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CONTRACT FOR PAVING ON OAK STREET

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STREET PAVING **MEN ARE GUESTS** OF LIONS CLUB

Material Dealers and Contract-New Members Are "Initiated."

Material dealers and paving connouncement that bids on the Oak miles south of Munger. street paving project were to be opened and the contract awarded Tuesday night, were guests of the Lions clug ring leader of depredations through- he has made in this section. at the Tuesday noon luncheon, all of them being introduced by Booth Warren, who acted as president due to the MERKEL SCHOOLS illness of President Dee Grimes.

In addition to those connected with the paving business, about ten in number, there were a number of local guests, swelling the attendance to fif-

Each guest present was called on for a two minute talk, all of them responding. Paving contractors refrained from discussing details of the paving project, declaring they were saving their ammunition for the night meeting of the council, when the bids were to be opened,

Booth Warren Welcomed the visitors to Merkel and invited all who were "golf inclined" to visit the Merkel Golf club during the afternoon and enjoy the privileges of the course. NEW MEMBERS INITIATED.

J. M. Williamson and Owen Ellis, newly elected members, were initiated. They were first given seats at an incividual table and were not allowed eat until all the "regular" Lions had Trved. Announcement was then

made that the new members would be blindfolded and required to feed each other, which they did to the great enjoyment of the large crowd present. Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas, who

BURNS CAUSE DEATH LITTLE NOODLE BOY SOLID CONCRETE

TAYLOR COUNTY TRAPPER HAS CAUGHT OVER 100 WOLVES; RING LEADER OF MARAUDERS TAKEN DURING PAST WEEK

D. C. Walker, trapper employed by jout the southern section of Taylor ors Attracted Here By Oak the state and the Taylor County Sheep county. She had been caught before, Street Paving Project; Two and Goat Raisers' Association, is but escaped, this being evidenced by jubilant over a catch he made during the fact that two toes were missing on the past week, when he trapped a fe- one foot. This made the wolf trap male wolf that had terrorized the shy and all the more difficult to catch. sheep and goat flocks in the vicinity of | During the fourteen months that tractors attracted to Merkel by an- the Dudley-Munger ranch, fifteen Mr. Walker has been on duty as trapper in Taylor county he has captured

Special effort had been made to cap- more than 100 wolves. He considers ture this wolf, as she had been the his latest catch, however, the greatest

NEW PRODUCER IN NOW ENROLL 755 OLD NOODLE AREA

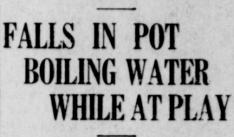
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Attendance Surpasses That at Phillips-Windham No. 3 Has End of Last Year With Three Months Remaining.

Enrollment in the Merkel schools! Another 150 barrel producer was now totals 755, Superintendent R. A. added to the Merkel oil area during the little one from the boiling water, Burgess has announced, which figure, the past week, when the Phillips-Wind- but not until after he had been literalhe says, surpasses the total enrollment ham No. 3 came in Sunday for an ly cooked from head to foot. Kind for last year at the end of the year, estimated flow of 150 barrels. It is and the school has three more months located in the old Noodle Creek area. yet to run.

Superintendent Burgess believes Taylor No. 1, located near View, which that the remaining three months will swabbed about 12 barrels daily for physicians the burns had reached vital likely swell the year's enrollment to several days, is being drilled deeper. organs, with no possible hope of savmore than 800. The total enrollment It is now at 2700 feet, and it is re- ing his life. for the year last year was 711. To ported that it will probably be drilled date the Grammar school has enrolled to more than 3,000 feet. 532, while the High school has 182 and

The recent flu epidemic has abated LARGENT CATTLE the colored school 41. and attendance has returned to nor-WINNERS14



Little Charles Roy Cox Lives governor of the 41st district. **Only Three Hours After Being Extricated From Scalding Wa**ter: Burial in Merkel.

paration for the week's washing, little Charles Roy Cox, aged 2 years and burned that he died three hours later succeed him. in the Merkel sanitarium.

The accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cox last Tuesday. According to friends of the family, the water in the large pot had just reached the boiling stage when the attention of Mrs. Cox was attracted by the screams of her youngest son. Horrified, she rushed to the pot and rescued

friends and neighbors aided in rushing the suffering boy to the sanitarium The Mid-Continent Petroleum Co. | here, and assisted in rendering every possible aid, but in the opinion of

> the little boy came to fall in the boil- Bank at Burkburnett. ing water. He had been playing in the

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Stamford Rotarians have announced the candidacy of R. B. Bryant for

S. C. Padelford, 78, veteran lawyer. died at his home in Fort Worth Sunday. 'Burial was at Cleburne, his old home.

Sweetwater will vote April 12 on a Falling into a pot of boiling water, proposed \$750,000 bond issue for watwhich his mother was heating in pre- er development and sewer improvements.

Joe L. Ray, sheriff of Dawson eight months, son of Mr. and Mrs. county, died from influenza compli-Waldo Cox of Noodle, was so badly cations. His wife was appointed to

> Royal A. Ferris, 77, for 20 years president of the American Exchange National Bank at Dallas, died Satur- tion Co., successful bidders, is day of pneumonia.

of Jefferson Davis and a resident of ers of \$300 on a 50-foot lat. The San Antonio, has had her hair bobbed terms are one-sixth cash on comp at the age of 101.

of eighty-one cadets just graduated installments over a period of five from the air corps advanced flying years, with 8 per cent interest. The school at Kelly Field.

Cleon McClain of Groveton, Trinity county, was shot to death in the court curbs and gutters. house at that place. Ed McGaughey, merchant, surrendered.

A frightened woman customer running screaming from the bank foiled Nothing definite is known as to how an attempt to rob the First National

J. B. Earle of Waco is stocking his yard, and it is presumed that in his ranch near Meridian with buffalo. Mr. be held to sign the contract and apmerriment he was running and possi- Earle has 100 deer and a large drove prove the bond. bly tripped on the wood that was of wild turkeys on the ranch.

MATERIAL CHOICE **OF CITY COUNCIL**

General Construction Co. of Ft. Worth Successful Bidders; Actual Work is to Begin in Three to Four Weeks.

Contract for paving Oak street was awarded Tuesday night to the General Construction Co. of Fort Worth after four bids had been opend and considered by the city council.

Bids were submitted on three different types of paving-solid concrete, 5-inch brick, and brick on concrete. Solid concrete was selected by the city council and a committee et Oak street residents.

FORTY-FOOT PAVEMENT.

The bid of the General Construcproximately \$6.00 per front feet. Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Fluth, niece which figures a cost to property owntion and acceptance of the work by

Five Texans were among the class the city, the remainder in five equal contract was let on the basis of a 40foot street, and the price includes

> According to the terms of the agreement, the paving project is to be completed within 90 working days from the time work begins. A representative of the General Construction Co. successful bidders, is expected to be in Merkel Monday night, at which time a special meeting of the city council will

> > START IN FOUR WEEKS.

is in Merkel visiting in the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, favored the club with Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano. Mrs. Sheppard sang old favorites that were throughly enjoyed.

The club's anniversary will be observed on the evening of April 2 with may be the cause of failure. a ladies' night program, at which Rev. Ira L. Parrack is to be toastmaster. The committee appointed to arrange for ladies' night is composed of L. B. Scott, chairman; Booth Warren and Rev. R. A. Walker.

CHARITY WORK STRESSED.

question of the increasing demand for a charity fund and urged a more systematic method of raising and disbursing such funds. The charity committee, consisting of Rev. R. A. Walker, Rev. Ira L. Parrack and Rev. T. C. of additional members to assist in the o'clock. West.

The program committee for the public is cordially invited and urged injuries were reported. month of March consists of Sie Hamm, | to attend. chairman; W. L. Diltz Jr. and Asa Sheppard. Ira Windham will be toastmaster next week and Owen Ellis will preside one week later.

FIRE DESTROYS **BUS ON HIGHWAY**

A 29-passenger Mack motor bus, belonging to the West Texas Coaches, Inc., and valued at \$13,000, was destroyed by fire, on the Bankhead highway, about five miles west of Abilene, shortly before noon Wednesday.

The driver, Bennie Smith, was the first to discover the fire. He calmly told the passengers there was a slight blaze and advised the 21 passengers to vacate, which was done quietly and without injury. The passengers assisted in removing baggage from the burning bus. Backfire through the carburetor was assigned as the cause of the blaze.

The bus was completely destroyed, the loss being covered by insurance.

of about thirty minutes.

part has been excellent for the entire year.

REPORT CARDS.

On Wednesday of this week report ford herd captured fourteen prizes attention. cards for the fourth six weeks' period certain from these reports whether or thirds. not work of the child is satisfactory,

"Only three months of the school tendent, "and any reformation in the livestock show will be the next exhibi- untimely taking away of the little one windows shattered. way of putting in more time on school work must be made quickly if the child

is not to lose a year's work."

Rev. R. A. Walker brought up the Boy Scout Court of Honor For Merkel

Herbert Patterson, Merkel scout estimated at over \$35,000 occurred leader, has announced a court of hon- | early Tuesday morning at Albany, or for scouts of Merkel and Stith, to when the Humble Oil and Refining Mrs. Waldo Cox, and one brother. Mr. be held at the Presbyterian church Company's auto train of three trail-Willett was augmented by the naming | Thursday evening, March 14, at 7:30 ers, two warehouses and two oil

District Masonic

M. C. Graham, district deputy oped the tank trailers. grand master of the 75th Masonic disonic Service Association, that the pacity.

meeting for this district will be held i in Merkel during the month of July, on a date yet to be selected.

prominent Masonic leaders attend the j broken collar bone and had one should-Merkel meeting, according to ad- er crushed when his car turned over vices from Mr. Keith.

Aylette McLaurin Buckner.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Buckner are the days. proud parents of a baby girl, horn last Tuesday. Both mother and babe are doing nicely. The little one was christened Aylette McLaurin.

Bill Fritts on Trial.

Haskell county farmer, is on trial here yet know in what business he will en-An extra bus was summoned from charged with the murder of D. W. Abilene and the passengers continued Hamilton, farmer of Rochester, and their westward journey with a delay his young son, Earle, last October. An insanity plea is indicated.

ceping the fire burning. All that

that the C. M. Largent & Sons Here- his screams attracted his mother's

this week at the International show at Funeral services were held at the were given the students. Superinten- San Antonio. These are listed as one Noodle Baptist church Wednesday at Motion for a new trial has been fil- for a representative of the company to be three vocal numbers, accompanied by dent Burgess urges that parents as- first prize, seven second prizes and six 1:30, conducted by Rev. O. B. Tatum, ed at Dallas in behalf of Dewey R. begin the work of signing up property

> and co-operate with the school author- charge of the exhibit at San Antonio. kel. The large concourse of sorrow- car motorman. ities in an attempt to remove whatever The Largent cattle have been shown ing friends who attended the services The worst hail storm in the history tion point for the Largent cattle.

Estimated Oil Flow of 150

Barrels Daily.

Albany Fire Loss is Estimated \$35,000

Albany, March 7 .- Fire damage tanks, containing 9,000 barrels of gas-

Ed Shumway, scout executive of the oline, and all the contents of the warebert Patterson, T. G. Bragg and H. C. Chisholm Trail area, will preside, and houses, broke out in one of the most PASS an interesting program is assured. The spectacular fires ever seen here. No

The fire is reported to have been caused by a leak in the line used in unloading the train of trailers. Connection with storage had been es-Meeting For Merkel tablished before the leak was ascertained and the flames quickly envel-

The trailers and contents were estrict, composed of Taylor and Jones timated as worth \$28,000. Russ & counties, has been advised by Wilbur Webb Motor Company owned the two Keith, executive secretary of the Mas- tanks of 8,000 and 1,000 barrels ca-

Recovers From Injuries.

Andrew Ivey, employe of the Mar-It is planned to have a number of land Oil company, who suffered a about three weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital, where he was confined for eighteen

Business Firm Changes.

C. L. Boswell of the firm of Thompson and Boswell, has sold his interest Methodist University. in the business to L. R. Thompson, in Anson, Texas., March 7 .- Bill Fritts after. Mr. Boswell says he does not gage. His good will goes to his successor and the good will and good wishes of Mr. Thompson will follow Mr. Boswell.

is known is that the little fellow was Information has been received here playing merrily a few minutes before

whose cheerfulness and friendly smile had brought joy to young and old alike heavy hearts and moistened eys bespoke genuine sympathy for the grief

stricken parents and the surviving older brother. Survivors are the parents, Mr. and

senting votes the house of representatives passed over Governor Moody's veto, the bill to validate titles to land extending across and into streams of 30 feet average width. The senate of 24 to 6.

The act became effective the moment the house vote was announced. Wild cheering broke out on the house floor and in the galleries when

the vote was declared.

sure that Sterling Thomas Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard of Merkel, has been put on the honor roll

at the close of the first semester for the session of 1928-29 at Southern

Only students who have no grade bewhose name it will be conducted here- low B are listed on this roll, and to at- fatally burned as the result of an exdistinction.

ally good. He is only 16 years old.

iting the teaching of evolution "as a General Construction Co. in the bidfact" in the public schools, was killed , ding, estimates that it will require by the Texas house by a vote of 59 to from three to four weeks to get actual

pastor of the Noodle church, followed Hunt, sentenced to the electric chair owners to the paving program as so W. J. and Tom Largent were in by interment in the cemetery at Mer. for the murder of Sam R. Cole, street as the contract is signed and the bend

at some of the largest exhibitions in and followed the remains to the ceme- of the Tyler section fell Sunday night, awarding the contract. Material and the country and have been liberal win- tery was evidence of the universal sor- the stones averaging the size of guinea paving men were here in large sumterm now remains," says the superin- ners of prize money. The Fort Worth row that was in every heart at the eggs. Automobiles were damaged and bers, while Merkel citizens interested

> in the Noodle community. Both at the the Buffalo Gap highway, and con- cil and aiding in the selection of the church services and the cemetery, fiscated liquor estimated to be worth type of paving to be used was a com-\$1,000. One man was arrested.

> > Representative John Garner of Texas was selected by house democrats as their candidate for speaker, and upon | his expected defeat for that office, he

> > will automatically take over the duties of minority leader. Col. Ernest Thompson of Amarillo

the Texas Tech board of trustees because he disagreed with Governor Moody's action is vetoing the Small river bed land bill.

A charge of murder on the high contract were: seas was filed at Houston against George A. Leonard, ship steward.

R. B. Creager, republican national before the senate committee investigating republican affairs in Texas, charged Harry M. Wurzbach, republican representative from this state, with the violation of two criminal stautes, alleging acceptance of campaign contributions from federal office holders on federal property.

Two Killed in Explosion.

Breckenridge, Tex., March 7 .- Two men are dead and a third is believed tain this honor is considered quite a plosion at the Humble Oil and Refin- baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. (Jack) Thomas Sheppard graduated from near here. The dead are Dr. J. W. relatives and friends here. Mrs. Davis Merkel High school last year. His uni- Pugh, superintendent, and Jack Lucas, was Virginia Swafford before marversity grade is considered exception- welder. G. A. Anderson, assistant risge and is the sister of T. J. I superintendent, is not expected to live. Swafford and Mrs. R. R. Bu

The so-called "monley bill," prohib- A. W. Terrell, who represented the construction started. It is planned

approved.

Much interest was manifested in in the project completely filled the city Taylor county officers raided a hall during the consideration of the farm two miles south of Abilene, on different bids. Sitting with the counmittee of Oak street residents composed of L. C. Sublett, Dr. C. B. Gardner, John R. West, and Kirby Beckett Jr. The committee and the council were unanimous in the selection of the concrete pavement.

FOUR COMPANIES BID.

Bidders other than the successful company, were Panhandle Construchas announcel that he will resign from tion Co., Lubbock; Thurber Construction Co., Thurber, and L. Seybold, Abilene.

Material dealers and paving contractors here for the awarding of the

John E. Shelton, Lone Star Cement John B. Fikes, wiler on the steamship (Co., Abilene; H. E. Webb, 'O. K ... Endicott. He is accused of slaying Cement Co., Abilene; J. M. Hinkie; Trinity Cement Co., Abilene; John The Dallas Federal Reserve bank Dalyrimple, Panhandle Construction passed the bill over the veto by a vote has increased its rediscount rate to 5 Co., Lubbock; G. W. Grant, Mineral per cent on all classes of paper of all Wells Brick Co., Fort Worth; T. Van maturities effective March .2, 1929. Amburgh, Thurber Construction Co., The previous rate was 4 1-2 per cent. Fort Worth; A. W. Terrell, General Construction Co., Fort Worth; W. J. Ochiltree, Thurber Brick Ca., Fort committeeman for Texas, testifying Worth; L. Seybold, Abilene: A. P. Magruder, Southwestern Portfand Cement Co., El Paso; J.W. King, Atlas Portland Cement Co. of Texas, Waco; Thos E. Pirtle, Southwestern Portland Cement Co., El Paso; Phil Kaufman, U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co., Abilene; Thos J. Ward, Portland Cement Association of Dallas; R. D. Moxley, Panhandle Construction Co., Lubbock.

Baby Boy Born.

The announcement of the birth of a ing Company's experimental plant Davis of Dallas has been received by

Thomas Sheppard on Honor Roll at S. M. U.

Merkel friends will learn with plea-

Cox is a member of the firm of Cox & Henderson, merchants at Noodle.

Austin, March 7 .--- With only 18 dis-

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CO-OPERATION

It once was thought the life of trade Was mostly by competition made; But men of genius later found Co-operation must abound, One reason we are in high ranks Is partly due corresponding banks. The man who tries to go alone Will find he has poor judgment shown. The Farmers State Bank is ready to Always co-operate with you.

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MOODY VETOES SMALL LAND BILI

Austin, March 7.—Frankly admitting that certain creeks in West Texas are navigable only in "legal fiction," that the word "navigable" might mean anything in the statues, that these creeks seldom carry water, Governor Moody vetoed the Small land validating bill.

He issued a lengthy statement giving the reasons for his action, admited that the land owners suffered injustice by 1929 model interpretation of the law, defended the reasonableness of their resentfulness, but adds that the opinion of the Attorney General's Department is logical and convincing as to the unconstitutionally of the measure, and therefore reaches the conclusion "for the reasons stated, and because I concur in the opinion of the Attorney General concerning Senate Bill 150, I have vetoed same and return it herewith."

Over 900 Persons Killed Last Year in Texas By Automobiles

A total of 2,071 persons were killed and 9,877 were injured in accidents in Texas in 1928, according to figures just released by the Texas Council of Safety, headed by Clarence E. Gilmore. Automobiles were the cause of a large percentage of the deaths and injuries, accounting for 902 fatalities and 6,606 injuries. The council's summary of the acci-

dents for the twelve-month period is as follows:

Causes-	injured.	Killea.
Automobile		902
Railway train	408	182
Interurban car		15
Street car		27
Aeroplane	32	45
Other vehicles		50
Falls		129
Burns		194
Drowning		105
Firearms	255	127
Explosives	211	83
Other causes	.1,027	212
Total		2,071
Four hundred an	nd twelve w	ere in-
jured and 156 killed and 416 were injur	l in home ac ed and 165 k	cidents,.
industrial accident	S	

Notice to Payers of Federal

Income Tax

For your convenience we have arranged with Mr. C. L. West of the West Audit Company of Abilene to spend all day

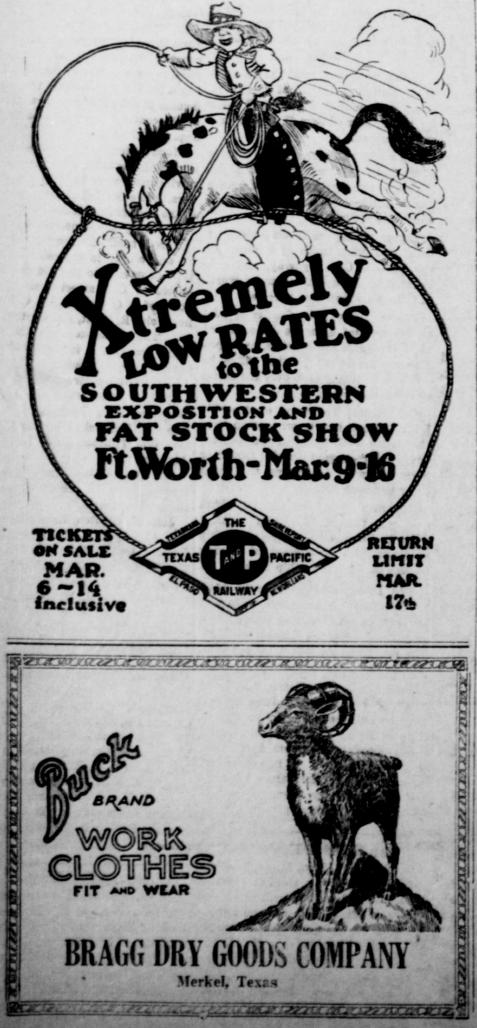
SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK March 9th,

in the offices of this bank to assist you in the preparation of your income tax return. Mr. West is not an employee of the Federal Government—he will make a minimum charge of \$5.00 for his services—and slightly more in such cases as the work incident to the preparation of your return may justify.

No deputy collector will be available this year to assist you and we urge you therefore to give this matter your attention on the above named date.



"For the past quarter century"



The county board of school trustees, in regular monthly session at Abilene Saturday, approved plans for county-wide graduation exercises of rural seventh grade pupils. Exercises will be held some time in June and after all rural schools in the county have closed for the summer vacation.

For Rural Graduates

County-Wide Assembly

It was announced that examinations will be conducted in each school as heretofore, but instead of local exercises, all of the pupils will be assembled in one big affair.

County School Board Election on April 6

Trustees in the common and independent districts and two members of the county board of education will be elected Saturday, April 6, the regular date for such balloting.

Election supplies have been received by the county school superintendent, M. A. Williams, and will be distributed soon from the county judge's office at Abilene.

Besides from one to four members of each district board terms of two members of the coonty board, Fred Jones of Tuscola and W. A. Graham of Guion, expire this year. Members of the county board whose terms continue another year are T. J. Key, L. R. Thompson and J. P. Stinson.

Justice of Peace at Clyde is Dead

Clyde, March 7.—Milton G. Caperton, 73, died late yesterday after an illness of several weeks. He was justice of the peace at Clyde and had been justice at Clyde and other places over Texas before coming here for 27 years. He was a prominent deacon in the Baptist church here. He leaves a widow, six sons and six daughters, 70 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

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Sedan Delivery, \$595; Light Delivery Chassis, \$400; 1½ Ton Chassis, \$545; 1½ Ton Chassis with Cab, \$650. All prices f. o. b. factory, Flint, Mich.

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ANNUAL NEWS.

The annual staff now has a goal to an aerial. work toward, and that is; to get writ- All the students present really en-

before school is out. But this is a more difficult task than it sounds like FRESHMAN NEWS. and the same efforts of previous anup at the last minute" to wreck our our classes most all of last week. plans, yet, it is worth trying.

Company our final shipments of half- orades (so far). tones. But the sigh of relief ended in to be mounted. Experience is a dear things about mounting halftones that returned from the Southwestern En- Girl." graving Co. and these proved satisfactory.

We have the entire school to thank, for it is only through the co-operation of the student body that an annual can be made possible; especially in a school the size of Merkel High. This is a good example of the school spirit that is pushing old M. H. S. forward. The Freshmen gave a surprising exhibition of their fighting instinct by winning the subscription contest selling a larger number of annuals according to their class roll. The Sophomores gave the other classes a close fight. The Juniors proved that they really were a "peppy bunch," (as they have truthfully boasted.) And the Senior class not only voted unanimously for the annual when school started, but y also unanimously pushed it for-

ard since.

Y, DIDJA KNOW-That the honor roll looks like a tenman's expense account this perd because the "flu" has visited the High school many times this period? -That we haven't noticed any great signs of the nation's new-born since 12 last Monday, when Herbert Hoover took over from Cal Coolidge the reigns of our country except that Miss Baker has a new dress? -That last Wednesday 31 of the high school students (16 of them were Fish) were unable to attend school, while only nine were reported out on account of the "flu" this Monday?

but also installed it, even to putting up

ten material finished and the "dum- joyed the use of this radio and wish to my" mounted in time that the "Bad- express to Mr. West and to the West gers" might be distributed three weeks Co. their most grateful thanks.

Everybody, it seems, has had the flu, nual staffs prove to us that there are even the little insignificant fish. many obstacles and things that "turn There were about sixteen absent from

But we have all come back this week It was with a sigh of relief that we feeling better. I believe the rest did sent to the Southwestern Engraving us good, because we have made better

Yesterday through the courtesy of a tone of grief as we thought of the Mr. Henry West, we were able to hear printing and written materials yet most of the inauguration program. ahead of us, and of the "dummy" yet The whole school enjoyed listening in.

teacher, and we were taught several CHAPEL THURSDAY MORNING. The following pieces were played by were not mentioned in the guide books the High school orchestra, "Beloved." of "making an annual," etc. Several "I'm Just a Little Bit of Driftwood," proofs of the first shipment have been "Sweethearts on Parade," and "Show

CHAPEL.

learn that we should have the privi- that it won't be long until the home lege of hearing Dr. Surface, pastor of stretch toward graduation, and there the First Presbyterian church, Abi- are several who are waiting and wonlene, address us during the Tuesday dering if the next report cards will morning chapel period. "Do not form be a home run or a foul ball. habits now which you expect to break in later days," said Dr. Surface. "Live know of his highest ambitions through up to what you pray to be. Like the the Badger Weekly. Now is your mule that was shipped and chewed up chance to form your opinion of the his card of destination, thereby caus- Senior class. ing none to know where he should go,

by bad living," said Dr. Surface.

BASEBALL NEWS.

aseball met March I and elected their captain and reporter. Jess Higgins was elected captain and Audrey Farris, reporter.

High school girls met Grammar school girls in their first game. Friday afternoon. The final score was 16 to 12 in favor of Grammar school. In spite of the defeat we all had a wonderful time.

We would like to see more girls out for our High school team.

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS' CLUB.

There are very few subjects that a high school student enjoys studying. and we therefore extend our sympathy to those who have the misfortune of not being in our speech arts club, composed of public speaking pupils, taught and sponsored by Miss Tracey. When a student can find real pleasure in his work you will hear no complaints of unprepared lessons. That accounts for the enthuasiam and interest of the class toward the study of speech arts.

Since the organization of the M. H. S. Players Club, with Lee Dardin as president, Nadine Tippett, vice president, Raymond Earthman, reporter, and Missie Dye, secretary, there have been several activities. Upon one occasion the class motored to Abilene and listened to the Simmons-T. C. U. debate.

The club is now planning to have a party at Miss Tracey's studio on Friday evening of this week.

SENIOR NEWS.

The faculty have, for the last few The student body and faculty of days, been using every method possible the High school were surprised to to impress upon our minds the fact

Each Senior is letting the public

so are we chewing up our destination SOPHOMORE NEWS. Miss Sloan spent the week-end at

her home in Whitewright. We are glad to welcome Miss Juan-

All girls that were interested in ita Dillard to the Sophomore class.



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Things That Make Life Worth Living

Electricity and electrical appliances are to the American home what religion is to man. They make life worth living.

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The vacuum cleaner, electric range, electric washer, electric ironer, toaster and refrigerator have brought many conveniences and pleasures.

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PAVING ON OAK STREET.

and Mary College, where he was gradconcrete pavement on Oak street, admission to the bar in 1850, he re-Merkel's principal residence through- moved to Waco, Texas, and began the fare. practice of law. He was married in

The city council and citizens living 1852 to Mary E., daughter of James on that street met together and de- L. Howe of Waco. cided on the type of pavement to be He enlisted in the Confederate serused, and conferred with mutual vice in 1861, and at the close of the benefit as to which was the best of the war he had attained the rank of capfour bids submitted. tain. Resuming the law practice in

The fact that Oak street is to be 1865, he was immediately appointed paved is of interest to the entire judge of the district court at Waco, citizenship. Citizens living on that and in the following year was elected appealed to President Grant, who, re- tions for the improvement of the rivers street, who are to pay the bill, had a associate justice of the supreme court fusing to interfere, left him no course and harbors of Texas, and on the jud-

Both the city council and the resi- moved him from the latter position in fore, peacefully inducted into office, high legal attainments made him the dents on Oak street are to be congrat- 1867 on the ground that he was an being inaugurated on January 15, author of many important and valuaulated on this forward movement. It "impediment to reconstruction," but 1874. One of his first acts, on the ble measures. He earned the reputahas been only a few weeks since the that act of injustice greatly increased basis of a legislative ammendment to tion of a powerful orator-a giant in first step toward paving Oak street his popularity and endeared him to all the constitution reorganizing the sup- debate. He was preeminently a man was launched. The contract has now classes. He was thereafter known as reme court of the state, was to remove of the people. been awarded, which is only another a leader in democratic politics, and the three judges of "Ex parte Rodristriking illustration of the fact that by his ability and eloquence helped to quez" fame. the only way to do a thing is to do it. gather the scattered forces into an ef-Nothing is to be gained by delaying ficient organization.

of ascertaining the wishes of the majority. In less than two months from the time the movement was launched the

contract had been awarded. Indications are that Merkel's first permanently paved residence street will be ready for use by the middle of the summer.

The Texas legislature has passed the land bill over the veto of Governor Moody. About the only thing that this legislature has permitted the governor to do was to name his baby.

Col Charles Linbergh was committal as to when he and Miss Anne Morrow would marry until a new revolution started in Mexico. With the revolution came the announcement that the ceremony would be immediately. Another case of good judgement and quick thinking on the THE MERKEL MAIL

congress and the greater part of the one framed in 1875, which forms the state legislature. This was an almost present organic law of the state. This electric railway trolley wire. Replacecomplete sweep for the democrats, and constitution having effected a change ment of this wire is one of the heavy Quality Market. Phone 2. incited their political opponents to ex- in the term of official tenure, Gover- items of expense that every electric traordinary measures to, if possible, nor Coke was reinaugurated in April, railway company must face. undo the verdict of the people. One 1876. .

Jose' Rodriquez, a Mexican, was incited to apply for a writ of habeas to the United States senate to succeed an requires that all autos be fitted corpus in the supreme court, alleging Senator Morgan C. Hamilton, but, con- with a dome light which must be ilthat he had been unlawfully restrain- tinuing to perform his official func- luminated when driving at night. New was a son of John and Eliza Coke. His ed in his liberty for an alleged elec- tions until December, he took his seat light on an old subject! early education was obtained in the tion offense. The case was styled "Ex in the senate on March 4, 1877. He common schools of his county, and at parte Rodriquez," and although the was re-elected in 1883, and again in district attorney refused to appear on 1889, his last term of office expiring the ground that it was a fictitious and March 3, 1895, thus completing a full The contract has been awarded for uated in 1849. Immediately after his fraudulent cause, it was tried and re- eighteen years in the United States sulted in a verdict declaring the late

senate. No public official ever more election illegal and void. jealously guarded the interests of his A proclamation was, therefore, is- constituents. Possessed of the utmost sued by Governor E. J. Davis, prohi- determination and the strongest of biting the newly elected legislature convictions concerning right and jusfrom assembling, and when that body, tice, he was ever a champion of popignoring his orders, proceeded to the ular causes against the oppression of

discharge of its duties, Gov. Davis corporations and legislative corrupdeclined to receive any communications tion. from it. As a last resort, in his party's extremity, Governor Davis gommerce, he secured large appropriavoice in the type of paving to be used. of the state. General Sheridan re- but to resign. Judge Coke was, there- iciary committee his fine talents and

> The administration of Gov. Coke marked the return of order and pros-

As a member of the committee on

Senator Coke died in Waco, Texas

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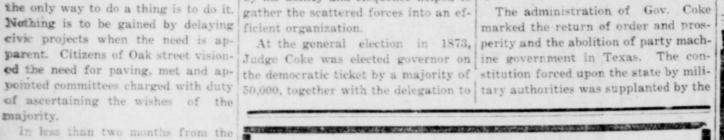
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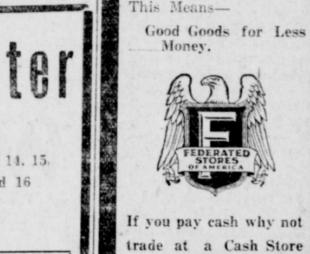
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RICHARD COKE

Richard Coke was born in Williams.

ourg, Virginia, March 13, 1829. He

the age of sixteen he entered William

part of the American flying ace. Letters from Mrs. Elva Harrington

and her associates in the new Hotel project are to the effect that they are ready to go ahead with construction plans. Merkel has yet to raise only \$2,500 to secure this modern 5-story structure. There ought to be twenty-five men who could stretch their subscription another \$100 each to assure the hotel.

Now that the contract has been awarded for the paving of Oak street, it would be in order to give some thought to the paving of that stretch of railroad right-of-way between the highway and the depot. This spot is unsightly, especially in rainy weather. The T. & F railway ought to be urged to improve its property in keeping with the surroundings.

Atlantic City has just completed the Pargest auditorium in the world, which pents 40,000. All three of the national estility associations will use this hall in 1929 for their annual conventions.

'The word "Texas" comes from the Spanish pronunciation. "Tejas," the name of an Indian tribe encountered by the Spanish in 1769.

The Devil's Sink Hole is a cavern in Edwards county. From the edge of the entrance there is a sheer drop of more than 200 feet.

The commercial catch of oysters in Texas dropped from 114,729 barrels in 1910 to 78,993 in 1927.

Two of the newer additions to the list of 21,000-odd uses of gas are a hair drier for women bathers, which does the trick in a few minutes, and an air heater and accessories, including a recirculating system which dries papier mache speakers for movietone theatrical work.

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ELECTION NOTICE. By virture of authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, end in Fort Worth.

notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, end in Whitewright. Texas, on the first Tuesday in April. same being the second day of the ill in her home with the flu.

LEGAL NOTICE.

month, A. D. 1929, for the purpose of Mrs. H. B. Tandy and children of electing a Mayor, two Aldermen and a Abilene visited friends here Wednes- E. Petty and family last Sunday. city Secretary and Tax Collector ex- day. officio, to serve for a period of two relatives this week.

Said election shall be held in the Fire Station and shall conform as nearly as possible with state election by Miss Johnnie Sears, are visiting in laws. Polls shall open at 8 o'clock A.

M. and close at 6 P. M. B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed election judge. Given under my hand and seal this the 27th day of February, A. D. 1929. H. C. West.

(Seal) Mayor.

WANTED WILL TRADE lot with small house in Abilene for car or stock. Claud

Smith, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

WANTED-To trade Lot 13, block 52, Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Trent, Texas.

ed there recently. BOARDERS WANTED-\$1.25 per cultivation, \$13.50 an acre. Terms. day for board and room. Mrs. Bar- day night from Dallas, where he at- Texas, last Monday.

ker, six blocks out Noodle Dome Highmanagers and purchased goods for the Boston Bargain store.

B. Y. P. U. Program . sons of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, Next Sunday Night

visited their parents here last week, returning home Sunday. "God or Baal-Which?" This will Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meeks and three be the story of the B. Y. P. U. pro- children of Post have been visiting re-1926 Chevrolet roadster, a good clean gram at the Baptist church Sunday latives in Merkel. Their daughter, evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, have just 1. Elijah Starts Back to Samaria- returned from a visit with their par-Cohrene Morrison. ents in Posta 2. Ahah Begins to Suffer-Bertie Miss Dolphine Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore of Merkel, 3. When Obadiah Met Elijah-Biland who is holding a responsible

stenographic position at Austin dur-4. Ahah Talks to Elijah-Vivian ing the legislative session, has writ-Davis. ten her parents of a delightful trip 5. Elijah Proposes a Contest-Dot she made to San Antonio on the legis-

Swafford. 6. The Prophets of Baal Fail-

7. Elijah's Preparations-Lois Bea-

sely. 8. God Hears Elijah-Clare Fran- White, will fill the pulpit at the

Mr. Rinker for eight years the services at the evening hour. The

THE MERKEL MAIL

Personal Mention Salt Branch News

Whitewright this week.

and Live Stock Show.

Goods Co.

The people of Salt Branch enjoyed Mrs. Warren Smith spent last week-

the singing last Sunday evening. Miss Roberta Sloan spent last week-Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Higgins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Rob-Mrs. R. I. Grimes continues very ertson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw and son were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. G. L. Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Reeves being operated on. She is doing Marion, of Dallas are the guests of as well as possible at this writing.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, accompanied Miss Evelyn Robertson was the guest of Miss Mary Ella Horton last Sunday

Little Miss Dortha Horton was the Mrs. Roy Largent returned Wednesday from San Antonio where she guest of little Miss Peggy Doris Robattended the International Exposition ertson last Sunday.

We are very soory to hear of the ac-Miss Boog Sears spent this week in cident to Mrs. W. B. Robertson, a fall Abilene where she participated in the causing her to receive a broken arm. We are proud to hear of Miss Style Show as a model for Brooks Dry Ouida Rice being able to return to

Prof. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess at- school after many days absence. Miss Gladys Petty was the guest of tended the annual Texas Independence Day banquet of University of Texas Miss Braunell Armstrong last Sun-Exes at Abilene last Saturday night. day.

Mesdames W. C. Lee, Letha Petty, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Bridges and lit-Effie Patton, W. E. Petty, and Miss tle daughter left early part of the Johnson Addition, on good used car. week for Lamesa where they will join Ioan Harris were the guests of Mrs. W. B. Robertson last Monday. the J. H. Bridges family who remov-

J. O. Armstrong was called to the deathbed of his sister at Littlefield, E. Yates Brown returned Wednes-

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty and son tended meetings of Federated Store

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-IN-

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SATURDAY

TOM TYLER

-IN-

"TERROR MOUNTAIN"

A thrilling Western with Action all the way. Also Chapter five of "Tarzan The Mighty" And Comedy "Bargain Hunt'

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

DOLORES DEL RIO

-IN-

"REVENGE"

Humor that Delights-Thrills that Enthrall-Beauty that Enraptures-Spectacle that Spellbinds. See! Enjoy !! Also Comedy "School Begins" and News Reel

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

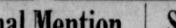
MARY PICKFORD

-IN-

"LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY"

The Picture of Mirth and Heart Felt Throbs. * Also Comedy "In The Morning" and Kinogram

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rubber, original paint, at a real with Wade Market at Sweet- second quarterly conference will be bargain ______\$550.00 water is now meat cutter at held at the church next Friday evening

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

FOR RENT-5 room house. C. S. Higgins.

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FOR RENT-Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping; gas;Rose Street, Mrs. J. C. Walton.

FOR RENT-House and a furnished apartment. S. F. Haynes.

FOR RENT-Two room furnished apartment; also bed room; six blocks south of depot on Oak street. Mrs. G. S. Dunning.

FOR RENT-Two unfurnished rooms, with lights and gas. Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

FOR RENT-135 acre farm, west of loodle. For particulars see Sid Cris-

OR RENT-New 4-room house, bath 1 all coveniences, \$30. Booth War-

OR RENT-6 room house partly urnished in south Merkel, Phone Mrs. Helman, 3154 Abilene.

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

Quality Market. Wanted-To buy maize heads. attendance upon all of these services. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

Because of so many requests from already joined this class. Mrs. R. A. our patrons and on account of the bad Burgess is in charge of this work and weather in February we have extend- can supply you with a copy of the text FOR SALE-High grade cotton seed ed our Special 25 per cent Reduction book. We are expecting a great class. \$1.00 per bushel; also Red Top cane on all sizes of Portraits during the month of March. See our advertisement.

Wyandotte eggs; 75 cents per setting Soot all over the house-try Alamo Swafford-Phone 44 Price 50c

at 7:30, at which time Brother White will preach. We are expecting a full We will begin our second teachertraining class next Monday evening at the church. Quite a number have

lative special as a guest of Represen-

METHODIST CHURCH.

Methodist church next Sunday morning. The laymen will have charge of,

The presiding elder, Rev. E. E.

tative John E. Davis and wife.

Ralph Walker, wife and son, and

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

Attention, Men.

Give your cook a Holiday Saturday, March 30th. Take dinner with the Methodist ladies. Lions Club Hall



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL HAS 74 ON LATE HONOR ROLL LIST

Six Weeks Period, With Average 90 or More.

weeks' period ending March 1st been trict. demic

First Grade, Miss Russell. 91; Richmond Buford, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff. more, Jr., 91. Second Grade, Miss Poque.

Bowen, 92; Ben Robert Hicks, 92. Second Grade, Miss West.

Rachel Patterson, 91.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer Laurence Thornton, 93; Sylvan Mel linger, 91.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson. Betty Lou Grimes, 94; Robert Jr. Grimes, 94; Murphy Dye, 91; Waymon Adcock, 91; Juanita Dunn, 90; Lavern Hughes, 90; Davis Beasley, 90. Fourth Grade, Miss Guitar.

Ora Derrick, 94; Don Brown, 94; Mable Maddox, 94; Juanita Burns, 93; Horace Boney, 92; Beth Holloway, 92.

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Cookston. Armie Love Toombs, 93; James Russell, 90; Don Swafford, 90; Low-

ell Sines, 90. Fifth Grade, Mrs. Davis. Wanda Owen, 94; Modyne Shep-

pard, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes. Mary Grace Dunn, 94; Clara Francis Largent, 93; Mary Helen Lancaster, 92; Jessee Margaret Berry, 91; Billie Bernice Gambill, 91; Deverle Drug Store. Brown, 90; Louise Kerr, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Rodden. Julia Proctor, 94; Annie Lee Owen 94; Sarah Sheppard, 92; Jack West, 90; Katherine Mashburn, 90. Sixth Grade, Miss Coates. Wilma Gardner, 95; Ruth Davis, 95; Walderine Huskey, 94; Laverne Holden, 93; David Gamble, 92; Howard Carson, 92; Neal Durham, 92; Wanda Hunter, 90.

Rev. B. R. Wagner, Brother Merkel Man. Dies at Santa Anna

Neither Tardy Nor Absent Over a brother of Rolfe Wagner of Merkel, Mrs. Sula Walker of Butman spent died at his home Sunday morning from the week-end with her sister, Mr. and influenza complications, paralysis be- Mrs. Enis Osborn. ing the immediate cause of death. Funeral services were held at the spent the day Tuesday with their

The following pupils of the Merkel day, conducted by Rev. Coleman, pre-1 Mrs. George West of Trent visited Grammar school have for the six- siding elder of the Santa Anna dis- her sister, Mrs. John Neighbors, Fri-

neither tardy nor absent, have made Rev. Wagner, while he had been 90 or more in deportment, have not Methodist minister at Santa Anna spent the week-end with friends in made less than 75 on any one subject, only a few months, was extremely pop- Abilene. and have for the period made a gen- ular with his congregation. Coming considers the fact that during this tions of Santa Anna. The floral tribperiod Merkel had its worst flu epi- utes and other manifestations of sympathy attested to his popularity.

He had been a minister of the Gospel Frances Owen, 92; Ralph Russell, for thirty-five years and was well 92; Laraine Enes, 91; J. H. Menges, known and popular in Texas Methodist circles.

Survivors are his wife and six Jack Cunningham, 91; Lloyd Gil- children, four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. J. B. Hays, Brooklyn, Tex.; Miss Madge Wagner, Lois Adkisson, 94; Doris Diltz, 94; Commanche; Miss Amy Wagner, Tally Holloway, Jr., 94; Clyde Cribley, Brooklyn, Tex.; Miss Martha Wagner, 93; Maryjo Garland, 93; Kathleen Santa Anna. The sons are Ben W. Wagner, Abilene, and Graves Wagner, Santa Anna. Six sisters and three Dick West, 93; Clyde Sears, 92; brothers also survive. Rolfe Wagner, the brother living in Merkel, attended the funeral services.

> Young Boy Dies at His Home Near Blair

> Joseph D. O. Beall, age 7, youngest on of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Beall, died at his home last Saturday, March 2. Funeral services were conducted by Marvin Williams, pastor of the Blair circuit, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

The cause of death was unknown. The popular youth died as he liveda brave little fellow-who was popular with all who knew him.

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A complete stock of fresh drugs and everything in medicines. Phillips

THE MERKEL MAIL

and Mrs. John Dulin.

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\$18.00 per ton.

Blair Items

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Judge and Mrs. Wheeler of Merkel visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Abb Harris, Monday. M. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Rotan,

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Jeff McLemore Dead.

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> For Aggressin Blackleg Vaccine see Phillips Drug Store.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of-

Waco, Texas, March 7 .-- There are

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The Clay Lumber Co., with head- D. Hartman. The indictment, he says, is not bas-



WHEN the new Ford was designed, it was immediately apparent that a new tire would have to be made to match the car's performance. It was distinctly a new problem, for here was a car with quicker acceleration, greater speed and more braking efficiency than any car of similar size or weight.

So that every Ford owner might be assured of maximum tire mileage at the lowest cost, the Ford Motor **Company** devoted many months to research and experiment in conjunction with the leading tire manufacturers.

As a result, certain definite specifications were developed for tires for the new Ford. These specify cords of certain strength and texture, a large volume of tread and side-wall rubber, sturdy nonskid design, and reinforced plies for protection against bruise breaks — all the strong features of construction formerly considered for only the largest tires.

Great care also to secure the best riding qualtransverse springs and the Houdaille shock absorbers.

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Tires for the new Ford are specially made to give long wear



Though the Ford tires are designated as 30 x 4.50, they have the resiliency and air space of much larger tires because of the drop center rim of the steel-spoke wheels. For best results, the tires

on the new Ford should be kept inflated to an air pressure of 35 pounds and checked regularly to insure this pressure all the time. This is important. Low inflation breaks down the sidewalls of a tire. By causing overheating, it also destroys the rubber that acts as an insulation, with consequent separation of the cord.

At the end of each 5000. miles, when you have the front wheels packed with grease, it is a good plan to have the wheel alignment checked. This will prevent premature wear.

When punctures come, as they will with any tire, you will find the Ford dealer particularly well-equipped to make repairs quickly and at small cost. See him, too, you will be sure of getting ities in connection with the tires built specially for the Ford car according to definite Ford specifications.

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INDERGROUND-beneath I fields and valleys, across mountains, under rivers - will go the wires of a new long distance telephone system, built to serve the Southwest.

Twenty-five hundred miles in length, costing 45 million dollars, the new system will consist of underground telephone cable - a "subway" for your voice - safe, fast, modern.

Safe from Interruption

Its purpose: To provide enough circuits to care for growing long distance traffic - to insure that these circuits will rarely be interrupted by storms, fires, floods.

Heretofore, most long distance lines have been constructed overhead and interruptions of service from such causes have been emergencies to be feared.

Completed, the system will mean

long distance service more dependable than ever before.

vour voice

It will be fast. Some cables contain more than 300 circuits - as many wires as ten heavy pole lines carry.

It will be safe-from wind storms, from sleet, from fire.

"Repeaters" Boost Voice Waves

It will be dependable. At 50-mile intervals" repeater "stations as large as the ordinary exchange building will be erected. Here the voice current will pass through powerful vacuum tubes, going on its way with renewed strength.

Further, by acting as a trunk line for long-haul traffic, the cable will release hundreds of miles of long distance pole lines. These will be free to handle traffic over shorter distances, between smaller towns.

Here, indeed, is a project that provides a modern rapid-transit system for your voice!

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

CLEANERS **OF COURSE** Phone 3

MODERN DRY

While You Wait!

Says Dan:"There is a crying

For hurry-up, and quick, and

To press your clothes takes but

So here's our barrel-come get

If you need a hurryup job

of pressing, come get in our

"barrel." We press while

you wait and you'll find our

waiting booths clean and

pleasant. And, what's more

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ready in just a jiffy.

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a minute-

Across from Postoffice You'll like the plan of Dapper Dan, The clever Cleaning-Dyeing man!

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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Easy on both man and team

Avery engineers did a big job in eliminating strain on the operator and lightening the work of the team when they designed the famous Jack Rabbit Cultivator. In the Twin-Jack they have repeated their success, this time in a two-row cultivator that is simple to operate-and easy on both man and team.

The Twin-Jack is sturdy, durable, flexible, easy to handle and comfortable to ride. It has a strong, rigid main frame that will not twist or sag under the hardest conditions. The frame is in perfect balance at all times, th the result that manipulation requires

but minimum effort, the horses are spared sore shoulders, and more ground is covered per day with less fatigue.

Each pair of gangs is controlled by two independent levers, the inside lever raising or lowering the pair simultaneously, when desired. By means of an easy pressure on the stirrups the wheels may be angled to right or to left.

We will be glad to explain the many efficient, time-saving features of the Twinack-or demonstrate at your convenience There is no obligation.

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Six Weeks Period, With Average 90 or More.

Grammar school have for the sixweeks' period ending March 1st been trict. neither tardy nor absent, have made and have for the period made a gen- ular with his congregation. Coming considers the fact that during this tions of Santa Anna. The floral tribperiod Merkel had its worst flu epi- utes and other manifestations of demic.

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Survivors are his wife and six Jack Cunningham, 91; Lloyd Gil- children, four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. J. B. Hays, Brooklyn, Tex.; Miss Madge Wagner, Lois Adkisson, 94; Doris Diltz, 94; Commanche; Miss Amy Wagner, Brooklyn, Tex.; Miss Martha Wagner, Santa Anna. The sons are Ben W. Wagner, Abilene, and Graves Wagner, Santa Anna. Six sisters and three brothers also survive. Rolfe Wagner, the brother living in Merkel, attended the funeral services.

Young Boy Dies at His Home Near Blair

Joseph D. O. Beall, age 7, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Beall, died at his home last Saturday, March 2. Funeral services were conducted by Marvin Williams, pastor of the Blair circuit, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

The cause of death was unknown. The popular youth died as he liveda brave little fellow-who was popular with all who knew him.

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

A complete stock of fresh drugs and everything in medicines. Phillips

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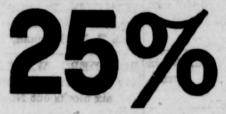
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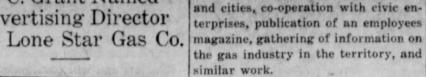
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Washington, March 7 .- Tom Connally of Marlin took the oath in the Senate Monday as junior Senator from Texas, succeeding Earl B. Mayfield of Austin, who served but one term. Mr. Connally is the only new Democratic Senator in the Seventy-First Congress which went into office at noon with a brilliant ceremony in the Senate chamber.

Capital Stock Clay

000 to \$380,000.

Jeff McLemore Dead.

Laredo, Texas, March 7 .- Jeff Mc-Herd Monday morning had parked his plies more than 200 towns and cities Lemore, 71, native of Springhill, Tenn. who came to Texas in 1878 and who was one of the pioneer newspaper men various Lone Star companies, which of this State and a politician of note, died at his quarters in the Robert E. company, the Municipal Gas company, Lee Hotel in Laredo Monday morning the Dallas Gas company, and the Fort at 11:35 o'clock following a six days' North Gas company, will be coordina- illness from pneumonia. His wife and daughter and a number of friends were at his bedside.

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Antonio and Judge Charles A. Boyn-| Del Rio, Wurzbach has the right to ton has fixed Wurzbach's bond at ask that it be held at some point not \$2,500, pending the trial of his case. included in the Fourteenth Congress-While the case may be tried at any ional District, of which he is the Popoint in the Western Judicial District presentative. Should he do this, the

of Texas, which includes Waco, Aus- case would be tried in Waco, Austintin, San Antonio, El Paso, Pecos and El Paso or Del Rio.

Tires for the new Ford are specially made to give long wear



WHEN the new Ford was designed, it was immediately apparent that a new tire would have to be made to match the car's performance. It was distinctly a new problem, for here was a car with quicker acceleration, greater speed and more braking efficiency than any car of similar size or weight.

So that every Ford owner might be assured of maximum tire mileage at the lowest cost, the Ford Motor **Company** devoted many months to research and experiment in conjunction with the leading tire manufacturers.

As a result, certain definite specifications were developed for tires for the new Ford. These specify cords of certain strength and texture, a large volume of tread and side-wall rubber, sturdy nonskid design, and reinforced plies for protection against bruise breaks-all the strong features of construction formerly considered for only the largest tires.

Though the Ford tires are designated as 30 x 4.50, they have the resiliency and air space of much larger tires because of the drop center rim of the steel-spoke wheels.

For best results, the tires on the new Ford should be kept inflated to an air pressure of 35 pounds and checked regularly to insure this pressure all the time, This is important. Low in-flation breaks down the sidewalls of a tire. By causing overheating, it also destroys the rubber that acts as an insulation, with consequent separation of the cord.

At the end of each 5000. miles, when you have the front wheels packed with grease, it is a good plan to have the wheel alignment checked. This will prevent premature wear.

When punctures come. they will with any tire, you will find the Ford dealer particularly well-equipped to make repairs quickly and at small cost. See him, too,

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NDERGROUND-beneath fields and valleys, across mountains, under rivers - will go the wires of a new long distance telephone system, built to serve the Southwest.

Twenty-five hundred miles in length, costing 45 million dollars, the new system will consist of underground telephone cable - a "subway" for your voice - safe, fast, modern.

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Its purpose: To provide enough circuits to care for growing long distance traffic - to insure that these circuits will rarely be interrupted by storms, fires, floods.

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It will be dependable. At 50-mile intervals" repeater "stations as large as the ordinary exchange building will be erected. Here the voice current will pass through powerful vacuum tubes, going on its way with renewed strength.

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Sweetwater is interested in the mat-

ter of city planning to the extent of

United States Chamber of Commerce.

The work of zoning traffic, building

Friday, March 8, 1929.

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

When work is completed on the Lee local hospital. highway, according to a Crowell paper Foard will be one of the first counties in Texas to have all bridges across the county 24 feet wide, and of reinforced concrete. Foard will have 55 bridges and culverts, with all culverts 30 feet in width.

Perkins and Reynolds, well drilling contractors of Kermit, were recently er departmental rooms. awarded a contract for sinking a second well on Locust street property of the utility concern. The bore of the new well will be 8 1-2 and is expected to increase the available water supply has started, and plans for the building 3,000 barrels daily.

During one stretch of ninteen days, J. T. Draper, of Lone Star, made a profit of \$61.00 from his 400 hens. The pected. eggs sold amounted to \$90.05, and the feed cost \$29.05. The price ranged devote his entire time to them.

a demonstration of running terrace ning the terrace lines. lines and contouring on the W. A. Hallman farm January 28, all of Tom Ferris and C. T. Smith shiplast week in February.

started on a \$225,000 cracking plant Messr. Smith and Ferris will send anat Burkburnett. The plant is to be built for the Nobel Oil Company, and calls for a one unit plant with a cap- Forced to Sleep in acity for handling 1500 barrels of fuel oil per day to produce 700 gallons of high pressure gasoline with the remainder in oil.

W. B. McQueen, who lives six miles southwest of Memphis, gathered 80 lerika relieves gas on the stomach bales of cotton from a 40 acre field. and removes astonishing amounts of He attributes his success to good seed old waste matter from the system. and a good season. On other 240 Makes you enjoy your meals and acres in cotton he gathered 250 bales sleep better. No matter what you of 500 pound each.

opened by Drs. Mary M., S. M., and soon. C. D. Henry has just completed the installation of X-ray to the facilities of the hospital. Lockney considers herself fortunate to have competent doc- obtaining a visit from Gardner S. tors and modern equipment in a good Rogers, city planning expert of the

Work has been started on the com- parks, beautifying school grounds, pletion of the Presbyterian church at athletic fields, additions to city, en-Snyder. When completed about May couragement of individual pride in 1st the building will be one of the the home will be considered. most modern church structures of West Texas, consisting of an auditorium, ten Sunday school rooms, kitchen, session room, minister's study and oth-

Clearing of the lots on which Abernathy's cheese factory is to be built proper are being completed. The factory is creating quite a bit of interest among farmers because of increased dairy products prices which are ex-

A terracing school using the most from 30 to 36 cents. Draper intends modern of machinery was conducted to build his flock up to 1,000 hens and March 1st and 2nd between Stamford and Haskell, by the agricultural department of the West Texas Chamber Good results in increased interest of Commerce. C. H. Colvin, secretary since terracing schools have been held of the Eastland Chamber of Comnear Loraine have been noted. Since merce, assisted with direction of run-

County Agent W. S. Foster's time was ped four cars of fat yearlings from spoken for to demonstrate until the their ranch near Muleshoe recently to the Fort Worth markets. The steers had been on feed for about 120 days, A contract has been let and work | and being fat, brought good prices.

Chair-Gas So Bad

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The Lockney Clinic and Hospital Merkel Drug Co.

She called it SIN

which was sponsored and recently other bunch of cattle to the market Twenty-Five Story Garage For Parking

en Friday with the official opening and off the elevator. of the Kent Automatic Garage at 209 East Forty-third street, according to with Rev. Bryant, pastor, and Dr. E. a story in Automotive Daily News has no ramps and embodies many

mers recently attended a meeting of says the trade paper. the Hale County Dairy Association, The most important item in gaorganized more than six years ago. rage construction which is introduced ial offers. After the meeting it was voted that in this building is the Kent method such an organization be perfected in of parking. There are three elevators,

Floyd county. More than twenty-five with a capacity of two cars each. The contracts were signed and leaders of elevators are located at the center of the movement say that little trouble the building, and may be entered from Try a Classified Ad for Results No. 2. will be experienced in getting a large either side. Each elevator is equipmembership for the new institution. ped with two electrically driven dollies

which are controlled by the elevator Mrs. Elmira M. Cox operator from the center of the car. These dollies, or robots, are equip-Opened in New York ped with an electrically driven lifting device and rubber tired coasters. They

The first definite step toward re- are built low and will pass under the lieving traffic congestion in the Grand lowest car and channel lines are pro-Central section of New York was tak- vided on the floor to guide them on

paper. There's a message in every one to follow, is twenty-five stories high, money. At least you will know where lene, Saturday, where she had made to find what you want without doing her home for the past several years. More than a hundred Floydada far- novel features for efficient operation, a lot of hunting and asking questions, preciate your patronage because they great grandchildren also survive. solicit your business and make spec-

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is Buried at Tuscola

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THE WEATHER is the most universal topic I of conversation. But few people really know anything about it. Feelings are so deceiving! If it's hot, most people say, "P-h-e-w! this is the bottest weather I ever saw!"-if it's cold, they jump just as far the other way and say, "B-r-r-r! This is the coldest weather I ever saw!" They're probably wrong both times. It's so hard to remember what the temperature actually was at any given time. But those of you who said right

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along, "This is the coldest February we've had for years," were correct! The mean temperature for the 31 day period from January 21 to February 20 was the lowest in fifteen years! There were more cold, disagreeable days in this climate than during any similar period for all that time. Here are the comparative figures for this year and last year, based on mean temperatures at Dallas, a more or less central point in Lone Star territory:

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January

-he called it A Noble Sacrifice

... who was right?

STANDING in the shadows, Marvin Smith saw Jack's young wife come swiftly, silently into the moonlight.

How tired she looked-how ragged her clothes. His pulse quickened. She was getting tired of the struggle. Soon, she would come to him

She stifled a cry. "What are you doing

They were close to each other now,

"Bobbie," he whispered.

his body aflame, his arms

April

aching to hold her.

want to help you-

here?

tion.

She had come to these desolate hills a young bride-eager for the love-nest Jack had promised. Love-nest! There were no comforts, not even the bare necessities. Now Jack lay injured ... penniless ... in pain ... And here was Marvin Smith, offering

"For his sake!" She thought wildly.

her money, comfort, luxury! His handsome face was bent close to hers. "It would be sin," she whispered.

"It would be a noble sacrifice," he said. Who was right? Read "Can Love Win This Battle?" in

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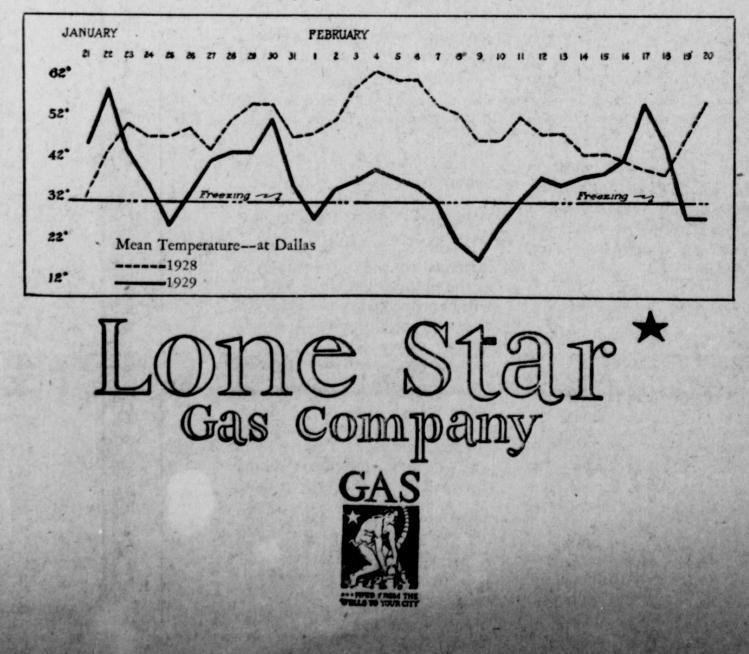
Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Lawyer

You will note that 26 days in the 31 day period had a lower mean temperature this year than last year, the average being 16.96 degrees lower. In one stretch, from February 1 to 14, inclusive, the mean temperature was an average of 21 degrees lower this year than last. Eight days this year show freezing, 32 degrees, or below freezing, as a mean average temperature, against no freezing mean temperatures for a like period last year. Such a long period of cold disagreeable weather, with much sleet, ice and cold min, mans that gas heaters were worked considerably over time! All who could stay inside did, day and night. This meant larger gas con-

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Mean:

sumption. Naturally gas bills for this period will be somewhat higher than for the same period last year-and compared with the preceding 31 day period this season. Twentyfive days in the 31 day period from January 21 to February 20 showed lower mean temperatures than the period from December 21 to January 20; an average of 13.64 degrees lower! When you compare gas bills, compare these temperature figures. And, be thankful with us that Lone Star Gas Service was able to come through this unprecedented weather as efficiently as it did!





THE STORY

Chapter 1-Hilton Hanby, prosperous New York merchant, has a 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-The Hanbys laugh off the warnings they have received both from Miss Selenos and from Smucker's acquaintaince, as some form of practical joke, but they are shocked when they hear that the caretaker whom they have put in charge of the Gray land-poor for many years." House, a man named Kerr, has been mysteriously murdered. Declining to be terrorized, however, they go out to their new home, with their two sons, Junior and Jim, and their elder daughter, Celia.

CHAPTER III

At the real-estate offices of Douglas & Smith, Pelham was referred by Douglas, whom he knew, to a Mr. Appleton.

"Appleton will tell you everything." said Douglas. "He has an amazing memory for details, and a great affection for the Gray house. Come into my office when you're through."

Frederick Appleton was a small. plump man of sixty. He had a distinguished conservatism in dress, a florid complexion, and blue eyes which looked more than usually large owing to the thickness and power of the lenses he-wore. After a little

dear me, no!" His manner was brisk and cheerful again. "What can I do for you, Mr. Pelham?"

"Did you ever know a Miss Selenos?"

"She occupied the Gray house for three years. I remember her well. Poor lady, she loathed and despised men, particularly your humble servant. We had to evict her for nonpayment of rent. She had ample warning, but we had to call the sheriff in. May I ask how you know her?" "She called on Mr. Hanby and threatened him with all sorts of wild vengeances if he did not sell the

place to her." There was no doubt about Mr. Appleton's interest now.

"I can quite believe it." he said. "I remember that when we put her out she said that I should be dead within the year. I may say that my good wife was very much relieved when the twelvemonth had passed. I hear that she has at last inherited the great Selenos fortune. They were

"You think she's not normal?" "Insanity in the family," said Mr. Appleton firmly. "The things she said to me were most indelicate, and could only be explained by madness of a hereditary type." The speaker hesitated for a moment. "I suppose she did not mention my name?"

"I think not. I suppose you remember Mr. Seymour?" "Now Sir Stanford Seymour. Ch.

dear me, yes! I ventured to call upon him when in England two years ago. The tragedy had left its mark on Sir Stanford, but he was always a reserved type." "What tragedy ?"

"His two sons were drowned in the lake."

"Who was the previous tenant?" "Mr. John Throckmorton. His wife died at the Gray house. A lovely woman! I went to the funeral. Very sad indeed. The lake again." "It seems to have been a house of death." Pelham commented. He did THE MERKEL MAIL

ery year, and I know. I wonder if Mr. Hanby would extend the courtesy to me?"

"I'll answer for him," said Pelham. "I'm a fisherman myself. Thank you for what you've told me."

"Well?" Douglas asked, a little lat er. "Get what you wanted?"

"And more," said Pelham. "The Gray house has a dismal atmosphere about it, to my way of thinking. Appleton seems to think that for less than sixty-five dollars all those lives might have been saved."

"I think he's right," said the other. "The old lake was within a few vards of the house, and very deep. it was too much of a temptation to children. The banks were steep, too. as I recall them." "Then you don't believe in the

curse theory?" Douglas lighted a cigar before an-

swering Pelham's question. "In my office, during business hours. the idea seems silly; but sometimes, when I can't sleep at night. I'm not so sure. I've Highland blood in my veins, remember, and race memories of haunted houses, and curses that descend from generation to generation. Don't ask me. Bill."

"You give me the same sort of comfort that Appleton does. He tells me what curdles my blood, and then explains it all away by a carpenter's estimate that missed the mark." . . .

It was not a very comfortable mofor trip for the Hanbys. When Junior drove, his father thanked God that his will was made and his affairs were in order. When Hanby was at the wheel, his son struggled between a feeling of pride that his progen! tor still had his nerve left, and a fear that never again would he tread the campus at New Haven.

"Corking road !" Junior commented. when Pine Plains was in sight. "Was it a road?" his father de-

manded. "I'm relieved to know that. thought it was a race track."

"Where's the Gray house?" "We passed it on the last lap." "You might have pointed it out to e." remarked young Hanby.

"Why? I thought, as we went by, that' neither of us would ever have te opportunity to inhabit it."

Junior laughed. "This old bus can certainly clip If the milestones!" "Don't boast. You only scratched

the one you hit." "It beats me." his son remarked

philosophically. "why cows don't know their own minds. I didn't fream that beast was going to give us a race." "Slow down, Junior !" his sire com-

conded. "We've got to stand well in this community." Hilton Hanby stepped from the car.

he said.

"Not a one."

to be greeted by the local police chief and an officer from Kingston. "This is my son, Sherlock Gaborian

development. This fellow Kerr

wasn't Kerr at all. He had a whole

string of aliases. We finger-printed

him, and fitted the right name to

tim. Your caretaker, Mr. Hanby,

was Red Chapin, wanted for 'most

taimed. "A murderer murdered !"

"That's interesting," Hanby ex-

He was not pleased to think that

"His references was stolen from

some Spanish war veteran named

Kerr. We'll find out all about it

soon. Also he had Kerr's discharge

"Not on your life!" said Hanby,

it was his first opportunity to see

What he had tried during life to hide

was now plain for all the world to

see-the loose mouth, the short crani-

um, the thrust-forward jaw. Junior

"What do you suppose he wanted the

"It's my belief he was hiding," said

the policeman from Kingston. "I've

checked up on him pretty well. He

kept himself to himself in Kingston.

landlady says he was suspicious of

strangers. Red was always one to fre-

quent pool rooms and places like that;

but this trip he kept away from them.

Why? He knew they was after him."

getting that he was listening open-

eyed to a policeman ignorant of psy-

"The man that bumped him off. We

shan't probably ever know who. We've

got Red, and somebody else'll pick up

The policeman pointed to the dead

"That's the hand that squeezed the

his pals when their time comes.

man's big, roughened hand.

"Who?" Junior asked eagerly, for-

job of looking after an empty house

shuddered a little.

for?"

chology.

"I'd like to." Junior suggested.

such a man had been in his employ.

although engaged by an agent.

everything up to murder."

he had again missed the Gray house. "Wow !" he said, a mile or so further on, "you missed that truck by little less than an inch !"

"You exaggerate," replied his father. "It wasn't half an inch. I'm in a hurry to get home. Bill Pelham may have news."

They did not speak again for some time. Then Hanby surprised his son by asking questions concerning Leslie a good deal of her time. "Les is a peach," said Junior warm- star.

y. "If I were he, I wouldn't stand the way Cella behaves. One day she's sugar and the next vinegar." "I've seen that," Hanby returned. "Thats' not unusual. I did not mean that. Is he courageous? Would he be

a useful man in a tight place?" "You ought to have seen the scrap

he put up against a strong-armed waiter that tried to put him out of a roadhouse last April! The waiter was an old heavyweight pugilist, and he certainly could punish. Les knew he was outweighed and outclassed, and he had a chance to duck ; but he isn't that sort of a mother's boy. He was out for twenty minutes."

"That's interesting," his father commented. "I didn't think the languid Les had a fight in him; but you don't expect me to approve of a rowdy boy being thrown out of a questionable roadhouse, I hope?"

"It wasn't a questionable place," Junior retorted. "You've taken mother there. Les isn't rowdy-he's just fastidious. He complained of a big fly in his coffee. That roused the waiter to fury, and he said that Les could drink it or not, but he had to pay." Junior wondered why his father should ask about Leslie's gameness. Mr. Hanby was in an unusually thoughtful mood.

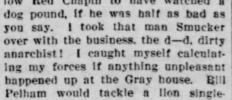
"You're pretty husky," he said presently. "What do you weigh?"

"A hundred and seventy stripped," Junior told him. "My weight to a hair. Les isn't so

much, is he?" "He and Bill weigh a hundred and

fifty-five stripped. Why? Going to promote some boxing exhibitions?" "Nothing like that."

"What's on your mind, dad?" "Sherlock Lupin, it would take more than your admitted skill to find out, because I don't know myself. I apologize for it. For the first time, the Gray house gave me a shiver as 1 passed it. This murder was the cause. I don't revel in crime. I hate it. I like people to be happy and harmonious. Something inside me leads me almost invariably to dependable people. I wouldn't have picked this fellow Red Chapin to have watched a DIAMONDS dog pound, if he was half as bad as you say. I took that man Smucker 116 Chestnut Street



Trent Sextette Wins County Girls' Crown

The Trent sextette won the Taylor county championship for Girls' basketball teams by defeating Lawn 24 Local Surg on T. & P. For Last to 17 Saturday afternoon in the twoday tournament finals on the Simmons Barron, the youth to whom Cella gave | university court. Captain Bright. scoring 10 points, was the outstanding

> To reach the championship finals, Trent had subdued North Park, 33 to 16, and Lawn had bowled over the Potosi lassies, 29 to 11, in morning contests.

Cassie Hefley, Lawn player, hit the high mark for scoring in a single game by registering 27 of her team's 29 points yesterday morning. Lineups in the final contest: Lawn -Forwards, C. Hefley and Parker; centers. Horten and Little; guards, L. Hefley and Brown. Trent-Forwards, Bright and Ham-

mer; centers, Freeman and Johnson; guards, Bell and Smith.

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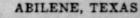
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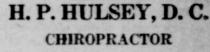
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preliminary talk, Pelham judged bim to be one of those men in relatively unimportant offices who bring to their tasks a certain not unpleasing pompousness.

"I have in this book," said Mr. Appleton, pointing to a ledger, "a complete record of the tenants and the expenses of the Gray house for almost thirty-five years. Here you will find the cost of the upkeep of house. grounds, and stables. In my head I have many facts concerning the people who have resided there, which would be out of place in the books of a strictly business firm."

"I take it, then," said Pelham, "that you have an unusual interest in mankind?"

Mr. Appleton's shrewd but kindly face beamed.

"We see a great deal more in this line of work than you would suppose. Oh, dear me, yes! Do I understand that Mr. Hanby desires information about the place?"

"Yes, and Mr. Douglas said that



Mr. Appleton's Eyes Grew a Little Harder.

you could tell me everything. He is a close personal friend of Mr. Hanby." Mr. Appleton's eyes grew a little barder.

"So 1 inferred from the fact that the sale was not made through me. I knew that Mr. Hanby was interested. in the Gray house, but 1 admit being staggered when Mr. Douglas made the announcement that it was sold." It was clear to Pelham that the other man was chagrined. No doubt it was the allowable annoyance of an old and trusted employee, who, having been consulted for so long, is ddenly left out of the firm's confidence in the sale of a property. "Not that I am criticizing Mr. Douglas," the other went on. "Ob,

Manby." not relish the idea of the Hanby fam-07er?" ily inhabiting it as much as he had done. "Who came after Sir Stanford you'd been here before." Seymour?"

"He sublet it-subject to our ap asked. proval, of course-to Mr. Crosby Norton. Mr. Norton lost his four children." how it would be.

"In that same d-d lake?"

"I regret to say yes." Mr. Appleton looked shrewdly at his visitor. "Have you much influence with Mr. Hilton Hanby?"

"I am his closest friend."

"Do you suppose that you could influence him to reconsider his parchase?" Mr. Appleton was consider. ate and sympathetic, "I am not a believer in haunted houses. I try to be skeptical in such matters, but there seems to be a strange fate about the Gray house. It always takes toll of the young and happy. Those Seymonr children, for exam ple-high-bred, strong, happy boys who could swim excellently; yet they

papers and a medal. Want to look are dead, and at Sir Stanford's death at him, sir?" his title goes to a distant cousin. Then the Norton children, three cirls who detested morbid things. and a boy-the lake got them, too. tell myself it was a coincidence. Perhaps! Perhaps!" His manner a man with a price on his head. grew more confidential. "Tell me, Death had revealed with marked Mr. Pelham, did you ever hear such emphasis the unsocial qualities with a chain of coincidences as that?" which Red Chapin had been dowered. "It's most disturbing news," admit-

ted Pelham. "It seems to me," said the other "that if these unhappy facts were duly brought to Mr. Hanby's notice, be could not disregard them. No doubt Miss Selenos' manner annoyed him, and he disregarded her story on that account; yet"-Appleton tapped the big ledger-"the facts are all down here in my own handwriting." "I'm afraid whatever I said would make him all the more determined to He received no callers or mail. His go. He is a skeptic, and opposition makes him ready to fight. I don't think anything would make him give it up."

"I have done my duty, then," said Appleton briskly. "No doubt he is right, and these deaths were due to lack of care. I have here a letter, with estimate inclosed, from a Pive-Plains carpenter, who agreed to put the rustic bridge in order. That bridge, Mr. Pelham, crossed the lake at its deepest part. The Seymour boys were fishing from it when it gave way. 1 rather think the Norton children were found near there, too."

Appleton turned to the estimate. life out of a Salt Lake City detective. "Yon see, Mr, Pelham, these trag-Strangled him in a telephone booth, he edies might have been averted if the did, and not a soul near by heard it. owner had seen fit to expend sixty-That's the hand that shot half a dozen four dollars and eighteen cents. It men. Look at that face, Mr. Hanby, was owing to my influence that the and, when you see another like it, lake was completely filled in, and the watch out!" stream feeding it was diverted to the "I will," Junior said quickly. lower lake. Instead of five acres of He envied the professional his poise water filled with stumps, which made fishing difficult, Mr. Hanby has now at a moment like this. So occupied was he with this intimate touch of a twenty-acre lake with good bass and trout in it and not a pickerel to crime that he did not notice until the car slowed down to pass Amenia that do damage. I have fished there ev-

"Is the inquest handed. He's been proved. dered a little about Leslie." " "," said the tocal man. "I wish "Dad, you don't really think there's

anything wrong with that new place?" "Any clew to the murderer?" Junior inquired Junior, his eyes sparkling at the thought.

"I'll have to disappoint you by say-Junior smiled. He knew exactly ing no. It was just a passing fit of depression. It has gone." "But there's a mighty interesting

"I'll be gone, too, if you don't cut the speed down," his son cautioned. "Slow down! There's a motor cop in the offing." (Continued Next Week.)

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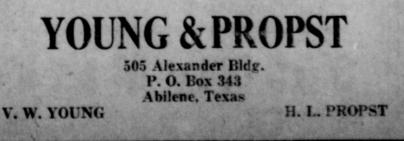
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HERBERT HOOVER ASSUMES OFFICE U.S. PRESIDEN

Sworn In as Nation's Chief: **Charles Curtis Takes Oath** as Vice President.

Washington, March 7 .- The administration of the Federal government passed Monday from Coolidge and inaugural splendors which even a chill, dripping rain could but partially dim.

Taking his oath of service in the presence of many thousands who sat in the open to hear him, unmindful of the penetrating bombardment from the skies, the new chief executive made the enforcement of prohibition a high peak of his declaration of faith.

Then, as the concluding act of the inaugural drama, he reviewed a parade of military and civilian units which made history. Soldiers and the marching clubs of many States trudged with flags flying and bands playing despite the rain, while aloft the giant Los Angeles, four blimps and several formations of airplanes made an aerial music new to the pageantry of inaugurations.

Calvin Coolidge, the burden of responsibility lifted from his shoulders and the shouting and tumult of a political career behind him, turned from the inaugural services before the parade began, paused a moment at union station to say a very brief farewell over a nationwide radio net, and within an hour and a half after his successor had taken office, was on his way back to Northampton.

" Speaking to all the world in an inaugural address delivered from the wistoric east steps of the Capitol, the new chief executive declared disregard of law the Nation's greatest peril, and appealed directly to his fellow citizens to help secure observance of the prohibition law.

With hand upraised, he had repeated the words of the official oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Taft, shortly after noon, and had kissed the Bible at a passage saying, "He that keepeth the law, happy is he."

CURTIS SUCCEEDS DAWES. " A half hour earlier Charles Curtis had succeeded Charles G. Dawes as vice president in a ceremony inside the senate chamber, enlivened unex-



Miss Melba West complimented her cousin, Marion Sheppard, of Dallas with bridge games on Tuesday even- Mrs. Dennis Hostess ing. Progressions of the games were

interspersed with musical numbers and at their culmination dainty refreshments were served buffet style to Misses Marion Sheppard, Christine Dawes to Hoover and Curtis, amid Collins, Iva Bragg, Vera Baker, Mesdames Doss Sheppard, F. C. McFarland, Messrs. Wren Durham, Ralph Duke, W. S. Cunningham, Jean Robinson, Bob Sheppard and the hostess.

> THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - CLUB.

Members of the Thursday night Bridge club were delightfully entertained by Miss Mary Cleo Booth last week in the home of Mrs. Kirby Beckett. Games of auction bridge were enjoyed until a late hour when dainty refreshments were served to Misses. Johnnie Sears, Althea Boden, Iva Bragg, Melba West, Vera Baker, Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson, Kirby Beckett and the hostess.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

In announcing the marriage of Miss Velma Clayton of Abilene to Marvin Mayfield, Mesdames L. B. Scott and Edward McCrary found inspiration for a beautiful party in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott on last Saturday afternoon. A party theme featuring St. Patrick, exemplified in all the vivid shades of green, was cleverly carried out in all the party arrangements. Games of auction bridge progressed around the honoree and at tea time a delectable sandwich and ice course was served to Mesdames Marvin Mayfield, George White, W. S. J. Brown, R. I. Grimes, Claude Young, Jack Anderson, Matt Dillingham, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Althea Boden, Christine to be held on April 2, 1929.

Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Boog Sears, Lucy Tracey, Vennie Heizer, Mary Eula Sears, Melba West and the hostesses.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Miss Iva Bragg entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge club this week. Games of bridge progressed until the refreshment hour when a delicious salad plate was passed to Misses Marion Sheppard, Christine Collins, Melba West, Vera Baker,

THE MERKEL MAIL

solemnized on November 23, 1928, came as a complete surprise to friends here.

Mr. Mayfield is the son of J. M. Mayfield, a graduate of Merkel High school. He was employed here by the West Texas Utilities Co. and will continue his association with that company in Abilene.

to Alethean Class

Mrs. J. T. Dennis was hostess to the Alethean class of the First Baptist church last Thursday afternoon at her home on Oak street. After the devotional Mrs. Charley West gave an interesting talk on the upbuilding of the Sunday school. Members had been instructed to bring needles and thimbles, as Mrs. Dennis had some sewing she wanted done. To our surprise she had furnished the material and cut the blocks for a quilt. After the quilt was pieced a contest of fun followed. Mrs. E. M. McDonald chewing two yards of string to get one piece of candy. The hostess served cherry pie, topped with whip cream, and coffee to the following members: Mesdames E. N. Brown, Hamm, Allen, Ashby, Carson, Jones, Ash, West, McDonald, Johnson, Polly and Daugherty and each one thanked Mrs. Dennis for this pleasant afternoon. -Reporter.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The friends of A. J. CANNON announce him as a candidate for Mayor of Merkel at the coming city election

Upon solicitation of his friends H. C. WEST has consented to his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of the City of Merkel, April 2, 1929, and the Merkel Mail has been authorized to make formal announcement of such.

The Merkel Mail is authorized by the friends of W. O. BONEY to announce his candidacy for alderman in the city election to be held Tuesday,] April 2, 1929.



Friday, March 8, 1929

pectedly when the new and retiring second officers, making the customary brief addresses, disagreed directly on the old subject of the Senate rules.

Calvin Coolidge, once more a private citizen after 30 years of government service, turned from the maugustruggling within, hidden behind a ler, Bill Brown, Connie Leppard and serene inscrutability. For the imme- the honoree. diate future he will devote himself to

a series of magazine articles.

An inaugural prade, in some respects the most ambitious in history drama, including in its alloted units the great dirigible Los Angeles and 100 circling airplanes.

Nearly every State had its place in the long line of marching clubs, bands, military commands, and automobiles loaded down with silk-hatted Governors. Officials estimated that the rear guard did not pass the White House reviewing stand until late afternoon.

A. J. CANNON IN **RACE FOR MAYOR**

In this issue of the Mail friends of A. J. Cannon announce him as a candidate for mayor of Merkel at the ensuing city election to be held on Tuesday, April 2.

Mr. Cannon is manager of the Farm Bureau Gin, and is well known to the voters of Merkel, having at one time served the city as alderman. This service, his friends claim, was marked by an efficiency that qualifies him for mayor, and they point to his record while serving as alderman as one of business foresight, with the best interests of Merkel constantly in view.

Mr. Cannon, before he assumed the management of the Farm Bureau Gin, was a successful farmer in this section.

It is the intention of his friends to actively urge his candidacy for mayor before the voters of Merkel in the coming election.

Church of Christ.

Preaching next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are invited to attend each

W. G. Cypert.

Roberta Sloan, Mary Cleo Booth, Mes-Friends of A. T. SHEPPARD have dames Claude Young, Jack Anderson authorized the announcement of his and the hostess, candidacy for re-election as alderman in the election to be held Tuesday,

DINNER GUESTS. April 2, 1929. Mrs. Kirby Beckett entertained a number of dinner guests in honor of

Friends have authorized the Merral ceremony to begin at once his her husband's birthday on last Fri-kel Mail to announce B. T. SUBjourney home to Northampton. He day evening. A sumptuous three LETT as a candidate for alderman had seen power pass from him with course dinner was served to Messrs. in the ensuing city election to be held whatever of emotion may have been Ollie Dye, Booth Warren, W. S. Sad- on April 2. At the solicitation of friends, MISS

MAYFIELD-CLAYTON.

was the last act of the inaugural Velma Clayton of Abilene, which was make this announcement.

PAULINE JOHNSON has consented to allow the use of her name for re-Recent announcement of the mar- election as City Secretary and Tax riage of Marvin Mayfield to Miss Collector ex-officio, and her friends

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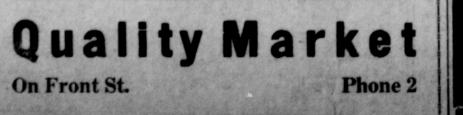
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