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SATURDAY IS DATE FOR TRENT CITIZENS TO SELECT WEIGHER

Citizens of Trent will go to the polls Saturday to determine who will be their public weigher.

The election to be held Saturday is of the straw variety, with a gentleman's agreement between the two candidates who tied before that the loser will withdraw.

A. W. Wood will hold the election in the Armour building. There is considerable interest in the contest.

Optimism and Good Nature His Theme

At the Lions club luncheon Tuesday Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church at Abilene, was the speaker for the occasion, his theme being the optimism of good nature.

Charlie Jones was toastmaster, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker. Besides the talk by Dr. Surface, another feature of more than passing interest was a reading by Little Miss Mina Margaret Wheeler of Abilene, who is a niece of the toastmaster.

A moment of fun was provided by Tail Twister J. S. Bourn, who introduced a balloon race. This was a "hot air" affair and not connected with aerial stunts.

Besides the speaker, Dr. Surface, and the talented little reader, Miss Wheeler, other guests introduced at the luncheon were Dr. K. D. Oates, a new physician here, and Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Clarendon district and former pastor of the Methodist church here.

President Yates Brown read a letter of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey and family for flowers sent in behalf of the club for Joel Darsey's funeral.

Toastmaster for the next meeting, Dec. 2, will be H. H. Jenkins, assisted by Matt Dillingham.

TEXAS WILL GAIN THREE MEMBERS BY CENSUS TOTALS

Reapportionment of the House Under 1930 Census Figures Will Affect 27 Seats; California Gains Most.

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Hoover Tuesday announced that reapportionment of the house under the 1930 census would show that California gains nine seats, Michigan four and Texas three.

The census bureau figures, which will be transmitted for congressional action, give other added representations in the house as follows: Connecticut one; Florida one; New Jersey two; New York two; North Carolina one; Ohio two, and Washington one.

On the basis of the figures, Missouri will lose 3 seats; Georgia two; Iowa two; Kentucky two; Pennsylvania two, and the following states one each: Alabama, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Mr. Hoover said the official figures certified to him by the census bureau did not differ materially from the informal estimates made in recent months.

The change in representation causes certain states to lose 27 seats in the house, which are, of course, added to those of other states.

The president announced that the census showed the population of the United States, excluding the district of Columbia and various territories and possessions, to be 122,993,455.

The census bureau in determining whether a state would gain, lose or keep its present membership in the house used two methods of statistical determination. The result was the same in each case.

The total population used for the figuring excluded the counts made last April in the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, Panama Canal Zone, Port Rico and the Virgin Islands, and also excluded Indians not taxed.

The census bureau statement, made public at the White House, was comprised almost entirely of statistics giving each state's population basis of apportionment and the total house representation to which it is entitled.

Jail Bonds Offered For Sale Dec. 1st

Copies of an attractive pamphlet telling of the \$100,000 Taylor county bond issue which will be offered for sale December 1 have been sent to bond buyers by County Judge Tom K. Epleen.

The pamphlet also includes a form for bidding on the bonds with one bid for the bonds to bear four and one-half per cent interest, par and accrued interest, and another for the bonds to bear four and three-fourths percent interest, par and accrued interest.

A \$5,000 certified check must accompany all bids, which will be opened at 2 p. m. December 1, at the courthouse, Abilene, Texas.

There will be 100 bonds of \$1,000 denomination, and they will mature at various dates from April 1, 1932, to April 1, 1951.

Former Merkelite is Named to State Post

News dispatches in the daily papers Monday carried the announcement that Thomas Simpson Christopher, at present attorney for the city of Lamesa, had accepted the appointment as an assistant to the attorney general-elect, James V. Allred, of Wichita Falls.

This news will be read with especial interest by citizens of Merkel, who will remember Simpson Christopher as a former resident and a graduate of the Merkel High school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who reside here with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett.

Simpson Christopher was born and reared here. After graduating from the High School and the law school of the University of Texas, he practiced law in Dallas for several years. Later he practiced his profession in San Diego, Calif., being at the present time city attorney of Lamesa. He will go to Austin January 1 to assume his duties in the attorney general's office.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Saturday the mountains around El Paso were covered with a thin fringe of snow, the first of the season.

Clayton McCullough, 18, fell dead while practicing basket ball in the High school gymnasium at Wylie, Collier county.

Work on the \$1,500,000 Mountain creek lake project of the Dallas Power and Light company, employing more than 100 men on the earth work, will start next week.

An explosion of run tanks on the Magnolia—St. George lease in the Mildred Oil field near Corsicana resulted in the death of John H. Moss, 38, and the injury of four other men.

Officials of the Fort Worth Poultry and Egg company have announced the receipt of a check for \$134,679.45 from Armour and company in payment for 29 carloads of Texas turkeys shipped last week.

The general convention of the Baptist church at its session in Amarillo voted to meet in Waco next Nov. 11, 12 and 13 when Dr. Milhard A. Jenkins of Abilene is to deliver the convention sermon.

The Sherman riot cases, which were transferred to Austin from Dallas, after having already been sent from the Grayson county seat to Dallas county, will probably come up for trial after the first of the year.

As he was going to Sunday night church services, J. T. Brown, 76, last surviving charter member of the First Baptist church at Winters, was killed when in driving a motorcycle he stepped into the path of an automobile.

Dawson, Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin and the northwest portion of Midland county have been released from pink boll worm restrictions by the pink boll worm commission.

Charged by indictment with robbery by assault with firearms, J. B. Conner was found guilty by a district court at San Antonio and his punishment was fixed at 10 years in the penitentiary.

Joseph A. Kemp, Wichita Falls capitalist and one of the best known business men of the southwest, died of heart disease in an Austin hospital, where he had been for ten days after having been stricken while on a trip to Southwest Texas.

Judge Covey C. Thomas, 60, unsuccessful candidate for chief justice of the supreme court of Texas last summer and one of the best known attorneys and ranchmen in southwest Texas, shot and killed himself in front of a fire station in Cotulla.

G. E. Austin, about 50, believed to be from Little Rock, Ark., who was hitch-hiking his way from Albany, was struck by an automobile about 10 o'clock Sunday night near North Nineteenth and Pine streets, Abilene, dying about an hour later.

T. B. Edmondson, charged with extortion and robbery by assault with firearms, whose testimony was largely responsible for the conviction of J. B. Conner in district court at San Antonio, will probably come up for trial \$5,000.

A reprieve until November 28 was granted Monday by Governor Moody to Jess Maple, Houston killer, who was to have been executed after midnight Monday. The governor's decision followed a conference with Justice W. C. Morrow, presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals.

Receipts of cattle at Fort Worth during October declined more than 18 per cent from the high total in September, according to the bureau of business research at the University of Texas, following a marked improvement in prospects for winter grazing after after general rains in the range country early in the month.

More Checks Cashied. Austin, Nov. 20.—Volume of checks cashed during the four weeks ending Oct. 25 was 5 per cent greater than during the similar four weeks of September, according to the bureau of business research at the University of Texas.

1,000 WATT BEACON TO FLASH ON AS MERKEL'S LANDING FIELD OPENS

Emergency Airport Completed On 78 Acres Leased by Government From J. W. Bland, Three Miles West of Town.

LEOPARD BRINGS DEATH TO CHILD

Little Four-Year-Old Victim of Attack By Carnival Lions Dies From Injuries.

Lubbock, Nov. 20.—Fear of mob violence Wednesday resulted in Littlefield authorities removing from the jail there the owner of a supposedly tame leopard which Saturday afternoon attacked James Evans, 4, who died Wednesday of injuries.

The leopard was being shown in connection with a carnival which has been exhibiting in Littlefield. The owner was taken into custody immediately after the child was attacked Saturday in a Littlefield drug store and was being held in the Littlefield jail, awaiting the outcome of the child's injuries.

When it became evident Tuesday night that the youngster would not live, officers removed their prisoner for fear of violence in case the child died.

According to information received by the authorities, the same animal attacked a 9-year-old child while the carnival was showing at Colorado, Texas, last week. In that instance, the child was not seriously hurt, and parents of the victim made no formal complaint against the animal's owner after he arranged to pay the doctor bills, which amounted to \$75.

According to the management of the carnival, they claim no responsibility because they declare that the leopard is not a part of the show proper and that its owner operates the tent in which the leopard is shown on a percentage basis.

When the Evans boy was attacked, the animal was being led by its owner on a leash.

Brother of Merkel Men Dies at Sunset

R. C. Grayson, age 62, a brother of Messrs. J. H., H. R. and S. L. Grayson, died at Sunset, Texas, Monday, November 3. He was a pioneer of that section, having gone there when a small lad. He was a friend to all and was loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and seven children and ten grandchildren, one sister and eight brothers, all of whom were present for the funeral except two brothers. The floral offerings for the funeral were said to be indeed beautiful.

Mr. Grayson was converted at the age of 17 and joined the Smyrna church of which he had been a faithful life-long member.

TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

DON'T BE MISLED.

It might appear to some that reference is often made in this column to lines of business in a way that could appear as a boost for that business. If you have ever said, while reading these writings, "that sure is a boost for so and so," you would be right—absolutely right.

I am against anything, whether a business, an idea or anything else, that will retard the growth, progress and prosperity of a community. Take newspapers as an example. Ninety nine out of one hundred newspapers, first, last and all the time, are willing and ready to do anything that will build their community. They do just that every day in the year, and that is the chief reason why I am for them and boost them every chance I get.

Why I know not, but it appears that the average merchant thinks that when he "gives an ad" to a paper that he is doing the newspaper a favor. Well, he is, same as a customer buying from him what he has to sell does him a favor.

But the truth of the matter is that when a merchant has published an advertisement in a newspaper, said merchant is doing himself a favor. Why? Because in publishing that advertisement he is extending an invitation to you and all the rest of the people in the community to come to his store to buy what he has to sell, and that certainly is doing himself a favor.

In a way a merchant that advertises is doing you a favor too. It's ten to one that you have never looked at it that way, but it is a fact just the same. An advertising merchant is your best bet when it comes to spending your money, for advertising is insurance to you that what that mer-

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JOEL DARSEY, CAPTAIN OF TEAM, INJURED IN PRACTICE; FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FRIDAY; VAST CONCOURSE PAYS TRIBUTE.

The entire community was overshadowed with deepest grief when the sad news spread late Thursday of last week of the death of Joel Darsey, 17-year-old High School Senior and captain of the football team, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey. Death came at 6:30 Thursday evening, following injuries received in football practice on the preceding day.

During scrimmage Joel was running down the field to receive a pass when he was struck by a defensive player attempting to knock the ball down. Although he was forced to leave the field, it was not thought at first that his injuries were serious.

It seemed as if all Merkel gathered at the Church of Christ at 3:30 Friday afternoon—so large was the concourse assembled—to pay tender tribute to the popular young student, whose career was so unceremoniously checked. W. G. Cypert, Church of Christ minister, conducted the funeral services and paid honor to Joel Darsey for his high standing in home, church, social and school life.

The schools were dismissed Friday, the football game with Putnam was cancelled, and the business houses of the city all closed during the funeral hour, out of respect to this splendid student and popular youth.

Ball bearers were Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of the Merkel school; Briggs Irvin, athletic coach; and Joel's schoolmates, Lee Fred Baker, Gerald Derrick and Bert Dennis. The Senior boys football squad were honorary bearers. Interment was at Rose cemetery where a profusion of flowers beautified his last rest-

His parents, he is survived by three brothers: Mrs. Catherine Wilson, Texas; Fort Worth; Wade Dargelo, and J. T. Darsey, Jr., the University of Texas. Those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. W. F. Jones, Abilene, his grandmother; the sister and three brothers and

MRS. MARGARET F. THACKER DIES LEAVING 204 DESCENDANTS

Ninety-Year-Old Woman Affectionately Known In Buffalo Gap As "Grandma;" Funeral Services Held Monday Afternoon.

Leaving 204 direct descendants to mourn her, Mrs. Margaret F. Thacker, affectionately known at Buffalo Gap as "Grandma," died there at 5:45 Monday morning, one month before she would have celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. The funeral service was held at 3:30 Monday afternoon, from the Nazarene church of Buffalo Gap, conducted by Mrs. Mary Lee Cagle, Nazarene minister of Abilene.

Mrs. Thacker had lived in Buffalo Gap for six years, removing there from Dickens county, and was living with two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Gressett and Miss Narcissa Thacker. She was born December 21, 1840, in Fanning county, and was married July 31,

1856—74 years ago—to W. W. Thacker, who died at Buffalo Gap two years ago. Of their 14 children, 12 are living, and there are 64 grandchildren, 124 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, or five generations of a splendid Texas family. The living children are Mrs. Gressett, Miss Narcissa Thacker, Mrs. M. M. Clark, Buffalo Gap; Mrs. M. G. Skinner, Rising Star; Mrs. D. Y. Stubblefield, Big Lake; Mrs. Fannie Hart, Comanche; Mrs. G. B. Hash, Dickens; Mrs. E. F. Barrack, Comanche; Mrs. Bertha Hutton, Spur; G. R. Thacker, Fear Valley; W. D. Thacker, Dumas; and I. B. Thacker, Portales, New Mexico.



### Chevrolet's New Car For 1931 on Display Throughout Nation

Chevrolet's new car for 1931, priced substantially below old levels, is now on display throughout the nation.

Heralded as "The Great American Value," the new car boasts a two-inch increase in wheelbase, larger and roomier bodies by Fisher with mohair or broadcloth as optional trimming, and scores of refinements in appearance and performance despite the new prices which bring the level for the 1931 car to a lower figure than any Chevrolet, four or six, has ever sold.

Dealers throughout the United States put the new models on exhibition nearly two months in advance of the customary date for the showing of the annual new car. This move in advancing the announcement date, it was felt by Chevrolet officials, would render a distinct contribution to the cause of general business revival by insuring extraordinary activity during two normally dull business months for the 200,000 people throughout United States who depend directly upon Chevrolet for their livelihood.

The nineteen domestic production plants of the Chevrolet organization are now in full swing on the new model, according to W. S. Knudsen, president, and shipments are going out to dealers to assure immediate delivery of all models.

Fundamentally the new model embodies the same basic features which, since the introduction of the Chevrolet Six, enabled it to achieve a popularity exceeding Chevrolet's former four cylinder model and four times as great as any other six cylinder car. However, scores of improvements and refinements have been made this year—every change designed to increase the smartness, performance, safety or durability of this latest General Motors model.

Among the improvements are a fully

insulated front compartment, easier steering, more durable clutch, smoother and quieter transmission and liberal use of costless chromium plate on exposed bright parts. Four Lovejoy hydraulic shock absorbers, and fully enclosed, weatherproof four-wheel brakes continue as standard equipment.

In the line of nine body types are three open models—the roadster, phaeton and sport roadster, and six closed models—the coach, sedan, special sedan, the three-window coupe, the five-window coupe, and the sport coupe.

### Photoplay Gold Medal Is Awarded "Disraeli"

New York, Nov. 20.—George Arliss' talking picture, "Disraeli," has been awarded the Photoplay gold medal of honor as the best moving picture of 1929, the magazine announces.

The award is based on ballots taken in theatres throughout the United States. The picture was produced by Warner Brothers and directed by Alfred E. Green.

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### THE TOWN DOCTOR

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Merchant sells is good goods at right prices.

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Now, more than ever before, will it pay you to read the advertising in your paper. Look at this advertising as informative—giving you information on which you can make money. Learn to depend on the advertising in your paper to keep you posted on "Who's Who" among business people in your city. And remember this—if any merchant or business concern that has anything to sell you does not, through this advertising, give you an invitation to buy from him what he has to sell, and at the same time give you a reason why you should buy it from him, it is very evident that such merchant or business concern does not want your business enough to ask

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Editor-in-Chief—Ola Ellen Smith. Miscellaneous Editor—Margarette Turner.  
Assistant Editor—Audrey Farris. Joke Editors—Elvis Richardson and Lois Clark.  
Sports Editor—Fred A. Baker. Society Editor—Lona Bryan.

### EDITORIAL STAFF

The following staff has been selected for the Badger Weekly this year: editor-in-chief, Ola Ellen Smith; assistant editor, Audrey Farris; sports editor, Fred Baker; society editor, Lona Bryan; miscellaneous editor, Margarette Turner; joke editors, Elvis Richardson and Lois Clark; sponsor, Miss Hazel Williams.

### LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE.

The following letters have been received by organizations and officials of the Merkel High School: Senior Class Merkel High School, Merkel, Texas.

We acknowledge with sincere thanks your flowers and kind expressions of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey and Family.

To the Students of Merkel High School and Members of the Faculty: It is impossible for us to express our sincere thanks for your many kind remembrances and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

The trials of life seem hard at times and you have helped us on our road more than you can realize. May God's blessings always be yours.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey and Family.

Supt. Roger Burgess, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Please accept the deep sympathy of the Trent High School in this sad hour of your school, and especially these words of respect from the Trent Football Team. John Terry, Captain.

Respectfully yours,  
Ross B. Jenkins.

McCamey, Texas,  
Nov. 15, 1930.

To the Football Boys, Students, and Faculty Members,  
Merkel High School,  
Merkel, Texas.

In the death of our beloved football captain, Joel Darsey, Merkel High School has lost a splendid student, an athlete to be proud of, and a man to whose life we can all look with pride. Joel was one of the cleanest, fairest players the game has known; a young man of great promise as a leader for the right. Although death has come to our friend, the life he has lived can live on in our lives in the years to come.

"He lived and died, and his life was fair,  
And he left glad memories everywhere."

In this dark hour of death, accept the heartfelt sympathy of your former coach and teacher.

Melvin S. Davis.

A telegram was also received by

## No Substitute For True Love

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Supt. Burgess expressing the sympathy of the student body and faculty of the Roscoe High School.

### NOTE.

The following clubs and classes have been organized since school started. Some of the reports have been published before; this is only a review of the school news.

### SENIOR CLASS.

The Senior class has now chosen her colors and flower; the colors being silver and rose and the flower, the rose. The class was organized the first of the year. Thelma McAninch is president of the class; Audrey Farris, secretary and treasurer, and Mattilou Largent, reporter. The Seniors really have a good class this year and a successful year is predicted for all.

### JUNIOR CLASS.

Officers: president, Paul Collins; secretary, Zada Bell; reporter, Ross Ferrier.

The Juniors have selected the sweet pea as the class flower, the class colors being orchid and green.

### SOPHOMORES.

The Sophomores are full of pep and working hard, because it will not be long before mid-term examinations begin. On Oct. 26 at the activity period the Sophomores and their sponsor, Miss Patterson, assembled to elect officers. They are as follows: Lowell Vickers, president; Carl Bush, vice-president; Oneda Bell, secretary; Thelma Leach, treasurer; Imogene Middleton, reporter.

### FRESHMAN CLASS.

The Freshmen are just now getting started; but you just wait, for they will come up. It is an old custom that first shall be last.

The Fish society has chosen its pop-

ular student of chewing gum fame, Joe Amason, for president; Rogene Dye, secretary and treasurer; Silas Stevens, reporter.

It seems that this is an A-1 year for the fish, so watch them.

### DRAMATIC CLUB NEWS.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, the Dramatic club met and organized. Elvis Richardson was chosen president; Mattilou Largent, vice-president; Lona Bryan, secretary-treasurer; Ida Mae Derstine and Benjamin Sheppard, reporters.

The Dramatic club has had one meeting. The hostesses for the evening were Ola Smith, Margarette Turner, Oleta Moore, Vera Richie, and Gwendolyn Vickers. Everyone had an enjoyable time. The next meeting will be held on Friday evening at 7:30.

### CHORAL AND GLEE CLUB.

When the Choral and Glee club was organized on Sept. 30, the following officers were elected: Fred Baper, president; Willie Evelyn Boaz, vice-president; Lois Clark, secretary; Thelma McAninch, treasurer; Mary E. Grimes, reporter.

At first there were only thirty-five members, however, five others have joined since then. A number of programs has already been given by this organization.

### C. U. I. U. C. CLUB.

The Senior girls selected C. U. I. U. C. as the name of their club, organizing with the following officers: Jess Higgins, president; Beth Hamm, vice-president, Lona Bryan secretary and treasurer, and Ola Ellen Smith,

reporter; Inez Robbins, Vera Richie and Beth Hamm were appointed as members of the social committee.

The honeysuckle was chosen as the

club flower, while green and white were selected as its colors. The C. U. I. U. C. club has for its motto "We (Continued on Page 7.)"

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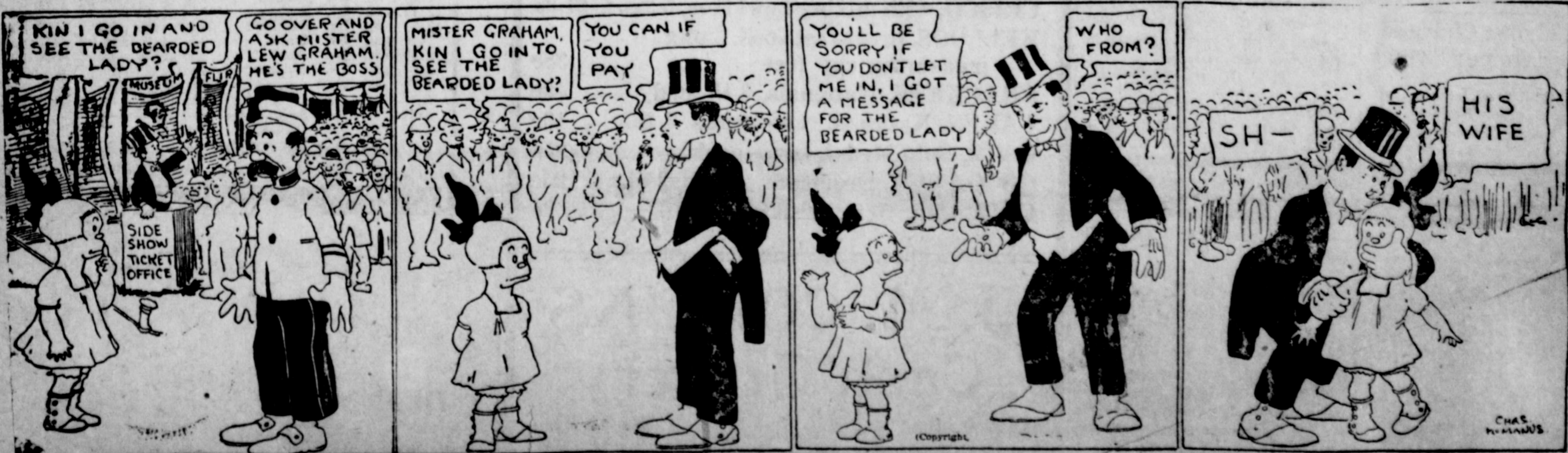
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By Charles McManus







### Stallion King Roped First Time in Life

San Angelo, Nov. 20.—The King of Stallions, the last of the wild horses in Western Texas, has a rope around his neck for the first time in his 15 years of life.

The giant bay, the only animal in the 120-section pasture of J. H. Tippet in Culberson County, at the foot of El Capitan Mountain, the highest peak in Texas, gave up this week after five cowboys had trailed him in relays for three days and three nights. Riding day and night, the cowboys finally got him.

The first time he was roped he bit the rope in two but the second time it looped around his neck and he gave up after a struggle that covered half the mountain side.

J. H. Tippet, owner of the ranch and of rich oil production in the Yates field, had chased the animal many times. The animal has teeth an inch and a half long.

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### "Konjola Did Wonders for Me" Says This Lady

Stomach Trouble And Headaches Arc Banished When New Medicine Is Put to Test.



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"Konjola did wonders for me," said Mrs. Avey Keswski, Box 205 A, Route 1, Galveston. "For several years I suffered dreadfully with stomach trouble. I had a severe and sickening headache almost constantly. Gas accumulated in my stomach after every meal and I had the cramping pains of indigestion. My nerves were so weak that I could not rest or sleep well at night.

"I am now on my fourth bottle of Konjola and I feel better than I have in five years. Pains and headaches have been banished and I have not had an attack of indigestion since I began taking Konjola. My nerves have quieted and I enjoy sound, restful sleep at night. My entire system has taken on new life and I will always praise Konjola for the good it did me."

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In both the chassis and body of this new six-cylinder Chevrolet you will find expressed, as never before, Chevrolet's well-known policy of progress through constant improvement.

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Your first impression of the new Chevrolet will be one of striking fleetness, grace and beauty. The car is longer, lower and modernly smart. The radiator has been deepened and its appearance enhanced by a curving tie-bar and chrome-plated parabolic headlamps. The long

hood lines sweep back unbroken to blend gracefully into the new Fisher bodies. And never was Fisher's fine craftsmanship more evident than in the bodies of the new Chevrolet Six!

Not only are the smart, graceful, new bodies roomier and more comfortable, but as you study them you will discover many gratifying new features and pleasing refinements—many examples of that painstaking attention to detail which is the basis of true quality.

Mechanically, too, the new Chevrolet Six is a better automobile. The wheelbase is longer. The frame is stronger. The steering is easier. The clutch is more durable. There is a smoother, quieter, easier shifting transmission. In fact, wherever finer materials and more advanced design could add to Chevrolet quality or increase Chevrolet's traditional economy of ownership—improvement has been made. See the new Chevrolet Six—and you will agree that here is the *Great American Value!*

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By Jack Rabbit



my mother. I was only 5 old then, but I got up and ran into the alley with my two sisters, who were a little older than myself. "Later the firemen came on the engine, but we saw it before the firemen did."

**PROGRAM.**

THE JUNIOR GIRLS. One of the first clubs to be organized was the Junior Girls club. The club has not been given a name as yet, but committees have been appointed to select one. Sis Boaz was chosen president; Kathleen Mashburn, secretary-treasurer; and Ida Mae Derstine, reporter.

PEP SQUAD. This probably will be the last time you will hear of the Pep Squad this year, but we can assure you that the members have been doing their best since school started. They have stayed right behind the Badgers and loved them, "win or lose."

TENNIS CLUB. At the beginning of school a tennis club was organized with Mr. Riddle as sponsor. Mattilou Largent was elected president, and Margaret Canon secretary-treasurer and reporter. The tennis club is now trying to raise the money to build a tennis court, which will be built between Grammar School and High school. The members have already been practicing on the court which Mr. Glover kindly consented for them to use. They are working hard so that they will be able to enter the tournament in the spring.

THE MEANING OF ARMISTICE. Armistice, the day representing the beginning of word-peace, should always be celebrated. It is considered by most people the most important holiday except Christmas. While the soldiers were overseas, the people would have done almost anything for them. But now, after twelve years, do we as the Americans pay constant tribute to their memories and to the principles for which they fought?

San Angelo Taximan Is Enthusiastic Will Maines Wasn't Sick Exactly, But Needed Something to Build Him Up—Says Argotane Did It.

"People suffering from stomach trouble and run-down condition ought to try Argotane. For it's the best ever," said Will Maines of 215 W. First Street, San Angelo. Maines has operated a taxicab business in San Angelo for the past 15 years and comes forward with his unqualified endorsement of the triumph preparation. "For several years," he continued, "I had not been feeling like myself not sick exactly, but just seemed to be completely run-down and had very little life and energy left about me. My appetite was very poor and I felt dull and sluggish, and some days hardly cared whether I worked or not. "What I needed was just an all around building up and Argotane has done that very thing. Almost as soon as I began taking it my appetite improved and my tired worn out feeling began to leave me. I have just finished my first bottle of Argotane and I picked up wonderfully in health and strength. I thoroughly relish all my meals and my old time energy and strength have come back to me. So I say to anyone who is in need of a first class stomach medicine one that will straighten them out all around should try Argotane." Genuine Argotane may be bought in Merkel at the City Drug Store.

New York Jobless Sell 3,000,000 Apples

New York, Nov. 20.—In the name of unemployment 5,000 jobless men have sold some 3,000,000 apples on the street-corners of New York, keeping away both the wolf and the doctor. Joseph Sicker, of the International Apple association, who originated the scheme, said the men over a period of three weeks had been earning from \$3 to \$6 a day, depending on their locations and their salesmanship.

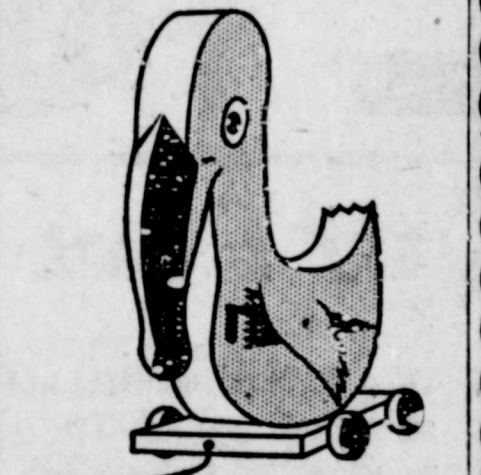
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FOR Seiberling Tires Seiberling Batteries VULCANIZING BATTERY REPAIRS GAS AND OILS BENTON COLLINS South 1st and Butternut Abilene, Texas

**'Twas O'Leary Cow That Started Chicago Fire**

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Mrs. O'Leary's cow started the Chicago fire after all, although some historians doubt the cow existed. Mrs. Margaret Koller, still a resident here, who should know, having lived within 100 feet of the O'Leary barn when the conflagration which almost wiped out the entire city occurred in 1871, says the cow lived and, what is more, kicked.

Mrs. Koller says her father, Jeremiah Kirby, was a friend of the O'Leary's and was told by them that the cow started the fire by kicking over a lamp in the barn. She quotes her father as follows: "About a quarter to ten, I believe it was. Mrs. O'Leary went to the barn to milk the cow and to get milk for an oyster stew. She had a lamp, not a lantern, and she put it down on the floor. The cow kicked it over." She says she heard her father tell this story on many occasions. Recounting her own experiences at that time, Mrs. Koller declares she saw the fire before the firemen did. "That night," she states, "a policeman came to our window and told my father not to go to bed. He said there was a fire in the O'Leary barn. "Father went out behind our house and saw the fire. Then he ran back



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Dimes Handed To Poor. New York, Nov. 20.—Standing bare-headed in the rain for hours, a Franciscan brother Sunday handed out one by one—4276 ten cent pieces and as many sandwiches to a long line of penniless, bedraggled men in front of the church of St. Francis of Assisi.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Stanton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Landreth and children were guests of Mrs. Carl Murdock last Thursday.

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### Zion Chapel News

Etyol Spurgin and Jeff Chancey are back home from the Plains where they have been pulling bolls.

G. W. Stout spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks, returning to Albany Sunday evening. He was accompanied home by Raymond Stout and E. C. Tarvin, who spent the night with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allred and baby and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin and little son, Arthur, took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout.

The singing at Zion chapel was well attended Sunday afternoon and night.

We have prayer meeting at the church every Wednesday night and everyone is cordially invited to come and be with us.

Howard Tarvin of Abilene spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin.

Mrs. Ed Spurgin has returned home after visiting several days with relatives at Knox City. Her niece, Miss Myrtle Evans, accompanied her home for a few days visit.

Rev. J. F. Bryan of Cisco filled his regular appointment at both services Sunday.

There will be a Thanksgiving program at the Presbyterian church on Thursday, Nov. 27, beginning at 7:30. The program, "Heart Pictures in the Lighted Fireplace," will be presented. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Weaver and children of Abilene attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Spurgin had the misfortune of losing seven of her nicest young toms from her turkey pen last Saturday night. Mr. Venison also had several hundred pounds of cotton stolen one night last week.

Miss Rena Terry entertained the

young folks with a "42" party last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey and little son were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Noodle Sunday.

Mrs. Dee Lucas and children left the last of the week for Fort Worth to join her husband who has a position there. They will make their home there during the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garrison and children, Billy Ray and Jack, of Breckenridge visited her sister, Mrs. Ola Spurgin Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bigham and little son of Tye visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, Sunday.

Dennis Davis of Peacock is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eldson and children of Sylvester were guests of their sister, Mrs. George Cooke, Sunday.

Miss Maude Cooke of Sylvester visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Milner and little daughter, Kathleen, visited friends in Abilene during the week-end.

Sewell Warren of Knox City visited his cousin, Lawrence Spurgin, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Bonds of Goodwin spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Wilborn.

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Mrs. W. M. Carey is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. E. C. Douglas and children and Mrs. Demeco Ellerbee and children of Noodle were the guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Norris Barnett returned last week

in a

M. L. Douglas

day on business

Mr. and Mrs. Gar

Branch and E. M. Denn

ter, Mildred, attended the sing

Shiloh Sunday afternoon.

There will be church next Sunday.

Everyone is urged to come and be

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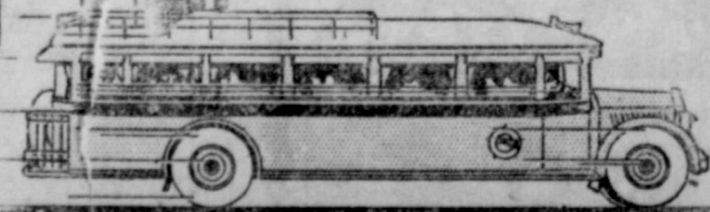
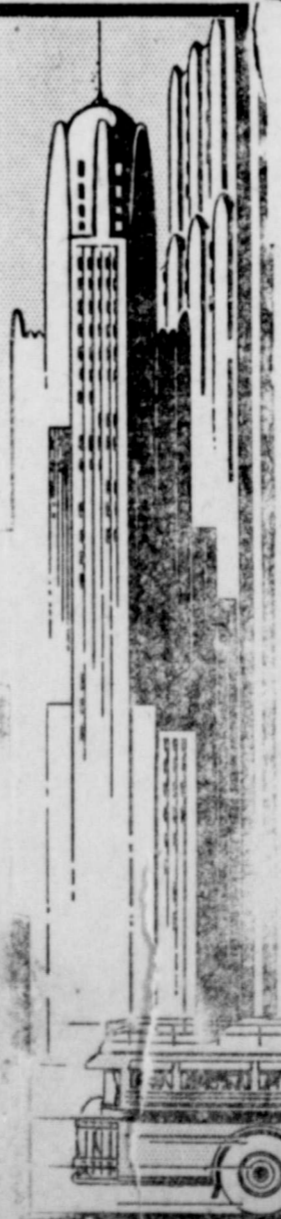
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