each store where the same

ing measure aimed at the chain This would make the total \$2,000 a stores which have come into Texas year if three stores are operated. in recent months has been introduced in the House by Representative W. T. Williams. It provides that a State Second sheets at Merkel Mail of- possible for it to play symphonic seltax of \$1,000 shall be levied annually fice.

firm or corporation owns and oper-Proposed in House ates three or more stores selling goods ected from the famous regiment which was started in 1831, given a special at retail and that the city and county flag by the king, and became famous Austin, Texas, Feb. 14 .- A tax- each shall have the right to levy \$500.

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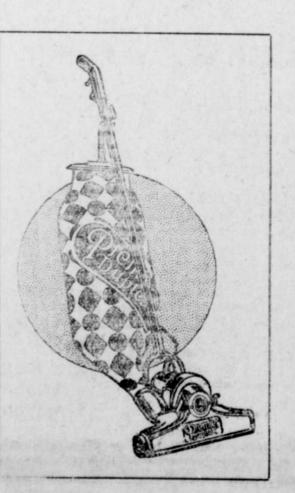
Francis A. Schmidt Named T. C. U. Coach

Fort Worth, Feb. 14 .- Francis A Schmidt, 38 years old, present head coach at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., will be Matty Bell's successor as head football and basketball coach and professor of physical education at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Announcement that he has accepted terms offered him by the school was made at Fort Worth by L. C. Wright, director of athletics. Bell goes to Texas A. & M. College as successor to Dan X. Bible, who has departed from Aggieland to become head coach at the University of Nebraska. Each of these changes is effective Sept. 1, 1929.

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HE BADGER WEEKLY	presents the play, "The Playgoers," day morning. by Arthur Pinero, in chapel Thurs-	eral knowledge of the Junior class. Slapping a half dollar on the desk, he	Speaker Longworth had it before.	tin: "Bill, what is the definition for an anecdote?"
	day morning.	Instantly J. E. Boaz, from the back	Al had it behind. Hoover never had it at all.	Bill Comegys: "A short funny tail."
ublished weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29-Vera Baker sponsor.	NEWS FROM THE STAY-	row, answered: "Tails, sir."	Republicans may have it once. Democrats may never have it.	Miss Martin: "Make a sentence us- ing the word."
The Staff:	IN SQUAD.	Dresses won't be worn as long this	Rockefellow had it twice in the	Bill: "The dog went running down
r-in-Chief-J. T. Darsey Jr. Miss. Editor-Frances Frederick-	Joel's grade was going to be so low	year as last-because 1928 was leap year and there was one more day to	same place. President Lowell of Harvard had it	the street with a tin can tied to his anecdote."
Editor-in-Chief-Milton Case Editor-J. D. Ashby. Senior Reporter-Raymond Earth-	and I said it might be a duet. I have	wear them.	before and behind, and twice as bad	
man.	no explanation for having said this		behind as before.	Alice: "Your dad is a bookkeeper."
y Editor—Willie Harris. Junior Reporter—J. T. Darsey Jr. Sophomore Reporter—Louise Booth	and therefore I am perfectly willing	Back to Nature.	What is it?	Hazel: "Tell me somthing I don't
Willie Evelyn Boaz, Freshman Reporter.	to take the consequences.	The naked hills lie wanton to the	(Ans. the letter "L")	know."
	Yours Truly	breeze,		Alice: "He borrowed a book from
L NEWS. II knew him before he grew tall. In	-Earl Watts.	The fields are nude, the groves un-	O. B. speaking to Lynn.	my father last year and hasn't
nterest was shown in the con- the first place, William has been not	I am staving in merely because Mrs.	frocked,	O. B. "Lynn, did you hear about the	brought it back yet."
the most popular boy in M. ed for several years for his tallness	Young told me to. The reason she	Bare are the shivering limbs of		
he Freshmen ran Lynn Mc- Will did not play a very important	t told me to remain is: Norman and I		Lynn: "No, tell me about it."	Get a roast or steak from our
the Sophs, Joel Darsey, the part when he was a Freshman and	had a misunderstanding, a friendly	What wonder is it that the corn is shocked?	O. B.: "Two clothespins held up a shirt."	order. Fresh Oysters and Cat
Drion Tittle, and the Seniors, Sophomore, although he was a favor	one, however, and Norman socked me	SHOCKEU.	shirt."	choice Home Fed Baby Beef.
Sheppard. Very early in the ite with all his classmates, as he was	in the side and, Mrs. Young saw it and		-	Chickens and Turkeys dressed to Fish. Quality Market. Phone
vas seen that it would be a a clever boy-and still is as far as	asked us to remain.	Gerald: "Did you know that a	Teacher: "Ward, do you know what	No. 2.
neck race between the Jun- that is concerned. Last year was the		mouse was electrocuted the other day?"		
Senior candidates. When the real beginning of William's popular			Ward: "Yes, Mam. When I lean	Try a Classified Ad for Results
s were counted it was found ity. He was elected and well did he			over and I hear something rip I know	
ors had won by about 2,000 fill the place of leading the Juniors	cause Mrs. Young said that if I fail-		that's de seat.	Use The Mail Want Ads.
o William Sheppard is the If anything needed the help of a boy	ed to report that I would get in bad.		In English class one day. Miss Mar-	Try a Classified Ad in the Mail
ular boy in M. H. S. Will was always there to do his part In the football sagen of '27 Will plan	The reason she put me on is a mere		an anguen chaos one day, miss star-	ary a chaosined Ad in the Main

WHO'S WHO CONTEST.

most popular boy in M. H. S.

Monday morning in chapel slips and at the end of the season received a before throwing it out the window were passed around so the school could sweater. It was about that time that after school had taken up at noon and girl, and Addie Fae Patterson for the on the sands of time. best all round girl. In the other conwere:

ion Berger, Lola Shelton. Best student-Elvis Richardson, money. Vernie Derrick, R. E. Cole.

Most athletic boy-Orion Tittle, more things they would like to say Finus Cade, J. E. Boaz. Cutest girl-Nadine Tippett, Missie

Dye, Willie Evelyn Boaz. Best all round boy-Lee Darden, J. T. Darsey, Orion Tittle.

Cleverest boy-Raymond Earthman, Ruskin Smith, Willie Harris.

CHAPEL PROGRAM MONDAY.

The High school again had the honor and pleasure of hearing Rev. Parrack. The student body is always glad to hear this learned speaker. Mr. Burgess made a few of his famous announcements. If we would only take these announcements to heart, there would be much less failures and less need of "burning the midnight oil." He also spoke briefly of the hazards of being tardy.

"WILLIAM, OF COURSE."

vote on who would be on the Who's he began playing a rather important it happened that Mrs. Young looked Who page in the Annual. Each stud- part with Lola. Again this year Will at me at that critical moment and I ent was allowed to fill out one slip. lettered in football and was sel- was resigned to the stay-in squad Monday afternoon, after the votes ected by the Seniors to undertake the for 45 minutes after school. I hereby were counted Fred Guitar had a difficult position of managing the swear that this statement is true. majority of votes for the best looking | Annual. Besides being popular Will, boy, Lola Shelton for the friendliest I feel sure, will leave great footprints You have heard stories about how

In the football sason of '27 Will play- accident. It happened that I forgot

ed long and hard with the Badgers, and chewed my gum just a little bit

Peppiest girl-Louise Booth, Viv- popular. Popularity of one's self is exam papers: far better than popularity of one's

Now, Lola and Vivian have a few

about Will.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW-

-That we were 50 percent correct in our guess on the outcome of the Annual contest for the most popular boy, for the Senior candidate finally beat the Junior candidate?

-That Miss Mildred Bird is again able to attend her classes after an illness during which she was greatly

missed by her school mates? -That we hope to enlarge the quality of the Badger Weekly rather readers some real high school news? a large delegation to Abilene this week-end to boost the Merkel Cagers know).

to the championship? -That most of the student body SENSE AND NONSENSE. and part of the faculty, too,-enjoyed The inspector was testing the genthe ice of last week as most of them except Mr. Burgess and Miss Sloan did lots of skating and falling, too, if GOOD COAL AT -That now that the Fish and Sophs have both sponsored the Bad-THE RIGHT ger Weekly, perhaps they will publish an even better paper when they be-PRICE come Juniors? -That we wonder how many of our readers saw the giant meteor which lighted up the country Monday morn-ABTEX FEEDS ing about 6:30, when it crashed to earth? -That a group of the members of the public speaking class are plan-MEAL AND HULLS For we wouldn't have anyone be de- ning to attend the debate between T. C. U. and Simmons University at the SWAFFORD You'll find that the boy who sticks to Simmons University auditorium Friday evening at 8:00. The Simmons Phone 44 So. Side Is liked by the students a lot the most. band plays before the debate? -That the public speaking class

WELL! The teachers have recently learned tests the highest ranking contestants popular people who have lots of money a number of things. The following are, but it doesn't take money to be statements were taken from mid-term

> 1. Solomon was one of the disciples. 2. Monotheism is a religion. 3. Homes are heated by cold air.

4. Water is raised in artesian wells by gas pressure.

-J. Ruskin Smith.

5. The evaporation of water makes liquid ammonia in the ice plant. 6. Emperor Constantine was queen

of Spain. 7. Solomon was the man who had

long hair and lots of strength. 8. The Iliad and Nineveh were

great rulers.

9. Demosthenes was the cemeteries of Asia.

10. The colors of our flag are green and white.

11. Columbus was the first president of the United States. Some puthan the quanitity and give you six pils did not agree for it was suggested that Lincoln, Coolidge or Hoover -That we hope Merkel will send might have had that honor. Some replied by saying, "yo no se" (I don't





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Whom do you think the Seniors, Would run in this contest? Why none but absolutely the best. To whom should we give this place, And have them come out victorious in the big race, Why, William, of course.

You just look up his record if you don't believe,

ceived.

his post,

That's William, of course.

He's not so slow, and he helps make things go, And he seldom gets angry and never

says no, So what could you do in this supreme

time But give us some quarters and all of your dimes.

For William, of course.

So empty up your pockets and take out the cash.

And bring it to us with one long dash, For we need your help and we need it bad.

And let's make Will our popular lad. Why, William, of course.

CHAPEL TALKS.

The following are the speeches made in favor of the Senior candidate for most popular boy, William Sheppard:

In my little talk this morning it is not my intention to ask, beg, or persuade anyone to vote for our candidate. I merely want to state facts about Will. If these facts should have any weight upon you, you might show it. But before I say anything about Will, directly, I'll admit that everyone has always looked upon our class as rather insignificant. But folks have the wrong impression of us, for we have never really had an opportunity to show what we can do. But now, we have that chance and we intend to show you the "stuff" in us. Now, I'll tell you about Will's record since he has been in High school. I could go back further than that, for

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Neff Nomination Approved By Close

Washington, Feb. 14 .-- By vote of lins this week. S to 6, the senate committee on interrecommend to the Senate the nomina- this week-end. tion of former Gov. Pat M. Neff of Waco asmember of the United States is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Board of Meditation. The closeness Yates Brown, this week. of the vote came as a surprise since it Mr. Neff had a greater preponderance through the clinic there. of the committee in his favor.

Former Resident Buried Here.

Mrs. Emma Isabel Adams, 63, wife of J. W. Adams of Hemphill, but formerly living near Trent, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Zada Mangrem, Wichita Falls, Sunday. The body was shipped to Merkel and interred in the local cemetery Monday afternoon, with Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church officiating.

Mrs. Adams is survived by her hus band, three sons and seven daughters. She had been a faithful member of the Baptist church for many years.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT. Whereas, The Grim Reaper has Frain entered the ranks of Odd Fellowship and Merkel Lodge No. 355, removing from our ranks Brother E. L. Ash; and

Whereas Brother Ash had been one of the most active and devoted members of Odd Fellowship and this lodge, giving of his time, thought and very best efforts. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Merkel Lodge No. 335, 1.O.O.F., express it heartfelt sorrow at the taking away from its ranks of Brother Ash realizing that they have suffered an irreparable loss, the community a most upright citizen, and humanity in general a true and loving friend. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge; that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, that they may know the high esteem in which their



Mrs. Warren Smith is visiting rel- | Mr. Thompson resumed his acquainatives in Anson this week. Miss Iris Garrett of Simmons visit. formed when both were members of

ed homefolks last week-end. Miss Mildred Porter of Rotan was

C. K. Russell and W. E. Lowe were in Tulsa last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott attended the Lions banquet at Abilene Tuesday

night Vote of Committee Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene recently to Abilene, was a caller at

was the guest of Miss Christine Col- the Mail office one day this week.

Clyde Mayfield and Ed. Bennett of day from a month's visit to her mothstate commerce voted to favorably Simmons visited relatives in Merkel er, Mrs. E. T. Hood, at Greensburg,

Mrs. Barbara A. Walls of Midland now rapidly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wood have re- Miss Mary Comegys, returning with had generally been understood that turned from Temple, Mrs. Wood went Mrs. George Caple and Miss Comegys

> Miss Ruth Pinckley, teacher at Castle Peak school, spent the last week- guests for the week-end Mrs. Bowman, end with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mildred Hamm of Simmons Univerand Mrs. Frank Hamm, this week.

Mrs. Paul D. Bryant and son of Edmond, Okla., are visiting Mrs. Bryant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

Mrs. L. P. Jones, who has been visiting friends in Merkel for the past two weeks, has returned to her home at Sierra Blanca.

L. R. Thompson was the luncheon guest of Herschel Colbert at the Sweetwater Development Association Thursday night. While in Sweetwater fice.

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Tom Tyler and his pals, Frankie Darro and Beans the Dog in "PHANTOM OF THE RANGE"

THE MERKEL MAIL

Blair Welcomes Bride. Word comes from Blair that Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn, who were recleaned from cotton which made are comfortably located in their farm

home in that community. born was Miss Una Bell Provine, lint, good staple, matures two weeks daughter of J. M. and Mrs. Mary E. carlier than any cotton grown in the Miss Shannon's shop. Provine, graduating from Merkel East or South. Free from insects. Mrs. R. W. Johnston of Happy, High school last year. Mr. Osborn is Write Hall County Seed Co., Mem-

a prosperous farmer of the Blair com- phis, Texas, for prices and informamunity and universally popular. The tion. couple are being cordially received by

the people of Blair.

METHODIST SERVICES.

All regular services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week Sermon subject for the morning hour "Trusteeship of the Gospel." Thirty minute song service at the evening hour. You will find the Sunday evening services both interesting and help-Antonio is the guest of her cousin, ful. We will be glad to have you worship with us.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

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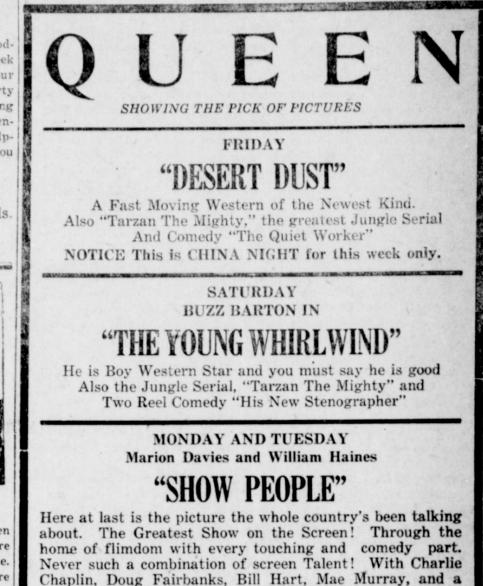
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tance with Mr. Herschel's father

the faculty of the Northwest State

Texas, who underwent an operation at

the Merkel sanitarium, was able to

J. M. Provine, one of the pioneer

citizens of Merkel, who has removed

Mrs. L. R. Thompson returned Mon-

Kas., who has been quite ill, but is

Miss Willie Reed McGarr of San

return to her home Thursday.

Teachers' College at Maryville, Mo.

BANK HOLIDAY.

On account of George Washington's birthday the undersigned banks will be closed all day Friday, February 22, 1929. Patrons will please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

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loved one was held by his associates in the lodge; and that they may know further that we commend his exemplary life as one in every way worthy to be emulated by this as well as future generations. Fraternally, L. L. MURRAY,

J. D. PORTER, F. W. DILTZ, Committee.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

I have bought a lot of Pure Bred Qualla Planting Seed which I have done at the request of a number of farmers; also will have a few bushels of Pure Delphos Big Boll Cotton. This has not been proven here, but I am services for several to try it out. I have several close friends that have tried it out and claim it will produce twice as much per acre as any other cotton.

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See me at once and give your order for these seed and get them early. L. L. MURRAY

Junior League Program.

Song, prayer, roll call; scripture, Matt. 11:28-30, by leader, Lois Whiteley; "Come," by Kennedy Whitely; "The Psalmist's Use of Come," by Duncan Briggs; "Jesus Says Come," by Odelle Hunter; "Who Will Come," by Marie Stanford; piano duet by Lois and Alice Church. Benediction.

Church of Christ.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ next Sunday at 11 c'clock and at Union at 3 p. m. There will be singing at this church at 7 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all these services.

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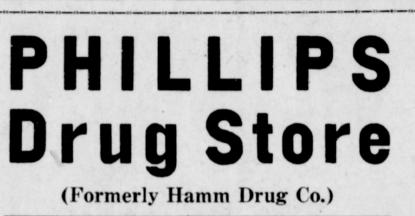
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in favor of B. M. Black in a certain and make their arrangements in accause in said Court, No. 8018-A and cordance. styled B. M. Black Vs. A. C. Rose, Mary Rose and Jas. H. Beall, Jr. placed in my hands for service, I, H. T. O'Bar as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of Febru- choice Home Fed Baby Beef. ary 1929, levy on certain Real Estate, Chickens and Turkeys dressed to

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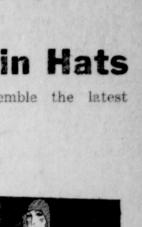
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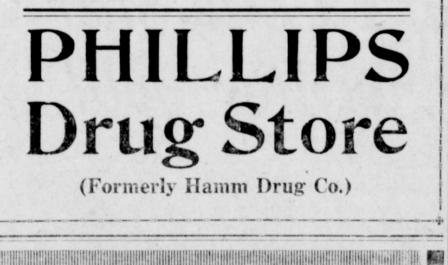
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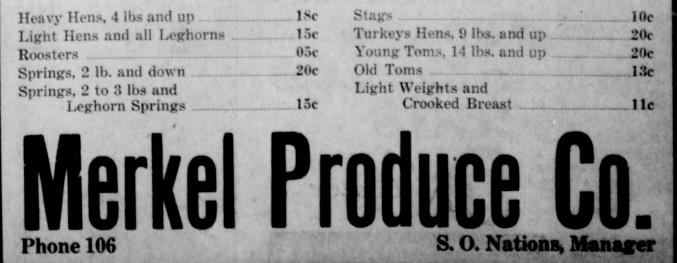
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with killing J. A. Cox, who was shot

More than 150 Boys' High School to death fifteen miles southwest of Basketball teams have been extend- here the Rev. W. E. Duke of Lamesa ed an official invitation to partici- waived examining trial and his bond pate in the West Texas A. A. U. was set at \$5,000. Fifteen citizens Basketball Tournament, which is to signed the appearance bond. It is be held at Munday, February 28 and estimated that 500 male citizens of March 1 and 2, and which is being Dawson county awaited the examinsponsored by the Munday Chamber ing trial and setting of Duke's bond of Commerce and other civic organi- here today. Both the Duke and Cox zations of that city.

Six huge silver loving cups will be awarded to the winning teams, run- Dr. Estes is Chief ner-up, third team and fourth team, and the first two teams in the consolation tournament. Solid gold basketballs to ten members of winning team; sterling silver basketand third year teams.

The events will be staged in the ities Company, an announcement from spacious high school gymnasium the general offices here last night which is capable of accommodating said. 1500 spectators. The court is of All consultations and examinations standard size and is floored with of a complicated nature for the comhardwood.

Munday is ideally located for this Estes, while regular medical examinaevent, being exactly midway between Wichita Falls and Abilene, it is past, by physicians in various towns easily accessible by good highways from all points in West Texas. Committees have been chosen by the Munday Chamber of Commerce to look after every detail pertaining to the meet. Committeess on registration, entertainment, housing and other details have been selected and to find what you want without doing will strive to make the occasion a a lot of hunting and asking questions, most enjoyable one to the members of and you also know the merchants apthe visiting teams.

Interscholastic and A. A. U. rules solicit your business and make specwill govern the meet and it is expec- ial offers. ted that not less than fifty teams will enter. The final date for entry is February 23, and all entries should be in the hands of J. E. Rhodes, Munday, Texas, or with the secretary of TOOK SODA 20 YEARS the Amateur Athletic Union, Dallas, FOR GAS-STOPS NOW Texas, on that date.

Rural Schools Open.

of Adlerika brought me complete re-'Taylor county rural schools, some lief."-J. B. Hardy. of them closed on account of the in- Adlerika relieves stomach gas and clement weather of last week, were all sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on open Monday, according to reports to BOTH upper and lower bowels, it rethe county superintendent's office at moves old waste matter you never Abilene. Attendance was cut in all thought was in your system. Let the schools by the severe weather. Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see The and Mulberry closing entirely. how much better you feel. It will

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"The Wolf of Wall Street" at Abilene's Majestic Next Week

"The Wolf of Wall Street," Para mount's latest all-talking picture, with a cast of well-known players, in- a theme of love and faithlessness that cluding George Bancroft, the star of should prove of great interest to audi-"Underworld," and "The Docks of ences everywhere. For while "The New York," Baclanova, the famous Wolf," the financial king, played by Russian actress, Nancy Carroll and Bancroft, toys with millions of dol-Paul Lukas, opens a week's engage- lars and the destinies of thousands ment at the Majestic Theatre in Abi- of people, his wife, whom he loves lene on Monday February 18th.

"The Wolf of Wall Street," has in love with his trusted business asbeen widely heralded as one of the most sociate. Here is a theme, said to be fascinating pictures of the world's developed with rare skill, building up famous financial center ever to come to a powerful climax.

of spoken words and sound effects, that either Bancroft or Baclanova Abilene, Texas, Feb. 14 .- Dr. J. M. audiences attending the showing at are heard to speak from the screen. balls to ten members of runner-up Estes of Abilene has been designated the Majestic Theatre will hear the ex- In addition, Baclanova sings two chief surgeon of the West Texas Util- citement and thrill of the stock mar- songs, one a new hit, called: "Love,"

ket, where millions of dollars ex- Take My Heart." Rowland V. Lee Month's Honor Roll change hands daily; where men gain directed "The Wolf of Wall Street."

and lose fortunes overnight; where power and greed meet on a common

more than anything else in life, falls

to the screen. Through the medium | This picture marks the first time

Bet Prevention Bill. Austin, Feb. 14 .- The slaying of level. This thrilling background sup- Orville L. Mathews, Dallas bank clork, plies "The Wolf of Wall Street" with several months ago as the climax to the past month, having made on averan alleged election bet on the Connal- age of 90. ly-Mayfield race, resulted in introduction of a House bill better defining election wagers and providing that a jail sentence and fine shall be as-

Aged Teacher Dies.

sessed against offenders.

87, teacher of music in the State grade; Beulah Wilson and J. R. Higschool for the Blind for 35 years and gins; Eighth grade; Braunell Armone of the State's oldest employes in strong.

point of service, died suddenly in his studio.

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Salt Branch School

Friday, February 15, 1929.

The following pupils were on the honor roll at Salt Branch school for

Frances Hester and Evelyn Garvin. Second grade, Annie R. Garvin ar Almer Rice; Third grade; Melvi Marshall and La Roy Hester; Fourth grade: Horace Armstrong.

Fifth grade: Zerk Robertson: Sixth grade; John Rister, Fay Pinckley, Austin, Feb. 14 .- Henry G. Collins, and Evelyn Robertson; Seventh

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Chapter 1-Hilton Hanby, prosperous New York merchant, has a real-

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warns him that the house is under a simmered for him, curse.

"You dare to refuse to sell?" Her voice rose so that the dogs barked furiously. "After all my years of waiting, of persecution, of bitterness and exile, you dare to refuse?"

"It is not for sale. I am sorry, but my heart is set on the place as a home. You have had plenty of time. It has been empty for some years."

"I am only now able to buy it. If you will not sell, will you rent it?" "I am going to live there as soon as

it is ready." 0 "I despise and loathe men," she

cried, "and of all men I loathe and despise you most! Of the innumerable houses in this country you deliberately choose this one because it will hurt me!" She raised her right hand ence." to heaven. "Those who have tried to kill me in the past have perished. You and your family and all that is yours I put under a curse. You are ferocity that is sometimes seen in going to a house of tragedy, a house thin, undersized men. wherein walk ghosts of those foully murdered !"

he said soothingly. "I am not to be Lloyd George." He bent over the thinking I have wronged you."

shrieked, her black eyes flashing hate. can outmatch me here !"

"Ah, ha!" muttered Adolf Smucker, Again he smote his brow. who had hitherto listened unsuccess-

tial clerk might be expected to show. He was a heavy eater when another ized a long-cherished ambition by man footed the bill, but he was also purchasing a country place-the Gray prudent. He did not feel drawn to House, near Pine Plains. An un- this big, coarse stranger. Furtherknown woman, who gives her name as more, he wished to be sure that this Miss Selenos, a former tenant of the was a genuine invitation. It would be Miss Selenos, a former tenant of the Gray House, calls at his office and while in fair Weehawken a pot roast

> Perhaps the stranger sensed the economic struggle.

"Why?" Smucker demanded.

"Because" I guess you have your boss' interests at heart, and I want you to tell him something. I'm pulling out for Chicage tonight, or I'd tell him myself. It's a warning."

"Some reference to a disgraceful past?" Smucker demanded eagerly.

ture. There's a place down here run by a pal of mine-not much to look at ,but the planked steaks, oh, baby! And there's some real beer that the sailors smuggle in."

"If it is really important, I suppose I must consider the welfare of my colleague before my own conveni-

Planked steak and real beer! Out, d-d pot roast!

"Julius Caesar was a small man," he said suddenly, much to his host's "I'm afraid that's the wrong tack," amazement. "So was Napoleon. So is

frightened away like that. You are table, as if imparting a profound seand I bought it. Loathe and despise all-my idol, Lenin." Mr. Smucker me as you will, but do not go away touched his receding forehead with a dramatic gesture. "Don't think, be-"You have wronged me!" she cause you are twice as big, that you

"That's all right," said the other fully. Pausing a moment, he opened 'pacifically. "Benny Leonard ain't a the door, as the signal bell had com. big man, and I guess he's pretty

complehensive curse Hanby and all iron men for daddy. You wouldn't be hardened men whose entire energies lieve in haunted houses?" were expended in keeping Miss Selenos from the Gray house.

shouted.

quite unruffled.

she /added.

"Delightful !" Hanby told her. "I shall escape the monotony that my at Mr. Smucker in a way that disfriends prophesy."

"This way, madam," said Smucker,

He led her to the elevator. Mrs. er irritably. Smucker in her Weehawken home would enjoy this. When the grille of "I used to be chauffeur for Mr. Sey-Taxing the rich was a passion with viciously.

the back.

"Say," the stranger said, "ain't you Mr. Hanby's confidential clerk?"

Smucker looked about him. No member of the office staff was visible. you wake up, you think there's peo-"Yes," he said with confidence. "I

me.' a word in private with the boss. I want to see him right away."

"He goes home at half past four. 1 stay till six."

"I guess you have to, being his confidential man." The stranger was evidently pondering over something of Smucker said. importance.

"Do you happen to know if he's up in Dutchess county?" "He completed the purchase this

afternoon," said Smucker.

The news brought dismay to the red face of the stranger. Almost it seemed as if he suffered.

"My G-d!" he cried. "And him with a family !"

"Why shouldn't he buy it?" Smucker asked. "He's got the money, as I happen to know."

"I can't tell you here," the other replied; "but I'd like you to give him sage from me before it's too late. Had your dinner?"

"Not yet." ow about a bite to ent som ?"

"I don't believe in haunted houses," Smucker asserted, "nor in the im-

"You go there at your peril!" she mortality of the soul. I'm away beyond that religious bunk !"

"My ongeance will follow you," Seymour. I was like you-concelted -bone-headed. I thought I knew it all and then some." The stranger had a cold and compelling eye. He looked effice. pelled many of the secretary's the-Smucker, who was always nervous ories. He leaned over the table. "it's in the presence of unusual violence, fine and dandy to hold them beliefs

"I don't get you," said Mr. Smuck-

the elevator door had closed upon mour up at the Gray house. His two Miss Selenos and her pets, Smucket kids died up there. There's a curse went back to the office smiling. Mrs. on that place. The man that had it Smucker would certainly enjoy this, before lost his wife. Nothing the So would his old father, and the men matter with her until she went up to he talked to on the ferry. As a rule Dutchess county. Bo, there's somethey talked about taxing the rich. thing in the lake there that calls people to it. The man who had it after Smucker, and he pursued his hobby Seymour and me was warned. Seymour said he went there on his own But Smucker did not catch his responsibility. I'll say Seymour was nsual boat. It was late when he re- square about warning him. Well, sir. turned to his home. By that time that man was found drowned in that the strange visitor and her pets had d-d lake. The doctors couldn't find been driven from his mind by other a thing the matter, except he was things. Outside the office a big man, drowned. It's a bad place to live in. red-faced and jocund, slapped him on [know! I was there for two years." The stranger's voice sank to a whis-

per. "You feel like people are watching you all the time," he went on. "When ple at the foot of your bed, and when am, but you have the advantage of you switch on the light it seems like you catch them going away out of the "I want you to fix it so I can get tail of your eye. The help won't stay there. They know! Mr. Seymourhe's a lord or something nowbrought out an old cook from England. She went bughouse from what

she saw." "Do you expect me to believe that?"

"No," said the other. "You ain't got the education to understand. Mr. considering purchasing a big estate Hanby may. All I ask you to do. if you want to keep your job, is to try and prevent him from taking his famly up there to live."

Smucker bitterly strictures on his education. hought of many cutting things to

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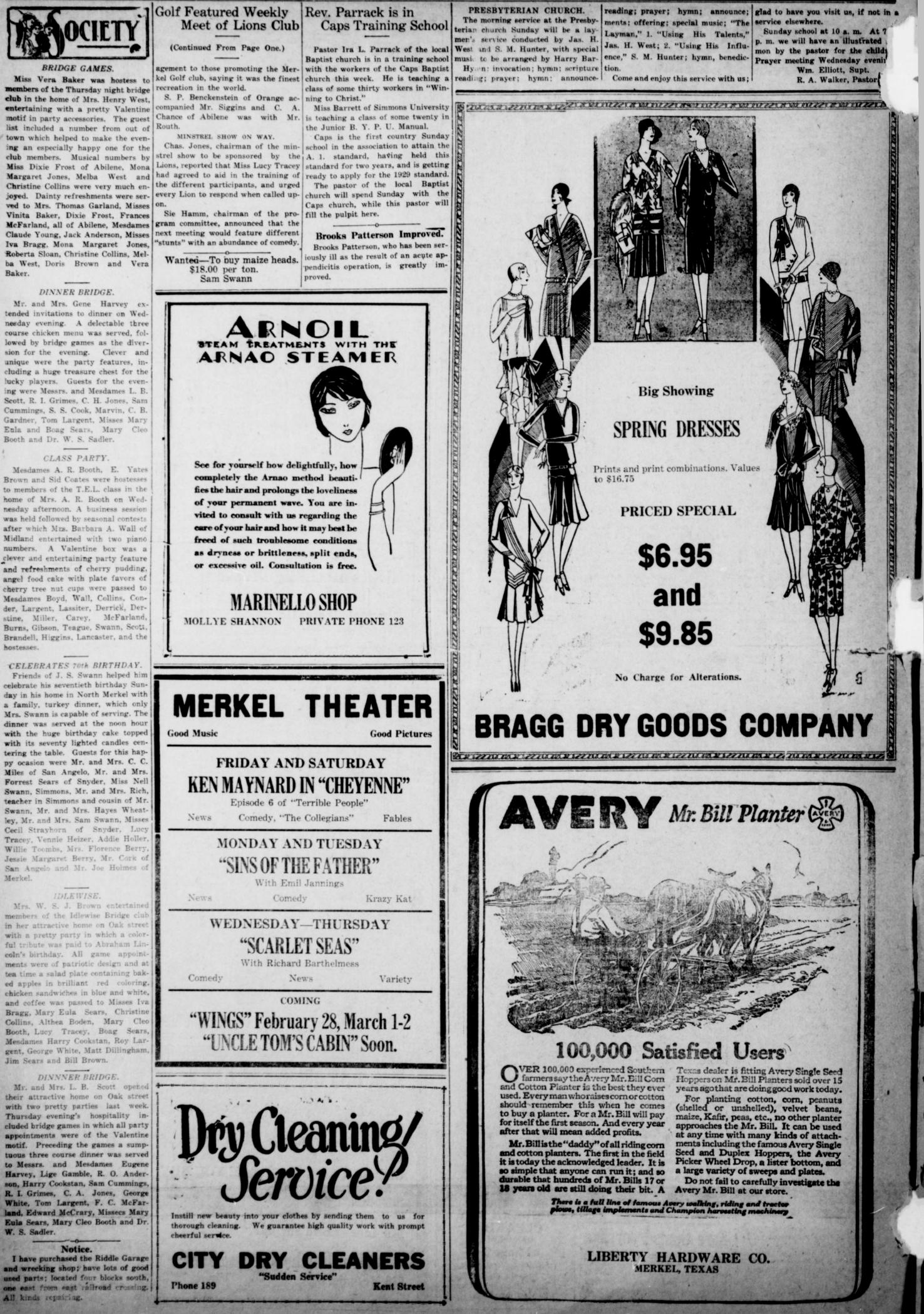


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CELEBRATES 70th BIRTHDAY Friends of J. S. Swann helped him celebrate his seventieth birthday Sunday in his home in North Merkel with a family, turkey dinner, which only Mrs. Swann is capable of serving. The dinner was served at the noon hour with the huge birthday cake topped with its seventy lighted candles centering the table. Guests for this happy ocasion were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miles of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder, Miss Nell Swann, Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Rich, teacher in Simmons and cousin of Mr. Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Wheatlev. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Misses Cecil Strayhorn of Snyder, Lucy Tracey, Vennie Heizer, Addie Holler, Willie Toombs, Mrs. Florence Berry, Jessie Margaret Berry, Mr. Cork of San Angelo and Mr. Joe Holmes of Merkel.

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members of the Idlewise Bridge club in her attractive home on Oak street with a pretty party in which a colorful tribute was paid to Abraham Lincoln's birthday. All game appointments were of patriotic design and at tea time a salad plate containing baked apples in brilliant red coloring. chicken sandwiches in blue and white, and coffee was passed to Misses Iva Bragg, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Althea Boden, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracey, Boag Sears, Mesdames Harry Cookstan, Roy Largent, George White, Matt Dillingham, Jim Sears and Bill Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott opened their attractive home on Oak street with two pretty parties last week. Thursday evening's hospitality included bridge games in which all party appointments were of the Valentine motif. Preceding the games a sumptuous three course dinner was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Eugene Harvey, Lige Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Harry Cookstan, Sam Cummings, R. I. Grimes, C. A. Jones, George White, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, Edward McCrary, Missecs Mary Eula Sears, Mary Cleo Booth and Dr. W. S. Sadler.

I have purchased the Riddle Garage and wrecking shop; have lots of good used parts: located four blocks south, one east from east railroad crossing. All kinds repairing.