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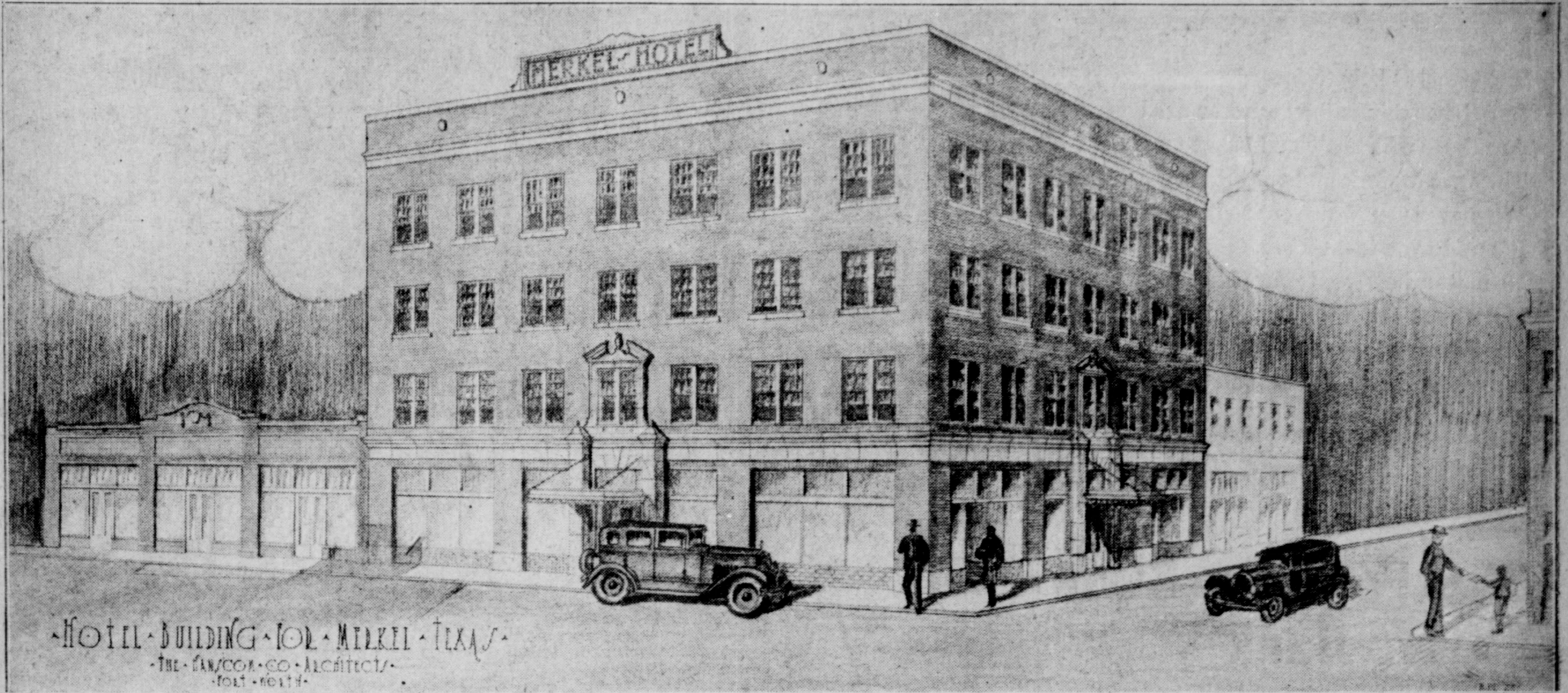
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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1929.

On the "Broadway of America"

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Exterior View New Merkel Hotel



GRIMES NAMES 12 COMMITTEES FOR LIONS CLUB

President Appoints Working Force and Urges Each Member to Activity in Behalf of City Development in 1929.

At the Tuesday meeting of the Lions club President Dee Grimes appointed twelve standing committees to serve during the year. In announcing the committees President Grimes expressed the hope that each and every committeeman would be active in advancing the work of the club and the town on such matters as come to the attention of his committee. Appointments were as follows:

Membership—Sie Hamm, S. A. Johnson, A. H. Brackeen.

Attendance—Yates Brown, A. T. Sheppard, Rolf Wagner, C. W. Lepard.

Fellowship—L. B. Scott, Sam Swann, C. H. Jones, Kirby Beckett.

Major activities—R. O. Anderson, H. C. West, Dr. M. Armstrong, Booth Warren, T. G. Bragg.

Finance—C. H. Jones, Dr. R. I. Grimes, B. T. Sublett.

School affairs—R. A. Burgess, W. O. Boney, S. D. Gamble.

Publicity—J. J. Hutchison, S. P. Nesmith, Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

Parks and play grounds—Booth Warren, Jerome Hutchison, C. R. Tittle, S. A. Johnson.

Public health—Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. Buckner, H. C. West.

Boy Scouts—Herbert Patterson, Byers Petty, Max Mellinger, Ted Nichols, S. H. Jackson.

New Industries—Hale Lancaster, Ira Windham, C. K. Russell, Mat Dillingham, Dr. R. I. Grimes.

Civic welfare—Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Rev. R. A. Walker, Rev. T. C. Willet.

PROGRAM OF FUN.

Other than the appointment of the working committees, Tuesday's program was devoted entirely to fun. The first number was a "human automobile," driven by Charlie Jones. A. H. Brackeen as the "pedestrian traveler" destination unknown, was an invited passenger, asking a number of questions with a direct bearing on Merkel. Members of the club formed the wheels and the radiator, and "flat tires" were numerous.

W. L. Diltz Jr., newly elected member, performed in the role of "trick artist," endeavoring to balance an "egg" on the point of a pencil. After admonishing his audience several times to refrain from talking or noise of any kind, he abandoned the effort in "disgust."

PRIZE FIGHT FURIOUS.

Sie Hamm attempted the role of

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PAVED HIGHWAY LEADS THROUGH TAYLOR COUNTY

Last Stretch of Concrete Laid and Continuous Pavement Extends All the Way From Dallas to Mitchell County.

All the way through Taylor County on a paved highway.

That is the big news of the week for people living west of the county seat. It is also big news for the thousands of tourists who pass this way.

Late Tuesday the last stretch of pavement, about four miles immediately west of Abilene, was completed and thrown open to through traffic, which gives a completed Bankhead highway as far west as Mitchell county. Paving is under way in Mitchell, and when this work is completed the Bankhead will be continuously paved from Dallas to El Paso.

CONVENIENCE TO MERKEL.

Merkel people and others living immediately west of Abilene probably have more cause for gratification over the completion of the highway than those living in other sections. Both business and pleasure calls them to the county seat, and no doubt the condition of the road heretofore has caused some to neglect business and deny themselves pleasures, as certainly no pleasure could be derived from a trip over detours and bumps such as have constituted most of the 17 miles between Merkel and Abilene for several months.

FLETCHER FIRST MOTORIST.

Actual laying of the concrete on the last gap was completed two weeks ago, but it was not until Tuesday afternoon that the contractors, Southwestern Bitulithic company, finished uncovering the fresh concrete which had been buried with dirt to cause it to "season" properly, and L. A. Fletcher, district maintenance superintendent of the state highway department, was one of the first motorists to drive over the new section of the road.

Suffers Broken Nose.

Opal Taylor, Noodle school girl, suffered a broken nose while playing baseball on the school grounds last Saturday. Another girl swinging a baseball bat accidentally hit her across the nose and broke it. She received medical treatment in Merkel and is rapidly improving.

Brooks Patterson Improved.

Brooks Patterson, who has been seriously ill as the result of an acute appendicitis operation, is rapidly improving and will be allowed to leave the hospital in a few days, according to reports from his bedside.

BUILDERS SUBMIT PLAN AND ANNOUNCE READY BEGIN WORK IN 30 DAYS

Modern Fire Proof Structure of Four Stories is Assured Merkel When Citizens Complete Fund of \$12,500 Bonus, With \$10,000 of That Amount Already Pledged; Builders Ready to Act.

"HOTEL MERKEL."

That is the name and above is a picture of the new hotel as agreed upon by the local committee, of which R. O. Anderson is chairman, and Mrs. Elva Harrington, who has proposed to build the hotel and operate it if given a bonus of \$12,500 by the citizens of Merkel.

Mrs. Harrington was in Merkel the first of the week, accompanied by F. R. Young of Fort Worth, manager of the Hascom Company, who drew the plans for the Hotel Merkel, and also by M. R. Showalter of Big Spring, attorney representing Mrs. Harrington and the architects. After submitting the plans to the local committee, Mrs. Harrington and her associates announced that they were ready to proceed with construction of the hotel under the terms of the \$12,500 bonus and according to plans as submitted.

SIX MONTHS TO BUILD.

Mrs. Harrington and the architects announced that construction would begin in about thirty days from the time final papers were signed and that it would probably require six months to complete the building and install the furnishings. It is planned to incorporate as the Merkel Hotel Company, with Mrs. Harrington as president and manager. Plans for the company have already been formulated, contingent, of course, on the acceptance by Merkel of the plans and the fulfillment of its part of the bonus agreement.

As matters now stand, it is squarely up to the citizens of Merkel whether or not they want the much talked of hotel. Ten thousand dollars of the bonus money has already been pledged, leaving only \$2,500 yet to be raised before work can be started on the hotel structure.

FOUR STORY STRUCTURE.

A glance at the picture will reveal that the hotel structure is to be a four story fire proof building and modern in every respect. On the first or ground floor will be a commodious lobby, office, cigar stand, drug store, coffee shop, with banquet hall adjoining, and five store buildings.

The three upper floors will consist of 44 guest rooms, three large sample rooms and three four-room apartments. A modern elevator is to be installed and the entire building is to be supplied with steam heat. Ceiling fans

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Plans have been announced for a modern creamery at Memphis to cost \$20,000.

Mrs. M. B. Cunningham of Fort Worth was severely burned when she fainted and fell across a gas stove.

The West Texas Sheriff's association, in session at Ballinger, voted to hold next year's convention at Coleman.

Raymond Patterson, 18, was jailed at Breckenridge for the alleged shooting of his father, filling station operator.

A special city election has been called at Slaton for March 19 to vote on adopting a proposed special city charter.

Burglars had a busy time in Abilene Sunday night, escaping with \$3,000 in merchandise from stores of that city.

Mrs. Ernest Worley, 35, was killed, and three other persons injured when their touring car turned over near Palestine.

The German language soon will be taught again in Houston schools. The language was dropped during the war days of 1918.

W. S. Cooper, formerly secretary of the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce, has assumed his duties as manager of the Stamford Chamber.

Main street and some of the side thoroughfares at Rotan will be illuminated with 48 lights to the block, in addition to the regular street lights.

Throwing kerosene on a cook stove fire, when a younger sister complained of being cold, resulted in the death of Miss Gertrude McGowan, 16, in a hospital at Dallas.

Glen A. Coulson, wealthy retired business man of Greenville, was found shot to death in his hotel room. Three men were arrested in the hotel lobby an hour after the shooting.

Funeral rites for Anderson Lee Holt, 69, pioneer West Texas farmer and resident of Hamlin for several years, were held in that city Sunday afternoon.

Four children, ranging in ages from 5 to 10, were orphaned when William Thompson, 39, and his wife were shot to death. Thompson killed his wife and then himself.

The Cowboy band of Simmons University, Abilene, will accompany the Hoover good will special train when it leaves Fort Worth Feb. 28, for the inauguration ceremonies at Washington.

Acceptances have been received from more than 500 bankers for the

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NEW PRODUCER IN NOODLE FIELD IS MAKING 75 BBLs.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Gets Well on Winters Tract, and Roberts No. 8 Grayson Has Good Showing Oil and Gas.

Good for an estimated production of 75 barrels, Phillips Petroleum Co. Winters No. 6 came in Tuesday in the Noodle field, and the Roberts Oil Corporation's No. 8 Grayson, in the Tiner field, two miles north, has a good showing of oil and gas at 2483 feet.

The new producer was brought in in the near vicinity of the Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 1 Joe Winters discovery well of the entire area. It is located 1639 feet from the west line and 990 feet from the south line of the half of the north half of Section 19, Block 19, T. & P. survey. The well was drilled into pay at 2477 feet. It swabbed in 12 hours a total of 40 barrels of high gravity crude and is estimated to be good for 75 barrels.

ROBERTS-GRAYSON SHOWING.

The show in the Roberts-Grayson test was encountered at 2480 feet. Six inch casing is being run and the big pipe is being pulled. The well is expected to be drilled in at once. It is one location east and four north of the Atkinson and Sandefer-Hucony Gas Company No. 1 Tiner, discovery well of the Tiner pool. It is one location north of the Roberts No. 8 Grayson, which had an initial production of approximately 900 barrels daily.

Several wells are due to be drilled in the last of this week or the first of next, among them the Grisham-Hunter Tiner No. 1; the Phillips Petroleum Co. Vestal No. 4, in the old Noodle Creek field; Roberts Oil Corporation test on the Tiner tract.

NEW LOCATIONS.

New locations include two by the Texas Company one on the Carter, which is a north offset to Bickley, and one on the Camp, also an offset to the Bickley. Humble Oil and Refining Co. have made a new location on the Bickley and is erecting rig. A new location has been made by the Gulf Production Co. on the tract south of the Bickley. White Eagle Oil and Refining Co. and Eastland Oil Co. have made a location between the Hudspeth and Wheeler tracts.

No new developments have been announced in Midcontinent Oil and Gas Company's Taylor county wildcat, twelve miles south of Merkel. Information received in Merkel is to the effect that swabbing operations continue, with production totalling eight barrels in the swabbing test Wednesday.

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House Kills Horse Racing Bill, 74-55

Austin, Feb. 21.—By a vote of 74 to 55, the house Monday killed the Avis bill creating a commission to supervise horse racing at Texas fairs, after previously defeating an amendment by Representative Cecil Storey of Vernon striking out betting features of

the measure. The house was in a tumult after the vote as opponents of the measure shouted and shook hands. The ballot came after a two hour wrangle in which foes of legalized betting on races attempted unsuccessfully for the second time to stage a public hearing. The house refused to open up the bill at a public hearing by 94-26 vote.

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MERKEL WINNER OF COUNTY TITLE

High School Basketball Team Fights Its Way Into District Elimination Race.

Merkel High School for the second successive season will represent Taylor county in the basket ball eliminations of district 8, Coach Davis' Badgers retained their championship when they subdued the Lawn five Saturday night, 21 to 12, in the final match of the county tourney, played Friday and Saturday in the McMurry college gymnasium.

The Badgers were not expected to win from the Lawn team, which had mowed down all previous opposition with ease.

An early Merkel lead obtained by field goals from Cade, Tittle and Sloan apparently demoralized the Lawn offense, and it bumped helplessly into the three taller members of the Merkel squad, Beene and Tittle and Kelso, for the rest of the evening.

Tittle was the star of the Merkel victory, scoring four field goals for point honors, and getting himself into the middle of every advance that Lawn made toward the basket.

So well did the Merkel defense function that Lawn tallied only twice from the floor. Merkel to a certain degree employed the delayed offense, an unusual style for school boy play, although it has gained rapidly in popularity with college quintets in recent years.

At the end of the first quarter Merkel was in front by 6 to 1, Burns, center, having accounted for Lawn's lonesome scratch. Lawn kept even with Merkel in the second quarter on a foul toss and a goal from scrimmage by C. Grant, while Merkel was making three points on a gratis throw by Cade and a two-pointer from Sloan. Scoring continued low in the third period, but both sides limbered up in the fourth to raise the figures from 14-7 to 21-12.

The game was Lawn's second exercise for the day. In the morning the South Taylor countains won their semi-final tussle with Bradshaw by the decisive count of 26 to 12. Burns, who starred consistently for his club throughout the tournament, was high pointer with an aggregate of 13.

Merkel	FG	FP	PF	TF	TP
Cade, f	2	3	3	0	7
Sloan, f	2	1	1	0	5
Beene, c	0	0	2	0	0
Tittle, g	4	0	3	0	8
Kelso, g	0	1	3	0	1

TOTALS	FG	FP	PF	TF	TP
Lawn	8	5	12	0	21
Windham, f	0	1	3	0	1
Burrows, f	1	1	1	0	3
Arnold, f	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, c	0	4	0	1	4
C. Grant, g	1	1	3	0	3
E. Grant, g	0	1	3	0	1
Whittle, g	0	0	0	0	0

TOTALS 2 8 10 1 12
 Referee: Jones (McMurry).

Body Missing Laredo Newspaper Reporter Found in Rio Grande

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 21.—An international hunt for Harry Williams, Laredo reporter, ended here Monday when a body found in the Rio Grande was identified as that of the 24-year-old man.

American Consul Stephen Aguirre at Nuevo Laredo immediately telegraphed Washington for permission to allow officers and secret service men to enter Mexico and search for Williams' assailants. Although the body was so badly decomposed it was difficult to establish Williams had been slain, officers said they inclined toward that theory since there were no indications of suicide.

Williams' body was found by Marcus Wormser, prominent onion grower. Investigation revealed a letter in a coat pocket, from Los Angeles, addressed to Williams. Two watches, a wrist watch and a pocket watch, the former stopped at 1:10 and the latter at 1:20, bore Williams' initials.

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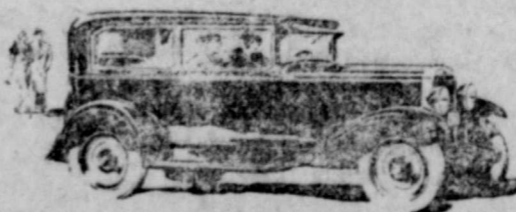
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QUALITY AT LOW COST

Dress Contest For Taylor County is Set For Saturday, May 18

Saturday, May 18, has been selected as the date for the annual dress and butter judging contest of Taylor county home demonstration clubs. This date was selected at the monthly meeting of the club council, held at Abilene last Saturday, with Mrs. C. D. Sharks of North Park, vice president of the council presiding.

Definite plans for an attendance and program contest were completed, the contest period to extend from March to July. The contest will be conducted on a per cent basis, with the following scores: Attendance of members, 50 per cent; rendition of program, 30 per cent; punctuality of members, 10 per cent, and new members added, 10 per cent.

The council voted to entertain county commissioners and members of the agricultural committee of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon during the March session of commissioners' court. The dinner will be served by members of North Park and Elmdale clubs. Representatives of these clubs and also of Tuscola, Tye and Cedar Gap will make reports of club activities.

Council and club members at the Saturday meeting were: Mrs. J. T. Colman, Elmdale; Mmes. C. D. Shanks, F. Elton Rhodes, W. R. Floyd, North Park; Mmes. C. G. Smith, A. O. Gist, John E. Taylor, D. E. Varnell, S. S. Schornick, Hamby; Miss Alma Trammell, Miss Nena Trammell, Mrs. S. G. Oliver, Miss Lola Ohlhausen, Iberis; Mmes. J. F. Smith and C. W. Cross, Tye; Mmes. J. H. Robinson, W. D. Heller, Dan O'Connell, Cedar Gap; Mrs. Taylor M. Rushing, Lawn; Mrs. Virgil Riddle, Ovalo, and Miss Debbie Latta, Tuscola.

Miss Caroline Chambers, county home demonstration agent, attended the meeting.

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Approve Texan's Plan For Pro Enforcement

Denton, Feb. 21.—The plan of Dr. C. D. Judd, director of the department of government economics at the College of Industrial Arts, has been selected by the Durant Prize Award office as one of a few representative plans, other than the prize winning suggestion, for publication throughout the country.

Dr. Judd's plan comprises a comprehensive campaign of education in law enforcement and citizenship; a coordinated machinery of enforcement; a statute in accordance with a scientific interpretation of the Eighteenth Amendment, and a more effective border patrol through treaties, conventions and agreements with other nations, and by strengthening our own patrol force.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the many loving friends who were so kind to us during the illness and at the death of our dear wife and mother. The words of sympathy and the many kindly acts will remain with us always as expressions of genuine sorrow. We especially want to thank Mrs. H. B. Riney, who was indeed an Angel of Mercy to us in our great bereavement.
J. E. Miller and Children.

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4 ROOMS	16 Kilowatt-hours	16 Kilowatt-hours	
5 ROOMS	20 Kilowatt-hours	20 Kilowatt-hours	
6 ROOMS	24 Kilowatt-hours	24 Kilowatt-hours	
7 ROOMS OR MORE	28 Kilowatt-hours	28 Kilowatt-hours	

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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

THE NEW HOTEL.

Turn again and look at the picture of the proposed new hotel on the first page of this paper.

With a hotel like that, Merkel will be well on the road to its ambition for greater growth and prosperity.

Such a structure will mean that hundreds of people who have business in Merkel and are now forced to seek shelter elsewhere, will spend nights, weeks and months here when they can buy modern hotel accommodations.

Merkel has reaped great benefit from the near-by oil fields, but by no means in proportion to what is rightfully hers by reason of location. The new hotel is a necessity if Merkel expects to develop into the big town or city class.

The hotel is practically assured. To make it a certainty Merkel citizens have only to raise \$2,500 to complete a \$12,500 bonus fund. Ten thousand dollars of the amount have already been pledged.

Certainly Merkel cannot afford to "fall down" on this proposition when so near the goal.

If you have not already subscribed to the bonus fund, now is the time to get your name on the dotted line. If already a subscriber, increase the amount and make the hotel a reality.

Makers of the bonus offer have demonstrated that they are ready to act. It is now up to Merkel to decide whether or not a hotel is wanted.

Merkel is on third base in the hotel game, with its citizenship at the bat. They must decide whether it is to be a "home-run" or a "strikeout."

With the Oak street paving program under way and the new hotel going up at the same time, the old town will make the rest of the state sit up and take notice.

TEXAS GROWTH.

In 1744 Texas had a population of only about 1,500, centered largely about San Antonio. In 1806 the population was estimated at 7,000. In 1831 it was about 20,000, increasing to about 50,000 in 1836 when Texans voted for the first president of their Republic. The greatest percentage of growth was between 1870 and 1880 when the population increased 94.5 per cent.

Award Contract on No. 30 Highway

The state highway commission Tuesday awarded to the McClung Construction company of Fort Worth on its low bid of \$438,000, the contract for building concrete paving on 18 miles of No. 30 from Abilene southward.

This contract comes as a result of the action of Taylor county citizens who, in 1927, voted a \$1,000,000 bond issue as its share in obtaining all-weather roads along state designated highways.

Mrs. Jenkins Burned When Stove Explodes

Mrs. Leonard Jenkins, living north of Merkel, was severely burned last week when a gasoline stove in her home exploded. Her husband was draining gasoline from the tank when the explosion occurred, the flames enveloping Mrs. Jenkins. She was badly burned about the face, arms and body. She is improving rapidly at the Merkel sanitarium.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Fine day last Sunday. The spiritual tide ran high as we all joined in showing our appreciation of two faithful old Soldiers of the Cross. May our little contribution bring some comfort to these two dear old people and may their declining days be filled with the comforting presence of their Lord and Master, in the prayer of the whole church.

Sermon subject for the morning hour, "A New Testament Revival." The Senior Epworth League will render a program at the evening hour. Your presence at the evening hour will be very encouraging to these young people. Come to Sunday School and stay for church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor

Teach your children thrift—to pay cash and trade at the Boston Bargain Store.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Mrs. Berta Miller of Nubia Community Died Here Saturday

Mrs. Berta Miller, 37, wife of J. E. Miller of the Nubia community, died in Merkel Saturday afternoon, where she had been brought for medical treatment. She had been ill at home near Nubia for about ten days.

The body was shipped to Throckmorton, where funeral services were held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, interment following in the family burial lot at that place. The Methodist pastor at Throckmorton conducted the services.

Mrs. Miller had been living in the Nubia community about five years, and her kindness to all with whom she came in contact and her devotion to her family, had endeared her to a wide circle of friends. She had been a member of the Methodist church since she was 16 years of age, and took an active interest in church affairs.

Surviving are her husband, J. E. Miller; two girls, Drotha and Zela Bell; two boys, T. J. and Eddie Jr.; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hays of Throckmorton; two sisters, Mrs. Valley Kelman, Seymour, and Mrs. Hattie Tibbetts, Seagraves.

Rabbit Drive and Barbecue at Noodle Wednesday, Feb. 27

Citizens of Noodle have arranged for a rabbit drive on next Wednesday, Feb. 27, in which everybody is invited to participate. Those who expect to attend are urged to meet at Noodle at 9 a. m., from which place the drive will start.

Noodle citizens have arranged for a big barbecue at noon. Several beeves are to be slaughtered and served to the large crowd expected to be attracted by the rabbit drive.

State Road Bond Plan Engrossed

Austin, Feb. 21.—After two days of discussion the senate late Tuesday engrossed the \$175,000,000 highway bond proposal. The vote was 16 to 11, with one pair, but Senator W. R. Cousins of Beaumont said he voted against the resolution submitting the proposed constitutional amendment so that he might move to reconsider in case it failed of engrossment.

Improving Tourist Camp.

The Broadway tourist camp, located on the Bankhead highway, is doubling its room capacity, erecting four additional rooms in anticipation of heavy tourist travel through Merkel during the spring and summer. The rooms are being furnished with bed, stove, dresser and running water in every room. R. W. Conder is the proprietor.

Fishing, Hunting Pictures.

Through courtesy of Messrs. Spears and Cannon of Abilene, moving pictures of fishing and hunting scenes were presented at the Boy Scout father and son banquet held in Merkel last week. The scouts, particularly interested in outdoor life, enjoyed the pictures to the utmost.

Operation on Little Girl.

Will Oden, 5-year-old daughter of W. J. Thornton of the Golan community, underwent an operation for acute appendicitis last week at the Merkel sanitarium. Her condition, due to the advanced stage of the malady and her tender age, was critical, but she is now on the road to recovery.

Orient Extension.

San Angelo, Feb. 21.—The Orient railway will be extended to Presidio as a part of the 1929 program, it was indicated when agreement for right of way through Brewster county was signed by Alpine citizens.

Mrs. Whipkey Dead.

Colorado, Feb. 21.—Funeral services for Mrs. F. B. Whipkey, for many years one of Colorado's most active and best-loved citizens, who died early Monday at her home from illness that followed an attack of influenza, were held Tuesday afternoon.

Invite Hoover to Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 21.—Invitation to President-Elect Hoover to attend the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and to meet President Gil of Mexico there at dates which would be most suitable to him will be extended by a West Texas delegation which will go to the inaugural in Washington on the Hoover Democrat special leaving Dallas Thursday, February 28.

Your grocery trade appreciated. Clean, fresh stock and courteous service. Merkel Cash Grocery.

The value of Texas cotton for 1928 was placed at \$450,825,000.



PHILATHEA BANQUET.

The Philathea class of the Methodist church entertained the Baracca class with a lovely three course banquet on Valentine evening in the parlors of the church. The red and white color scheme was artistically carried out in table decorations and the menu.

Ralph Duke was the toastmaster for the evening in his usual pleasing manner. An interesting and informal program of solos, readings, duets and short talks were given by different members of the classes. Thirty-eight members with a few visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the Philatheas.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PARTY.

The winning side of the contest just closing in Junior League was entertained on last Friday afternoon at the Methodist church.

Interesting games were played consisting of "Going to Jerusalem," "Winkem," "Cross Questions and Crooked Answers," and "Going Out West." A plate of refreshments was then served to: Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Bertha Mae Leslie, Billie Burnice Gamble, Mary Jo Russell, Vivian Lasater, Pauline Lasater, Louise Kerr, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Nell Hughes, Odell and Wanda Hunter, Alice Church, Lois Whiteley, Julia Proctor, Mary Grace Dunn, Gene Hulsey, Imogene Middleton, Ida Mae Berryman, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Mary Eva Nichols, Florence Rider, Kennedy Whiteley, Wilbur Willet, Raymond Lasater, Brother Willet and Jo Shiney.

ST. VALENTINE PARTY.

Misses Bernice and Elsie Lasater were hostesses to a number of friends at their home on Rose street Thursday evening, Feb. 14, with a St. Valentine party. Beautiful Valentines decorated the reception room, carrying out the red and white color scheme.

The guests were entertained by playing various games and Odell Hunter was awarded the prize in a "State contest," which proved to be a dainty box of miniature hearts. Margaret Turner was winner in a Valentine contest and received a large and beautiful Valentine. At the culmination of these games a delicious refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, hot tea, potato chips, olives and cake with small candy hearts and Valentines as plate favors, were served to the following: Odell and Beryl Hunter, Imogene Mangum, Carlos and Nina Montandon, Norman Sloan, Ethel and Elnor Mae Hamilton, Finis Cade, Mary Click, Margaret Turner, Alton Whittier, Edna Wilson, Vernie Derrick, Frances Frederickson, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Julie Derrick, Bussy Boaz and the hostesses, Bernice and Elsie Lasater.

RIDER-BLEDSE.

The many friends of Miss Lillian Rider of this city will be surprised to learn of her marriage to Mr. J. H. Bledsoe of Abilene, on Feb. 13, 1929.

The bride is the charming young daughter of Mrs. Effie Rider of this city and through her pleasing ways and lovable disposition has a host of friends. She is a popular member of the younger set, a graduate of Merkel high school, and has held positions with Merkel business firms.

The groom is a young man of sterling character and business ability and has many friends in this city. He is connected with Caruthers Motor Company of Abilene, where the couple will make their home.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Sunday, February 17, the children of Mrs. E. C. Tarvin surprised her with a birthday dinner. All gathered in while she was at Sunday school, bringing well filled baskets. The birthday cake was very lovely, bearing 60 candles one for each year of Mrs. Tarvin's life.

There were five children and seventeen grandchildren present, and several friends called during the day.

Those who enjoyed the occasion with their families were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin from Abilene; Emory Wilburn, E. Howard, Jack Lanier and E. C. Tarvin Jr. and Miss Lottie McCoy from Warren.

The afternoon was spent in playing games and kodaking. Every one went away wishing Mrs. Tarvin many more happy birthdays.

DINNER BRIDGE.

One of the loveliest affairs of the season was given Saturday evening in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes when they extended hospitality to a large number of friends. All party accessories were of George Washington motif in place markers, tallies and plate favors. A sumptuous turkey menu preceded bridge games which progressed throughout the evening interspersed with radio music. The

Personal Mention

Mrs. Claude Young spent last week-end in Abilene.

Miss Louise Booth visited in Abilene last week-end.

George Lovell of Fort Worth was the guest of Miss Roberta Sloan this week.

Mesdames Warren Smith and Earl Boze returned Monday night from an automobile trip to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mangus of Dallas were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble this week.

Miss Pauline Chlhn is spending this week in Dallas making purchases for the Boston Bargain Store.

Friends of Mrs. Frank Sears will be glad to learn that she is very much improved after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. H. B. Hill, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. Jenkins, for several weeks returned Sunday to her home in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bruebeck went to Dallas Friday to an eye specialists for Mr. Bruebeck, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George White had as their guests Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Westley Edwards of Mary Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge of Abilene were in Sweetwater Sunday to hear Evangelist Culpepper.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Dr. W. S. Sadler were guests at a banquet Monday evening at the Hilton Hotel given by the Taylor County Medical Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higgins, C. A. Higgins, W. B. Moore, Aaron Horton and Ray Harrell of Merkel attended the Farm Bureau meeting at Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. Luke Huddleston, formerly of Merkel now of Abilene, had as her guests last Thursday Mesdames A. R. Booth, Sam Swann, T. E. Collins, Earl Lassiter and Rufus Grisham.

Joe Ben Ashby and Miss Bonnie Belle Cooner of DeLeon, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGeehee and little son, Teddy Jr., of Sweetwater, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Mrs. Alice Touchstone of Dallas is critically ill in the home of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Ellis. Miss Bess Touchstone of Dallas and Ramond Touchstone of Chillicothe are at the bedside of their mother whose condition is slightly improved at this time.

S. E. Brown, who has been located in Merkel since the opening of the Hercules Supply Co. in this city, has resigned to accept a position with the International Derrick and Equipment Co. His headquarters will be at Big Spring.

Misses Boaz and Mary Eula Sears were visitors in Abilene Wednesday night of this week. Miss Boaz at the country club, Miss Mary Eula a guest at a C. I. A. ex-students' dinner where Dean E. V. White was honor guest.

Mrs. B. Arthur Clark of San Diego and Mr. and Mrs. E. Christopher of Los Angeles arrived Thursday morning to be at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. J. H. Christopher, who is dangerously ill in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. All of Mrs. Christopher's children are with her.

John Gilchrist of Detroit, Mich., nephew of the late John Gilchrist of Merkel, is visiting business friends here and attending to business matters in connection with his uncle's estate.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Peyton have arrived in Merkel from Mexia, and will make this city their home. Mr. Peyton is connected with the Hercules Supply Co.

guest list included Messrs. and Mesdames Westley Edwards of Mary Neil, Homer Mangus of Dallas, R. O. Anderson, F. C. McFarland, Lige Gamble, Charlie Jones, Tom Largent, Give Harvey, Sam Cummings, Harry Cookston, George White, Burl Scott, Matt Dillingham, C. B. Gardner, Dee Grimes, Misses Ruby Hughes, Mary Cleo Booth, Dr. W. S. Sadler.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

All regular services at North Side Church of Christ next Sunday and Sunday night. Come early and be with us at Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

W. G. Cypert.

Trent High Girls Win.

Trent high school girls were victorious in a game with the Potosi sextette Monday afternoon on the McMurry basketball court at Abilene by a 20-10 score. Zula Bright, forward on the Trent team, was the outstanding individual player.

Texas League Schedule.

Dallas, Feb. 21.—A schedule calling for the opening of the Texas League baseball season on April 17 was adopted by loop clubowners here. The season will close September 15.

Fire Department in Receipt \$10 Check From Booth Warren

The Merkel fire department has received a check for \$10 from Booth Warren and a letter expressing appreciation for the excellent work of the fire boys during the recent severe weather when a rent house belonging to Mr. Warren caught fire. The extreme weather, with ice on the ground, handicapped the department in reaching and fighting the blaze, but the manner in which they performed the task brought commendation and substantial reward.

According to N. A. Dowell, chief, the check is appreciated more because Mr. Warren is president of the Fire Association, and is therefore familiar with the handicaps under which the boys were laboring in reaching and fighting the blaze.

Interesting Program At Methodist Church Next Sunday Evening

Sponsored by the young people of the church, an interesting program has been arranged for presentation at the Methodist church Sunday night, beginning at 7:15, which will take the place of the regular services at that hour. Following is the program:

- Song Service.
- Prayer.
- Song.
- Reading—Gertie Lou Pee.
- Special No.—Young People.
- Reading—Marvin Hunter.
- Short Talk—L. W. Cox.
- Reading—Mollie Frank Touchstone.
- Talk—Rev. T. C. Willett.
- Special Music—Roy Largent.
- Playette—"Thanksgiving Ann."
- Reading—Nell Durham and Willie Evelyn Boaz.
- Benediction.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

All regular services Sunday with the pastor preaching at both hours. Morning subject, "In Christ or Under the Law." Evening subject, "The Lord's Offer and Man's Response."

If every department of our Sunday school measures up to the standard for the department, we will be ready to apply for the advanced standard for the third consecutive year. This is a wonderful record and it is hoped that every officer and every teacher will do their part to continue to hold this standard.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30 p. m. Evening preaching at 7:15. Come find a welcome.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Your grocery trade appreciated. Clean, fresh stock and courteous service. Merkel Cash Grocery.

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

Merkel Merchants to Close at 6 P. M.

We, the undersigned, agree to close our places of business at 6 o'clock excepting Saturday, beginning March first and continuing until September first, 1929:

- Crown Hardware Company.
- A. R. Booth Grocery.
- Max Mellinger.
- J. T. Dennis.
- West Company.
- C. E. Conner.
- Bragg Dry Goods Company.
- Barrow Furniture Company.
- Boston Bargain Store.
- Rob't N. Campbell Cash Grocery.
- Merkel Furniture Company.
- J. T. Darsey.
- Clarence Perry Shoe Shop.
- City Dry Cleaners.
- N. A. Dowell.
- Wheeler and Vaughn.
- Liberty Hardware Company.
- Jones Dry Goods Company.
- Modern Dry Cleaners.
- Hamilton & Case.
- Sears Variety Store.
- Clarence Saunders.

Brackeen Attends Chevrolet Sales Meet

With the demand for its cars at the highest level in the history of the company, the Chevrolet Motor Company is preparing for the greatest year in its history with its sixteen giant factories now busy on a 1,250,000 car production program for 1929.

This statement was issued here today by A. H. Brackeen of Brackeen-Hughes Co. local Chevrolet dealers who recently returned from Dallas, where they attended the twenty-sixth of a series of 40 nation-wide sales meetings that are being sponsored by the company this winter.

Through the medium of these meetings the company hopes to bring the 1929 Chevrolet sales message directly to every Chevrolet dealer in the United States. The day's program which embraced a graphic sales presentation in the Showhouse in the afternoon and a banquet in the Adolphus Hotel in the evening, was one of the most elaborate ever attempted by an automobile manufacturer.

Three Bales to Acre

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—With a production of three and three-fifths bale of Acala cotton on one acre, E. C. Breeding, Fabens, Texas, was awarded the \$300 first prize in the El Paso Chamber of Commerce-County Farm Bureau acre contest. Breeding picked 1,818 pounds of lint cotton from the one acre entered in the contest.

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



Better Homes

are built with better lumber—and that doesn't mean high priced lumber either.

Our quality, our service and our prices will satisfy you.

Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints and Roofing—none better.

Builders' Hardware. Galvanized Roofing. Everything for the Home.

Merkel Lumber Co.

Established 1881

Telephone 62

Announcing CLARENCE PERRY Shoe Shop

Successors to the E. L. Ash Shop

First Class Boot and Shoe Repairing.

Half Soles—Rubber Heels

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EVERY JOB GUARANTEED



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dark Cornish Game cockrels and pullets. See Robert Hicks.

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

- Late 1927 Chevrolet Cabriolet, a good one \$400.00
- Late 1925 Chevrolet Coupe, a good one \$245.00
- 1927 Chevrolet roadster, new paint, looks good runs good.
- 1925 Chevrolet touring, a good looking, serviceable car, curtains, good rubber, O. K. \$185.00
- 1925 Chevrolet touring, fair condition \$150.00
- 1924 Chevrolet roadster, good condition \$75.00

FORDS

- 1928 Model A Ford Tudor \$395.00
- 1924 Ford coupe, bargain.
- 1924 Ford touring, good condition \$85.00
- Some for \$25.00.
- 1926 Oldsmobile coach, perfect condition new heavy duty rubber, \$465.00

BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.
"Home of Better Used Cars"

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 Warren.

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—Two incubators, 250 capacity each. Both in good condition; at reduced price. W. A. Campbell. Route 5.

USED CARS

- 1926 Dodge Touring (Good Rubber)
- 1928 Studebaker Coupe (A-1 Condition)
- 1927 Fordor Sedan (Well Taken Care of)
- 1924 Ford Roadster \$40.00
- 1925 Ford Coupe \$65.00
- 1924 Ford Truck Cab and Body \$125.00
- 1923 Ford Coupe \$30.00
- 1924 Ford Coupe \$60.00

If you are thinking of used cars SEE US We Save You Money.

MERKEL MOTOR CO.

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.

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

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 SALE—Three head heavy work stock, disc plow, double row cultivator and planter. Will take cattle as part on time. See me at my farm, eight miles northeast. T. W. Collins.

FOR SALE—50 fine leghorn hens, Johnson Strain. \$1.00 each. J. W. Teaff, Route 4.

FOR SALE—Cord Wood. \$2.50 a cord while it lasts. 1 1/2 miles North of town. Phone S. J. S. Swann.

FOR SALE—The finest silver laced Wyandotte eggs; 75 cents per setting of 16; also good disc harrow, extra cheap. R. B. Wells.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Buff Orpington eggs from trapped layers; 75 cents per setting, \$4.00 per hundred. See Arl Sharp.

FOR SALE—One pony disc, good as new; one good Mr. Bill Planter; one sorrel mare. R. E. Cole.

Texas produced 1.6 per cent of the total value of all crops produced in the United States in 1928, showing an increase of \$45,380,000.

FOR RENT

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

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

FOR RENT—2 room furnished apartment; also bed room; six blocks south of depot, on Oak street. Mrs. A. A. Dunning.

FOR RENT—5 room house. C. S. Higgins.

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent. Mrs. E. O. Carson.

MY BUILDING for lease or rent after March 31st, the West Texas Utilities now occupies. I am not able to get out and have to ask the good people to help me; also have two furnished rooms for rent. First house north of Christian church.

TWO FURNISHED rooms, water, gas, lights. B. M. Black.

FOR RENT—Six room furnished house in south Merkel. Apply Mrs. Helman, Phone Abilene 3154.

TWO ROOM apartment furnished; modern, one block north of High school. Mrs. George Brown.

TWO NICE furnished rooms; have all conveniences, garage, gas and bath, hot and cold water. Phone 183J

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.

WANTED

WANTED—To sell at a bargain, slightly used dining room suite, consisting of table, buffet and six chairs. Also three gas heaters, two dressers, two iron bedsteads, springs, mattresses and feather pillows. Will take good milk cow in trade as part pay. See Mrs. A. J. Lloyd, or call 204J

NICE BUNGALOW in Abilene to trade for home in Merkel. E. O. Carson.

WILL TRADE lot with small house in Abilene for car or stock. Claud Smith, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—German police female dog. Return for reward to Dr. W. M. Gambill.

LOST—Boston bull dog, brindle, small in size. Reward. G. W. Brown, Maverick Motor Co.

STRAYED—Bay horse mule, about 16 hands high. Notify Rufe Tittle. Phone 98.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

West Texas Utilities Installing Number Lighting Systems

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 21.—Construction of city lighting systems, extension of electric distribution lines and addition of new customers, all barometers reflecting growth and progress in several towns on the properties of the West Texas Utilities company were announced by the construction department.

The company is constructing a series pole type lighting system in the city of Wellington to consist of 55 five-foot brackets on 30-foot poles. The lamps are 80 candlepower. The company also is rebuilding primary and secondary distribution lines over 14 city blocks.

The distribution system in Turkey is being extended eight blocks to serve many new customers.

In Paducah the 2300 volt primary lines are being extended three blocks to the city limits, thence 1584 feet west along the highway to serve new residences, gasoline filling stations and a tourists' park.

Six blocks of primary and secondary line is being constructed in Matador to serve a school house, depot, cotton gin, gasoline filling station and new residences.

The Childress street lighting system is being extended in the business section.

tion and three standards are being set in concrete bases.

The company is constructing a single phase 2300 volt line jointly with the Bell Telephone Company in Cisco to serve the new Belmont addition in the west end of that city.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

All regular services Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Strangers in town are always welcomed to all our services.

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

Teach your children thrift—to pay cash and trade at the Boston Bargain Store.

Farmers, bring your cream and eggs to the Merkel Cash Grocery. Best market price.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Judge D. G. Hill; Long Prominent in County, Dies Suddenly

Judge D. G. Hill, prominent citizen of Abilene since 1881, died Tuesday evening at his home in Abilene, as he sat peacefully in a chair by his bedside.

Jude Hill had long been prominent in the affairs of Taylor county, having served as city attorney of Abilene, county attorney, district attorney and county judge. In the latter office he served twenty years, 16 of which were served consecutively.

Funeral services were held in Abilene Thursday, attended by friends from all over Taylor county. He was 70 years of age at the time of death.

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

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Satisfaction Is Mutual

If You are a Customer of Ours

WE ARE EAGER TO SERVE YOU.

City Drug Store

"FEDERATED"

This Means—
Good Goods for Less Money.



If you pay cash why not trade at a Cash Store and Reap the Benefit!!

Extra Special

Come early and get your choice—Six Styles and Sizes—of Gray Enamel Pans at

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Limit of Two to a person.

Sears Variety Store

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Lumber and All Kinds of Building Material

"Where Quality, Not Price, is Criterion"

Phone 74

Merkel, Texas

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! FOR SATURDAY ONLY FROM THE

Clarence Saunders Store

SUGAR	Imperial Cane, 25 Pound Bags	\$1.65
	Imperial Cane, 10 Pound Bags	65c
MEAL	FLAKY WHITE 24 Pound Bags, Cream	65c
LYE	BABBITS A Dozen	\$1.35
CIGARETTES	CAMEL'S A Carton	\$1.15
SYRUP	PURE RIBBON CANE West Texas, A Gallon	95c
SOAP	Crystal White, Six Bars	25c
	P & G White Naptha, Thirteen Bars to One Customer	50c
BACON	SWIFT'S PREMIUM Breakfast, 1 Pound Cartons	45c
CHEESE	SWIFTS LONG HORNS 1 Pound	30c
PEACHES	DELMONTE Melba Halves, 3 Pound Cans, Two Cans	55c
CORN	Primrose, 2 Pounds, Six Cans, One to Customer	90c
	Clarion, 2 Pound Standard, Six Cans, One to Customer	70c
CABBAGE	NICE CRISP HEADS 1 Pound	4 1/2c
LETTUCE	CALIFORNIA ICE BERG	9c
ORANGES	CALIFORNIA 288's A Dozen	24c
COFFEE	MORNING JOY 2 1/2 Pound Cans, With Cup and Saucer	\$1.50

This Coffee Will Be Demonstrated in Our Store Saturday. Come in and Get Yours.

Phone 69

Pay Cash and Pay Less

We Deliver

MERKEL SCOUTS BANQUET 'DADS'

Interesting Program For Anniversary Father and Son Affair; Number of Visitors.

The father and son anniversary Boy Scout banquet, held in Merkel Thursday night of last week, was conceded to be among the best of a large number of similar events held in the Chisholm Trail area during the past few weeks.

Among the out of town representatives were Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene; Ed Shumway, scout executive, and Mrs. Shumway, Abilene; F. M. Cole, scoutmaster of Troop 4, and Mrs. Cole and son, Jimmie Nevins Cole and D. O. Huddleston, all of Abilene. L. R. Thompson of Merkel spoke interestingly of the Boy Scout movement, declaring that "Scouting comes as a providential necessity in an age of rapidly changing social conditions." He stressed the value of scouting, relative to the boy and to the community at large, explaining that future business and social conditions are dependent upon the boy of today.

SUMMER SCOUT CAMP.

Ed Shumway, scout executive, after telling of the progressive movements in the area during the past year, outlined plans for a summer scout camp, permanently owned by the boy scouts of this district.

"Stick by your boys, fathers, and you will stay young through their spirit of adventure and progress," was the theme of an interesting address by Dr. Surface.

Mr. Cole discussed the value of cooperation in scouting, and declared, "The scout movement, which had its birth 19 years ago, is the greatest boys' enterprise movement in existence today."

Mayor H. C. West, Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of the Merkel schools; Thomas Durham, L. B. Scott, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church; Rev. T. C. Willet, pastor of the Methodist church, and M. E. West, scoutmaster of Stith, gave glowing accounts of scout work coming under their observation in this area.

Herbert Patterson, Merkel scout chairman, presided, introducing the speakers as well as a number of novelties, all of which added to the success of the program.

SCOUTS AND VISITORS.

Scouts present were: Ross Ferrier, Jr., Joe Earl Lassiter, Byron Patterson, Paul Causseaux, Max Swafford,

Lynn McSpadden, Donald Willett, Kennedy Whitely, Isadore Mellinger, J. T. Dorsey, Jr. William Sheppard, Jack Stamford, Mardell Shouse, Elvis Richardson, George Dunning, Daniel Earl Watts, Selma Jones, Howard Carson Gambill, Jack West, and Benjamin Sheppard.

The following were included in the list of fathers and visitors: T. J. R. Swafford, E. O. Carson, M. E. West, R. A. Walker, L. B. Scott, L. A. Watts, D. Grimes, W. L. Diltz, J. A. Sears, Elvis D. Richardson, J. E. Richardson, R. C. Andrews, Robert Grimes, Jr., James H. West, Jr., James H. West, Truett Patterson, Don Swafford, C. E. Shouse and W. E. Stamford.

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

House Votes to Print Chiropractor Bill

Austin, Feb. 21.—The House Monday voted to print the chiropractor bill on minority report. The vote was 66 to 42. The committee on health had refused to pass it out with the recommendation that it pass. The measure would provide for creation of a board of their members to license chiropractors.

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

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Get behind the wheel and Get the facts!



"The New Buick—The New Style"

Buy your new car on a business basis--check power getaway, swiftness hill-climbing---in actual tests--that's all that's needed to prove Buick

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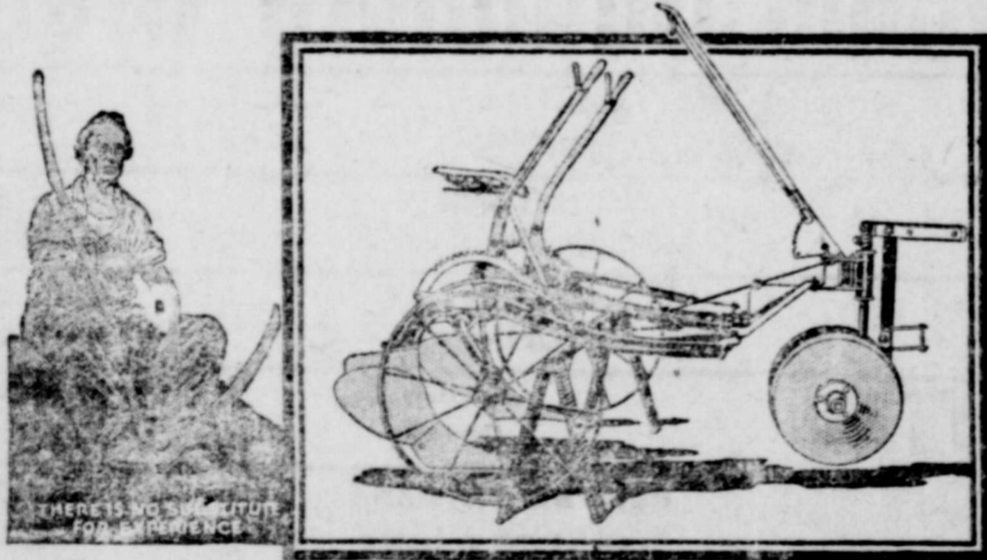
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What the Gray House Hid



The Mystery of a Haunted Mansion

by Wyndham Martin

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THE STORY

Chapter I—Hilton Hanby, prosperous New York merchant, has realized a long-cherished ambition by purchasing a country place—the Gray House, near Pine Plains. An unknown woman, who gives her name as Miss Selenos, a former tenant of the Gray House, calls at his office and warns him that the house is under a curse. Further alarming details are impressed upon Adolf Smucker, Hanby's secretary, by a man who claims to have been chauffeur for Sir Stanford Seymour, former occupant of the place.

CHAPTER II

At nine o'clock Mr. Smucker stood outside the Gothic entrance of the building where Hilton Hanby maintained a duplex apartment. Mr. Smucker was in an unusual frame of mind. Whereas his viewpoint was often confused, and his rebellion a silent one, he now saw things with a dreadful clarity. He was vocal. He told the subway guard that ere long those who cheerfully wore the livery of oppressing capitalists would be offered the opportunity to revolt. If they refused, they would toil in deep mines, abject serfs of an emancipated proletariat.

When the liveried elevator started at the Hanby apartment house intercepted Mr. Smucker and desired to know his business, the Weehawken philosopher saw in this precaution only another instance of the tyranny of the rich; and when, after some delay, he was shown into his employer's rooms, he was overrife for speech. The girl who opened the door looked at him coldly as she demanded his name.

"Tell Hanby, Smucker is here!" he said loudly. "A. Smucker!"

"I asked your name, not what you were," she retorted.

"My name is Smucker—Adolf Smucker—and Hanby has to see me at once!"

He was shown into a small room, which led, as investigation proved, to a gallery running along one side of the apartment. Below him was a spacious drawing-room. Through an arched opening Smucker could see a party of diners. Dining, and it was past nine o'clock!

"This, then, was what a duplex apartment meant. The Smuckers had never been quite sure. They were certain only that it was a symptom of the criminal extravagance of the untaxed rich, won at the cost of the workers."

"Old Smucker here?" Hanby exclaimed. "Are you sure?" He turned to his wife. "Dina, do you hear that? Smucker from the office is here."

"That odious little man! Well, he won't mind waiting until we have finished. You'd better send him a cocktail or something. You can't leave us, just as you are going to spring this great surprise." Dina Hanby turned to one of the servants.

"Mary, ask Mr. Smucker to be kind enough to wait, and ask if he'd like a cocktail. See if he will leave a message."

Mr. Smucker looked at the cocktail greedily. Some day pretty girls like this one in neat black and white should bring him cocktails when he thirsted; but they should not sneer at him. If they sneered, they should be lashed.

"Mr. Hanby asks you to wait," said Mary Sloan, not softening the blow. "He's busy. They're in the middle of dinner."

"At half past nine?"

"That's what I said, Mr. Mucker."

"Smucker, Smucker!"

"As he won't be through yet awhile, Mr. Smuckersmucker, do you want to send a message?"

"No!" the man roared. "I won't! Absolutely I will not! Tell him and his wife I come on a matter of life and death. Tell him to leave his boon companions for a moment, and he will go back to them a saddened man!"

With the possible exception of Adolph Smucker, Hanby had not an enemy in the world. His children adored him, and his help remained until removed by marriage or death. Mary hurried back. She was interested in the announcement her employer was about to make. He was on his feet when she reached the dining room.

"Best of wives!" he murmured. "I have deceived you. Almost half a century ago my mother was drowning in one of our picturesque rivers. A handsome stranger sprang in and rescued her. Later they were married, and her first son she called by the name of that superb stream. My true name is Housatonic Hilton Hanby. At school I was known as Tonie. At college they called me Tony. When I married I dropped the name because my wife was from Cleveland, and would not have understood. Tonight I resume it publicly. There are reasons. I am now lord of the manor. I have territorial obligations. Boys and girls, I have been a hard worker, and I have prospered. Fifteen years ago, when I was young in the woolen business, I took, in payment of a bad debt, sixty acres of land near Los Angeles."

"And you've struck oil there?" asked Celia, his eldest daughter.

"No—this is a true story. I have subdivided what was formerly a rocky, goat-infested hill. It is now Wyldwood, famous as the queen of hillside residential parks."

"Dream on!" said Junior, Hanby's son, who was a Yale sophomore, and therefore given to doubting the enthusiasms of his elders.

"No dream, my worthless lad, but a fact! I have the money. Half of it I have spent this afternoon. Know beloved ones, that I have realized the ambitions of a lifetime. About a hundred miles away, near the peaceful village of Pine Plains, Housatonic H. Hanby owns a lordly estate in this historic home, this feudal fastness, he will dispense hospitality of the sort his position entails. On his private golf course his friends will pry gobs of turf from their beds as they now do weekly at Wykazal and Garden City. On his tennis courts, grass and concrete, his children will play under his able tutelage, until they go in triumph to Forest Hills. There Sir Housatonic has a lake, wherein bass and trout await the anglers' fly. There his children will find a swimming pool—not yet built, however—which will make the best that Pasadena and Hollywood have to offer look like frog ponds."

"Oh, dad!" Celia cried. "Is this real, or do we wake up now?"

In answer he passed photographs around. The Gray house was a fact, not a mere hope.

"Wonderful!" said Mrs. Bishop, one of Dina's close friends. "But the help problem in a thirty-room house is appalling. You won't get any one to stay."

"Mary!" Hanby called out. The girl was arranging glasses in the ante-room. "You heard what I've been saying?"

Mary flushed a little. "I couldn't help it, sir," she apologized.

"Go and ask the others if they'll come to the Gray house."

"They'll come," said Mary eagerly. "Ask them," Mrs. Bishop commanded. "New York help simply hates the country. We tried it out, and we know."

Mary came back. "They're crazy to go, sir."

"I don't know how you do it," said Mrs. Bishop.

"It's easy," said Hanby. "We treat 'em as if they were human. Hanby started as a strange but somehow familiar voice broke in.

"They gave a feast the night before Waterloo!" shouted the voice, from the distant balcony.

"It's that Mucker," Mary said. "The idea!"

"Smucker," Hanby corrected. "I had forgotten all about him. Tell him I'll be there in a moment."

"He's got his nerve!" said Junior. "Besides, the people who gave the feast before Waterloo won the battle. Dad, I hate that man! I wish you'd fire him. Whenever I go to the office, he tries to head me off from seeing you."

"He wishes to save me money," said Hanby, rising.

Mary descended wrathfully on Smucker. He was conscious that his intellectual superiority was lost on her. In the slangy, expressive phrase of her class, she gave Smucker her opinion of him.

"Who are you, to butt in like that?" she demanded finally.

Hanby came into the room, and she backed out.

That glared from the red-rimmed eyes. It came as something of a shock.

"Mrs. Hanby is busy," he said. "Also I don't propose to inflict any business troubles on her. I may say that you behaved in very questionable taste in shouting what you did just now. It's none of your d—d business whether I have a few people in to dinner, is it?"

"A matter of life and death," Smucker went on. "I am wasting my time, alarming my own wife, and spending car fare, all for your benefit, and you insult me. I might have expected it!"

"It's nothing to do with office business, then?"

"A matter of life and death. Mrs. Hanby must hear it, too." Hanby paused a moment.

"All right! I'll send for her." Dina Hanby had long ago known that in Smucker her husband employed a disaffected and unpleasant sort of man. She bowed coldly to the intruder, who found in her fresh fuel for his wrath. He saw a lovely woman of forty, who looked no more than thirty. He hated her for that. Mrs. Smucker was not dowered with beauty. He saw a splendidly dressed woman who held herself regally. He considered that at forty a woman should be plump, and not concerned about dress or complexion. First of all she should be a good cook.

Mrs. Hanby outraged his sense of feminine proportion. She was slender and graceful. Once, in the office, when the light had been poor, he had mistaken her for Celia.

"I am the death's head at the feast," he said pompously. "You have been imagining yourself the mistress of a great mansion. It is a house of death and disaster!"

"Oh, Hill!" she cried. "What does he mean?"

What the red-faced man had told him an hour or so earlier, Smucker now wove into an intensely dramatic narrative. Mrs. Hanby, listening eagerly, learned that the house in which she and her children were to live had, since its erection more than a hundred years before, been the tomb of all young people who inhabited it. There was a superstitious strain in her, and Smucker could see that she grew uneasy. It irritated him to see Hanby immune from fear.

"Is this true?" she asked her husband.

It relieved her to see him wholly unaffected by the dread that gripped her. She did not understand why he was concerned mainly with getting an accurate description of Mr. Seymour's chauffeur.

"Smucker, it's kind of you to take the trouble to come here," said Hanby, at last; "but you've been the victim of a practical joker. I've had one already, and this is the second."

"You think I'm lying?" Smucker cried angrily.

"No—I think you were used merely as a tool."

"And this is your gratitude?" bitterness was in Smucker's voice. "It is only what I might have expected!"

"Smucker would have been wise to note the unusual look of sternness which passed across his employer's face."

"I will have a taxi called to take you to the subway. It is raining. I'm obliged to you for coming Smucker. You didn't know you were the victim of a man trying to play a joke on me."

While Hanby went to the telephone in a booth outside, Smucker turned on Mrs. Hanby. He revealed in her uneasiness. It gave him, the bringer of it, a gratifying sense of superiority.

"Dance, drink, revel, and oppress while you may!" he said. "The time is coming when we intellectuals will reign!" He looked through the window, which showed the Hudson.

"What do you see there?"

"The river, I suppose," said Mrs. Hanby, puzzled.

"It will be a river of blood some day, from Albany to the sea. It will be reddened with the blood of corrupt politicians, of the officer caste trained at West Point to enslave us. It will be red with the blood of New York capitalists. His blood, your husband's blood—"

Dina Hanby looked at him with flashing eyes. Why did this vindictive little creature hate a man who had kept him on year after year simply through pity?

"Be quiet," she said, "you disgust me!"

She turned from him, and met her husband coming in.

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When Smucker had gone, Dina put her hands on her husband's shoulders.

"Dear," she said, "you've always been very good to me. You've given me everything that I wanted and much more than I deserved. I want to ask a favor."

"It is granted," he replied; "even unto the half of my lands and forests, my lakes and lordly manor houses, and the small change I have in my pocket."

"Get rid of that man the first thing tomorrow. He is evil, and hates you."

"All right, Salome," said Hanby. "His head will be on a charger for you any time you care to call for it after ten o'clock tomorrow morning."

As she went back to her guests, she asked him why he laughed at Smucker's story.

"Because Reggie Brophy and Bill Pelham have put up a joke on me. Reggie is mad as a hornet because this cuts out our Wednesday and Sunday foursome. Pelham said he'd prevent me from going there by hook or crook. If that wasn't Reggie feeding old Smucker with that haunted house stuff, I'll drink the lake dry!"

"It might be Reggie," she admitted. "It would be just like him. What about Bill Pelham?"

"Bill is Selina, the patron saint of Pokes and toy Poms. Listen to the story of Miss Selenos, who hates and despises men, particularly me. Bill is about the best actor in our crowd, and he made up pretty well—well enough to fool me for a time."

"But would they do it?" she asked. "It will be a long wet drink for me if I'm wrong," he laughed.

"Wanted on the long distance, sir," said Mary Sloan.

"Ask Junior to go," said his father. "I want to tell the rest about Reggie and Bill," he explained to his wife.

Before he could commence his recital, Junior, usually impassive to the point of irritation, burst in.

"It's from the police at Pine Plains," he cried. "Dad, your caretaker at the Gray house has been murdered!"

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San Benito, Texas, Feb. 21.—R. W. Abbott, who lives a mile and a half south of McAllen, has cleared \$10,000 on a five-acre 9-year-old grapefruit orchard this season. He spent \$1,000 on the orchard for this crop, the sum including dusting, spraying, irrigation, taxes, cultivation, fertilization and marketing.

Mr. Abbott bought the orchard for \$1,300 when it was two years old. Since 1924 he kept an account of all expenses and found that he made the following profits: \$3,000 in 1924, \$3,600 in 1925, \$5,200 in 1926, \$3,000 in 1927, and \$10,000 in 1928.

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ABILENE PLANS SPRING FESTIVAL FASHION SHOW

Abilene, Texas, February, 21.—For the enjoyment of the people of West Texas, Abilene will stage during March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, a Spring Exposition and Fashion Show.

This affair will include a brilliant concert on the evening of Monday, March 4, at Fair Park auditorium, in which members of the Fine Arts faculties of Simmons University, Abilene Christian College and McMurry College will be presented in a diversified program of music, both vocal and instrumental, and a short playlet and other speech arts features.

On Tuesday, March 4, two presentations of an elaborate Spring Fashion Revue, will be given at Fair Park Auditorium. The afternoon program will open at 3 p. m. and that of the evening at 8 p. m. Over sixty beautiful models will participate in the showing and it will be of appealing interest to both men and women.

The members of the Abilene Furniture Association will hold "Open-House" at their respective establishments from 7 to 10 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the week.

Automobile dealers of the city will present a motor car show at the Fulwiler building on Thursday, March 7. All the newest cars will be shown and each day during the week the individual dealers will have special showings at their own show-rooms.

A radio show will be staged in the Hilton Hotel annex on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week in which fifteen different makes of receiving sets will be exhibited.

Abilene manufacturers will offer a display of their products from 5 p. m. Tuesday until 11 p. m. Saturday in the Hall building on North Second. All the programs of the week will be given without charge.

Keeping Up With Texas

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seventh Texas district pledging their attendance at the Texas Bankers Association meeting in Abilene today.

C. H. Porter, supervising architect for the 12-story Petroleum building being erected at Midland, was fatally injured when he fell eight stories down the shaft of a material elevator.

H. B. Alston, 30, was beaten to death in a cemetery at Marshall. An iron bar was found near the body. Fingerprints of five persons, including two women, were taken by Bertillon experts.

A dawn-to-dusk flight from the United States to Panama Canal Zone will be attempted March 10, by Capt. Ira C. Eaker, Texan, who was chief pilot of the record breaking endurance plane, Question Mark.

Rev. C. R. Wright of Fort Worth has been appointed presiding elder of the Gatesville district, north Texas conference of the Methodist church, succeeding Rev. W. H. Matthews, deceased.

The frozen body of Herman Walden 21, was found near Vernon. Walden had been missing for nearly a week. He had been murdered and the body left by the edge of a small stream. Murder charges have been filed against three men.

Abilene was chosen as the next meeting place of the Oil Belt Chiropractic society at its initial meeting at Eastland. Dr. Hoy of Cisco was elected president and Dr. George L. Newman of Abilene vice president. Dr. Q. T. Gould, Stamford, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Grimes Names 12 Lions Committees

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"prize fight promoter," and, like Jack Dempsey, had trouble from the start. The first battle was between Ted Nichols and S. P. Nesmith, the loser winning a prize and the winner to fight Rev. Ira L. Parrack. The "fighters" were blindfolded, and instead of the regulation gloves, they were supplied with what resembled baseball bats. Nichols was finally declared the winner and "took on" Rev. Parrack. Determined to maintain his reputation, he turned on the "promoter" with the fury of the Dempsey of old, forcing him against one of the plate glass windows and crashing it. This unexpected "climax" brought hostilities to a close. Nesmith was awarded the "prize" which was presented to him in a large box, and which he said was "appreciated" most highly.

Teach your children thrift—to pay cash and trade at the Boston Bargain Store.

Exterior View of New Hotel Merkel

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and bath in every room are a part of the plans.

FURNISHINGS ELABORATE.

That, in brief, furnishes an outline of the hotel building, but Mrs. Harrington is particularly proud of the furnishings she has planned for the Hotel Merkel. The very latest in furniture and all the little niceties that contribute to making home comforts are to be installed. They will be in keeping with the pretentiousness and arrangement of the hotel structure, which has been pronounced by authorities as being among the most complete of any in Texas. Mrs. Harrington has given personal attention to planning and selecting the furnishings, and her experience in the hotel business has qualified her to equip the hotel both from the standpoint of beauty and comfort.

MERKEL'S OPPORTUNITY.

R. O. Anderson and his committee who have worked night and day for several months to provide Merkel with a modern hotel, are well pleased with the plans as submitted by Mrs. Harrington and associates. They feel that it is an opportunity Merkel should grasp, especially in view of the fact that only \$2,500 is needed to make the long cherished hope of a modern hotel a reality. The proposition has been made to build and operate by responsible hotel people, and the bonus required is small when the class of hotel proposed is taken into consideration. Such a structure, it is pointed out, will attract tourists and care for the large number of men and their families who are being attracted to Merkel in increasing numbers by oil activity near the city. The larger towns and cities have long since realized the advantage of adequate hotel facilities, and the same realization is fast taking hold in the smaller towns that have an ambition to grow and prosper.

EXPERIENCED HOTEL OPERATOR.

Mrs. Harrington's home is in El Paso. She has had wide experience in the operation of hotels. At present she is the controlling head of the Central Hotel at Fort Worth and she will also operate the new Read Hotel now nearing completion at Big Spring. She operated the Cole Hotel at Big Spring during 1919.

While in Merkel the first of the week Mrs. Harrington stated it as her purpose to locate in Merkel and give the hotel here her personal supervision. She likes the town and its people and believes a hotel such as she proposes to build will meet with the support of home people and travelers alike.

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Reject Moody Pen Plan.

Austin, Feb. 21.—The Texas house Tuesday night rejected Governor Moody's plan for placing reorganization of the state prison system in the hands of a specially created board and cast a 70-59 ballot in favor of the Young-Turner-Loy bill centralizing the penitentiary on either the Darrington or Ramsey farms.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Merkel Masons to Observe Washington's Birth Washing Eve

Merkel Masonic Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., will observe the birthday of George Washington with an attractive program, Tuesday evening at 7:30, which will take cognizance of the first president's contribution to Masonry and as a man. It is a custom among Masonic lodges all over the United States to observe Washington's birthday each year. Following is the program arranged by Merkel lodge:

Called to order by T. D. Compton, worshipful master.
Song "America."
Invocation, Rev. T. C. Willett.
Purpose of meeting, M. C. Graham, district deputy grand master.
Geo. Washington as a Mason, Dr. E. D. Salkeld, of Abilene.
Reading, "Home," by Edgar Guest.
Miss Nell Hughes.
Duet, Misses Sears.
Reading, "Littlest Rebel," by Edward Peple, Miss Lucy Tracey.
String music, local talent.
Reading, "Ma Lectures Pa" (anonymous) Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Quartette, by local members.
Masonry of Today, Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

Child Study Club.

A Child Study Club was organized at the Baptist church on Saturday morning, Feb. 17. All parents, teachers and any one interested in this work are urged to meet at the church on Friday afternoon, Feb. 22, at 3:30.

In Memory Mrs. Ed. Miller.

The Kings Daughters class of the Methodist Sunday school feel a great loss in the death of Mrs. Elberta Miller, wife of Mr. Ed. Miller. She was a most sincere member so devoted to the class and always in her place on Sunday morning. The town and community has lost a great friend as well, for to know her was to love her. The class deeply sympathizes with her family in their great sorrow.
"God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love has given
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CHAPEL PROGRAM TUESDAY.

1. Song—"America" by assembly.
2. "Pale Moon," sung by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, accompanied by Lynn McSpadden and Mrs. E. Yates Brown.
3. Song—"Onward, Christian Soldiers" by assembly.
4. "Indian Love Song" and "Get Out and Get Under the Moon," by Lynn McSpadden, violinist.
5. "Sonny Boy," and "You'll Get Heaps of Lickings," by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, accompanied by Mrs. E. Yates Brown.
6. Song—"Loves' Old Sweet Song," by assembly.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—

—That it is reported that Miss Sloan has a visitor by the name of George Lovall this week and we wonder if that has anything to do with her actions at school of late?

—That even though we hate to be "I told you so," we feel that we are justified in saying, "I told you so" on seeing the Merkel basketball team win the county championship?

—That after the district tournament we believe that Merkel will hold the district championship?

—That ole M. H. S. seems to be gradually gaining pep and that if our six faithful readers ever hear a big explosion, they may know that it is only our pep leaping all bounds?

MERKEL WINS TAYLOR COUNTY TOURNAMENT.

The Taylor county tournament Friday morning at 9:30 at Abilene with eight teams entering.

They started out with Ovalo and Merkel, Tye and North Park, Lawn and Tuscola, Bradshaw and Wiley. Merkel drew Ovalo for the first game, which was probably the best game of the tournament. The game started in a rush with Merkel taking the lead early, which they never lost during the game but tied many times. McAdams from Ovalo played a star game, while Cade of Merkel held high point honors.

North Park forfeited second game with Merkel, which placed Merkel in the finals Saturday night.

Merkel and Lawn met in the finals Saturday night at 7:30. Merkel took the lead in the first quarter, six to one. Lawn never seriously threatened anymore and Merkel held her lead. It was a very rough game, with many personals on each side. It was a hard fought game throughout. Tittle held high point honors, looping four from the floor, followed by Cade with three from the floor and one gratis throw. Final score of the game was 12 to 21 in favor of Merkel.

The winning of the Taylor county tournament placed Merkel in the district race which meets at Roby February 22 and 23 with thirteen teams in District No. 8.

We're believing in Merkel for the district championship.

SPEECH ARTS CLASS ENTERTAINS IN CHAPEL.

Several members of the speech arts class entertained the students body last Thursday morning with the play, "The Play Goers," a light comedy dealing with the servant problem. The scene took place in the Doringham breakfast room. Ima Gene Mangum took the roll of the young mistress. Ruskin Smith played the part of the adoring husband who was able to meet every emergency. Clyde Chancey brought humor to the play as the odd man. The servants who were going to be given a treat by being taken to

the theatre were: The Cook, Lois Surber; the kitchen maid, Missie Dye; the useful maid, Pauline Toombs; the housemaid, Fannie Belle Boaz; the parlor maid, Elsie Richie.

Although we didn't have a stage to use in the auditorium, the audience enjoyed the play.

MERKEL PLAYERS' CLUB HEARS DEBATE.

On Friday evening the members of the Merkel Players' club motored to Abilene to hear one of the strongest debates of the season, the one between Simmons and T. C. U. The debate was held in the Simmons auditorium, where the Merkel people were given reserved seats.

The question was: "Resolved, that there be a substitute of five or seven expert jurists in the present system for both civil and criminal cases."

Mr. Smith and Mr. Steakley represented Simmons and Mr. Buck and Mr. Armstrong represented T. C. U. Mr. Smith and Mr. Steakley well supported the affirmative, but lost the decision which was two to one. The two teams were well matched. We were impressed by Mr. Smith's poise and good voice. Mr. Steakley's enthusiasm held our interest throughout the debate. Mr. Buck's humor drew the audience closer to him and we were impressed by Mr. Armstrong's ability to support the negative. We must not forget the clever chairman who, because of his pleasing personality, added new attraction to the evening's program.

The judges for the debate were Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Judge Comings and Judge Love.

LIFE'S AMBITION.

I started to school when I was seven years old, and this year is my eleventh year and my last one (I hope). School life is sweet but it gets monotonous after so many years.

Now, a greater problem than ever before is confronting me, which might be called my destination after high school years. However, I'm going to solve this very quickly and easily. I am going to travel.

The afternoon after commencement exercises I'm going to hunt what so long has been called, the "old family suit case, and an old trunk or two." I will fill them with all my belongings and prepare for my departure.

The next morning I am going to take the next train out of Merkel, and never set foot on its soil for ten years. Then after I have staved my time out I will come back to see some of my classmates. Some will be married, some old maids, and probably some grass widows.

The next thing will be where am I going. Since I've learned so much Spanish, Mrs. Young being my teacher, I'm going to the Spanish speaking colonies. There I will learn more of their customs and different ways.

On leaving those colonies I am going to China and Japan. There I will remain for several months observing their customs, religion, and language. I also want to visit the different buildings there, especially their schools.

Another place I have longed to go is Africa. I will not stay there long as there are not many whites living there. From Africa I am going to Alaska, from there to Cheyenne, Wyoming, Tallahassee, Florida, and Dover, Delaware.

—Selma Lee Russell.

A GREAT AMBITION.

My ambitions at the present are many and great. I want to finish

high school, and then take a business course in some real good business college. I want to find out some of the habits of the world and how to carry them on. Then if I can find likeness in some (pretty) lady's eyes and she will settle down to business. I want a good position and also want her to have one. The reason for this is that if I can't make a living for my whole family, she will help out a great deal. If I should fail to finish high school, in at least two more years I'm looking for an agricultural course.

—Wesley Butler.

MY HIGHEST AMBITION.

My ambition is to finish Merkel high school, then go to college a year or two. After I finish college I would like to travel around the different countries, and see a part of the world. If I fail to finish high school I imagine that I will take an agricultural course on my dad's farm.

—Finis Cade.

Abilene's Majestic Shows "Interference" During Week Feb. 25

On the same program with "Interference" Paramount's first all talking presentation, based on the stage success of the same name, are two famous Broadway stars who, for the first time, make their bow in short movie-acts. One is none other than the inimitable, peppery comedian, Eddie Cantor, who sings, dances and tells a number of hilariously funny stories; the other is Ruth Etting, star of the recent Ziegfeld Follies and a popular recording artist, who sings two new song hits, "Roses of Yesterday," composed by Irving Berlin and Walter Donaldson's "Because My Baby Don't Mean Maybe Now."

"Interference," with William Powell, Evelyn Brent, Clive Brook, and Doris Kenyon in the leading roles, is the feature, and it rounds out a perfect program. Said to be the finest all talking picture ever produced, this fascinating melodrama of love and mystery has been developed through a number of highly dramatic scenes to a vivid and compelling climax. New York critics have been enthusiastic in their praise of the acting of the featured

Cavalry Charge is Feature of McCoy Film at the Queen

Love strong enough to overcome a difference in opinion which sends a man away to fight against his former friends and to reunite two lovers after the man has answered his sweetheart's signal of devotion with a cavalry charge, is but one phase of the brilliant story of "Morgan's Last Raid," current Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture at the Queen Theatre. Col. Tim McCoy, hero of many epic-dramas of the plains and of the Indian country, assumes the role of a gallant Southern cavalry officer who becomes a leader in Morgan's historically famous raiding troop and adds another sterling performance to his list of screen hits.

Dorothy Sebastian, more beautiful and talented than ever, is seen as the girl who is tricked into giving the signal which brings forth the attack on the unprotected village. The gallant young officer who loves her and whom she has repudiated, saves her and the town and wins back her love.

Wheeler Oakman, Hank Mann, Allan Garcia and Montague Shaw complete the cast and Director Nick Grinde has given the colorful story an exceptionally fine picturization both photographically and dramatically.

players, all of whom, the New York critics claim, have created the most notable roles of their careers. The entire program of "Interference," and also Eddie Cantor and Ruth Etting in their specialties, will be on view at the Majestic Theatre in Abilene during the week of February 25th.

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Noted Speaker For Lecture Week, Abilene Christian College

The annual Abilene Christian college lecture work program will be held from February 24 to February 28 in the college gymnasium, it has been announced by President Batsell Baxter. The announcement was necessitated by the fire which recently destroyed the A. C. C. administration building and auditorium.

The lectureship which is held at A. C. C. each year during the last week of

February, is the outstanding meeting of preachers and members of the Church of Christ in the Southwest. Outstanding leaders of the church lecture to gatherings held three times daily. The principal lecturer this year is to be Hall L. Calhoun Ph. D., of Nashville, Tennessee, an outstanding writer and preacher of the church. J. P. Sewell of San Antonio, president emeritus of A. C. C., James H. Childress of Dallas, graduate of Abilene Christian College, and W. F. Ledlow of Denton are among the other lecturers on the program.

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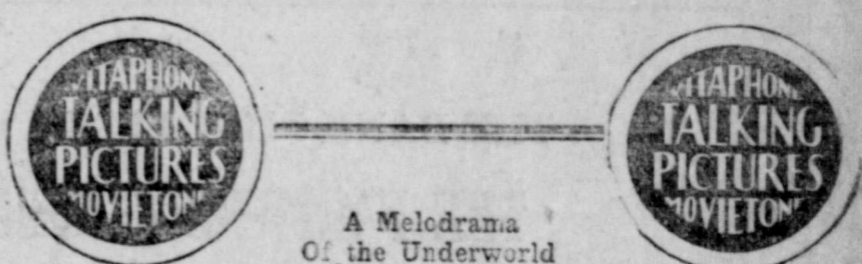
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GOOD WORK CARRIED ON.

With the death of George Avery in 1911, finis was written to that chapter of the history of the House of Avery in which any members of the family took active part. But then, just as now, there were men in this great organization whose long association with the founder and his two sons resulted in the absorption of their spirit. These men, now the chief leaders of B. F. Avery & Sons, still guide its destiny with the ever present motto of the patriarch—"To Build Well—to Deal Square."

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COMPERE NEWS

The P. T. A. had a very interesting program at the school building recently. A very beneficial program was rendered by the sixth, eighth and tenth grades, after which Mr. Beavers, the Jones county superintendent, made a very interesting and impressive talk. At the culmination of the program refreshments were served to 50 or 60 members and visitors.

Come on people; let's boost our school by coming out to P. T. A. twice a month.

Misses Ruby Evans and Nina McAninch, teachers in the Compere school, were recent visitors to Haskell.

Miss Maurine Price of Bradshaw recently spent several days as the guest of her brother, R. Dee Price.

The Compere all-stars played the McMurry second team.

R. Dee Price and wife attended institute in Abilene.

Mrs. Louise Isbell visited her cousin, Mrs. Raymond Bremer of Merkel.

Due to bad weather, the P. T. A. meeting was postponed until Friday night Feb. 22. All members are requested to be present, as we are expecting the Jones county agent to be present on that occasion.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program.

Giving the Bible to Burma. Judson Goes to India—Sara Shepard.

Learning the Language—Lois Beasley.

Judson Begins Writing—Dot Swafford.

A Bible Hidden in a Pillow—Ceaphus Wozencraft.

The Bible is Saved—Bertie Mae Leslie.

The Bible is Finished—Billie Fred Barrett.

Two Kings of Burma Hear God's Word—Clara Frances Largent.

Judson's Bible in Burma Today—Margaret Miller.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Song; prayer; roll call; scripture, Matthew 9: 35-38, by leader, Mollie Frank Touchstone; Florence Nightengale, by Imogene Middleton; cieruo's gift, by Mildred Richardson; Bible story by Nell Hughes; song; benediction.

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R. H. Grant, vice president in charge of sales, lauded the success of the undertaking.

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NOTICE TO FARMERS.

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Schools of Taylor County Get \$20,492 State Apportionment

Public schools of Taylor county this week received \$2 for each child enumerated in the last scholastic census of the county. The funds represented the fourth and fifth dollar per capita of the annual state apportionment of \$15, totaling \$20,492. The census rolls show 10,246 scholastic in the county.

Division of the money will be as follows: \$11,270 to Abilene city schools, \$5,558 to common schools and \$3,664 to independent districts.

Common school districts will receive the following portions, based on

their scholastic population: Hamby, \$310; Colony Hill, \$132; Cedar Gap, \$90; Rogers, \$174; Moro, \$123; Valley Creek, \$174; Elm Grove, \$12; Buffalo Gap, \$210; White Church, \$106; Wylie \$332; Salt Branch, \$138; Bluff Creek, \$72; Cedar Creek, \$44; Ovalo, \$520; Shep, \$162; Pleasant Hill, \$116; Castle Peak, \$48; I. X. L., \$90; Butman, \$90; Elmdale, \$196; Lisman, \$10; Blair, \$150; Dewey, \$76; Union, Ridge, \$160; Cross Roads, \$76; Iberis, \$112; Mulberry, \$78; Hillside, \$98; Bethl, \$38; Mt. Pleasant, \$142; Neill, \$74; View, \$90; New Hope, \$126.

Independent districts will receive the following portions: Tye, \$252; Caps, \$202; Bradshaw, \$330; Lawn, \$318; Merkel, \$1080; North Park, \$612; Potosi, \$398; Trent, \$504; Tuscola, \$432.

Al Smith Book Sales.
New York, Feb. 21.—Sale of 30,000 copies of the volume of Alfred E. Smith's campaign speeches has brought \$125,000 into the Democratic national committee treasury.

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