

## Negro Held in Family Killing

Alanreed, Gray Co., Texas., July 6.—A negro man was taken into custody Tuesday by Sheriff W. A. Pierce of Donley County, and jailed at Clarendon for investigation in connection with the killing of Frank Weatherby, Mrs. Weatherby and two children, whose bodies were found Monday in their home on White Fish Creek, three miles south of here.

The negro is the owner of the .45 calibre pistol used to kill Weatherby and Mrs. Weatherby, according to Sheriff Pierce. He is not thought to have done the killing, but is being held on the theory that he may be able to furnish information.

It was ascertained Tuesday that Mrs. Weatherby was shot with a .45 calibre pistol and with a shot gun, in addition to being struck with the crowbar and hammer found near her body. It was thought Monday she had been killed by blows from the crowbar and hammer.

Funeral services for all four victims were held Tuesday afternoon at Hedley. A specially constructed casket contained the bodies of all four victims.

Search for the negroes who live on the Weatherby place continued, officers throughout the southwest being notified to look out for them. There are no definite clues as to their whereabouts.

It was learned that there were other visitors to the Weatherby home since June 24 besides Mrs. Enloe Crisp, the neighbor who went there on that date and who was told by a negro woman that Weatherby had taken Mrs. Weatherby to Wellington to place her in a hospital for treatment.

About June 26 Sam T. Hamilton, owner of the ranch, went to see Weatherby and was met by the same negro woman, who told him the same story. A day or two later L. Carpenter, the automobile dealer from whom Weatherby had purchased a new car, went to the farm to see Weatherby about a mule that had figured in the trade. A negro man and woman told him, he said, that the Weatherbys were not at home. While he was talking to the negro man the negro woman kept saying, "We've got to go milk the cows," as if anxious to terminate the conversation. When Carpenter left he noticed that the negroes made no move to start milking, but thought nothing of it at the time.

The fact that Mrs. Weatherby had been shot, as well as slugged, was developed from a superficial examination of the body. It was not learned whether the two children had been shot.

## COWARDS

We think of a coward as one who will not resist personal abuse, but will rather present the other cheek—figuratively, at least—and go about his business paying little attention to braggarts and bullies. The meanest coward on earth is the man who is afraid to take a chance with his fellows in making an honest living but resorts to hi-jacking, bank robbing and safe cracking, rather than honest industry.

Matthew Kimes was a great hero in the eyes of many until he confronted that Arizona sheriff when he revealed himself to be a pusillanimous coward. He is just a type. All crooks are cowards unless they have the advantage. Many a brave man has had to shoot it out and has done so with the chances usually against him, but a coward retreats in the back as they did the officer at Beggs, Oklahoma.

## Y. M. F. CLUB

Mrs. Harry L. McCandless entertained the Y. M. F. Club on Thursday afternoon, June 30. Games of 42 were played, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Arthur Clark winning high score. The prize was a package of fire-crackers.

A delightful plate of cherry cream and angel-food squares with plate favors of little flags were served to the following: Mesdames Earl Thornton, Arthur Clark, Len Sublett, Jerome Hutcheson, Claud Dye, George T. Moore, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Boots Smith, Gilbert Boswell, Rolfe Wagner and the hostess.

B. C. Gaither and son, F. Y. Gaither, of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, and L. D. Gaither, of Muleshoe, Texas, accompanied by Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and daughter, spent the Fourth in Tuscola with relatives.

## What The Texas Automobile Light Law Says

The Texas Automobile Headlight Law requires that motor vehicles traveling on the highway at night comply with the following:

1. Two headlamps must be burning.
2. The headlamps must be properly adjusted.
3. The tail light, either red or yellow, must be lighted.

See that your car is equipped accordingly so you will not be stopped on the highways at night for not complying with the law.

## Trent Pioneer Passes Away

Monday, June 27, 1927, at four o'clock in the afternoon, marked the passing away of one of our pioneer residents of this place, Mr. L. R. Bishop, after an illness of a few days. On Tuesday before Mr. Bishop suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was well known far and near here and had every one that knew him for a friend. His health had been failing for some time, but after spending the winter in California had seemed to be much stronger. Although every one realized he might leave us at any time, it was a terrible shock to his friends and his family. He was 71 years old. There were eleven children, only nine now living.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon by Elder A. R. Lawrence of Abilene in the Church of Christ. Burial afterwards in the Trent cemetery.

Besides a host of friends to mourn his loss he leaves a wife, nine children: Dug, Oscar, Luke, Mrs. R. G. Scott of Trent, Charlie Bishop of Cameron, Dewey Bishop of Houston, Ella Smith of Lamesa, Bart and W. L. Bishop of Arizona and four step children, Willie Dunn of Trent, Skyler Dunn of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mrs. Frank Strickland of Glen Dale, California, and Elmer Dunn of Los Angeles. All were present except Bart and W. L. Bishop, Skyler Dunn, Mrs. Frank Strickland and Elmer Dunn. Frank was on his way, but owing to car trouble never arrived until early Thursday morning. Mr. Bishop was a man that was good and kind to his step children and they loved him very much. They are heart-broken over his death. Several messages expressing their love have been received from them; also a beautiful box of flowers from Mrs. Frank Strickland. Every one extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

The little seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gullion died Wednesday afternoon, and was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery following funeral services at the church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black returned last Sunday from a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Ballinger and Sweetwater. While away Mr. Black states that they enjoyed a very pleasant outing and fishing trip to the Colorado River, where he reported fishing was fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary Alice Johnson, spent the Fourth with friends in Stanton, and while there attended the big Fourth of July celebration at Midland.

Messrs Myers and J. C. Petty left first of the week for an extended trip through South Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson returned Tuesday from their visit with their daughter, who met them at Wichita Falls on the Fourth.

## Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Story: "How the Churches of Jesus Christ Bless the World."

1. Introduction, Himalaya Swafford.
2. The Minister's Dream, Ruby Lee Slater.
3. Some Blessings of the churches: a. Music, Benny Sheppard. b. Education, Maurine Davis. c. Democracy, Clara Pilcher. d. The Gospel is the Greatest blessing, Orion Tittle. e. Cave of unfortunates, Oleta Moore.
4. The Blessings "close up," Kenneth Mayfield.

Dr. W. V. Cranford returned last week from a two weeks visit with friends and relatives amid the scenes of his old home in the state of Louisiana.

## E. Barnes to Compete For First Bale Cotton

Mr. Tom King of this city brought to this office some ten days ago the first grown boll of cotton of this season that we had seen, stating that it was from the field of Mr. E. Barnes, Merkel, route five. And according to Mr. King it is very likely that Mr. Barnes will be a contender for Merkel's first bale of 1927 cotton. His cotton was planted early in March and escaped the cold weather and now each stalk has many grown bolls which will soon be opening.

Besides the fine cotton prospects, Mr. Barnes has already threshed more than 2,000 bushels of oats and 240 bushels of wheat. He has now more than 40 young pigs on the place, about eight milk cows and Mr. King states that while he was on the farm of Mr. Barnes' only a few days, they fed him on yellow-legged chickens every day. It seems that Mr. Barnes is one farmer that is actually living at home and boarding at the same place. May his tribe increase.

## LARGENT HEREFORDS WINNERS AT OZONA

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and sons, W. J. and Charlie, returned first of the week from Ozona, where they had been attending the big three days picnic, Rodeo and Livestock Show. They had on display at the Livestock Show there two of their prize-winning Bulls, and carried off the Grand Champion prize.

They report a very fine trip, and the town of Ozona being a very fine little city, entertaining all who came in that real old time West Texas way.

## WYLIE LANDRETH PASSES AWAY

At the home of Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Wylie Landreth, who had been a sufferer for many years, died on last Friday, and was laid to rest Saturday in Rose Hill Cemetery, following funeral services at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. McKeown, of Abilene.

Deceased leaves a number of children to mourn his departure: Rev. E. D. Landreth, pastor of Oak Street church, Abilene, and Mrs. Roy Baecch of this community being among the number.

His wife preceded him to the grave several years ago. We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and the Rural Carriers from the local Post Office, were in attendance upon the Postmasters and Carriers Convention held in Abilene this week. They report a very profitable and interesting meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and daughter, Mary, and Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson, left first of the week for a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

## Phillips Deep Test Be Drilled in Today

With six-inch casing set at 3,000 feet the large pipe was being pulled Thursday morning from the Phillips Petroleum Co., Joe Winter No. 4, deep test in the Noodle Creek field. It was planned to drill into the expected pay at 3,035 feet Friday.

No. 4, which is 40 feet north of Winter No. 2, is a producer from the Phillips or upper pay at around 2,520 feet, was drilled by this pay to test the oil bearing qualities of a pay lime found at 3,035 feet in Marland's Mason No. 2, to which Winter No. 4 is an east offset.

Major operations have practically all the acreage around the Noodle Creek field and indications are that development there will be held back until the crude oil market improves.

Marland's Mason No. 2, which was the first test in the field to miss the discovery pay, drilled deeper and at 3,035 feet found a new oil bearing formation, which has produced an average of 50 barrels of oil daily, with some water. Phillips is endeavoring to test this pay and to drill Winter No. 4 in without letting in salt water.

## T. & P. To Make Track Extensions

In order to take care of the ever increasing business accorded that road here the Texas & Pacific Railway Company has a crew of men and material on hand to begin the work of making extensive side-track extensions in the Merkel yards. Another reason the extensions are being made is to better care for the many long trains now used on the road, making it possible for one to pass the other.

Similar trackage is being put in at Tye also.

## FIRE LOSS IN JUNE NEARLY HALF MILLION

AUSTIN, Texas, July 6.—Losses reported by City Fire Marshals aggregated \$449,956 during June. "Unknown causes," with 110 fires and losses of \$223,504, led the list. Others were as follows: Seventeen defective chimneys or flues, with losses of \$1,874; three from gas, \$7,870; 27 from matches and smoking, \$18,327; ten from petroleum and its products, \$25,608; eight from sparks on roofs, \$854; ten from rubbish and litter, \$3,583; twenty-two from stoves, furnaces, boilers and pipes, \$17,440; 27 from electricity, \$46,148; seven from explosions, \$23,403; thirty-one from exposure, including conflagrations, \$24,438; fourteen from incendiarism, \$44,731; twenty-one from miscellaneous causes, \$3,717, and six from spontaneous combustion, \$8,658.

Mr. W. F. Hamblet returned Wednesday from a very pleasant visit with relatives at Breckenridge.

## Grandfather Saves Boy Drowning in Attempt To Save a Brother

VERNON, Texas, July 6.—Wilson Bickley, 12, son of the Rev. C. A. Bickley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was drowned about two o'clock Wednesday afternoon in a tank on the J. N. White farm in the East Vernon community, where he had been fishing with his grandfather, J. S. Bickley, and brother, Cecil Bickley. His body was recovered after it had been under water about thirty minutes.

The elder Bickley was exhausted in rescuing Cecil, who was almost drowned in an attempt to save his brother. Cecil ran to the White home about a quarter of a mile away, obtained aid and telephoned to Vernon and men who went to the scene of the tragedy recovered the body.

Two physicians from Vernon and several other Vernon people soon arrived with a pulmotor. Drs. T. A. King and J. E. Dodson worked over the body for about forty-five minutes, but their efforts were futile.

Wilson stepped in water over his head while his grandfather was at his automobile near by and Cecil vainly attempted to save his brother.

The body was returned to Vernon after physicians abandoned attempts to restore life. No funeral arrangements have been made.—Dallas News.

The lad mentioned above, is a nephew of Mr. Joe Bickley, who with his family are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, and other friends and relatives. And Mr. J. S. Bickley, grandfather who rescued the other boy, until last year had been a citizen of Merkel for many years, and this paper joins many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

## STATE SUPPLY BIDS SUBMITTED TO BOARD

AUSTIN, Texas, July 6.—Bids to furnish \$1,000,000 of supplies to State eleemosynary institutions were submitted to the Board of Control Tuesday and tabulations started at once. The board had previously announced a schedule of dates on which the different classes of contracts would be awarded. Bidding was keen, a larger number of proposals than ever was submitted and the prices are expected to be close.

With the Highway Commission road machinery purchases of \$1,300,000 under consideration by the Control Board, and \$400,000 in oil and gas contracts, the aggregate lettings in prospect for the board amount to \$2,700,000.

## MERKEL YOUNG MAN WEDS CROSS PLAINS GIRL

On June 19th Mr. Tom Price and Miss Helen Ogelvey, of Cross Plains, were happily united in marriage, the ceremony being pronounced by Rev. Cal Wright, pastor of the Methodist church at Baird.

Following the wedding the happy young couple departed for a honeymoon trip to El Paso and other points west. First of this week they returned to Merkel to make their home, having apartments at the E. M. McDonald home.

For several months Mr. Price has been connected with the West Texas Utilities Company here.

Mr. C. R. L. Crick who is one of the hustling farmers north of the Noodle Creek oil field, has our thanks for a dozen big, fine roasting ears right from his corn field. Mr. Crick had with him a nice lot of farm and garden produce for the market, such as corn, green peas, squashes, and a lot of big fine yellow-legged friars. He says his cotton is doing fine also.

Mr. Witcher, in charge of the upkeep and beautifying of the Rose Hill cemetery, reports that some parties are very careless in driving through the cemetery; cutting across lots, etc. He asks that this paper urge every one to drive carefully and in the streets only.

Mr. J. S. Thomas of the Barrow Furniture Company, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, of the Max Melinger Dry goods Store, and her daughter, Miss Gladys, and Miss Edith Baker, returned first of the week from a vacation trip to the Plains and New Mexico. They report a very enjoyable trip.

Dr. J. P. Howard was down from Trent one day this week and dropped in to take advantage of our subscription bargain offer. He and his wife are planning a vacation trip of a month up into the mountains of New Mexico.

## Father 97 Writes Son On 1st of Each Month

For thirty-five years Mr. W. D. Haynes, Jr., of this city, has been the recipient of a letter, written to him on the first of each month by his father, W. D. Haynes, Sr., of Lineville, Alabama, who on July 5th was ninety-seven years of age. And the last letter received by the Junior Mr. Haynes from his father:

## In My Father's House Are Many Mansions—John 14:2

My Father's House—what a charm in those words. They seem to be surrounded with an atmosphere of love and fellowship. The very mention of them takes us back to the barefoot days of old and to the joyous freedom of our childhood home, and that to us meant home. Somehow the grass seemed a bit softer to the feet; the fruit that fell in the cool of the morning seemed sweeter to the taste; the flowers that flourished under mother's kindly care wore a brighter hue and even the trees had a more restful shade in the heat of the day.

It was my Father's home—My Home. And it is not gracious of Our Master to tell us that in His Father's House He has prepared for us a home; an abiding place. No longer shall we sigh for the fleeting joys of childhood and the tender grace of a day that is dear; for in that home there are pleasures evermore. In my Father's House there is perfect joy and never ending peace. A little while and then no more parting of the ways; no more tearful good-byes; no more heaviness of heart over absent ones. For when we have said the final farewell to this restless world with its sin and woe its trials and fears, its partings and pains, there shall be a day when the King of Kings and Lord of Lords shall bid us come to the feast of love prepared for us from the foundation of the world. And there in that land of light and love in the Father's House of many homes we shall dwell forevermore.

God Bless my children. I hope to meet them in this home.

(signed) W. D. HAYNES, Sr.

## YOUNG FOLKS ENJOY PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes chaperoned a number of Salt Branch young people on a picnic last Monday on Mulberry creek. A fire was built and chicken was fried. A delicious dinner was spread consisting of sandwiches, fried chicken, pickles, potato chips, pies, cakes and lemonade. Those present were Misses Oleta Lane of Belton, Gladys Pett, Pauline and Marie Bickley, Lois Jaynes, Norma and Lillie Foster, Ruth and Marcella Pinckley, Opal Foster, Messrs John Jones, Jack and Bill Hays, Otis Jaynes, Jarrett Pinckley, Paxton Hayes, and the chaperones.

## OFF TO NEW MEXICO MOUNTAINS

Messrs A. B. Homer and Herbert Patterson, with their families, left last Saturday for an extended vacation and outing trip to the mountains of New Mexico.

W. T. Stramer and wife of Austin, Texas, spent the fourth and fifth with Misses Garoutte, their aunts. Mr. Stramer was reared in Merkel, but finds many changes in the city during his 17 years absence. He said the only things he found unchanged were old friends.

Mr. J. Shirley Robbins, wife and little daughter, Shirley June of Post City, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Ida Robbins, who is proprietor of the Tourist Hotel. On Monday they attended the races at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Spears and little daughter, Inez, of Grand Prairie, Texas, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fugat. Mrs. Spears is a sister of Mr. Fugat.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, and their son Billie and his wife and baby returned first of the week from a vacation trip to San Antonio, Austin and Dallas.

Mrs. J. E. Badgley of Roscoe returned to her home after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. T. Davis.

Miss Mary Comings left this week for an extended visit in San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Fashion determined to kill the long skirt and it is hit.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

THE MERKEL MAIL ANNOUNCES

## SUMMER BARGAIN RATES

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patton and two daughters of Rotan, Texas, were here this week visiting their sons, W. J. and As R. Patton, of the Patton Grocery Company.

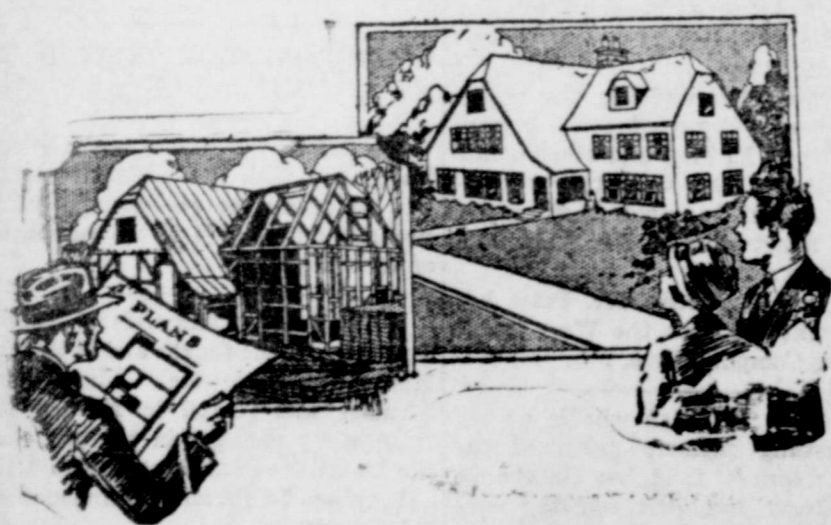
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Field and son R. D., of Ballinger, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. D. W. Ferris.

Miss Ruth Newberry left last Saturday morning for a visit with her brother, Cecil Newberry, of Canyon, Texas.

Mrs. Brit Holden and son and Miss Velma Lee Holden and Lavern Holden of Cross Plains, were here Saturday night visiting Mrs. I. C. Holden and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham returned Wednesday from a week-end outing trip to Christoval, Ozona and San Angelo.



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## PLANTS ALSO HAVE DISEASE CARRIERS

### Leaf Hopper Found to Spread Yellows Disease.

New York.—Just as yellow fever is due to an invisibly small germ or virus carried from person to person by an insect so are some of the most serious and destructive illnesses of plants due to invisibly small germs carried from plant to plant by an insect.

In a report to the Engineering Foundation Dr. L. O. Kunkel, plant pathologist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, tells how a little gray insect, the aster leaf hopper, spreads the yellows disease of asters by first biting sick plants and then, after the virus has had ten days to incubate in its interior, biting healthy ones and planting the infection in their tissues.

**Carries It to Fifty Others.**  
 The same leaf hopper that transmits yellows to the China aster also carries it to more than fifty other species of wild and cultivated plants. Lettuce is one of the most important hosts of aster yellows. On this plant it has long been known in the Southwest as the Rio Grande disease and in New York and other eastern states as the white heart disease. In the winter yellows lives on perennial weed hosts. During the summer, when the carrier leaf hopper is very active, it spreads rapidly to susceptible annual plants, such as the China aster and lettuce.

Spread of aster yellows and its host range depend largely on the likes and dislikes of the aster leaf hopper. The African marigold is quite susceptible but seldom takes the disease even when grown adjacent to yellowed aster plants. The leaf hopper does not like the marigold and seldom feeds upon it when other plants are available. If confined in a cage containing only marigold plants hunger drives it to feed upon them and they readily take the disease. It is fortunate that although wheat and other cereal crops are favorite hosts of this leaf hopper they are immune to the yellows.

**Disease Known Only Here.**  
 The aster leaf hopper is thought to have been accidentally introduced into the United States from Europe fifty or more years ago. Although it is prevalent in Europe and the Orient, where the China aster is extensively grown, the aster yellows disease is known only in America. Thus a disease which is apparently endemic in America has been rendered much more serious through the importation of a European leaf hopper, and of an oriental plant, the China aster.

No satisfactory means is known of controlling the aster leaf hopper, but the yellows which it spreads can be held in check by digging out all infested perennial weed hosts in the vicinity of the field to be protected and by destroying all diseased annuals as soon as observed. A yellowed plant is a menace to nearby healthy plants just as a malaria patient is a menace to a healthy community in a region infested with the Anopheles mosquito.

### Find Old Roman Town on Farm in Britain

London.—Recent discoveries in and around the town of Stockbridge, Hampshire, have led archeologists to believe that the site of a former Roman town has been discovered.

In 1924 Ernest Barnard discovered on his 850-acre farm the foundations of two Roman baths and three villas. He has since unearthed the positions of over a dozen other Roman buildings.

Among the more recent discoveries are several hundred copper coins, parts of a tortoise-shell necklace, an oyster opener, a razor, a quantity of broken pottery and two grinding stones.

Barnard has also discovered what he believes to have been a Roman vineyard, with terraces cut in the rising upland. Further finds were two huge stones, probably forming the bases of pillars of the entrance gates of an imposing Roman building.

Roman bricks have been found built into the walls of an Elizabethan cottage in the town, while in the neighboring village of Kings Somborne several people have collected quite a show of Roman and early British relics.

Such importance is attached to the discoveries that a British museum expert is making a personal investigation.

### Lord Balfour Admits He's Lazy and Likes It

London.—Lord Balfour is a busy man—and admits it.

"I am a great lover of idleness myself, though I never say much about it, and I always love to hear that there are to be certain hours of the day when no one will ask me to do anything," the former prime minister said at a luncheon of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

"The Institute is engaged upon one of the most important tasks facing people engaged in social welfare," Lord Balfour went on. "That is the complete explosion of the superstition that all hours of work are a misnomer quantity in the happiness of life and all hours of idleness a plus quantity."

Lord Balfour's idea of perfect bliss and laziness is to listen to performances of Handel or lie in bed and read "thrillers" or detective stories.

## THIRD DEATH ADDS TO KANAGA RIDDLE

### Caves of Island May Hide Wild Animal.

Kodiak, Alaska.—To the deep sea-worn caves of lonely Kanaga Island conceal strange animal-like men who venture out at low tide to prey on natives and white fox-farm attendants? For the third time in a year a Seattle man's death adds to the North riddle. Thus far the toll of Kanaga includes T. Shrufer, Tom Marrah and P. H. Munro.

More than a score of Aleuts have fallen victims to some mysterious power at various times in recent years, yet there has been no witness of the terrible deeds committed nor has a clue to the malefactors been found. Fox-pelt poachers do prey among the fur islands, but they rarely molest the Islanders, fearing disclosure of their crimes. The Aleut natives are peaceful men, seldom perturbed to the fighting point.

**Has Largest Blue Fox Farm.**  
 Kanaga is the home just now of the largest blue fox farm in the world. The island lies near the tip of the Aleutian group, the relic of terrific submarine upheaval centuries ago. Besides Aleuts, there are a few persons descended from the Baranof explorers and the Muscovian influence is shown in their mode of living—low-roofed stone houses with large fireplaces where the fires seldom die down as a rule. Pelting of furs is the occupation, besides fishing and hunting.

Day after day in autumn and winter Kanaga is veiled with dense fog; the furious sea beats the rocky shores, wearing deep caves far into the bowels of the sandstone formation. Some of the caves are a mile back with high vaulted ceilings. In these natural tombs Aleuts bore their dead, each body rolled in layer after layer of long seaweed or kelp. The dead were mummified and today are in a good state of preservation.

**Wild Beauty in Spring.**  
 In spring Kanaga casts off the drab clothing of winter. Lupines, lilies and wild celery transfer it into a great flower garden. Sea fowl by the million come to eat the wild rice and schools of fish. The towering cliffs are covered with spruce and there is a strange wild beauty all around. Wild and semidomesticated foxes overrun the land.

Lured by the natural torpid surroundings, the Aleuts have become half-dazed, the white settlers morbid, until all move about as dead living people. In the mummy caves are found grotesque masks, ikons and oriental carvings. The beach receives a backwash from many shores. Driftwood from Asia reaches Kanaga in the Japan current. This adds to the terror and superstitions of the Islanders.

Little wonder the stranger landing at Kanaga is held at a distance, and peering eyes watch from secret places until suspicion is overcome. On Kanaga Island it is said Irish turn into Russians, Russians become Chinese and all finally become queer primitive human beings lacking ambition and imbued with a curious desire to worship the mummies in the echoing caves of Neptune.

### 20 Families Kin to Pre-Conquest Saxons

London.—The controversy as to the tallest family tree in England reached a climax when A. C. Fox Davis, genealogist, and Sir Francis Galton, anthropologist and Darwin's cousin, came out recently with authoritative comment.

Mr. Davis declared there were 20 families who have direct descent from Saxon ancestry before the Conquest, while 35 descended through the male line from ancestors who rode in the ships of William the Conqueror. None is yet bold enough to say how Caesar's galleys figured. Sir Francis Galton, in writing "The Ancestral Law," calculates that a man descended from a Norman baron, assuming a weight of 196 pounds, contains one-fiftieth of a grain of blue Norman food, which hardly seems enough to fuss about.

Going back to 1066, it was ascertained that a person born in the early part of the Twentieth century has 67,108,876 ancestors, while nearly half of the actual ancestors—33,554,432—are accounted for during the Norman conquest, which is greater than the estimated population of western Europe of the year 1100.

### Flying Boats in Orient to Serve Meals at Bar

London.—Extensive flying tests are being made by Imperial Airways pilots in Singapore in a Rolls Royce flying boat—a large, all-metal aircraft built for the air ministry to co-operate with the fleet at sea—and it is now announced that two all-metal flying boats will be built to make experimental flights over the Calcutta-Rangoon section projected on an empire air route connecting London with Australia.

Each of these new passenger flying boats will be driven by three Jupiter engines, with a total of 1,350 horsepower, and will be equipped with a refreshment bar for serving hot and cold meals while in flight.

### Woman Is Mayor

Casagrande, Ariz.—Mrs. Earl Garr, business woman, is now mayor, having defeated a man by one vote. The election was by the city council.

## STATEMENT of CONDITION FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas  
 Close of Business June 30th, 1927

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$272,311.78
Overdrafts	535.42
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$105,729.51
Commercial Paper	15,000.00
U.S. Bonds (owned)	116,850.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	79,622.87
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>\$317,202.38</b>
Total	\$599,812.08

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,218.03
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscunts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$514,344.05</b>
Total	\$599,812.08

STATE OF TEXAS }  
 County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

### Directors

J. T. Warren G. F. West  
 Sam Butman, Sr. Geo. L. Paxton Booth Warren

See Lowe-Brackeen Chevrolet Company for bargains in Reconditioned Used Cars. Cash or terms. 1t

Try our home-made Pimento Cheese Steam Cooked Ham and dainty luncheon meats. Quality Market & Grocery. 1t

Miss Maxie Banner of the Jones Dry Goods Company returned Monday from Dallas, where she spent her vacation with friends and relatives.

Miss Velma Lee Holden of Merkel is visiting R. L. Holden and family.

Call for your Green profit-sharing Stamps at—  
**BROWN DRY GOODS CO.**  
**A. R. BOOTH GROCERY.**  
**GRIMES-SMITH DRUG CO.**  
**MAGNOLIA FILLING STA.**

**I Want Your Chickens**  
 I am now in the market for your chickens, and will pay the highest market price. J. L. HARRIS, at the C. E. Conner Grocery. 8t2.

Mr. L. A. Freeman left last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Tennessee.

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AMONG the eight Chevrolet passenger car models there is one particularly suited for every driving preference—a Chevrolet for everybody, everywhere.

The development of this complete line of low-priced modern quality cars is a notable achievement in fine car building. It represents the result of 14 years' consistent improvement and endless testing on the world's greatest proving ground. It touches every cross section of American life.

The family seeking an all-purpose automobile—those women and men who require personal cars of unquestioned smartness—the business man who demands combined economy, utility and fine appearance—owners of high-priced automobiles who wish to enjoy the advantages of additional transportation without sacrifice of quality or prestige—

—all find in Chevrolet exactly the car that meets their needs, at a price whose lowness reflects the economies of gigantic production!

### —at these Low Prices

The Coach	\$595	The 4-Door Sedan	\$695	The Imperial	\$780
The Touring or Roadster	\$525	The Sport Cabriolet	\$715	Landau	
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				1-Ton Truck (Chassis Only)	\$495

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 MERKEL, TEXAS

QUALITY AT LOW COST

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ANOTHER ZANE GRAY SPECIAL

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—in—  
"THE MYSTERIOUS RIDER"

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Count the day lost when you miss Bebe in her finest love and laughter Special.

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—in—  
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Love, Wealth, Suspense and Splendor in gowns and jewels—a United Artists Production

Don't Miss It! Also "THE COLLEGIANS"

"NEVER A DISAPPOINTMENT"

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, of the Brown Dry Goods Company, spent Sunday and Monday in Midland with friends and relatives, and attending Midland's big fourth of July celebration. They report a very fine trip.

Mr. Stan Johnson and sisters, Misses Ona and Pauline, visited relatives in Stanton and Odessa over the 4th, returning to their home here Tuesday.

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W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money. tf

Mr. Sam Ash of Waurika, Oklahoma, and Mr. Oscar Ash of Fort Worth, nephews of Mr. Ed Ash of this city, spent Wednesday of this week here visiting. The former Mr. Ash lived in Merkel over 35 years ago, his parents moving here in 1884, and living on a farm one and a half miles northwest of town. Mr. Ash said this was his first trip back to Merkel since he left 83 years ago. When questioned about the town at that time he said "there was not a single brick building here then, and a very few business places. However, I remember that the Merkel Mail was being published then. I recognize nothing else that was here at that time." It is interesting to note that Merkel is making wonderful progress and development.

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#### OBJECTORS

Every theory that has ever been advanced, every statement that was ever heralded as a truth, have been declared by many to be but the vagaries of the wildly imaginative.

A campaign to bring about diversified farming in West Texas was started by R. Q. Lee in 1925 which called down the maledictions of many who became greatly alarmed lest this great territory would come under the domination of "book farmers" and farmers would try to raise other crops than cotton. The objectors declared that any decrease in the cotton acreage meant a gradual lowering of living conditions and a withdrawal of credit that would ultimately depopulate the farms. Then came the Dallas News with a campaign slogan of "More cotton on Fewer Acres" and the same objectors saw visions of over production and six cent cotton and a great newspaper lending its aid to the book farmers and hurrying us on toward bankruptcy. The Dallas News and Mr. Lee are urging the farmer to raise as much cotton on eighty acres as he formerly raised on one hundred sixty and to make his living off the other eighty. Not a bad idea—and that is what is meant by diversification. Raise hogs enough for your own meat; chickens enough to keep the table in eggs and surplus enough to exchange for all the food stuff not raised on the farm; two good cows to furnish milk and butter for the table and a surplus to market; feed enough to carry all stock through the year with a surplus to put aside should Jupiter Pluvius go on a vacation for a season. Let cotton be the cash crop.

Sell it, put the money in the bank or make a payment on a piece of land; or use it in such a way that when you are called hence the world will be a little better because you lived in it.

# "Clean Up Specials"

We are offering a few "Special Clean Up" Articles on odds and ends in Screen Doors, Refrigerators, Milk Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers, Water Coolers, Water Hose, Poultry wire, Camp Cots, Camp Chairs, Lawn Mowers and Incubators

We just have a very few of each of these articles so if you are interested come in at once because they won't last long.

See our window on Pocket Knife special. Our stock is complete in almost all lines. Let us install your Sewer and Plumbing. We carry a complete line of Fixtures.

We want to install your Natural Gas Lines. We will have a complete line of Gas Stoves, Heaters, Logs and Etc. as soon as the mains are laid to Merkel. Windmills, yes we sell the Aermotor Self Oiling. Grease it once a year

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# FANS

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A small fan—at a small price—but a mighty big breeze.

A staunch, sturdy fan—made by General Electric with the same precision as the big G-E Fans.

6-inch fan \$5  
Finished in cream enamel \$6. Universal—can be used on any 110 volt A. C. or D. C. circuit.

**GE Fans**

West Texas Utilities Company

### Ford Still Leads Auto Industry

A new Ford, "superior in design and performance to any low-priced light car," is promised by the Ford Motor Company.

This announcement has been received with pleasure by millions of people and again justifies the description of Henry Ford as "the most conspicuous genius in the industrial world, the most successful business man of our time."

Ford has made and sold 15,000,000 cars since 1903. Because of Ford and his cars millions of people have been able to enjoy the automobile. Because of Ford a thoroughly efficient and reliable machine has been placed within the reach of almost everybody.

And because of Ford the entire country has enjoyed a period of prosperity without parallel in the history of mankind.

It is easily demonstrable, although not generally recognized, that our good times are almost entirely due to the amazing development of the automobile industry. It took its big impetus about 15 years ago, after Ford had shown the way. Today, the industry pays wages, directly and indirectly, to about 3,500,000 people and pays them almost \$6,000,000,000 a year. This is enough to buy the country's total output of bread, and, in addition, its output of wollen, worsted and silk goods.

The Ford industries give employment to 600,000 wage-earners, 200,000 of them being on his direct payrolls. Ford and the automobile industry are directly responsible for our gains in building operations, railroad development and highway construction. The industry came as new blood into our industrial structure and Ford supplied the pumping power.

In yet another way Ford has served the country as no other man has done. When he announced his decision to pay a minimum wage of \$5 a day, and later made it \$6, other business men predicted disaster and cursed him for disturbing the labor market.

He went ahead with his plans and elaborated his idea that business would prosper if employers universally adopted the plan of paying high wages, constantly reducing prices by reducing unit costs and placing their product on a mass production basis.

These ideas have now been accepted as sound by leading industrialists everywhere in America. The presidents of General Motors and Bethlehem Steel have declared for these policies within the last few weeks.

Long ago T. E. Mitten applied them to P. R. T. They have become the slogan of forward-looking business men everywhere.

With a new era in the automobile industry about to open it is fitting that Henry Ford, the pioneer, should be found in the vanguard of the new advance.

#### HEBRON-UNION RIDGE ITEMS

Health of the community is very good at present.

The farmers are badly in need of rain.

Miss Winnie Bayless visited Miss Gladys Mullins last Sunday. Miss Nina Skidmore visited Miss Mildred Sharp last Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas has as her guest this week Mrs. Nellie Sibley and children of Arlington, Mr. Jay Douglas of Comanche, Mr. Adge Douglas of Stanton, Mr. J. H. Clark and family visited Mr. Ed Leslie and family of Merkel last Sunday. Mr. John Davis, wife and daughter

were the guests of Mr. J. A. Pannell and family Sunday.

Miss Jewel Skidmore spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends of Sylvester.

Mr. James Harris, who attended Tech College at Lubbock the past term, after spending a few days with home folks, is now working in Abilene, Texas.

Bro. Tatum and wife were guests of Mr. V. Garner and wife last Sunday.

On June 29th Miss Pearl Skidmore of this community and Mr. Robert Davis of Los Angeles, California, formerly of this community, were happily married. They will make their home in San Gabriel, California. We wish for them much happiness and success.

Mrs. T. T. Davis had as her guests last week her aunts, Mrs. E. D. McGinty of Fort Worth and niece, Miss Loera, and Mrs. A. M. Scarbrough of Farmers Branch, Texas.

Beautiful, useful premiums now on display at BROWN DRY GOODS CO. 11

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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# Ordinance Determining To Assess a Part of The Cost of Improving a Portion of Edwards Street and Sundry Other Streets in The City of Merkel, Texas, Against Abutting Property and the Owners, Thereof, Adopting Engineer's Rolls, Providing For Notice of Hearing and Hearing, and Declaring an Emergency.

NOTICE—By making publication of the hereinafter set out ordinance, notice is given of all matters and facts therein contained, which said ordinance is as follows, to-wit:

WHEREAS, by ordinance passed on the 27th day of June, 1927, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, ordered that sundry streets in said city be improved by raising, grading, and filling same, and paving with 2 1/2 inch Vertical Fibre Brick on 5 inch Concrete Base, with concrete curbs and gutters, together with all incidental and appurtenances as provided in the plans and specifications referred to in the contract hereinafter mentioned, the said streets so ordered improved being as follows, to-wit:

KENT STREET, from the North property line of North Front Street to its intersection with the North property line of Elm Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 1.

ELM STREET, from the West property line of Kent Street to the West property line of Edwards Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 2.

ELM STREET, from the East property line of Edwards Street to the East property line of Lamar Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 3.

LAMAR STREET, from the North property line of North Front Street to the North property line of Elm Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 4.

EDWARDS STREET, from the North property line of North Front Street to the North Property line of Pecan Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 5.

WHEREAS, contract was let and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements, and the City Engineer has prepared and filed rolls or statements concerning the improvements and assessments therefor in each unit, and same has been examined and all errors found therein by the City Council corrected; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to assess a portion of the cost of such improvements against the owners of the property abutting thereon and against such abutting property;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: THAT,

### I.

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, does hereby determine to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements on said portions of streets, against abutting property thereon, and against the owners of such property, said assessments to be levied in exercise of the powers granted by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, heretofore adopted by the City.

### II.

Said rolls or statements, as corrected, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved.

### III.

The proportion of the cost in each district or unit to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof shall, in accordance with the proceedings concerning such improvements, be apportioned among the respective parcels of property abutting upon the improvements, in accordance with the front foot plan or rule, provided, that if the application of this rule shall in the opinion of the City Council result in particular cases in injustice or inequality, or in assessments in excess of special benefits to the property in the enhanced value thereof by means of the improvements in the particular district or unit upon which the property abuts, then the City Council shall adopt such rule in each district or unit as shall effect a substantial equality between the parcels of property abutting upon such district or unit and the owners thereof, considering benefits received and burdens imposed, and provided further that in no case shall any assessments be levied against any abutting property or the owners thereof for any part of the cost of improvements in excess of the special benefits in the enhanced value of such property by means of the improvements in the district or unit upon which such property abuts, as ascertained at the hearing herein provided for, each district or unit being considered as a separate and independent unit of improvement, and the omission of any improvements in any district or unit shall in no wise affect or impair assessments levied, and the omission of improvements in front of any property exempt by law from the lien of special assessments shall in no wise affect or impair the validity of assessments. Assessments when levied shall be and constitute the first enforceable lien and claim on the property against which such assessments are levied, superior to all other liens and claims, except state, county and municipal taxes, and shall also be a personal liability and charge against the real and true owner thereof. The description of the parcels and tracts of the abutting property, the several amounts proposed to be assessed against such parcels of property, and the owners thereof, the total estimated cost of the improvements in each district, the total amount proposed to be assessed against each parcel of property and other matters and things as shown on said rolls or statements, being as follows, to-wit:

#### ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR KENT STREET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF ELM STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT No. 1.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY			No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
		Lot	Block	Addition				
1.	W. J. Fulwiler	S.44 ft. of 4,5&6	21	Original Town	44	4,255.50	17.60	4,433.00
2.	W. J. Fulwiler	44 ft. of 4,5&6	21	Original Town	44	4,255.40	17.60	4,433.00
3.	J. P. Davis	21 ft. of 4,5&6	21	Original Town	21	203.02	8.40	211.43
4.	J. T. Warren	N.21 ft. of 4,5&6	21	Original Town	21	203.02	8.40	211.43
5.	Geo. Brown	S. 1/2 of 3	21	Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
6.	Geo. Brown	N. 1/2 of 3	21	Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
7.	A. H. Thornton	2	21	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
8.	A. H. Thornton	1	21	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
9.	E. L. Ash	18	20	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
10.	E. L. Ash	17	20	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
11.	E. L. Ash	16	20	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
12.	H. L. Propst & Ross Ferrier	15	20	Original Town	130	1,256.87	52.00	1,308.87
					560	\$5,414.20	224.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb						\$0.40		
Rate per front foot for other improvements						\$9.66821		
Amount Total Property Owners								\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part								\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST								\$7,442.93

#### ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR ELM STREET FROM THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF KENT STREET TO THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF EDWARDS STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. TWO

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY			No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
		Lot	Block	Addition				
1.	E. L. Ash	18	20	Original Town	140	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
2.	F. H. Latham	W.45 ft. of N. 1/2 of 1	20	Original Town	45	435.07	18.00	453.07
3.	Farmers State Bank of Merkel	E95' of N 1/2 of 1	20	Original Town	95	918.48	38.00	956.48
4.	J. H. Thornton Est.	6	13	Original Town	140	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
5.	Chas. D. Carey & J. William Carey	7	13	Original Town	140	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
					560	\$5,414.20	224.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb						\$0.40		
Rate per front foot for other improvements						\$9.66821		
Amount Total Property Owners								\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part								\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST								\$7,442.93

#### ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR ELM STREET FROM THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF EDWARDS STREET TO THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF LAMAR STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 3.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY			No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
		Lot	Block	Addition				
1.	Mrs. O. A. Neely	18	19	Original Town	140	1,353.55	56.00	1,409.55
2.	F. H. Latham & W. L. Diltz	1 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
3.	H. M. Rainbolt	2 T.B. Storey's		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
4.	H. L. Coleman	Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
5.	Merkel Motor Company	3 T.B. Storey's		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
6.	Merkel Motor Company	Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
7.	Merkel Motor Company	4 T.B. Storey's		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
8.	Merkel Motor Company	Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19		Original Town	40	386.73	16.00	402.73
9.	Sadie Woodrum	E.85 ft. of 6	14	Original Town	85	821.80	34.00	855.80
10.	W. S. Smelser Estate	E.30' of W.55' of 6	14	Original Town	30	290.04	12.00	302.04
11.	Taylor F. Davis Estate	W.25' of W.55' of 6	14	Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
12.	W. M. Boden	E.20' of E.40' of 7	14	Original Town	20	193.36	8.00	201.36
13.	Mrs. Carrie Bradshaw	W.20' of E.40' of 7	14	Original Town	20	193.36	8.00	201.36
14.	Eli Case & J. O. Hamilton	E.25' of W.100' of 7	14	Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
15.	Max Mellinger	W.75' of W.100' of 7	14	Original Town	75	725.10	30.00	755.10
					560	\$5,414.20	224.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb						\$0.40		
Rate per front foot for other improvements						\$9.66821		
Amount Total Property Owners								\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part								\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST								\$7,442.93

#### ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR LAMAR STREET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF ELM STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 4.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY			No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
		Lot	Block	Addition				
1.	J. N. McNay	4	19	Original Town	130	1,256.86	52.00	1,308.86
2.	Merkel Motor Co.	7,8&50 ft. of 9		Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
3.	Merkel Motor Co.	T. B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19		Original Town	25	241.71	10.00	251.71
4.	Merkel Motor Co.	6 T.B. Storey's Subd. of lots 1,2,3, Blk. 19		Original Town	75	725.11	30.00	755.11
5.	The Farmers State Bank of Merkel	N33 1-3' of 18	18	Original Town	33 1-3	322.29	13.33	335.62
6.	H. F. Groene	S16 2-3' of 18	18	Original Town	16 2-3	161.14	6.67	167.81
7.	W. H. Pence	17	18	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
8.	W. H. Pence	16	18	Original Town	50	483.41	20.00	503.41
9.	Burton-Lingo Co.	15	18	Original Town	130	1,256.86	52.00	1,308.86
					560	\$5,414.20	224.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb						\$0.40		
Rate per front foot for other improvements						\$9.66821		
Amount Total Property Owners								\$5,638.20
Amount City's Part								\$1,804.73
TOTAL COST								\$7,442.93

#### ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT FOR EDWARDS STREET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF PECAN STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT No. 5

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY			No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
		Lot	Block	Addition				
1.	J. T. Warren	S2-3 of 4,5&6	20	Original Town	86 2-3	915.98	34.66	950.64
2.	Mrs. Mary Atwood Gaither	N1-3 of 4,5&6	20	Original Town	43 1-3	458.00	17.33	475.33
3.	W. D. Hutcheson	S 1/2 of 3	20	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
4.	W. S. Telford	N 1/2 of 3	20	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
5.	John Sears	S 1/2 of 2	20	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
6.	T. C. Campbell	N 1/2 of 2	20	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
7.	John Sears	S 1/2 of 1	20	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
8.	Farmers State Bank of Merkel	E95' of N 1/2 of 1	20	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
9.	J. H. Thornton Estate	6	13	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
10.	J. H. Thornton Estate	5	13	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
11.	H. T. Dodge	4	13	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
12.	S. A. Friedman & Max Mellinger	3	13	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
"Each owner of 1/2 undivided interest"								
13.	J. M. Garrett	2	13	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
14.	T. G. Bragg & C. D. Grimes	1	13	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
"Each owner of 1/2 undivided interest"								
15.	Mrs. Dora Cobb	12	14	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
16.	Mrs. Eugene Baggett	11	14	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
17.	F. A. Polley	10	14	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
18.	J. D. Porter	9	14	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
19.	Max Mellinger	8	14	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
20.	Max Mellinger	W75' of W100' of 7	14	Original Town	50	528.44	20.00	548.44
21.	Mrs. O. A. Neely	18&9' of N 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	50 3-4	536.58	20.30	556.68
22.	G. E. Jones	3-4 Int. in N 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	6 1-16	64.07	2.43	66.50
23.	Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F.&A.M.	1-4 Int. in N 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	18 3-16	192.22	7.28	199.50
24.	Merkel Motor Co.	S 1/2 of 17	19	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
25.	Merkel Motor Co.	N 1/2 of 16	19	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
26.	W. H. Laney	S 1/2 of 16	19	Original Town	25	264.22	10.00	274.22
27.	Geo. F. West	15	19	Original Town	130	1,373.95	52.00	1,425.95
					1,160	12,259.86	464.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb						\$0.40		
Rate per front foot for other improvements						\$10.56884		
Amount Total Property Owners								\$12,723.86
Amount City's Part								4,083.28
TOTAL COST								\$16,807.14

### IV.

A hearing shall be given by and before the governing body of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1927, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the City Hall of Merkel, Texas, in the regular council meeting room, to the owners of the respective parcels of property, and to all others in any wise interested, whether they be named herein or not, all of whom are hereby notified to be and appear at the time and place herein named and fixed, and hearing shall be continued from time to time and from day to day, if necessary, until all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard shall have been fully and fairly heard, and at which hearing any mistakes, irregularities, or invalidities in any of the proceedings with reference to the making of said improvements or assessments therefor may be corrected, and the benefits by means of the said improvements, and the amounts of the assessments, and the apportionment of the cost of the said improvements and all other matters and things shall be determined, and the real and true owners of the property abutting upon the said streets to be improved, and any and all others in anywise interested, their agents and attorneys, shall be and appear at said hearing at said time and place and present and make any protests or objections, which they or any of them may have as to the said improvements, as to the benefits therefrom, as to the cost thereof, as to the amounts of such assessments, or as to any mistakes, irregularity or invalidity in any proceeding with reference to said assessments, such improvements or the contract therefor, and as to any other matter or thing in anywise connected, either with the said improvements, contract or proceedings, and after all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, either in person or by agents, attorneys or representatives have been fully and fairly heard, the said hearing shall be closed and assessments will by ordinance and in accordance with the law and the proceedings of the city be levied against the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, whether such owners be named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not. At such hearing anyone in any wise interested or affected may subpoena witnesses and introduce evidence, and has the right to appear and to be heard.

### V.

Assessments against abutting property and the owners shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien on the property against which assessments are levied, and shall be due and payable in six equal installments, due respectively on or before ten days, one, two, three, four, and five years, after completion and acceptance of the improvements upon which the particular property abuts, and said assessments shall bear interest from the date of such completion and acceptance and until paid at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually, provided, any owner shall have the right to pay any installment at any time before maturity by paying principal with interest accrued to date of payment; provided, further that if default be made in the payment of any installment promptly as the same matures, then the entire assessment upon which such default is made shall, at the option of the contractor, or its assigns, be and become immediately due and payable and shall be collectable together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection, if incurred.

### VI.

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Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND** and the Seal of Said Office, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of June A. D. 1927.  
**BELLE WELLBORN**, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. 174

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We take this method of thanking all who in any way assisted us in the sickness and death of our little daughter, Ruby. May the Lord bless you all, is our prayer.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gullion. Itp

Miss Doris Durham returned to her home here from Dallas where for the past 30 days she has been in charge of the business office at the Kiwanis Girl Scout Camp near that city, to which position she went following the close of the regular term of school at the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton.

Grandma Brown and little granddaughter returned to their homes at San Angelo after a visit here with the former's daughter, Mrs. Joe Higgins.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barnes are happy over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy at their home on July 1st. The mother is reported as getting along nicely, and the new baby has been christened "Robert Roy" Barnes.

J. B. Hamblet left last week for a month's visit with old friends and relatives in Mississippi.

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The Lord's Supper will be observed by the church in connection with the morning worship.

Evening service will be evangelistic. We are gratified at the attendance at all services but especially the evening preaching service.

All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 7:45 with a special number in the opening service furnished by the Senior Union. Last Sunday evening some fifty awards were made for work done in our recent B.Y.P.U. training school. At an early service there will be presented to the Sunday School workers more than 100 awards for work done in recent Sunday School training classes.

The Lueders encampment begins next Monday and it is hoped that a good number of our people will be able to attend the meetings there. There will be training classes both the first and the second weeks of the encampment. All books being covered in one week with the exception of the Sunday School Manual which will cover the entire two weeks. However one can take either half of the book in one week with the two hour lessons and get a certificate.

Dr. George W. Truet of Dallas will be the encampment preacher and it is hoped that as many of our people as can will take advantage of this opportunity to hear him.

Come find a place to work and to worship. **Ira L. Parrack, pastor.**

**Junior B. Y. P. U. Program**

The story of Two Brothers.

1. Introduction, Allen Davis.
2. The two boys grow up, D. O. Huddleston.
3. Offerings to God, Billie Bernice Gambill.
4. How God Received the offerings, John A. Jones.
5. Cain kills his brother, Margaret Canon.
6. Cain lies to God, J. E. Lassiter.
7. Cain's punishment, Ruth Davis.
8. Small beginnings, Dot Swafford.

Mr. T. T. Davis received a message announcing the death of a sister, Mrs. W. E. Campbell, of Bellevue, Texas.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs, Misses Valera Dye and Cora Lee Hulsey left first of the week for a trip to Austin, San Antonio and Galveston.

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**Bootsblacks Not Familiar Sight on Streets.**

Paris.—"Shine, sir!" Don't expect to hear in Paris the cry familiar outside railroad depots back home. But even at that you don't have to walk around the streets of the French capital with rusty footwear. No, it is no use thinking that all you tourists have to do is to place your shoes outside the door of your hotel room, as you will find in the guidebook advices. The half awakened chambermaid or night watchman will merely wipe off the dust, slap about one centime's worth of polish on the shoes, and let it go at that.

You won't find shoeblacks at every corner as you do in New York or Chicago, but you can find a few if you know where to go. There are not many, half a dozen or so in the whole city. When you get off the train at the Gare St. Lazare you can have your shoes shined right in the station or in a hidden arcade across the street. With a tip it will cost you about two francs, or eight cents in real money.

Then there are two worthy "commissioners," or public messengers, who sleep half the day on little stools on the two corners of the Boulevard des Italiens where it runs east from the Place de l'Opera. If you can wake up one of them when they are not busy carrying a bunch of flowers to a blonde or ringing a bell somewhere to awaken a late riser, you can have the job done under the eyes of half of Parisian Paris which never misses a chance to watch the antics of "those crazy Americans."

If you understand some of their argot you will at the same time learn what they think of people who spend money getting their shoes shined and then tell France she must pay her debts.

**Parted 24 Years, 3 Reunited by Letter**

Philadelphia.—But for a letter opened by mistake Henry J. Littrell, seventy, of Alavista, Va., might never have been reunited here with his two sons, who have mourned him as dead for 25 years.

Some twenty-five years ago a storm and flood razed a small town in the Middle West where Mr. Littrell had taken up his residence, and after it abated he had vanished. Although the sons searched for his body for days, they never found it. Some time later he was declared "dead" by the courts and his estate was disposed of.

Two weeks ago James Littrell, Jr., a grandson, was taking a business trip through Virginia. He had requested his associates to address his mail to general delivery along the route he proposed to pursue.

At Roanoke he received a letter addressed to "Littrell," with the first name erased. Believing it to be his own, he opened it.

Inquiries at the post office disclosed that the letter must have been meant for Henry J. Littrell. The younger Littrell decided to deliver the letter to the person it had been sent to. The old man and the young man began to talk and before long discovered their relationship.

**New Gears for Planes Climbing in Rare Air**

Lynn, Mass.—The addition of two gears and a small "impeller" to an airplane engine now makes possible higher power at all altitudes, which in turn means higher speeds or heavier loads. This is accomplished with a built-in supercharger developed at the research laboratory of the General Electric company here, after the design of Dr. S. A. Moss. It was announced recently.

Previously the supercharger has only been used extensively in military airplanes, and then only as an attachment, but now several large manufacturers of engines have adopted the new supercharger as an integral part of their motors built for commercial planes.

"The supercharger does exactly the same for the airplane engine as the oxygen tank does for the pilot when flying at high or unusual altitudes," stated Doctor Moss. "At 20,000 feet there is but half as much oxygen in the atmosphere as at sea level. An ordinary engine loses power rapidly as it ascends, but with the supercharger in use this is not the case."

**We Get John Bull**

New York.—Uncle Sam is to acquire John Bull. "Yes, sir, that's my real name," said an applicant at the naturalization bureau, "and I was born in Tipperary."

**Recognize Persons 13 Miles Away in Mirage**

Cape May, N. J.—The most remarkable mirage seen hereabouts for years was visible the other day from the board walk. Ships that were 20 miles at sea, hull down beneath the horizon, were seen clearly. The beach at Cape Henlopen, 13 miles away, was so plainly seen that persons walking on the sand could be recognized. Woodland, back of Rehoboth beach, also was clearly visible. Old seamen say that the phenomenon is a certain sign of the approach of a severe storm.

**GLORIA SWANSON IN "THE LOVE OF SUNYA"**

The Swanson personality. Great acting. A strong story. New faces. These four features characterize Gloria Swanson's latest picture, "The Love of Sunya," which opens at the Palace Theatre Wednesday and Thursday. The audience will be enthusiastic over the photoplay and many will characterize it as Miss Swanson's greatest. "The Love of Sunya," incidentally marks Miss Swanson's first cinema as an independent producer releasing through United Artists.

Five characterizations are portrayed by the star, as she rises to new heights as an actress. They are: The incarnation of an Egyptian girl centuries ago. A modern young American girl. A drab little school teacher. A temperamental opera diva. And the wife of a millionaire.

This reviewer will not reveal the story of "The Love of Sunya," because he believes a great deal of the interest and strength lies in the many surprises unfolded in this mystic film. He also will leave the question of which of Miss Swanson's characterizations is the most striking to each person who attends the Palace theatre, but asserts, without reservation, that the spectator will be held and enthralled by each of them. Her performance is masterful.

John Boles, Floella Fairbanks, a niece of the famous Douglas; Hugh Miller and Andres de Segurola, all new to the American screen, give good accounts of themselves in supporting the star. Creditable performances also are given by Ian Keith, Raymond Hackett, Andres Randolph, Ivan Lebedeff, Robert Schable, Pauline Garon, John Miltorn and Forrest Huff. Director Albert Parker, the same gentleman who fashioned "The Black Pirate," guided his players with the hand of a master and "The Love of Sunya," undoubtedly will strengthen his position as one of the leading American directors.

All in all, "The Love of Sunya" is a masterpiece and no one should miss seeing it while it is at the Palace Theatre.

**Methodist Church**

Will have all the regular services at the Methodist church Sunday.

The attendance at all the services last Sunday were below the standard. Hope that all may be back in place next Sunday.

Rev. Burrow Kirby of Abilene will preach at the morning hour. Bro. Kirby is one of our promising young preachers and will bring a splendid message.

The pastor will preach at the evening hour. The public is cordially invited to attend all our services.  
**W. R. McCarter.**

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Sunday School at 10 a.m., Wm. Elliott, Superintendent.

Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

C. E. at 7:30 p.m.

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The attendance is increasing at all the services. If your neighbor is not in a Sunday School somewhere invite them to attend with you.  
**R. A. Walker, pastor.**

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Case and son Milton returned Wednesday from a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth, spending the Fourth in that city.

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