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MOODY VETOES SMALL LAND BILL

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 statutes, 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, admitting 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 unconstitutionality 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 accidents for the twelve-month period is as follows:

Causes—	Injured.	Killed.
Automobile	6,606	902
Railway train	408	182
Interurban car	33	15
Street car	89	27
Aeroplane	32	45
Other vehicles	257	50
Falls	574	129
Burns	351	194
Drowning	34	105
Firearms	255	127
Explosives	211	83
Other causes	1,027	212
Total	9,877	2,071

Four hundred and twelve were injured and 156 killed in home accidents, and 416 were injured and 165 killed in industrial accidents.

County-Wide Assembly For Rural Graduates

The county board of school trustees, in regular monthly session at Abilene Saturday, approved plans for county-wide graduation exercises for 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.

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 county 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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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.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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

The Staff:

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 Junior Reporter—J. T. Darsey Jr.
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 Willie Evelyn Boaz.

ANNUAL NEWS.

The annual staff now has a goal to work toward, and that is; to get written material finished and the "dummy" mounted in time that the "Badgers" might be distributed three weeks before school is out. But this is a more difficult task than it sounds like and the same efforts of previous annual staffs prove to us that there are many obstacles and things that "turn up at the last minute" to wreck our plans, yet, it is worth trying.

It was with a sigh of relief that we sent to the Southwestern Engraving Company our final shipments of half-tones. But the sigh of relief ended in a tone of grief as we thought of the printing and written materials yet ahead of us, and of the "dummy" yet to be mounted. Experience is a dear teacher, and we were taught several things about mounting halftones that were not mentioned in the guide books of "making an annual," etc. Several proofs of the first shipment have been returned from the Southwestern Engraving 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 they also unanimously pushed it forward since.

SAY, DIDJA KNOW—

—That the honor roll looks like a politician's expense account this period 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?

—That Miss Sloan visited relatives and friends(?) in Whitewright this week-end?

HIGH SCHOOL HEARS HOOVER INAUGURATED.

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. C. West, of West Co., local crossley radio dealer, in furnishing an eight tube Crossley Jewelbox for an entire day, the high school was able to hear Herbert Hoover take the oath of office as well as a vivid description of the inaugural parade as it passed in review before the president's stand before the White House and on down Pennsylvania avenue.

M. West not only furnished the school with a radio for the occasion,

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baseball met March 1 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 enthusiasm 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 days, been using every method possible to impress upon our minds the fact that it won't be long until the home stretch toward graduation, and there are several who are waiting and wondering if the next report cards will be a home run or a foul ball.

Each Senior is letting the public know of his highest ambitions through the Badger Weekly. Now is your chance to form your opinion of the Senior class.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Miss Sloan spent the week-end at her home in Whitewright.

We are glad to welcome Miss Juanita Dillard to the Sophomore class.

but also installed it, even to putting up an aerial.

All the students present really enjoyed the use of this radio and wish to express to Mr. West and to the West Co. their most grateful thanks.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

Everybody, it seems, has had the flu, even the little insignificant fish. There were about sixteen absent from our classes most all of last week.

But we have all come back this week feeling better. I believe the rest did us good, because we have made better grades (so far).

Yesterday through the courtesy of Mr. Henry West, we were able to hear most of the inauguration program. The whole school enjoyed listening in.

CHAPEL THURSDAY MORNING.

The following pieces were played by the High school orchestra, "Beloved," "I'm Just a Little Bit of Driftwood," "Sweethearts on Parade," and "Show Girl."

CHAPEL.

The student body and faculty of the High school were surprised to learn that we should have the privilege of hearing Dr. Surface, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Abilene, address us during the Tuesday morning chapel period. "Do not form habits now which you expect to break in later days," said Dr. Surface. "Live up to what you pray to be. Like the mule that was shipped and chewed up his card of destination, thereby causing none to know where he should go, so are we chewing up our destination by bad living," said Dr. Surface.

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PAVING ON OAK STREET.

The contract has been awarded for concrete pavement on Oak street, Merkel's principal residence through-fare.

The city council and citizens living on that street met together and decided on the type of pavement to be used, and conferred with mutual benefit as to which was the best of the four bids submitted.

The fact that Oak street is to be paved is of interest to the entire citizenship. Citizens living on that street, who are to pay the bill, had a voice in the type of paving to be used.

Both the city council and the residents on Oak street are to be congratulated on this forward movement. It has been only a few weeks since the first step toward paving Oak street was launched. The contract has now been awarded, which is only another striking illustration of the fact that the only way to do a thing is to do it. Nothing is to be gained by delaying civic projects when the need is apparent. Citizens of Oak street visioned the need for paving, met and appointed committees charged with duty 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 bond 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 non-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 judgment and quick thinking on the 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 largest auditorium in the world, which seats 40,000. All three of the national utility 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 popper mache speakers for movietone theatrical work.

LANKART COTTON—BEST BY TESTS.

Lankart cotton produced highest official yield in U. S. in 1927; won First Prize at Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana State Fairs in 1928; and has won more First Prizes at Texas State Fair in the past five years than all other cotton combined. Price \$1.50 bushel. Seed culled.

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TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS

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RICHARD COKE

Richard Coke was born in Williamsburg, Virginia, March 13, 1829. He was a son of John and Eliza Coke. His early education was obtained in the common schools of his county, and at the age of sixteen he entered William and Mary College, where he was graduated in 1849. Immediately after his admission to the bar in 1850, he removed to Waco, Texas, and began the practice of law. He was married in 1852 to Mary E., daughter of James L. Howe of Waco.

He enlisted in the Confederate service in 1861, and at the close of the war he had attained the rank of captain. Resuming the law practice in 1865, he was immediately appointed judge of the district court at Waco, and in the following year was elected associate justice of the supreme court of the state. General Sheridan removed him from the latter position in 1867 on the ground that he was an "impediment to reconstruction," but that act of injustice greatly increased his popularity and endeared him to all classes. He was thereafter known as a leader in democratic politics, and by his ability and eloquence helped to gather the scattered forces into an efficient organization.

At the general election in 1873, Judge Coke was elected governor on the democratic ticket by a majority of 50,000, together with the delegation to

congress and the greater part of the state legislature. This was an almost complete sweep for the democrats, and incited their political opponents to extraordinary measures to, if possible, undo the verdict of the people. One Jose' Rodriguez, a Mexican, was incited to apply for a writ of habeas corpus in the supreme court, alleging that he had been unlawfully restrained in his liberty for an alleged election offense. The case was styled "Ex parte Rodriguez," and although the district attorney refused to appear on the ground that it was a fictitious and fraudulent cause, it was tried and resulted in a verdict declaring the late election illegal and void.

A proclamation was, therefore, issued by Governor E. J. Davis, prohibiting the newly elected legislature from assembling, and when that body, ignoring his orders, proceeded to the discharge of its duties, Gov. Davis declined to receive any communications from it. As a last resort, in his party's extremity, Governor Davis appealed to President Grant, who, refusing to interfere, left him no course but to resign. Judge Coke was, therefore, peacefully inducted into office, being inaugurated on January 15, 1874. One of his first acts, on the basis of a legislative amendment to the constitution reorganizing the supreme court of the state, was to remove the three judges of "Ex parte Rodriguez" fame.

The administration of Gov. Coke marked the return of order and prosperity and the abolition of party machine government in Texas. The constitution forced upon the state by military authorities was supplanted by the

one framed in 1875, which forms the present organic law of the state. This constitution having effected a change in the term of official tenure, Governor Coke was reinaugurated in April, 1876.

In 1876, Governor Coke was elected to the United States senate to succeed Senator Morgan C. Hamilton, but, continuing to perform his official functions until December, he took his seat in the senate on March 4, 1877. He was re-elected in 1883, and again in 1889, his last term of office expiring March 3, 1895, thus completing a full eighteen years in the United States senate. No public official ever more jealously guarded the interests of his constituents. Possessed of the utmost determination and the strongest of convictions concerning right and justice, he was ever a champion of popular causes against the oppression of corporations and legislative corruption.

As a member of the committee on commerce, he secured large appropriations for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of Texas, and on the judiciary committee his fine talents and high legal attainments made him the author of many important and valuable measures. He earned the reputation of a powerful orator—a giant in debate. He was preeminently a man of the people.

Senator Coke died in Waco, Texas, on May 14, 1897.

Ten years is the life of the average electric railway trolley wire. Replacement of this wire is one of the heavy items of expense that every electric railway company must face.

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ALL WEEK



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL HAS 74 ON LATE HONOR ROLL LIST

Neither Tardy Nor Absent Over Six Weeks Period, With Average 90 or More.

The following pupils of the Merkel Grammar school have for the six-weeks' period ending March 1st been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 or more in deportment, have not made less than 75 on any one subject, and have for the period made a general average of 90 or more. The list contains the names of seventy-four pupils, which is rather large when one considers the fact that during this period Merkel had its worst flu epidemic.

First Grade, Miss Russell.
Frances Owen, 92; Ralph Russell, 92; Laraine Enes, 91; J. H. Menges, 91; Richmond Buford, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Teoff.
Jack Cunningham, 91; Lloyd Gilmore, Jr., 91.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
Lois Adkisson, 94; Doris Diltz, 94; Tally Holloway, Jr., 94; Clyde Cribbley, 93; Maryjo Garland, 93; Kathleen Bowen, 92; Ben Robert Hicks, 92.

Second Grade, Miss West.
Dick West, 93; Clyde Sears, 92; Rachel Patterson, 91.

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

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

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

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Cookston.
Arnie Love Toombs, 93; James Russell, 90; Don Swafford, 90; Lowell Sines, 90.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Davis.
Wanda Owen, 94; Modyne Sheppard, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes.
Mary Grace Dunn, 94; Clara Francis Largent, 93; Mary Helen Lancaster, 92; Jesse Margaret Berry, 91; Billie Bernice Gambill, 91; Deverle 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.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
Mildred Richardson, 94; Faye Van Treese, 94; Margaret Miller, 93; Jim Patterson, 93; Melba Taylor, 92; Joyce Wheeler, 91; Roy Robins, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
Nell Hughes, 97; Imogene Middleton, 97; Opal Huskey, 96; Thelma Leach, 92; Meyer Mellinger, 92; Sandifer Hollingsworth, 92; Harold Brown, 91; Duncan Briggs, 91; Voncile Gilbert, 91.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill Buried at Burleson

Relatives in Merkel have received news of the death of little Lloyd Hill, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill of Burleson. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Effie Grayson of Merkel. The little one and a twin brother were born on Jan. 1 and death took little Lloyd thirteen days later.

The Johnson County News, published at Burleson, in its write-up of the funeral, said:

"Many beautiful and kindly deeds were shown these young parents in their dark hour of sorrow, not least of which were the floral offerings. The little mound in Burleson cemetery was literally hidden under a beautiful canopy of exquisite hot house flowers. Besides, some lovely pot plants were left by kind friends to brighten the home. The brief, but beautiful service was conducted by Rev. C. E. Griswold, pastor of the Burleson Baptist church, amidst a number of friends, besides the young father and other close relatives."

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.
Song; prayer; roll call; scripture, Exodus 32-36, by leader Mary Grace Dunn; On the Lord's Side, by Bertie Mae Leslie; Workers in Church, by Kennedy Whiteley; Those Who Study to Serve, by Wanda Hunter; A Grocer Who Served, by Mollie Frank Touchstone; Bible Story, by Mary Eva Nichols; Piano Duet, by Alice Church and Lois Whiteley; benediction.

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

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For Aggressive Blackleg Vaccine see Phillips Drug Store.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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The specific charge against Wurzbach, it was said by Hartman, is that Wurzbach, while a Federal officeholder, received campaign contributions from other Federal office holders.

The indictment has been sent to San

Antonio and Judge Charles A. Boynton has fixed Wurzbach's bond at \$2,500, pending the trial of his case.

While the case may be tried at any point in the Western Judicial District of Texas, which includes Waco, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Pecos and

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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 non-skid 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 was taken to secure the best riding qualities in connection with the transverse springs and the Houdaille shock absorbers.

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.

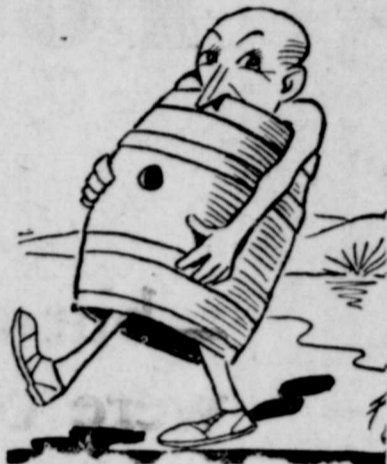
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At the end of each 5000 miles, when you have the front wheels packed with grease, it is a good plan to have the wheel alignment checked. This will prevent premature wear.

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, for replacements. Then you will be sure of getting tires built specially for the Ford car according to definite Ford specifications.

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While You Wait!

Says Dan: "There is a crying need

For hurry-up, and quick, and speed:

To press your clothes takes but a minute—

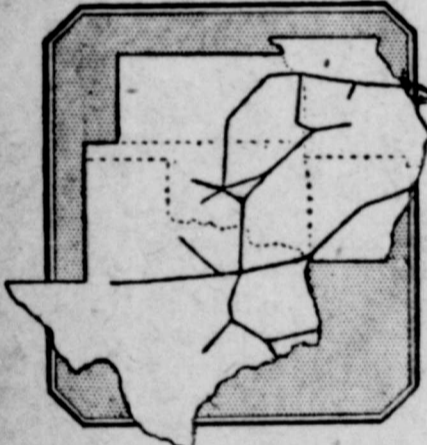
So here's our barrel—come get in it!"

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 important, your suit will be ready in just a jiffy.

MODERN DRY CLEANERS OF COURSE Phone 3

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

Expert telephone workers begin task of constructing 2,500-mile network of underground cable.



a 45 million dollar Subway for your voice

UNDERGROUND—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.

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

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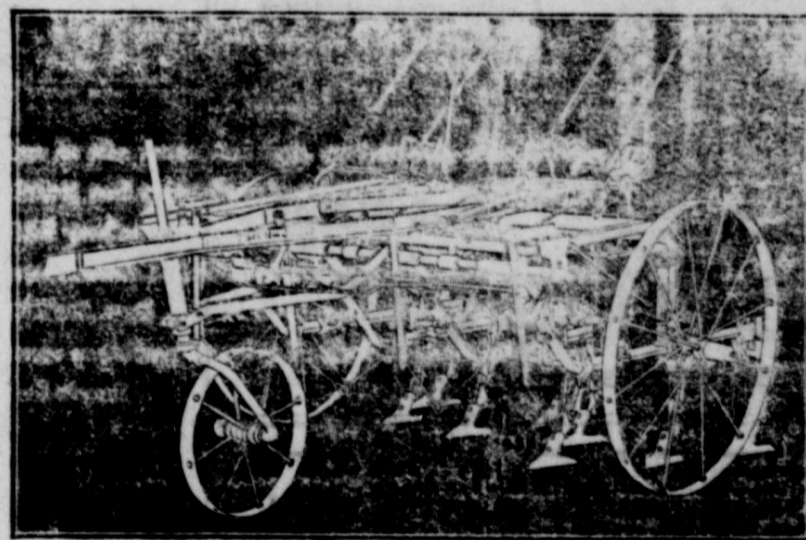
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Easy on both man and team

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, with the result that manipulation requires

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

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

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL HAS 74 ON LATE HONOR ROLL LIST

Neither Tardy Nor Absent Over Six Weeks Period, With Average 90 or More.

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First Grade, Miss Russell.
Frances Owen, 92; Ralph Russell, 92; Laraine Enes, 91; J. H. Menges, 91; Richmond Buford, 91.

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Jack Cunningham, 91; Lloyd Gilmore, Jr., 91.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
Lois Adkisson, 94; Doris Diltz, 94; Tally Holloway, Jr., 94; Clyde Cribley, 93; Maryjo Garland, 93; Kathleen Bowen, 92; Ben Robert Hicks, 92.

Second Grade, Miss West.
Dick West, 93; Clyde Sears, 92; Rachel Patterson, 91.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
Lawrence Thornton, 93; Sylvan Melinger, 91.

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Betty Lou Grimes, 94; Robert Jr. Grimes, 94; Murphy Dye, 91; Waymon Adenel, 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.

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Arnie Love Toombs, 93; James Russell, 90; Don Swafford, 90; Lowell Sines, 90.

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B. H. Lancaster is manager of the local Clay Lumber Co. yard, which was established in the fall of last year.

Connally Sworn in As Texas Senator

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.

Jeff McLemore Dead.

Laredo, Texas, March 7.—Jeff McLemore, 71, native of Springhill, Tenn. who came to Texas in 1878 and who was one of the pioneer newspaper men of this State and a politician of note, died at his quarters in the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Laredo Monday morning at 11:35 o'clock following a six days' illness from pneumonia. His wife and daughter and a number of friends were at his bedside.

For Aggressing Blackleg Vaccine see Phillips Drug Store.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Wurzbach Indicted on Six Counts By Federal Grand Jury

Waco, Texas, March 7.—There are six counts in the indictment returned by the Federal grand jury here against Congressman Harry M. Wurzbach of Seguin, according to United States District Attorney John D. Hartman.

The indictment, he says, is not based on the corrupt practices act, but on alleged violation of section 208 of the penal code.

The specific charge against Wurzbach, it was said by Hartman, is that Wurzbach, while a Federal officeholder, received campaign contributions from other Federal office holders.

The indictment has been sent to San

Antonio and Judge Charles A. Boynton has fixed Wurzbach's bond at \$2,500, pending the trial of his case.

While the case may be tried at any point in the Western Judicial District of Texas, which includes Waco, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Pecos and

Del Rio, Wurzbach has the right to ask that it be held at some point not included in the Fourteenth Congressional District, of which he is the Representative. Should he do this, the case would be tried in Waco, Austin, 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 non-skid 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 was taken to secure the best riding qualities in connection with the transverse springs and the Houdaille shock absorbers.

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.

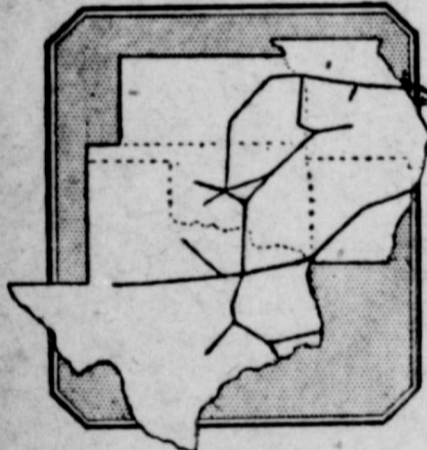
For best results, the tires on the new Ford should be kept inflated to an air pressure of 35 pounds and checked regularly to insure this pressure all the time. This is important. Low inflation breaks down the sidewalls of a tire. By causing overheating, it also destroys the rubber that acts as an insulation, 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, for replacements. Then you will be sure of getting tires built specially for the Ford car according to definite Ford specifications.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Expert telephone workers begin task of constructing 2,500 mile network of underground cable.



a 45 million dollar Subway for your voice

UNDERGROUND—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.

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.

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

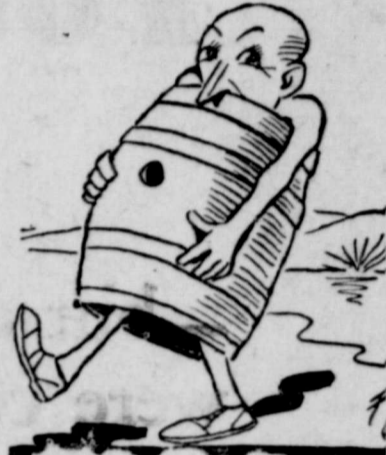
It will be dependable. At 50-mile intervals "repeater" stations as large as the ordinary exchange building will be erected. Here the voice current will pass through powerful vacuum tubes, going on its way with renewed strength.

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.

DAPPER DAN



While You Wait!

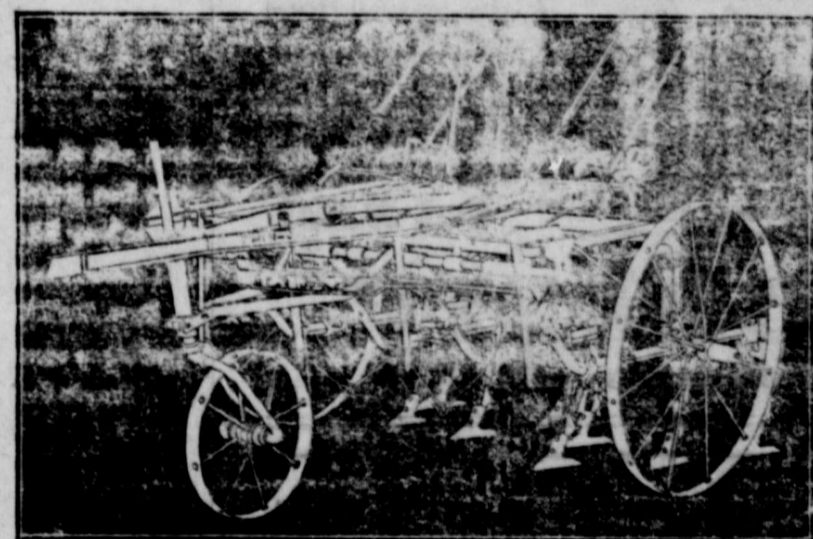
Says Dan: "There is a crying need For hurry-up, and quick, and speed: To press your clothes takes but a minute—So here's our barrel—come get in it!"

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 important, your suit will be ready in just a jiffy.

MODERN DRY CLEANERS OF COURSE Phone 3

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

AVERY TWIN-JACK CULTIVATOR



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, with 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 Twin-Jack—or demonstrate at your convenience. There is no obligation.

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

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO. MERKEL, TEXAS

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

When work is completed on the Lee highway, according to a Crowell paper...

Perkins and Reynolds, well drilling contractors of Kermit, were recently awarded a contract for sinking a second well on Locust street property of the utility concern.

During one stretch of nineteen days, J. T. Draper, of Lone Star, made a profit of \$61.00 from his 400 hens.

Good results in increased interest since terracing schools have been held near Lovaine have been noted.

A contract has been let and work started on a \$225,000 cracking plant at Burkburnett.

W. B. McQueen, who lives six miles southwest of Memphis, gathered 80 bales of cotton from a 40 acre field.

The Lockney Clinic and Hospital

which was sponsored and recently opened by Drs. Mary M., S. M., and C. D. Henry has just completed the installation of X-ray to the facilities of the hospital.

Work has been started on the completion of the Presbyterian church at Snyder. When completed about May 1st the building will be one of the most modern church structures of West Texas.

Clearing of the lots on which Abernathy's cheese factory is to be built has started, and plans for the building proper are being completed.

A terracing school using the most modern of machinery was conducted March 1st and 2nd between Stamford and Haskell, by the agricultural department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Tom Ferris and C. T. Smith shipped four cars of fat yearlings from their ranch near Muleshoe recently to the Fort Worth markets.

Forced to Sleep in Chair—Gas So Bad

"Nights I sat up in a chair, I had such stomach gas. I took Adierika and nothing I eat hurts me now. I sleep fine."

Even the FIRST spoonful of Adierika relieves gas on the stomach and removes astonishing amounts of old waste matter from the system.

other bunch of cattle to the market soon.

Sweetwater is interested in the matter of city planning to the extent of obtaining a visit from Gardner S. Rogers, city planning expert of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

More than a hundred Floydada farmers recently attended a meeting of the Hale County Dairy Association, organized more than six years ago.

Twenty-Five Story Garage For Parking Opened in New York

The first definite step toward relieving traffic congestion in the Grand Central section of New York was taken Friday with the official opening of the Kent Automatic Garage at 209 East Forty-third street.

The most important item in garage construction which is introduced in this building is the Kent method of parking. There are three elevators, with a capacity of two cars each.

which are controlled by the elevator operator from the center of the car. These dollies, or robots, are equipped with an electrically driven lifting device and rubber tired coasters.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

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Mrs. Elmira M. Cox is Buried at Tuscola

Funeral rites for Mrs. Elmira M. Cox, as to the unconstitutionality of the 36 years, were held from the Baptist church at Tuscola Sunday afternoon.

Get a roast or steak from our choice Home Fed Baby Beef, Chickens and Turkeys dressed to order.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

You Knew it was COLD

—but did you know just how many days were colder than the same period last year?

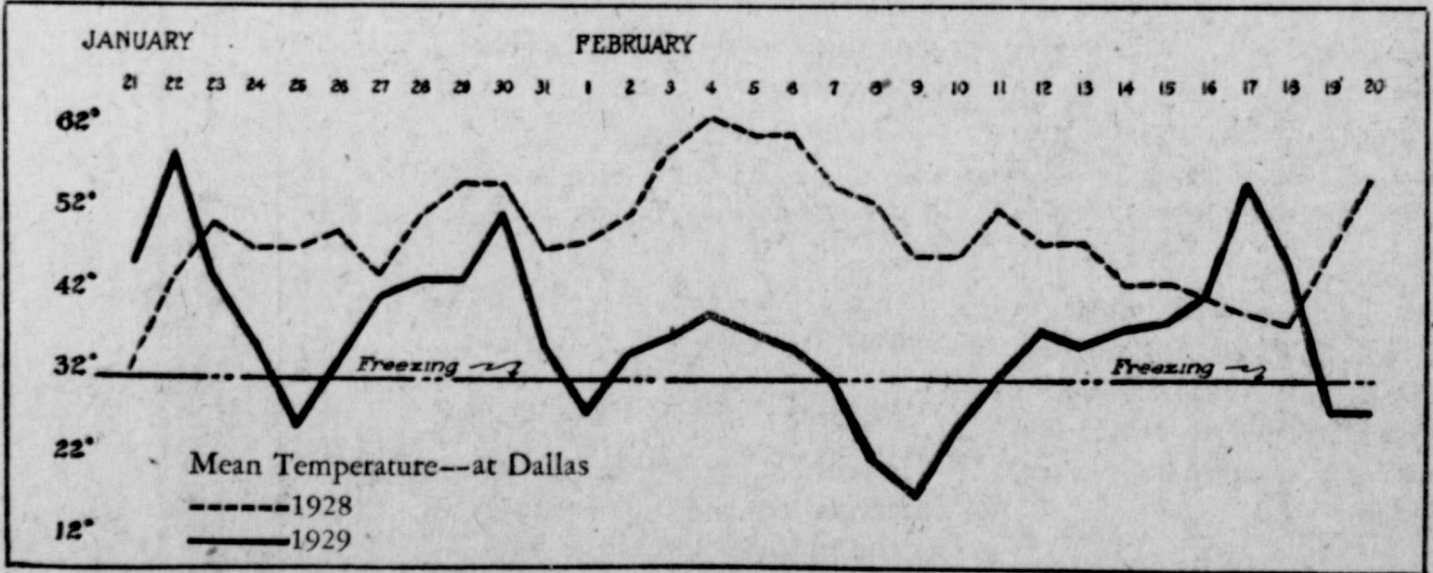
THE WEATHER is the most universal topic of conversation. But few people really know anything about it. Feelings are so deceiving!

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!

Table with columns: Month, Day, 1929, 1928, Higher, Lower. Shows daily temperature comparisons for January and February.

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.

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.



Lone Star Gas Company



She called it SIN —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.

"Bobbie," he whispered. She stifled a cry. "What are you doing here?"

They were close to each other now, his body aflame, his arms aching to hold her.

"Let me help you, Bobbie! I love you—I want to help you—"

"But my husband..." "He'll never know. You ought to do it for his sake, Bobbie—he needs care and medical attention."

"For his sake!" She thought wildly. She had come to these desolate hills a young bride—eager for the love-nest Jack had promised.

And here was Marvin Smith, offering 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 April True Story.

Turn in on the True Story Hour broadcast every Friday night over WDR and the Columbia Chain. Consult Your Paper for Exact Time.

Partial Contents for April: Young Sinners Honor or Shame? Why He Didn't Send for Her My Mother's Eyes When a Man Strays In His Blood When You Marry the Wrong Man—and 7 other stories

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HERBERT HOOVER ASSUMES OFFICE U. S. PRESIDENT

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 Dawes to Hoover and Curtis, amid 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 historic 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 unexpectedly 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 inaugural ceremony to begin at once his journey home to Northampton. He had seen power pass from him with whatever of emotion may have been struggling within, hidden behind a serene inscrutability. For the immediate future he will devote himself to a series of magazine articles.

An inaugural parade, in some respects the most ambitious in history was the last act of the inaugural drama, including in its allotted 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 service.

W. G. Cyfert.



DALLAS VISITOR HONORED.

Miss Melba West complimented her cousin, Marion Sheppard, of Dallas, with bridge games on Tuesday evening. Progressions of the games were interspersed with musical numbers and at their culmination dainty refreshments were served buffet style to Misses Marion Sheppard, Christine 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 Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Boog Sears, Lucy Tracey, Vennie Heizer, Mary Edna 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, Roberta Sloan, Mary Cleo Booth, Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson and the hostess.

DINNER GUESTS.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett entertained a number of dinner guests in honor of her husband's birthday on last Friday evening. A sumptuous three course dinner was served to Messrs. Ollie Dye, Booth Warren, W. S. Sadler, Bill Brown, Connie Leppard and the honoree.

MAYFIELD-CLAYTON.

Recent announcement of the marriage of Marvin Mayfield to Miss Velma Clayton of Abilene, which was

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.

Mrs. Dennis Hostess 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.

There are now 18,151,000 telephone stations compared with approximately 9,000,000 in 1922.

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

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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 to be held on April 2, 1929.

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.

Friends of A. T. SHEPPARD have authorized the announcement of his candidacy for re-election as alderman in the election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce B. T. SUBLETT as a candidate for alderman in the ensuing city election to be held on April 2.

At the solicitation of friends, MISS PAULINE JOHNSON has consented to allow the use of her name for re-election as City Secretary and Tax Collector ex-officio, and her friends make this announcement.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with a trained teacher and con-

genial class for all who come. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Blessed Servant." Evening subject, "Another Bible Conversion." All B. Y. P. U.'s

meet at 6:45 p. m. Come find a welcome in any or all the services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

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SOAP	P. & G. THIRTEEN BARS	50c
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	Imperial Cane, 10 Pound Bags	65c
HAM	Hormel, Cooked Whole	58c
	Hormel, Cooked Halves or Sliced	60c
CORN	Primrose, No. 2 Cans, Can	15c
	Clarion, No. 2 Standard Can, Six Cans	70c
LETTUCE	NICE CRISP ICEBERG, HEAD	9c
GRAPE FRUIT	TEXAS SEEDLESS, FULL OF JUICE	5c
APPLES	DELICIOUS Choice, 163's, Dozen	30c
CABBAGE	NICE CRISP GREEN HEADS, Pound	4 1/2c
BANANAS	YELLOW AND NICE, GREEN TIP, Pound	10c

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