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Chain Store Tax is Proposed in House

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14.—A taxing measure aimed at the chain stores which have come into Texas in recent months has been introduced in the House by Representative W. T. Williams. It provides that a State tax of \$1,000 shall be levied annually

on each store where the same person, firm or corporation owns and operates three or more stores selling goods at retail and that the city and county each shall have the right to levy \$500. This would make the total \$2,000 a year if three stores are operated.

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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 western 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 composed of men selected from the famous regiment which was started in 1831, given a special flag by the king, and became famous for its hard fighting in the World War. It is used by King Albert on special occasions. Its eighty pieces include a string section in addition to the brasses and woodwines, making it possible for it to play symphonic selections.

Hawk Brand Work Clothes Made in South

Twenty years ago the center of the textile industry of the United States was located in the New England section. Today the larger percentage of the cotton spinning, weaving, dyeing and manufacturing has been transferred south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

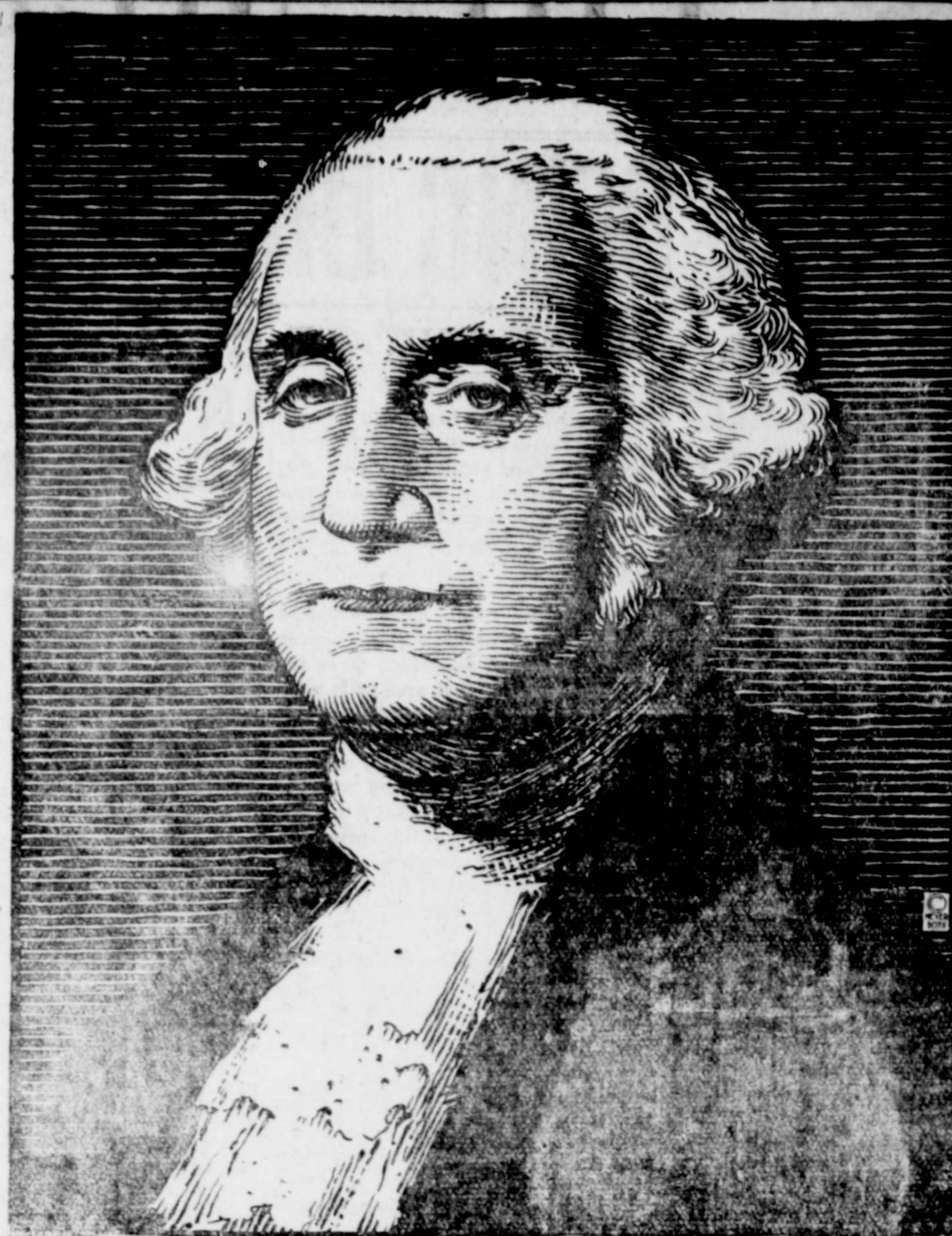
This result has been a gradual outgrowth of a desire on the part of the mills and cotton factories to eliminate charges, and also to reach a more selective source of skilled labor.

Outstanding examples of this development are the two modern and completely equipped Hawk Brand Work Clothes factories located at Paris and Waco, Texas. At these two plants, there is row and row of modern machinery, which at full capacity are capable of turning out millions of pants, overalls, autosuits, shirts and playsuits, annually. Approximately 800 operators can be employed at one time.

Only the best of materials and most comfortable patterns are used in these factories for experience has shown that the consumer wants good merchandise when he pays out his money.

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 Aggie land to become head coach at the University of Nebraska. Each of these changes is effective Sept. 1, 1929.



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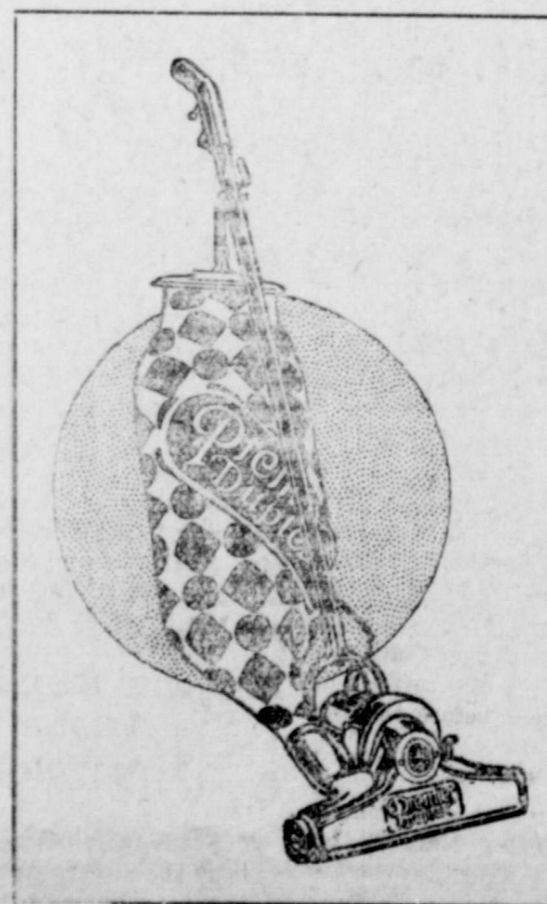
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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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ANNUAL NEWS.

Much interest was shown in the contest for the most popular boy in M. H. S. The Freshman ran Lynn McSpadden, the Sophs, Joel Darsey, the Juniors Orion Tittle, and the Seniors, William Sheppard. Very early in the week it was seen that it would be a neck and neck race between the Junior and Senior candidates. When the final votes were counted it was found the Seniors had won by about 2,000 votes. So William Sheppard is the most popular boy in M. H. S.

WHO'S WHO CONTEST.

Monday morning in chapel slips were passed around so the school could vote on who would be on the Who's Who page in the Annual. Each student was allowed to fill out one slip. Monday afternoon, after the votes were counted Fred Gutar had a majority of votes for the best looking boy, Lola Shelton for the friendliest girl, and Addie Fae Patterson for the best all round girl. In the other contests the highest ranking contestants were:

Peppiest girl—Louise Booth, Vivian Berger, Lola Shelton.
 Best student—Elvis Richardson, Vernie Derrick, R. E. Cole.
 Most athletic boy—Orion Tittle, Finus Cade, J. E. Boaz.
 Cutest girl—Nadine Tippet, 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. Par-rack. 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."

Who is that long, tall, slim boy, The one with dreamy eyes, The one who has a drawing voice like Joy,

The one that's exactly the right size! Why, William, of course.

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,

For we wouldn't have anyone be deceived.

You'll find that the boy who sticks to his post,

Is liked by the students a lot the most. 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

presents the play, "The Playgoers," day morning. Slapping a half dollar on the desk, he said sharply: "What's that?" Instantly J. E. Boaz, from the back row, answered: "Tails, sir."

NEWS FROM THE STAY—IN SQUAD.

I am staying in because you said Joel's grade was going to be so low and I said it might be a duet. I have no explanation for having said this and therefore I am perfectly willing to take the consequences.

Yours Truly
 —Earl Watts.

I am staying in merely because Mrs. Young told me to. The reason she told me to remain is: Norman and I had a misunderstanding, a friendly one, however, and Norman socked me in the side and, Mrs. Young saw it and asked us to remain.

—Lola.

The main reason I am here is because Mrs. Young said that if I failed to report that I would get in bad. The reason she put me on is a mere accident. It happened that I forgot and chewed my gum just a little bit before throwing it out the window after school had taken up at noon and it happened that Mrs. Young looked at me at that critical moment and I was resigned to the stay-in squad for 45 minutes after school. I hereby swear that this statement is true.

—J. Ruskin Smith.

WELL!

The teachers have recently learned a number of things. The following statements were taken from mid-term exam papers:

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.
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 pupils did not agree for it was suggested that Lincoln, Coolidge or Hoover might have had that honor. Some replied by saying, "yo no se" (I don't know).

SENSE AND NONSENSE.

The inspector was testing the gen-

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eral knowledge of the Junior class. Slapping a half dollar on the desk, he said sharply: "What's that?" Instantly J. E. Boaz, from the back row, answered: "Tails, sir."

Back to Nature.

The naked hills lie wanton to the breeze, The fields are nude, the groves unfrocked, Bare are the shivering limbs of shameless trees— What wonder is it that the corn is shocked?

Gerald: "Did you know that a mouse was electrocuted the other day?"

Lynn: "No; why?"

Gerald: "He sat on a fruit cake and the current (currant) ran up his tail."

Not as Bad as It Sounds.
 Speaker Longworth had it before. Al had it behind. Hoover never had it at all. Democrats may never have it. Rockefeller had it twice in the same place. President Lowell of Harvard had it behind and behind, and twice as bad behind as before. What is it? (Ans. The letter "L")

O. B. speaking to Lynn.
 O. B. "Lynn, did you hear about the hold-up out in the back yard?"
 Lynn: "No, tell me about it."
 O. B.: "Two clothespins held up a shirt."

Teacher: "Ward, do you know what deceit is?"

Ward: "Yes, Mam. When I lean over and I hear something rip I know that's de seat."

In English class one day, Miss Mar-

tin: "Bill, what is the definition for an anecdote?"
 Bill Comegys: "A short funny tail."
 Miss Martin: "Make a sentence using the word."
 Bill: "The dog went running down the street with a tin can tied to his anecdote."

Alice: "Your dad is a bookkeeper."
 Hazel: "Tell me something I don't know."
 Alice: "He borrowed a book from my father last year and hasn't brought it back yet."

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**Neff Nomination
 Approved By Close
 Vote of Committee**

Washington, Feb. 14.—By vote of 8 to 6, the senate committee on interstate commerce voted to favorably recommend to the Senate the nomination of former Gov. Pat M. Neff of Waco as member of the United States Board of Mediation. The closeness of the vote came as a surprise since it had generally been understood that Mr. Neff had a greater preponderance 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 Mangrum, Wichita Falls, Sunday. The body was shipped to Merkel and interred in the local cemetery Monday afternoon, with Rev. Ira L. Parack, pastor of the Baptist church officiating.
 Mrs. Adams is survived by her husband, 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 again 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. 355, I.O.O.F., express its 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 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,
 P. 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 anxious 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.
 These seed will sell for \$2.25 delivered here.
 The Qualla will sell for \$1.65 delivered here.
 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 o'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.

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

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Warren Smith is visiting relatives in Anson this week.
 Miss Iris Garrett of Simmons visited homefolks last week-end.
 Miss Mildred Porter of Rotan was the guest of Mrs. Claude Ogle.
 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.
 Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the guest of Miss Christine Collins this week.
 Clyde Mayfield and Ed. Bennett of Simmons visited relatives in Merkel this week-end.
 Mrs. Barbara A. Walls of Midland is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Yates Brown, this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wood have returned from Temple, Mrs. Wood went through the clinic there.
 Miss Ruth Pinckley, teacher at Castle Peak school, spent the last week-end with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.
 Mildred Hamm of Simmons University was the guest of her parents, Mr. and 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.

Mr. Thompson resumed his acquaintance with Mr. Herschel's father formed when both were members of the faculty of the Northwest State Teachers' College at Maryville, Mo.
 Mrs. R. W. Johnston of Happy, Texas, who underwent an operation at the Merkel sanitarium, was able to return to her home Thursday.
 J. M. Provine, one of the pioneer citizens of Merkel, who has removed recently to Abilene, was a caller at the Mail office one day this week.
 Mrs. L. R. Thompson returned Monday from a month's visit to her mother, Mrs. E. T. Hood, at Greensburg, Kas., who has been quite ill, but is now rapidly improving.
 Miss Willie Reed McGarr of San Antonio is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Comegys, returning with Mrs. George Caple and Miss Comegys from their recent visit to San Antonio.
 Miss Arline Willett had as her guests for the week-end Mrs. Bowman, Misses Mozelle Baker, Dora Brady Hittson, Mamie Taggart, Messrs. Marvin Bowman, Joe Loving, Alva Allen, all of Rotan.

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Blair Welcomes Bride.
 Word comes from Blair that Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn, who were married at Sweetwater January 26, are comfortably located in their farm home in that community.
 Prior to her marriage Mrs. Osborn was Miss Una Bell Provine, daughter of J. M. and Mrs. Mary E. Provine, graduating from Merkel High school last year. Mr. Osborn is a prosperous farmer of the Blair community and universally popular. The 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 helpful. We will be glad to have you worship with us.
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Locates in Merkel.
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SALE—Dark Cornish Game cocks and pullets. See Robert Beck.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Just completed, brand new, compact, bungalow home, 4 rooms and bath, all conveniences, close to school. Will sell on liberal terms or trade for equity in good farm. Booth Warreh.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs for setting, Owens farm strain, 75 cents per setting. Would like to have few better customers. Bill Harwell, Merkel, Route 1.

LOTS FOR SALE—In Haynes-Moody addition, Merkel's choicest residence section; gas, electricity and water, on each lot. For further information see John S. Hughes.

SORGHUM FOR SALE—Good bundles, good heads, bright feed, better than red top; 5c per bundle, three miles northeast of Trent. Pete Neill.

FOR SALE—Fine Qualla cotton seed at \$1.50 per bushel. Teaff Bros.

FOR SALE—Two incubators, 250 egg capacity each. Both in good condition; at reduced price. W. A. Campbell, Merkel, route 5.

BABY CHICKS from M. Johnson Imperial and Star mating strains; 100, \$15.50; 300, \$15.00; 500, \$14.50; 1000, \$14.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas, Box 77. Phone 9036F13 Anson, Texas.

Used Cars with an O. K. That Counts

Three days' trial. If not satisfied can put car in on any new or used car for price paid.

CHEVROLETS

- 1927 Chevrolet roadster, new paint, looks good runs good.
- 1925 Chevrolet touring, a good looking, serviceable car, curtains, good rubber, O. K. \$185.00
- 25 Chevrolet touring, fair condition \$150.00
- 4 Chevrolet roadster, good condition \$75.00

FORDS

- 1924 Ford coupe, bargain.
- Late 1924 Ford touring, new top, paint, a good one, \$100.00
- 1924 Ford touring, good condition \$85.00
- 1923 Ford touring, none better, curtains good, \$65.00
- 1927 Ford truck, stake body, none better \$225.00
- Some for \$25.00.
- 1927 Essex 4-door sedan, a good one, \$465.00
- 1926 Oldsmobile coach, perfect condition new heavy duty rubber, \$465.00

BRACKEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.

"Home of Better Used Cars"

FOR SALE—Good used Ford cars. Blue Front Service Station.

MILK AND BUTTER for sale. J. I. Ford, Oak St.

SPAN MULES for sale or trade; span large mare mules to trade for truck; will sell and give terms. Compere Store, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting, Owens farm strain, 75 cents per setting. Bill Harwell, Merkel, Route 1.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—One bed room; close in. Call 149W.

FOR RENT—Three room apartment furnished; all modern conveniences. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms. Mrs. Geo. Moore. Phone 265W.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment. Mrs. E. D. Coates. Phone No. 7.

THREE ROOM apartment, unfurnished; \$20.00 per month; light, gas, water, furnished; first house south Presbyterian church. Mrs. L. A. Wampler.

FOR RENT—Five room house, two blocks south school house; well and windmill. H. H. Toombs.

BLAIR HOTEL—Board and room \$10.50; also furnished rooms.

FOR RENT—Good four room house with bath; known as Pribble place, northwest part. For particulars see W. G. Cyfert.

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

WANTED

WANTED—To trade Lot 13, Block 52, Johnson Addition, on good used car. Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Trent, Texas.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Chevrolet crank in or near Merkel Monday. Swafford Coal & Feed Yard. Phone 44.

LOST—30x4.50 Goodyear tire, tube and rim Monday between Claud Doan's residence and Blair. Liberal reward for return. Chas. H. Jones.

LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 2nd day of February 1929, by Miss Belle Wellborn, clerk of said 42nd District Court for the sum of \$1215.00 dollars and cost of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of B. M. Black in a certain cause in said Court, No. 8018-A and 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 February 1929, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

The Northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of lot no. 30, League no. 148, Grimes County school land, Taylor County, Texas, (It is ordered adjudged and decreed that the lien or claim of the defendant, Jas. H. Beall, Jr., is subject to and inferior to the lien held by the plaintiff) and levied upon as the property of A. C. and Mrs. Mary Rose, and Jas. H.

Beall, Jr., and that on the first Tuesday in March 1929, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said A. C. Rose and Mary Rose, and Jas. H. Beall, Jr.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of February 1929.

H. T. O'Bar,
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By W. F. Whaley Deputy.

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.

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

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.

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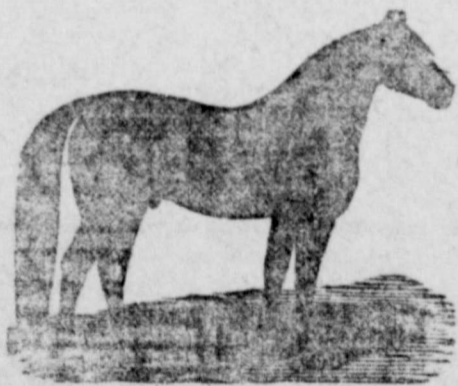
A complete drug store in every particular, with clean fresh goods and a store service as good as the best

On this basis we solicit the continued favors extended the Hamm Drug Co. in the past, and solicit the patronage of the people of this section when in need of anything in the drug line.

In addition to a complete prescription department, we carry everything you can expect to find in a modern drug store.

PHILLIPS Drug Store

(Formerly Hamm Drug Co.)



Why not Grind your Horse and Cow Feed when it don't cost you anything.

You will waste more than enough to pay for the grinding.

It is 100 Per Cent Better Ground

We Grind and Gin on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Sam Swan

This Store Is Ready With NEW SPRING HATS STYLISH SPRING DRESSES

We have just returned from the St. Louis market, where we made liberal purchases of the very best values we have ever been able to offer in New Spring Dresses and Millinery. These purchases are arriving daily and we cordially invite your inspection and approval.

Newest Conceits in Hats

Careful selection has enabled us to assemble the latest creations in Millinery, ranging in price from

\$1.95 up.

NEW SPRING DRESSES

Beautiful Prints in all the latest shades. A full line of Ensembles in all the latest styles and materials.



We are anxious for the ladies of Merkel and this trade territory to see this unusual line of Spring Dresses and New Millinery. New shipments arriving daily.

Jones Dry Goods Co.

Why Not BUY AND SELL IN MERKEL?

Your home town merchants and business enterprises are entitled to the support of the people living in the trade territory of that town. Communities and towns with city aspirations cannot hope to succeed unless encouragement is accorded enterprises already in their midst. Every city of consequence in the United States was built by the support of its citizens.

By patronizing the Merkel merchant you are enabling him to prosper and at the same time increase his business volume. Increased turnover means that he will be better able to serve you. Whether it be Groceries, Meat, Dry Goods, Clothing or Automobiles the home dealer is entitled to your patronage. By the same reasoning, the farmer can aid in the creation of a better market by selling his products in the home town—dealing with friends whose interests are mutual.

Money spent away from the home town is contributing to the upbuilding of some other section. Money spent in the home town finds its way into the hands of your friends and back into your own pockets.

We buy and sell Poultry, Eggs, Cream, Hides and Furs. We pay the highest market price and sell on a close margin. We are a Merkel institution and are always anxious to present our claims to your business.

WE WILL BUY YOUR CHICKENS

At MERKEL, Friday and Saturday February 15th and 16th
At BLAIR SATURDAY, February 16th—One Day Only

WILL PAY THE FOLLOWING PRICES

Heavy Hens, 4 lbs and up	18c	Stags	10c
Light Hens and all Leghorns	15c	Turkeys Hens, 9 lbs. and up	20c
Roosters	05c	Young Toms, 14 lbs. and up	20c
Springs, 2 lb. and down	20c	Old Toms	13c
Springs, 2 to 3 lbs and Leghorn Springs	15c	Light Weights and Crooked Breast	11c

Merkel Produce Co.

Phone 106

S. O. Nations, Manager

West Texas Boys' High School Tourney to Be Held at Munday

More than 150 Boys' High School Basketball teams have been extended an official invitation to participate in the West Texas A. A. U. Basketball Tournament, which is to be held at Munday, February 28 and March 1 and 2, and which is being sponsored by the Munday Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations of that city.

Six huge silver loving cups will be awarded to the winning teams, runner-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 basketballs to ten members of runner-up and third year teams.

The events will be staged in the spacious high school gymnasium which is capable of accommodating 1500 spectators. The court is of standard size and is floored with hardwood.

Munday is ideally located for this event, being exactly midway between Wichita Falls and Abilene, it is 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. Committees on registration, entertainment, housing and other details have been selected and will strive to make the occasion a most enjoyable one to the members of the visiting teams.

Interscholastic and A. A. U. rules will govern the meet and it is expected 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 the Amateur Athletic Union, Dallas, Texas, on that date.

Rural Schools Open.

Taylor county rural schools, some of them closed on account of the inclement weather of last week, were all open Monday, according to reports to the county superintendent's office at Abilene. Attendance was cut in all the schools by the severe weather. Tye and Mulberry closing entirely.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Five Thousand Bond For Preacher Killer

Lamesa, Texas, Feb. 14.—Charged with killing J. A. Cox, who was shot to death fifteen miles southwest of here the Rev. W. E. Duke of Lamesa waived examining trial and his bond was set at \$5,000. Fifteen citizens signed the appearance bond. It is estimated that 500 male citizens of Dawson county awaited the examining trial and setting of Duke's bond here today. Both the Duke and Cox families are well known here.

Dr. Estes is Chief Surgeon For West Texas Utilities Co.

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 14.—Dr. J. M. Estes of Abilene has been designated chief surgeon of the West Texas Utilities Company, an announcement from the general offices here last night said.

All consultations and examinations of a complicated nature for the company employes will be referred to Dr. Estes, while regular medical examinations will continue to be held as in the past, by physicians in various towns served by the company.

Dr. Estes' duties will extend over all of the company's properties.

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.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

TOOK SODA 20 YEARS FOR GAS-STOPS NOW

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

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

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

"The Wolf of Wall Street," Paramount's latest all-talking picture, with a cast of well-known players, including George Bancroft, the star of "Underworld," and "The Docks of New York," Baclanova, the famous Russian actress, Nancy Carroll and Paul Lukas, opens a week's engagement at the Majestic Theatre in Abilene on Monday February 18th.

"The Wolf of Wall Street," has been widely heralded as one of the most fascinating pictures of the world's famous financial center ever to come to the screen. Through the medium of spoken words and sound effects, audiences attending the showing at the Majestic Theatre will hear the excitement and thrill of the stock mar-

ket, where millions of dollars exchange hands daily; where men gain and lose fortunes overnight; where power and greed meet on a common level. This thrilling background supplies "The Wolf of Wall Street" with a theme of love and faithlessness that should prove of great interest to audiences everywhere. For while "The Wolf," the financial king, played by Bancroft, toys with millions of dollars and the destinies of thousands of people, his wife, whom he loves more than anything else in life, falls in love with his trusted business associate. Here is a theme, said to be developed with rare skill, building up to a powerful climax.

This picture marks the first time that either Bancroft or Baclanova are heard to speak from the screen. In addition, Baclanova sings two songs, one a new hit, called: "Love,

Take My Heart." Rowland V. Lee directed "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Bet Prevention Bill.

Austin, Feb. 14.—The slaying of Orville L. Mathews, Dallas bank clerk, several months ago as the climax to an alleged election bet on the Connally-Mayfield race, resulted in introduction of a House bill better defining election wagers and providing that a jail sentence and fine shall be assessed against offenders.

Aged Teacher Dies.

Austin, Feb. 14.—Henry G. Collins, 87, teacher of music in the State school for the Blind for 35 years and one of the State's oldest employes in point of service, died suddenly in his studio.

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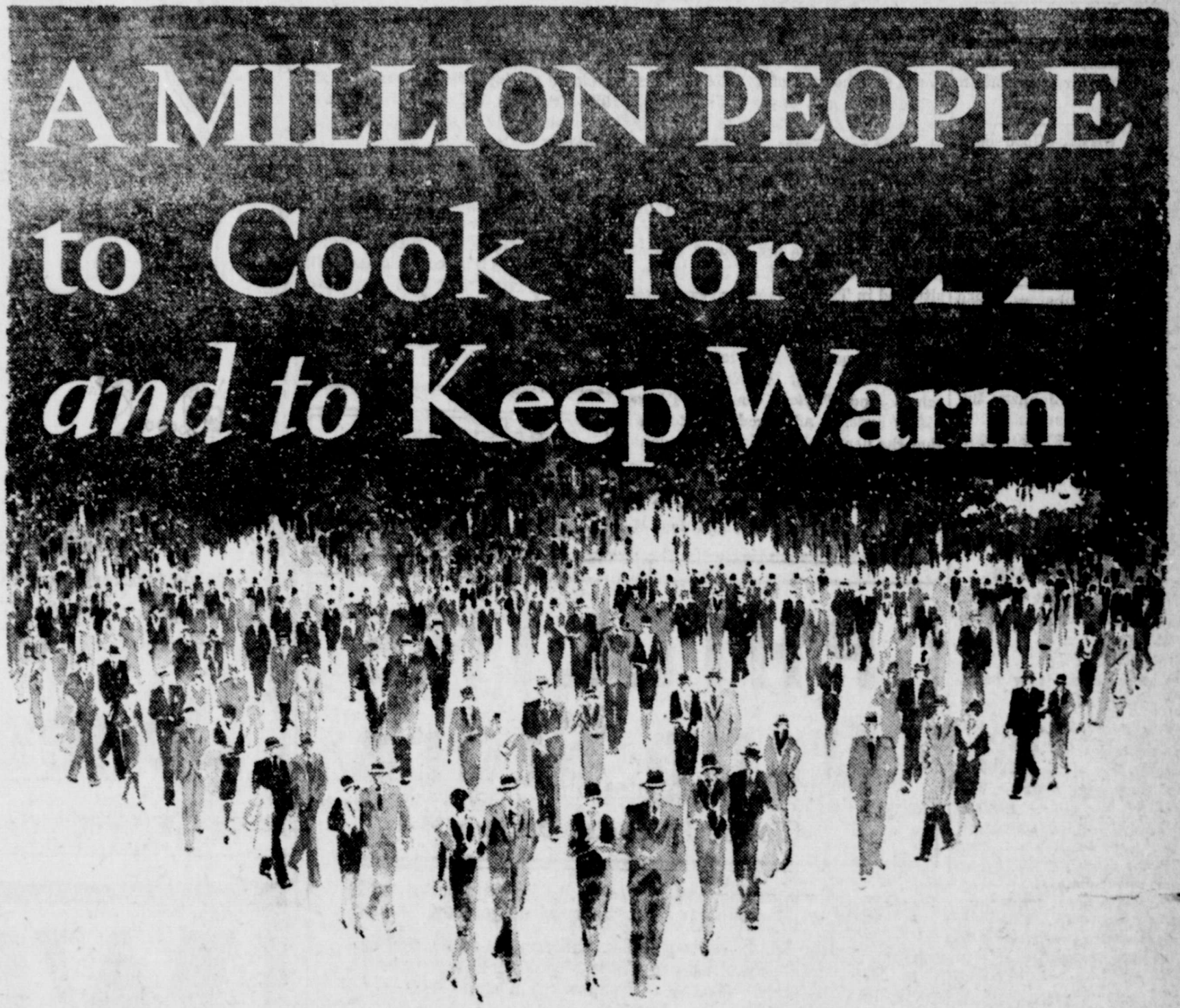
Month's Honor Roll Salt Branch School

The following pupils were on the honor roll at Salt Branch school for the past month, having made on average of 90.

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

Fifth grade; Zerk Robertson; Sixth grade; John Rister, Fay Pinckley, and Evelyn Robertson; Seventh grade; Beulah Wilson and J. R. Higgins; Eighth grade; Braunell Armstrong.

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



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And, here's a point to remember about Lone Star Gas Service. While the gas demand falls off in summer to one-fifth its winter volume, this giant organization (and most of the expenses involved) must carry right on through the warm weather when there is no heating demand—to be ready to serve you, and a million others, when cold weather comes again. Twenty years of dependable service—is the record of Lone Star Gas Company—and we strive each year to make our service better—more complete—more dependable.

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A piece of ground,
some good seed,
fresh air, exercise
—and high hopes.

ARE THE BEST



A little time,
some Sunshine
and Moisture
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Expectations justified
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BRIDGE GAMES.

Miss Vera Baker was hostess to members of the Thursday night bridge club in the home of Mrs. Henry West, entertaining with a pretty Valentine motif in party accessories. The guest list included a number from out of town which helped to make the evening an especially happy one for the club members. Musical numbers by Miss Dixie Frost of Abilene, Mona Margaret Jones, Melba West and Christine Collins were very much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served to Mrs. Thomas Garland, Misses Vinita Baker, Dixie Frost, Frances McFarland, all of Abilene, Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson, Misses Iva Bragg, Mona Margaret Jones, Roberta Sloan, Christine Collins, Melba West, Doris Brown and Vera Baker.

DINNER BRIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harvey extended invitations to dinner on Wednesday evening. A delectable three course chicken menu was served, followed by bridge games as the diversion for the evening. Clever and unique were the party features, including a huge treasure chest for the lucky players. Guests for the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames L. B. Scott, R. I. Grimes, C. H. Jones, Sam Cummings, S. S. Cook, Marvin, C. B. Gardner, Tom Largent, Misses Mary Eula and Boag Sears, Mary Cleo Booth and Dr. W. S. Sadler.

CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames A. R. Booth, E. Yates Brown and Sid Coates were hostesses to members of the T.E.L. class in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth on Wednesday afternoon. A business session was held followed by seasonal contests after which Mrs. Barbara A. Wall of Midland entertained with two piano numbers. A Valentine box was a clever and entertaining party feature and refreshments of cherry pudding, angel food cake with plate favors of cherry tree nut cups were passed to Mesdames Boyd, Wall, Collins, Conder, Largent, Lassiter, Derrick, Derstine, Miller, Carey, McFarland, Burns, Gibson, Teague, Swann, Scott, Brandell, Higgins, Lancaster, and the hostesses.

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 occasion 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 Wheatley, 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.

IDLEWISE.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown entertained 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.

DINNER BRIDGE.

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, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Mary Cleo Booth and Dr. W. S. Sadler.

Notice.

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.

Golf Featured Weekly Meet of Lions Club

(Continued From Page One.)

agement to those promoting the Merkel Golf club, saying it was the finest recreation in the world.

S. P. Benckenstein of Orange accompanied Mr. Siggins and C. A. Chance of Abilene was with Mr. Routh.

MINSTREL SHOW ON WAY.

Chas. Jones, chairman of the minstrel show to be sponsored by the Lions, reported that Miss Lucy Tracey had agreed to aid in the training of the different participants, and urged every Lion to respond when called upon.

Sie Hamm, chairman of the program committee, announced that the next meeting would feature different "stunts" with an abundance of comedy.

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

Rev. Parrack is in Caps Training School

Pastor Ira L. Parrack of the local Baptist church is in a training school with the workers of the Caps Baptist church this week. He is teaching a class of some thirty workers in "Winning to Christ."

Miss Barrett of Simmons University is teaching a class of some twenty in the Junior B. Y. P. U. Manual.

Caps is the first country Sunday school in the association to attain the A. I. standard, having held this standard for two years, and is getting ready to apply for the 1929 standard.

The pastor of the local Baptist church will spend Sunday with the Caps church, while this pastor will fill the pulpit here.

Brooks Patterson Improved.

Brooks Patterson, who has been seriously ill as the result of an acute appendicitis operation, is greatly improved.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The morning service at the Presbyterian church Sunday will be a laymen's service conducted by Jas. H. West and S. M. Hunter, with special music to be arranged by Harry Bar-Hyon; invocation; hymn; scripture reading; prayer; hymn; announce-

reading; prayer; hymn; announce-ments; offering; special music; "The Layman," 1. "Using His Talents," Jas. H. West; 2. "Using His Influence," S. M. Hunter; hymn, benediction. Come and enjoy this service with us;

glad to have you visit us, if not in a service elsewhere.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. At 7 p. m. we will have an illustrated sermon by the pastor for the children. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Wm. Elliott, Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor

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See for yourself how delightfully, how completely the Arnao method beautifies the hair and prolongs the loveliness of your permanent wave. You are invited to consult with us regarding the care of your hair and how it may best be freed of such troublesome conditions as dryness or brittleness, split ends, or excessive oil. Consultation is free.

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Good Music

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KEN MAYNARD IN "CHEYENNE"

Episode 6 of "Terrible People"

News Comedy, "The Collegians" Fables

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

"SINS OF THE FATHER"

With Emil Jannings

News Comedy Krazy Kat

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY

"SCARLET SEAS"

With Richard Barthelme

Comedy News Variety

COMING

"WINGS" February 28, March 1-2

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" Soon.

Dry Cleaning Service!

Instill new beauty into your clothes by sending them to us for thorough cleaning. We guarantee high quality work with prompt cheerful service.

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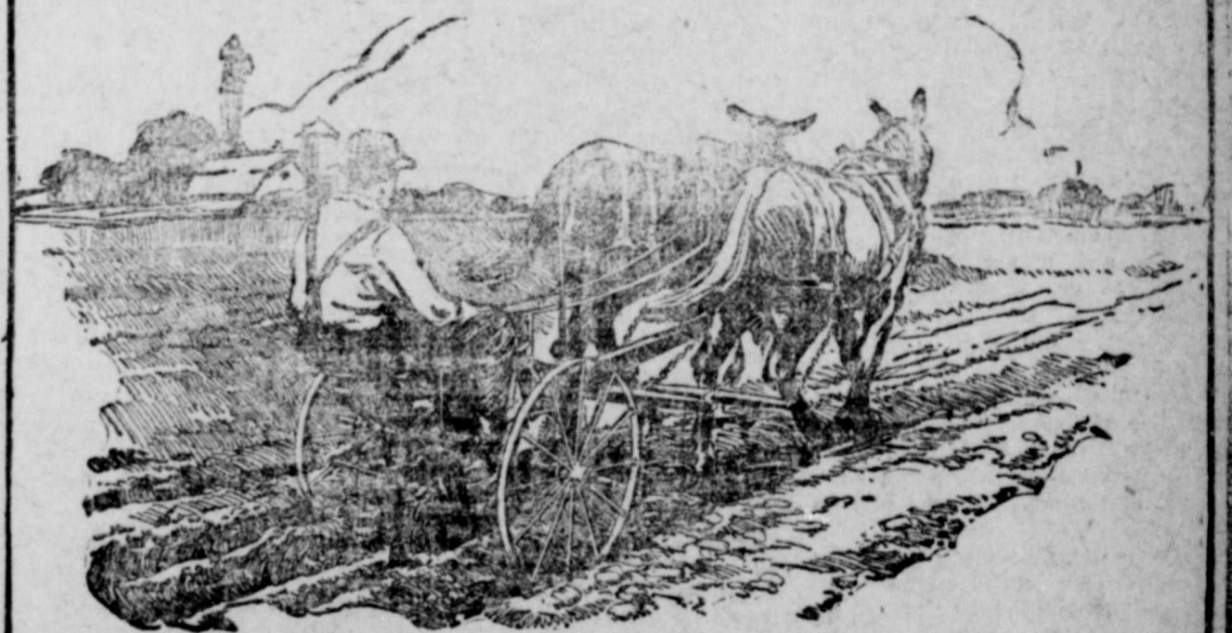
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Kent Street

Advertisement for BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY featuring illustrations of women in various styles of spring dresses. Text includes 'Big Showing SPRING DRESSES', 'Prints and print combinations. Values to \$16.75', 'PRICED SPECIAL \$6.95 and \$9.85', and 'No Charge for Alterations.'

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100,000 Satisfied Users

OVER 100,000 experienced Southern farmers say the Avery Mr. Bill Corn and Cotton Planter is the best they ever used. Every man who raises corn or cotton should remember this when he comes to buy a planter. For a Mr. Bill will pay for itself the first season. And every year after that will mean added profits.

Mr. Bill is the "daddy" of all riding corn and cotton planters. The first in the field it is today the acknowledged leader. It is so simple that anyone can run it; and so durable that hundreds of Mr. Bills 17 or 18 years old are still doing their bit. A

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For planting cotton, corn, peanuts (shelled or unshelled), velvet beans, maize, Kafir, peas, etc., no other planter approaches the Mr. Bill. It can be used at any time with many kinds of attachments including the famous Avery Single Seed and Duplex Hoppers, the Avery Picker Wheel Drop, a lister bottom, and a large variety of sweeps and plates.

Do not fail to carefully investigate the Avery Mr. Bill at our store.

There is a full line of famous Avery walking, riding and tractor plows, tillage implements and Champion harvesting machinery

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