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C. OF C. CONTINUES; MR. THOMPSON AS SECRETARY

At a meeting of members of the board of directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, on last Friday evening, after the disposition of various business matters and a review of the splendid work accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce during the past year, the question of keeping the work going in the future, together with the employing of a secretary was gone into with the result that the work is to be continued, and Mr. Thompson retained as secretary in charge.

Mr. Thompson's time expired with the first of October, and he had made plans for entering the Insurance business, devoting his entire time to same, but upon the request of those present agreed to devote a part of his time to the Chamber of Commerce work and keep the office open for the sum of \$100.00 per month from now until January 1st.

The Chamber of Commerce under Mr. Thompson's administration as manager secretary, has worked harmoniously and to the best interest of the community, and many things such as paving, securing natural gas, water and sewer extensions have been secured by our city during this time. Also during the first part of the year when we had a nice "little oil boom," the Chamber of Commerce and the able secretary did good work and much benefit was enjoyed by the city as a whole.

That every well organized, progressive city throughout the country maintains a live-wire paid secretary is now recognized everywhere and surely Merkel, one of the best and most progressive of them all should do so. Much has been accomplished in the past, but there is yet much to be done, and this paper trusts that our citizenship will give the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Thompson their hearty cooperation in every laudable undertaking throughout the balance of the year.

Simmons U. Debates Cambridge, England

ABILENE, Oct. 7.—The first international debate ever held in West Texas is scheduled for November 18 when Simmons University of this city meets Cambridge University of England in the local school's auditorium. The date was recently closed when representatives of Simmons wired an acceptance, in answer to a letter proposing the contest.

The English team is composed of three men, who will be graduated at Cambridge in June. The Simmons team has not yet been chosen, said Prof. W. A. Stephenson, debating coach.

The question selected by Simmons out of a list submitted, will be: That in the opinion of this House compulsory military training should be adopted as a part of the educational system in all schools and universities. Cambridge will take the negative side of the question.

The American tour is being arranged through the Institute of International Education, with headquarters at New York City. Last year the Englishmen toured the east and south and this year are going through the west and southwest.

Each team will be given 45 minutes for speaking with no rebuttals. The judging will probably be done by the English system, which lets the audience decide the winner at the close of the debate.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Next Monday, October 10, is the regular meeting night for the Merkel Fire Department, and it is urged that every member of the department be present as there is important business to come before the meeting, such as the discussion of the tent show ordinance as is now being enforced by the city. We believe this an important matter to us as well as the city and community and trust that every member will be present.

N. A. Dowell, Chief.

We are thankful to Mayor West for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to his son, Weston, who is taking a special Engineer's course at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Weston is one of our best young men who is striving hard to gain a good education and this paper predicts Weston will win.

More Evidence That Advertising Pays

In a recent issue of the Mail the Merkel Motor Company carried a "Used Car Advertisement," and like many others, it only needed one issue to sell the entire lot of used cars for this progressive firm. Infact they went so fast, says manager L. B. Scott, that we decided to go out and bring in another lot for sale. And in this paper our readers will find the Merkel Motor Company advertising "Used Cars". However, we would call your attention to the fact that the Merkel Motor Company has three different Advertisements in this week's paper, hence don't fail to read them.

Also, in our last issue a lady in the city placed an ad offering a fern for sale. The paper was hardly out and in the mails, until the lady phoned in to "please discontinue the ad as she had already sold the fern."

And another who declares he always gets results from advertising in the Mail is Mr. W. A. Whiteley, the Watkins Products representative in this community. Mr. Whiteley is a good advertiser, a hustler for his company's business, and is not only making money for the company but himself also.

Another instance where classified ad paid was the sale of a \$10.00 tent to a man near Sylvester by Mr. Connie Lepard. The ad cost him 25 cents.

Advanced Standard Sunday School

(By G. S. Hopkins)

It was our pleasure to visit the Baptist Sunday School at Merkel and check them up with reference to the advanced standard. We found the leading business men of this thriving city enthusiastically backing their good pastor in all of his endeavors. After having a short visit with these fine leaders, namely, Bill Haynes, superintendent; W. J. Largent, standardization superintendent; Charles West, general secretary, we were not surprised at the development of this Sunday school. May I say that they have measured up to every requirement in detail? Brother Largent saw that every piano in the building was tuned the week before our visit. In response to the question made by the writer, "Do you find any of the requirements of this advanced standard superficial or unnecessary?" the reply was emphatically no. There is not a single requirement but what places a Sunday School in better position to do what God intended that it should do—that is, to reach, teach, win and utilize in His service. We have only three such schools in the entire South, Louisiana and Mississippi have one each.

At the commencement of this year this office selected six schools that had competent leadership and building equipment necessary to reach this goal. Each one of these schools have been working diligently, so far as we have been able to ascertain, at the task. It has been really interesting to know just which would be the first to reach it. The honor comes to the First Baptist Church, Merkel. We want to congratulate the pastor, Brother Ira L. Parrack, and his faithful workers for their accomplishments. They themselves are wonderfully blessed, but we believe that the influence it will have over other churches will prove far more beneficial. One admonition we want to make to them, and that is, STAY PUT.—Baptist Standard.

Methodist Church

Fine services throughout the day last Sunday at the Methodist church. The atmosphere of good fellowship and the spirit of real worship in evidence in each service.

We are looking forward to next Sunday with high expectation. Sunday school at 9:45 with classes and capable teachers for all.

People who are not members of any school are invited to attend our school Sunday, sit in class, and see how much they would be benefited by joining the school and attending regularly.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All Epworth Leagues meet at 6:30 with classes for children and young people.

A warm welcome for visitors and strangers at all our services.

W. R. McCARTER.

Mr. J. K. Blair has our thanks for his subscription to the Mail and Abilene Morning News.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman of Clyde, were up first of the week on business and visiting friends.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCT. 9-10

Next week will be National Fire Prevention Week, and to impress its importance more deeply on the minds of the people, Governor Moody has issued a proclamation designating the same date for all Texas and it behooves the people of Merkel as a part of this great state to join hands and hearts in making Fire Prevention Week effective. If we cannot do more than clean up and remove the dangerous rubbish from our own premises much can be accomplished.

Too much cannot be said and done along the line of ridding our little city of fire hazards. The loss of life and property each year in our state is appalling.

Governor Moody in his proclamation sounded a note of warning when he said: "We must fight the mounting tide of fire destruction as we would an epidemic of disease."

Statisticians placed the loss of life caused by fire during 1926 at 10,000. This is a reduction of about 34 per cent in the last three years largely due to the extensive educational work carried on in the interest of "Fire Prevention." The largest percentage of both killed and injured are of the dependent class, namely mothers, children, the sick in hospitals and unfortunates in institutions.

The preliminary estimate of fire loss for 1926 is \$560,548,624. This is an average of \$1,535,750 per day, or \$1,066 for every minute of the year.

DR. RISTER'S NEW HISTORY OF SOUTH-WEST ISSUED SOON

ABILENE, Oct. 5.—"The Southwestern Frontier," the first book ever written on the period of southwestern history following the civil war, and one of the few volumes ever written on the history of western Texas, will be released from the press on or about December 1, it was recently announced by Dr. Carl C. Rister, the author.

Dr. Rister, who is professor of history in Simmons University here, is a native West Texan and has studied for years the history of this section. Final acceptance of his volume came recently with a written contract from the Arthur H. Clark Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, exclusive publishers of high grade historical books.

Taking up the history of the southwest from 1865 to 1881, the book includes accounts of the coming of the settlers, Indian depredations, ranching activities, the coming of the railroads and the disappearance of the frontier. The volume includes color maps, drawings and interesting photographs taken in early times.

One hundred copies of the book will be printed by the Clark Company especially for use in the West Texas history class at Simmons University. This course is taught by Dr. Rister.

SINGING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

There will be song service at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to attend and take part in the song service.

Mrs. A. A. Baker rejoices to have as her guest her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Warnick, of Phoenix, Arizona, who will spend some time with her mother and other relatives and friends.

SMITH ARRESTED IN KENTUCKY CONFESSES ALL

Bill Smith, wanted in Fisher county on a double murder charge in connection with the killing of Sheriff Smith and Deputy Jake Owens on August 27th, was arrested at Morganfield, Ky., last Sunday afternoon in a hotel where he was going under the assumed name of Roy Miller.

Smith was arrested on orders from Sheriff J. F. Parker and County Attorney W. B. Ferrell of Roby who wired the Morganfield officers that Smith, who was going by the name of Roy Miller would show up at the hotel in Morganfield at a certain time. The Roby officers received their information as to the whereabouts of Smith from local sources.

Pete Norfleet, who with his father has conducted many man hunts in West Texas, left Roby Saturday night for Kentucky, to assist in the apprehension, but Smith was arrested before Norfleet reached Morganfield.

Conatser's declaration that he was only an eye witness to the fatal shooting has been corroborated by a statement made by Smith after his arrest.

Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday and through the week. A special feature in the Sunday school will be the making of pictures of the adult and young people's departments for one of the Sunday School publications that has a circulation of fifty thousand. These pictures will be made during the Sunday school hour Sunday morning. In each department there will be three pictures; one of the entire department, one of the officers of the department and one of the teachers of the department. It is hoped that every officer and teacher as well as every member of each of these departments will be present Sunday morning. Bring along a visitor with you and let them see with the rest of the department and when they see the picture it will look so well that they will become a regular member in the Sunday school.

The pastor will speak at the 11 o'clock hour on "The Extent of Our Responsibility."

At the evening hour Rev. C. T. George, a colored missionary to Liberia, Africa and his wife and their adopted daughter, a native African girl, will bring a message on conditions in Africa. They will sing some of the great negro spirituals and will also sing songs in the native tongues of Liberian Africans. Those who have heard their program say it is very fine. They have brought their message in the country of the leading churches of the First Church, Abilene, First Amarillo, Anson, Stamford, Hamlin and at many of the associational meetings.

Let's fill the house for them Sunday evening. Tell your friends about the service and help us give them a good hearing.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30, opening with a special number furnished by the seniors.

Strangers and visitors are welcomed at every service.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and children spent the week-end at Lamesa with friends and relatives.

Methodist Revival at Trent Gains Interest

The revival meeting under the leadership of Evangelist W. M. Bowden of Dallas continues to take on more life. Services are being held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day. Practically all the business men have agreed to close for the morning services.

Rev. J. W. Bowden, the father of the evangelist and one of the West Texas pioneer preachers, has arrived to help in the campaign. He is past 85 years of age but is still active and ready to work for the Master. Rev. G. C. Williams of the Blair work is also lending his help as he can get away from his work. The pastor appreciates such able help in this rally round up campaign revival, and the people of the church and town are co-operating and helping like they were glad to.

The Sunday School broke her record attendance last Sunday. A new record is expected to be made next Sunday. A few members of the church and Sunday School failed to get out last Sunday are expected to be on hand Sunday.

If you want to be helped come out and hear Brother Bowden preach and sing. He is a soul stirring preacher and one of the best solo singers in the South. You will enjoy the songs by the children, too. It is not known just how long the revival will continue after Sunday. A hardy welcome awaits all who will come to the services.

C. OF C. NOTES

L. R. Thompson, Secretary

Mr. Durham has always stood for progress and has generously offered space to the Chamber of Commerce that it might keep the people informed of its work. The Merkel Mail is one of the best weekly papers in the state, and the Secretary is glad to accept Mr. Durham's generous offer and, beginning with this issue, will have a column, more or less, each week. Whatever is written in this column will be what the writer conceives to be for the best interests of Merkel and will be set down with no other thought than to be helpful to Merkel and its Trade Territory.

ANENT IMPROVEMENTS. If fair weather continues, by the last of the week the cement will be poured on Lamar street and on Elm to Edwards street. The brick will be placed at once and enough asphalt poured to properly cushion them and hold them in place. The West Texas Utilities Company will lay cables for the lights and will have them ready to switch on the moment the last brick is placed.

More than ten miles of gas mains will have been laid before the week closes and by November first, for most of us, shaking down fires, bringing in kindling and carrying out ashes will have passed into a dream of things that were.

Water mains have been extended to the limits of the town and the water supply greatly augmented by other wells that promise us an abundance of the purest water in this part of the state.

An abundance of water properly distributed means lower insurance and suggests such enterprises as a laundry, bottling works and an ice plant. They are not here, but their approach can be heard by those who keep their ears attuned to progress.

The officials of the T. & P. Railway are too progressive to have a depot out of harmony with the improvements in process of completion, and without any arguing, we may confidently expect a new station that will be in keeping with our other improvements and commensurate to the importance of this territory as a revenue producer for the road.

ROAD BONDS.

On October 24th the voters of Merkel and vicinity will have an opportunity to atone for all the vexation of spirit, meditated profanity and maledictions engendered or bumped out of them on the detour to Abilene.

We should not complain of what we may correct, and we may assure ourselves that a contract to hard surface the Bankhead highway from the Nolan County line fourteen miles east will be let immediately after the bonds are voted, and the work will be carried on to a speedy completion.

Why may we be assured? Because Judge Ely has promised it; the County Commissioners have promised it; and Judge Eplen has promised it.

Why did Judge Ely accept a place on the State Highway Commission? Because the Governor wished to compliment Taylor county, the home of

J. C. Mason Reported Seriously Ill

Friends of J. C. Mason here are in receipt of a message from his sister, Miss Ophelia, stating that Mr. Mason was then in a Paris sanitarium, and that his condition was very grave at that time.

It will be remembered that Mr. Mason has been in poor health for several years, and for the past few months has visited sanitariums at Dallas, Mineral Wells and Temple in search of relief and cure from his long sufferings, and the news of his further serious illness at this time will be regretted by his scores of friends here and throughout the state.

He has always been deeply interested in any and all moves which have been for the upbuilding of the community in which he resided. He has always been liberal in giving of his means for the aid and relief of suffering humanity, and while it is likely that his chance of recovery is quite doubtful, this paper joins many, many friends in the sincere hope that relief may yet come to him, one of our substantial and honored citizens.

LETTER FROM FORMER MERKEL CITIZEN

Lamesa, Tex. Oct. 3, 1927.

I wonder if a few lines from Lamesa would be interesting to the readers of the faithful old Merkel Mail.

The Hendrix bunch are enjoying the health-giving breezes for which this part of the Plains of West Texas is noted, and our health is about as usual.

We have some days of fine, pleasant weather, then some days of cool weather. On Sept. 27 our thermometer registered 38 degrees above zero.

We have had very little rain since we have been here. What we have had is in small localities and some local destructive hail that did considerable damage to cotton crops.

School opened here Sept. the 12th with a large enrollment. Lamesa has splendid schools of which she is justly proud.

J. E. HENDRIX.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

One hundred in Bible Study last Sunday morning. Help us make it one hundred twenty-five next Sunday.

A large number of young folks attended our Young People's Service at 7 p.m. We welcome you to this service each Sunday evening.

Bible Study 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m., text, "Who is on the Lord's Side?" Communion 12 M.

Young People's service 7 p.m. Subject for discussion, "Life of Joseph." Sermon 7:30 p.m., subject: "Entering the Christian Race."

Many people are attending. May we see your face among them?

Carl A. Collins, Minister.

BARGAIN DAYS HERE!

Newspaper bargain days are here, and the Merkel Mail can save you money when subscribing for the Mail, Abilene Morning News Star-Telegram and Dallas News. Call at the office for the special rates.

Mrs. Moody, and urged the Judge to accept the place; and Judge Ely accepted because he saw a great opportunity to serve in a large way the people who have been so loyal to him. When will we ever have such an opportunity to secure first class highways at so little cost? The state spends two dollars to every dollar the county spends. Abilene and precinct No. 1 spends seven dollars for every three dollars spent by every other precinct in the county. Two to one, and seven to three look like too good odds to pass up.

Think of it! Out of this bond issue we will get three hundred thousand dollars for lateral roads and Abilene and precinct No. 1 pay two hundred and ten thousand dollars of that amount.

DIFFERENCES.

Broad minded men may differ, but always respectfully and amicably. I would not wish to lose what I have learned from those who differed from me.

ADDED VALUES.

The completion of the system of highways contemplated by the proposed bond issue will raise the price of land in Taylor county one third. Consider a reasonable present price for your land and add one third and you will have a close approximate value to you — the highways not considering what you will save in gas, extra tonnage, wear and tear and convenience.



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WHAT is the quality that Giuseppe Danise, Adam Didur, Queena Mario, Antonio Cortis, Lenore Ulric, Nanette Guilford, Wilton Lackaye, "Roxy," and other famous singers, actors, broadcasters and public speakers have found that makes LUCKY STRIKES delightful and of no possible injury to their voices?

For the answer we turned to medical men and asked them this question: Do you think from your experience with LUCKY STRIKE cigarettes that they are less irritating to sensitive or tender throats than other cigarettes, whatever the reason?

11,105* doctors answered this question "YES."

These figures represent the opinion and experience of doctors, those whose business it is to know.

"It's toasted"

No Throat Irritation - No Cough.



*We hereby certify that we have examined 11,105 signed cards confirming the above statement. LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY Accountants and Auditors New York, July 22, 1927

THE BADGER WEEKLY

THE BADGER WEEKLY Edited by Junior Class of Merkel High School.

Sponsor: Jeneva Young; Editor-in-Chief: Addie Fae Patterson; Sport Editor: Paul Causeaux; Literary Editor: Norma Shannon; Humor Editor: David Cannon; Society Editor: Patsy Lewis; Miscellaneous Editor: Gladys Watts; Senior Class Reporters: Sterling Sheppard, Fred Yandell, Rubyjo Higgins, John D. Coats.

Sophomore Class Reporters: Frances Frederickson, J. T. Darsey; Freshman Class Reporter: Louise Booth and Eris Ash.

Monday morning as the students came in those who happened to notice the bulletin board, discovered a very important notice. Between Friday and Monday there had been posted a list of students who are already failing.

There were 20 girls and 30 boys on this list. This does not speak so well for the boys as there are nearly twice as many girls as boys in school. This should be a warning to those who are failing and now is the time to start doing better work. Next week is the end of our first six weeks and let's all see if we can get a white card. The red ones may be prettier but the white ones mean more. Right now is the time to begin to those that are on the failing list or on the border line had better waste no time.

M.H.S.

Visitor's day at Merkel High School is any day in the week from Monday until Friday. We will always welcome you. Especially do we want the parents to visit us and see what we are doing. Come and let us show you the things we need for next year as well as the work we are doing now.

M.H.S.

MERKEL VS. ROTAN

Rotan and Merkel seemed to be evenly matched at the beginning of the game. Merkel chose to kick and kicked 35 yards to Rotan who made a few tries at the line and lost the ball on a fumble. Proctor kicked out of danger. Rotan again failed to gain through the line and Smith for Merkel recovered their second fumble. An amusing incident took place at this time of the game. The Badgers huddled to call their signals. Rotan seized the ball and kicked it before Merkel had time to form a line. Coach Camp immediately began an argument with the referee as to the play. He won the argument and the ball was placed back in its original position.

The Badgers then began their offensive game. McLean showed real line plunging ability and consistently gained anywhere from 8 to 10 yards at the time. A pass was intercepted ending the gain for Merkel. The quarter ended with the ball on Rotan's 30-yard line.

The second quarter was Rotan's lucky quarter. A back broke through the line and ran 55 yards for a touchdown, the safety being unable to down him. After making the extra point they failed to make any gains of importance. The rest of the second quarter was a see-saw affair, neither side gaining, a slight advantage being with the Badgers.

The third quarter was a repetition of the second, with the exception of a few passes which Merkel completed. Proctor was injured after snatching a 30-yard pass.

The last quarter showed the Badgers outplaying the Yellow Hammers but unable to score. The Badgers should have won the game and would have if it were to do over. Much improvement has been shown since the Roby game and with Cisco as the next game, the boys are practicing hard to be able to hold them to a low score.

After the game the Rotan pep squad gave an entertainment for which none of the boys could stay more than 30 or 40 minutes but they certainly enjoyed every minute of it. Let's do as much for our visitors.

M.H.S.

GIRLS BASKET BALL

The Girls Basket Ball team is well organized this year and is looking forward to a year of big games and big victories. Miss Jesse Rodden, the coach, comes to Merkel well recommended from her past schools.

Merkel school has the material for a good team but it will take lots of work to bring it up to the standard the team has set.

There are some players here from other schools that made good last year. There is no reason why they should not this year. There are about 25 coming out for practice. From this number we can have a good team with the proper encouragement and cooperation.

The team wants to thank Mr. Emmet Grimes for his kindness in letting them have the building which they are using for practice free of charge.

There are a lot of good games coming! Look for them!

M.H.S.

THE PEP SQUAD

The Merkel Pep Squad is by far the most enthusiastic in the history of the school. This is partly due to our able leaders, Monetta Adecock, Fannie B. Boaz and Bessie Westenhov, and partly due to the cooperation of one and every member and partly to the encouragement received from outsiders.

The Pep Squad ably performed before High School last Friday morning. As a result the football boys left with lots of pep for their contest with Rotan. Some interested spectators found there was only about 25 in the pep squad and about 70 in the audience. Every one that does not take part in athletics should be in this squad. It'll do you good, do the school good, and do the town good. So get in on it.

The greatest factor the leaders have in persuading any one to join is "We are going to Cisco Friay." Whether they go or not there's lot's of fun in planning to go and unless something prevents it they are going.

You business men! Carry some one to Cisco. If business prevents, send your wife, sweetheart or friend with your car.

The Pep Squad was having one of its notorious meetings Friday at noon on the north side of the building when all at once every one stopped yelling—and began to stare. Of course they knew better, but Miss Martha Bird drove up in a new Chevrolet. Result: 15 rahs for Chevrolet.

M.H.S.

SOCIETY AND PERSONALS SPEECH ARTS CLUB

With Miss Lucy Tracy in charge, the Speech Arts class was organized last Wednesday afternoon with the following officers: President, James Collum; vice president, Carlos Montandon; secretary and treasurer, Rubyjo Higgins; reporter, Iris Garrett; and critic, Bessie Westenhov. The other members are Fannie Belle Boaz, Berdelle Adecock, Mary Lou Brown, Mildred Hamm, Elsie Richie, Elizabeth Harkrider, John D. Coats, Clark Mundy, Wyatt Miller, W. A. Whitely, Max Roberts, Harold Boney and D.J. Neil.

Miss Tracy, who is sponsor of the club, has already planned for the club to give several plays. The club would be glad to have any one who is interested in this kind of work to join our class.

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OCTOBER 10th to OCTOBER 15th

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This facial will be given by a MARTHA LEE BEAUTY SPECIALIST, and listed below are some of the things on which she will give you personal advice:

HOW TO CORRECT:

- An oily skin
- Blackheads and enlarged pores
- Wrinkles and lines about the eyes

HOW TO REMOVE:

- Freckles, tan and sunburn
- Pimples
- Blotches on face and neck

HOW TO MAKE:

- Sallow skins clear and white
- Coarse skins fine and velvety
- Thin faces plump
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\$1095 to \$1295

Illustrious New 72
Royal Sedan, \$1595
Six other body styles
priced from
\$1495 to \$1745

Chrysler Standardized Quality Revises Values Upwards

Chrysler Standardized Quality, by pioneering and developing scores of improvements and making them available to all Chryslers—"52," "62," "72" and Imperial "80"—has set new higher standards of value in the whole automobile industry.

Because of these extra measures of value, Chrysler cars can fairly be compared only with others of much higher price. Universally Chrysler cars represent far more than anything else the same money will buy elsewhere today.

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Maverick Motor Company

CHRYSLER MODEL NUMBERS MEAN MILES PER HOUR

JUNIOR NOTES

It was over heard to-day that the Seniors were planning to stage a "kid party." They only need to act natural.

We have at last discovered the why and wherefore of David's actions toward the girls. Today he let it be known that his highest ambition was to kiss a pretty girl. We sincerely hope that this ambition is some day realized.

David trying to use all the adjectives Miss Bird gave the English class the other day: "The stage scene was enormously sensational but too conventional and had a puzzling, trite appearance. The dancers were elegantly attired, having a very distinct modesty. Their harmony in being straight forward let the stiff audience know that their posture was a long way from incomplete, but exceedingly skilful, spirited, vigorous and convincing, not tolerating the cheerful

simplicity of the whole occasion.

Friday of last week the Juniors were honored with a new pupil, Gertrude Byrom. She is our thirty-fifth member. We hope she will like the Juniors as well as M. H. S.

Our pins are probably on their way now—if they are not they soon will be. We hope to get them some time this week.

Mr. Camp seems to have taken a very great disliking to Patsy. Monday morning in his study hall she got a very frank command to shut up!

NOW YOU TELL ONE.

(By David Cannon)
Tolbert Proctor: "Did you go to the Fair, Miss Bird?"

Miss Bird: "Sure and I happened to an accident. While riding on a street a man came up the aisle with a monkey and an organ. He sat the monkey

down beside me and this made me mad. I called the conductor and said "You don't allow monkeys to ride on this car do you?" and he replied "No but if you will keep your mouth shut they won't ever know you are on here"

Notice.
There will be a free supper given at the High School building tonight.
BUT

Every one is requested to bring their own lunch.

Miss Booth: "What three words are used most in high school?"

Carlos: "I don't know."

Miss Booth: "Correct."

Mrs. Young: "Every one who wishes to go to heaven please hold up their hands. (All hold up their hands but one small boy.) William don't you want to go to Heaven?"
William: "No, mam, not if all this bunch is going."

Miss Sloan: "Lester tell the class what you know about Christopher Columbus."

Lester: "Christopher Columbus discovered the Mississippi river. He also discovered the United States of America. He had the Sar Speckled Banana in one hand and the Declaration of his Appendices in the other."

Mr. Camp: "Rex can you make me a sentence with Delight?"

Rex: "If you open the window the wind will blow out de lite."

Mr. Camp: "Good, now make me a sentence with defeat."

Rex: "If you pull off the shoes you can smell de feet."

Mr. Jackson: "Milton, make me a sentence with waiter."

Milton Case: "Show me the way-ter go home."

EVOLUTION—M yancesters might have hung by their necks but they never hung by their tails.

The last section of History 2 didn't miss getting a enormously great lecture from Mr. Jackson. I think he meant it, too. He apologized for using so much time from our lesson, but it was perfectly all right with us. He could have used more.

The other day Mr. Jackson gave a very hard quiz in Plain Geometry and this is an exact duplicate of Raymond's paper: Statement: If you love your girl your girl loves you. Given: You love your girl. To prove: That

she loves you. Proof: All the world loves a lover—Shakespeare. You are a lover (given), your girl is all the world to you (self evident), your girl loves you (things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other). Then if you love your girl your girl loves you.

—M.H.S.—

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth, Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Miss Elizabeth Harkrider motored to Abilene Sunday.

Miss Mary Ellen Ashby and Mr. Ted McGehee motored to Anson Sunday.

Doris Brown attended Sylvester week-end party given at the home of her brother, Mr. Efford Brown.

Medeah Rawlings and Gwendolyn Vickers of Trent visited High School Friday.

Little Lady Jane Anderson was a visitor in High School Friday.

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King's Daughters Class Meet

The pretty new country home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox was the scene of a lovely party and class meeting Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Cox assisted by Mrs. Geo. Brown was hostess to the King's Daughters' Sunday school class of the Methodist church. This pretty home, fresh with its newness, lovely furniture and draperies, was further beautified with bowls and vases of cut flowers artistically arranged. The weather was ideal and it seemed that almost every member of the class was in the mood to go to the party. The business meeting of the class came first and the newly elected president, Mrs. E. P. Beene, presided. Mesdames Cox and Brown had charge of the social hour using games and contests for entertainment. Miss Sallie Brown also gave a beautiful solo as part of the entertainment. The guests were served a delightful refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, iced tea and cake. Class members present were Mesdames Beene, Russell, Huddleston, Dry, Harkrider, Hamilton, Patterson, Butman, Richards, Golliday, Mitchell, Simpson, Ellis, Brown, McSpadden, Cox. Invited guests were Misses Sallie and Inice Brown, Opal Patterson, Mrs. Thos. Durham and Mrs. W. L. Johnson.

GOLAN NEWS

Owing to the frequency of showers the cotton pickers have been kept out of the fields for several days. But with a few days of pretty weather the majority of the farmers will be up and some through with their crop. Misses Opho Muriel and Mildred Pelt of Sylvester were visiting their cousin, Zilpha Davis, Saturday night and Sunday. Several from this community attended the Fair at Abilene last week. G. M. Lawlis purchased a new Dodge Sedan last week and G. M. says it is just his luck for it to rain every day since he bought it. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis are entertaining a new girl in their home since last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain and children visited his sister, Mrs. Lawrence Griffin at McCauley, Sunday. Mrs. Jesse Green is expected home Tuesday from Temple, where she underwent an operation from appendicitis. We are glad to hear Mrs. Green is getting along so nicely and will soon be home. Our Epworth League organized a Junior League Sunday evening. Homer Lawlis was elected president of the Senior League. We have one of the finest Leagues found anywhere. If you are not a member come and join. Chos Jones returned last week from Catalina Islands, lower California, where for several months he has been in the employe of a large dry goods firm. Mr. Jones states that while he enjoyed his extended stay in that country he was glad to get back to Texas and his home town.

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"Winds of Chance" Rex Beach's story of the Alaskan gold rush, picture for First National by Frank Lloyd, creator of "Black Oxen," "The Sea Hawk" and other memorable screen hits, will be the feature offering at the Queen Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

The new Lloyd picture is said to represent not only the most accurate drama of Alaskan life ever made, but is enacted by a cast the like of which has seldom, if ever, been seen in a single attraction heretofore.

More than five months were required to obtain the atmospheric backgrounds of Alaska during four different seasons, and Lloyd and his players traveled more than 13,000 miles to reproduce the scenic splendor of our last frontier. The cameras obtained scenes in rain and snow storms, on river beds and frozen lakes and glaciers, and even at the summit of snow-capped peaks high above the clouds.

Dawson City, the goal of thousands of sourdoughs in 1897 and 1898, was completely reproduced for one sequence of the play as well as other famous points along the trail from Dyea—Sheep Camp, the Summit, Linderman, Dyea, White Horse, Miles Canyon and Chilkoot Pass, the mile-high granite barrier between the Pacific and the upper Yukon.

A cast of unusual importance enacted the drama. Anna Q. Nilsson, Ben Lyon, Viola Dana and Victor McLaglen, the English movie star, have the featured roles, while the supporting cast, of hardly less importance, includes Hobart Bosworth, Claude Gillingwater, Dorothy Sebastian, Philo McCullough, not to mention several thousand extras in the Alaskan background.

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Mr. J. B. Hamlet returned first of the week from an extended and very pleasant visit with old friends and relatives in the state of Mississippi, the state of his boyhood.

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The friends of Mr. E. L. Ash and family will be glad to learn that he has recovered from his recent serious illness sufficient to be about town again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bilackburn and daughter, Ruby, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Rotan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashby of Rosebud, Texas, have been ten days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Brooks recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavatte and son, Arthur, motored to Bront Sunday.

Mrs. Jep Climons of Buffalo Gap is this week guest of Mrs. Claude Doan.

Mrs. Alice Helms and children of Winters spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks.

Mr. Alfred Meeks and family have been seen riding around in their new Chevrolet recently.

Mr. Fred Williams was the guest of Mr. R. B. Horton one day this week.

Mrs. John Meek, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Ora Mayfield attended the workers meeting at Trent Monday.

Miss Ellen Roberts of Anson, who spent the week with Mrs. Will Campbell left week-end for home.

Miss Altha Clark was the guest of Mrs. Inez Mayfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scroggins and daughters, Frances and Nell, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Meek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter Zuma motored to Valeria Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Meeks and children motored to Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elliott, of Stamford were over this week for a visit with their son, W. M. Elliott and family.

Is Terracing Worth-while and Why So?

Merkel Mail:

It is to be deplored that certain jobs of terracing have been done in this territory for the reason that having been improperly done they resulted in disaster creating the apparently well founded impression that terracing is even worse than useless. Indeed one wide awake man who had observed some of this unsuccessful work not long since said to me "no man shall terrace my land even though he do it for nothing."

In view of this fact the cause of terracing here-about would seem rather gloomy, but for the further fact that we have now near at hand many examples of terracing which not only have proven successful but have resulted in very remunerative examples.

We have these contrary results due to mere chance or to the nature and lay of the land treated or to some other cause which could not have been prevented. The difference is simply the aftermath of work scientifically and properly done on the one hand and on the other by ignorant and careless methods. Who is primarily responsible for the failure of terracing work? Why to be sure the man who operates the level. Of course after the level has gone over the land beating the terrace liner, those who build the terrace must also do their job properly and carefully, but the most careful builder can never correct the blunders of an ignorant level man.

What are a few of the things a scientific and expert level man will know and do? Always first he will be able to keep his level running true; in the absence of this ability all else connected with the work may fail at any moment. Second he will know to start work at the highest point of the land to be terraced, working down hill, and he will see to it that any surplus water from the outside is not allowed to run in on the terraced land. Third he will know where and how to arrange and approach the discharge for the terrace water, fourth he will know how to space his terrace relative to fall of the land, length of terrace, etc. in order to properly take care of the resulting volume of water. These are only a few of the things a good level man must know and do, but if he can pass muster on these it is reasonably safe to conclude that he will know the rest.

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500 pounds lint
20 pounds bagging and ties
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20 cents per pound
\$104.00

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5 pounds bagging
505 pounds total
20.60 cents per pound
\$104.03

Before ginning get the square bale price and the ACCO Bale price. Then multiply as above—that is, the square bale price X 520 pounds, and the ACCO Bale price X 505 pounds.

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do this work? Any man who measures up to the test given above can very profitably do the work be he county agent or not, otherwise it's safe to let him alone.

How does terracing benefit land? In many ways. Probably first in this country by causing the water to move slowly because of its running on a level and so gives the land the benefit of the moisture instead of allowing it to pass off rapidly and so be lost. Second it saves the land by scattering the water and causing it to move slowly so that the land is not carried off with the current and volume of the water, also for the same reason any fertilizer applied stays on the land. Third it prevents the washing out or covering up of seeds at planting time. Fourth it will be easier on teams since the rows will run on a level instead of up and down hill as usually the case in the absence of terracing, and for several other reasons.

What land should be terraced? All land not lying low enough for water to gather and stand on it naturally, whether level or not, but especially hillside lands. How long will it require to get results? Usually the first year

and for years afterward.

Is there any land that can not be terraced? Very little.

W. C. Nalley, Trent, Texas.

A new concrete bridge is being built just south of the railroad on Oak street to supplant the old, worn out bridge, which when completed will be quite an addition.

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"I'm gonna sit by Nola." (of course you recognize Victor's voice.)
"Hey dumbell you're ruining my suit."

These and many other similar exclamations were to be heard in the street in front of old M. H. S. early one morning in September, as the various members of the Senior class crowded into a large bus at the wheel of which sat Layette (Beans) Dustybrains. Beans (weight 235 lbs.) was grinning from ear to ear as he watched the scrambling for seats.

Finally, after all the seniors had obtained seats, Miss Bird and Mr. Jack mounted the chariot, took seats beside the driver, this being a good observation post, as well as a good lecture platform.

Beans stepped on the starter and the motor responded with a beautiful roar. He shoved it into gear and started off, with a jerk that sent Roy sprawling into Ima's lap. He quickly scrambled back into his own seat, rubbing his cheek and muttering, "Well, you needn't get sore about it."

Amid a volley of cheers and hand-clapping from their fond parents the seniors of M. H. S. were off for a round-the-world tour. Mr. Jackson

and Miss Bird had decided that travel and observation were good for the mind; therefore they were taking us on this trip for our last year's school work.

With many a bounce and bump the bus rolled slowly down the street about a block, where, with a choking gurgling sound the engine ceased to function.

Beans pushed on the starter until the floorboards shrieked with pain, but it was all to no avail. The engine refused to start.

Mr. Jackson climbed out, raised the hood, peered searchingly at the engine and then began work with a monkey wrench. Within thirty minutes the street for fifty feet in either direction was littered with spark plugs, bolts, wrenches, screws, taps, washers, balling wire, grease, and various other automobile accessories.

Finally he gave up. Flinging his wrench into a mudhole at the side of the road he splashed muddy water all over Beans, who was stooping over and looking cross-eyed at the engine.

"Ouch. Oh, dat reminds me. I forgot to put nary gallon of gas in dis here bus."

"You what?" Mr. Jackson glared wrathfully at Beans.

"Honest, Mars. Jackson, I didn't put a drop in it. Say, please, den't look dat way."

Mr. Jackson looked disgustedly at him and then said, "Well, beat it to town and get a garageman to come down and put this thing back together and fill it up."

Beans disappeared around the corner at a rapid gait. Just as he left a slow drizzle began. When he returned with a mechanic, fifteen minutes later, it was raining hard.

After an hour's hard work, the mechanic pronounced the bus again ready to go. Everybody climbed aboard and we headed westward, joyfully contemplating the adventure ahead of us, our spirits not at all dampened by the rain. (To be continued—"in Juarez next week.")

JOKES.

Burns (To druggist): "This tonic is no good."

Druggist: "What's the matter with it?"

Burns: "All the directions it gives are for adults and I have never had them."

Tolbert: "What's a kiss like?"
Ruby Stevenson: "There take one;

how do you like it?"
Tolbert: "Don't like it, take it back."

"There's nothing like love."
"No, it's all embracing."

Oh the gum chewing Freshman and the cud chewing cow,

They are greatly alike but they are different somehow.

They're different—ah, yes—I have it now;

'Tis the thoughtful look on the face of the cow.

Mrs. Young is still wondering why Enoch Wiley does not answer roll call. Any one that can give the reason of this absence is asked to see her.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Geneva Young, Miss Lucy Tracy, Miss Roberta Sloan, Miss Sidney Lee Altman spent the week-end of Sept. 19th, in Abilene.

Miss Ruby Stevenson spent the week-end in Mineral Wells with relatives.

The husband of our attractive teacher, Mrs. Geneva Young, visited the High School Friday afternoon, Sept. the 30th.

Miss Irene Perry spent the week-end in Abilene, attending the Fair.

Senior Notes

NOTICE!
The annual staff has been selected and is ready to start to work. We expect to make a real annual this year. We also expect the entire high school and the business men of the town to co-operate with us in doing this. The subscription campaign will start in a few days. Begin saving your pennies.

MELANCHOLY HOURS.
One melancholy winter,
Upon a melancholy day,
There sat a melancholy student,
In a melancholy way.

The melancholy teacher,
Talked a melancholy talk,
She could wield a melancholy arm,
And walk a melancholy walk.

The melancholy teacher,
Taught a melancholy course,
She read to melancholy students,
From a melancholy source.

A melancholy boy,
With a melancholy head,
When asked in a melancholy tone,
Got up an melancholy read.

A melancholy sheep,
From a melancholy farm,
Ate some melancholy hay,
On a melancholy morn'.

The teacher grabbed the melancholy
In a melancholy way,
And cast him from the melancholy
school.

With a melancholy say.

In all my melancholy life,
I've taught many a melancholy school,
But never will I melancholy teach,

A melancholy fool.
Now melancholy reader,
Take a melancholy hint,
Never sit on a melancholy pin,
When it's melancholy bent.
—By Fred Yandell.

DID YOU KNOW?
That if the efforts of a certain teacher availed anything, we will soon have another married doctor in town? Wonder who?

That Harold made 90 on a quiz last week. If not, you're the only one that he hasn't shown the paper.

That some of our football boys were injured so badly in Friday's game that they had to be fed with spoons by the pretty waitresses in the hotel at Rotan?

That a dove assisted Columbus in discovering America? We didn't either.

That Miss Bird had a new Chevrolet? Funktums.

That Mrs. Young likes to see students enjoying themselves by chewing gum? We didn't either.

That this year's senior class far exceeds any of the lower classes and all previous senior classes? It won't be long now until you will know.

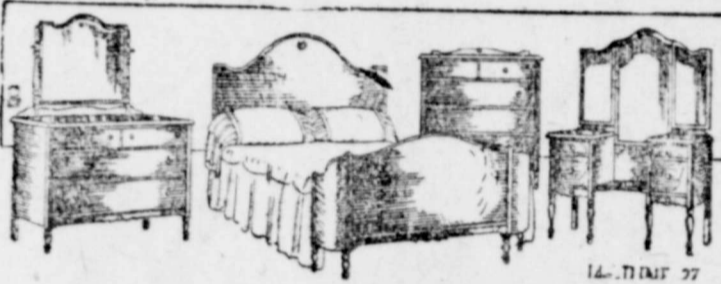
That Miss Bird was acquiring a good slang vocabulary? Just a shade rough for an English teacher, it seems to us.

TRAVELS And TRAVAILS
(By Jeremiah Darius Camshaft Wilkes Filibuster Yamroot)

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first chapter of a continued story being written by the Senior Class and one chapter will appear each week.)
"Ouch! Nix. Get off my toe."

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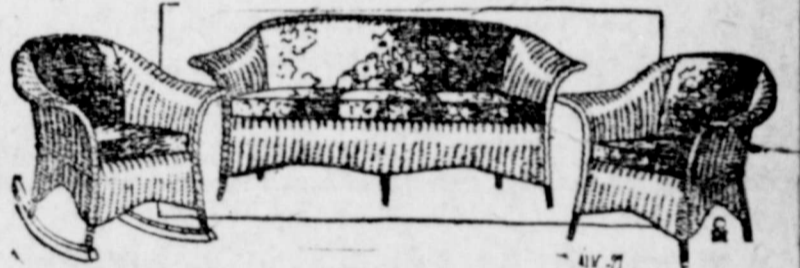
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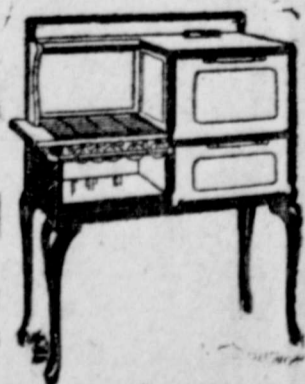
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FRESHMAN NOTES

The Freshman Class held a meeting last Friday afternoon, Sept. 30, and the president appointed assistant reporters. We also decided upon our class motto, colors and flower.

Our motto is "Not at the top but climbing." We intend to live up to this motto. Our class colors are blue and white. Our class flower is the White Carnation.

JOKES.

Two negroes, Moses and Sam, had just cut a nice juicy watermelon. Being very courteous, Moses held out both slices to his companion, but to his surprise Sam ignored good manners and chose the largest slice. "Where is yo mannahs niggah?" Mose asked indignantly. "Why if you had offered dem to me I would have took de small piece." "Whatcha grippin' about?" returned Sam with a satisfied air. "Dat am what you got ain't it?"

Miss Bird: "My, my, the accustia properties in here are simply terrible."

Mrs. Young: "Good gracious I thought I smelled something."

Customer: "I brought back this chicken; it smells." Grocer: "Im-

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BROWN'S

possible; It's dead."

"Say spike," said a burglar's wife, who was reading an illustrated paper, "here's a picture of a movie actress who's got her legs insured for a million dollars. Do you believe that?"

"Naw," was the disgusted reply. "Who ever heard of anybody stealing legs." A policeman was walking his beat in a residential district when a badly battered house to house salesman rushed up to him. "Say, officer, I want this man arrested (pointing to an ice carrier). Just look what he did to me." "Did you hit this man?" the officer asked. "Oi did," was the reply. "What for?" "Alienation of affection," the ice carrier replied. He sold Bridget's missus wan of them electric ice boxes."

—M.H.S.—

Girl's Brittle Bones Mystery to Doctors

Burton-on-Trent.—An eleven-year-old girl here, the daughter of a miner, is puzzling medical men who have come from all parts of England to study her case.

Her bones are so brittle that they break easily and she has already suffered seven bone fractures, five to her legs and two to collar bones. She spent two years in a local infirmary, but had been discharged as cured several weeks ago.

Two weeks after she was discharged she stumbled and fractured a leg bone again.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

On last Friday afternoon a class meeting was held of the members of the Sophomore class for the purpose of voting for class pins. As the majority of the students were in favor of buying pins, the president of the class has arranged for us to select our pins soon, that is those who want them.

TO THE TEACHERS of M.H.S.

(By J. T. Darsey, Jr.)

Mr. Jackson—He leads us—the teachers, the whole school, with a hand kind, true and sturdy, and keeps a head as cool. He has ambition—a former coach and principal is he—

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Mr. Camp—

He came to the most of us unknown unfamed, Yet in a few days a regular fellow was he named

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Miss Bird—

Always pilot of the great seniors has been,

Leads them right, kept them right, now as then.

Not yet married (so far as we all know) But the real good-lookers better go slow.

Mrs. Young—

She came to us as a substitute for our teacher of Spanish, but the way she knows Spanish is outlandish. She governs the Junior Class of nineteen-twenty-eight, but boys she already has her mate.

Miss Booth—

Not new-not married, yet (not announced anyhow) pretty, blond, industrious, easy tempered—she is a wow. She leads the best class of them all—the Sophs. And she will until she stops.

Miss Sloan—

She is new, but quick to get acquainted with all. In the lesson she never has to stall; she has certain ambitions—woe to men: She is jolly—to all she gives a smile and a grin.

JOKES.

Teacher: "Johnnie, what part of speech is nose?"

Johnnie: "Taint any."

Teacher: "Oh, but it must be."

Johnnie: "Maybe yourn is, because you talk through it all the time, but the only part of speech of mine is my mouth."

"Is the baby strong?" "Well, rather. You know what a tremendous voice he has?" "Yes." "Well, he lifts that four or five times an hour."

A boy asked his father this question: "Why is a house the most curious feeder in the world?" "It eats without a bit in his mouth most of the time."

The young ladies now a-days are like spoons in the tea. They are interesting (in-tea-resting).

A dead duck and a dead doctor are alike; they have both quit quacking.

Son: "If I should die and go to heaven would I have wings?" Father: "Yes, my pet, and a crown and a harp." Son: "and candy?" Father: "No-o." Son: "Well I'm glad we have a good doctor. I want to go to the same place you're going and maybe I can get candy."

Milton Case said that he wasn't very important because he didn't get his name in the demerit book.

Miss Sloan says all that Lindbergh would have to do would be to ask her to marry him. Milton says Miss Booth is like her only she's waiting for a doctor.

We all enjoyed the nice lecture Miss Booth had to take back yesterday. "Some of the boys envy Mr. Camp of his soup strainer."

We noticed Miss Ruby Stevenson reading a letter; we just wonder if it is from Tolbert.

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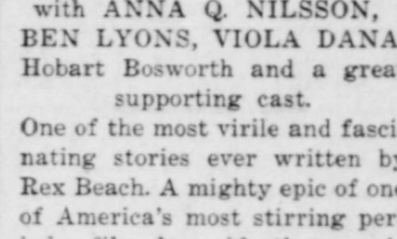
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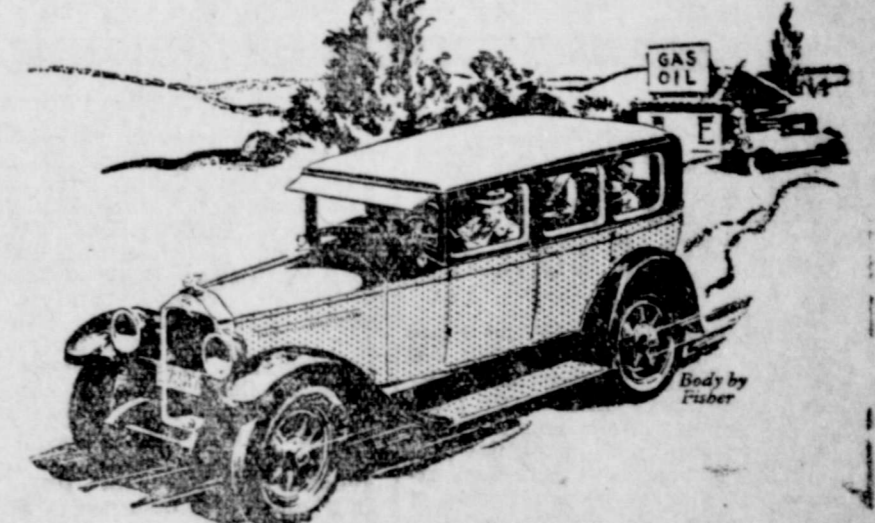
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A list of the special days, correct up to September 24, is as follows:
Saturday, Oct. 8, Opening Day. Sunday, Oct. 9, All-Church Day. Monday, Oct. 10, Agricultural Exhibitors' Day, G. A. R. and W. R. C. Day. Tuesday, Oct. 11, Dallas Day and Red Men's Day. Wednesday, Oct. 12, Pio-

near Mothers' Day. Thursday, Oct. 13, Farmers' Marketing Association Day, Gregg County Day. Friday, Oct. 14, Children's Day, Mississippi Day, Van Zandt County Day and Press Day. Saturday, Oct. 15, Traveling Men's Day, Tennessee Day, Hunt County Day, Texas Commercial Executives' Day, Deaf Day, All-College day, and Press Day. Sunday, Oct. 16, Spanish War Veterans' Day. Monday, Oct. 17, Dairy Day and Texas Ginners' Day. Tuesday, Oct. 18, Confederate Veterans' Day. Wednesday, Oct. 19, Kentucky Day, Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Day, "Cake Day" and Texas Congress of Mothers' Day. Thursday, Oct. 20, Academy Day. Friday, Oct. 21, R. O. T. C. Day and Texas Federation of Music Clubs Day. Saturday, Oct. 22, U. of Mo. Day and American Bankers' Day. Sunday, Oct. 23, Fraternity Day, American Legion Day and Closing Day.

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How We Reached The Advanced Standard in Merkel

(By Ira L. Parrack, Pastor)
Perhaps no one in a brief statement would be able to enumerate everything that has contributed to the success of this campaign. So I will mention only three of the most outstanding factors.

The first of these factors and by far the greatest is the help of the Lord. Our campaign would have surely failed if the Lord had not helped us to overcome obstacles that seemed unsurmountable. A number of times we came to where there was nothing else to do to reach a certain requirement so we would pray. We would pray. We would pray in our teachers' meeting, in the general meetings of the whole school, and in the secret places. Much of equipment, including two pianos, came as direct answer to prayer. We first asked the people for them, and when the people failed we asked the Lord for them and He sent them to us. This was true about workers also. We remembered the words of the Lord when He said, "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into the harvest." Many of our additional workers came in answer to prayer. The prayer period of the workers' council is one of the most important factors in any well balanced Sunday School program. The prayer life of officers and teachers is a determining factor. Jesus said, "Apart from me ye can do nothing," and this is certainly true in Sunday School work. An officer or teacher that cannot pray through difficulties is doomed to failure in Sunday School.

The second factor in winning this campaign was teacher training. This dates back for more than ten years. That long ago Mr. Walter Jackson who is at this time educational director for the First Baptist church, Abilene, came to Merkel and emphasized the training work. It was this teacher training work that made it possible for us to build the modern church building we have. Teacher training enabled us to hold the standard in our Sunday School for the last ten years. From our praying came our inspiration and zeal, but it was in our teacher training that we got the information that guided our zeal aright. Paul speaks of zeal without knowledge and the Lord says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Surely the Sunday School without a teacher training program will have zeal without knowledge if it has any zeal, and in most cases it soon will perish. We are all believers in teacher training and at special service when we will present the awards won by our workers in training classes we will present the

largest number that we have ever presented in a single year. A recent class of some twenty workers taking the "Administration Course" has helped wonderfully in this campaign. Any Sunday school having a hard time making things go will do well to start teacher training work.

The third factor helping to reach the advanced standard was the splendid spirit of work and cooperation shown by our workers. This was really a result of the other two factors. It was because we had prayed together and studied together that we could work together so well. Prayer brought the information. Now each officer and the consecration and study brought teacher knows their duties and desires to discharge them. There has been no petty envy or wrong rivalry between departments. Every one has understood that each department must be a standard department, so they have been willing to help. When one department needed help the others have helped. To Mr. Willie Joe Lrgent, our first associate superintendent of enlargement, we owe success more than to any other individual. He proceeded on the basis that efficiency would lead to enlargement and he has demonstrated it. But every officer and teacher has worked wonderfully well. The department superintendents have worked together with the general superintendent and all the others are filling

their places in a great way. Summing up the things that helped us win, we find that zeal and knowledge had a large place, but real honest-to-goodness work must come in for a large place also. But we feel that it is worth all that it cost. There is not a single requirement but that makes our school a better school. Now that we have reached the advanced standard, we feel that we are ready to do our best work.—In Baptist Standard.

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Last Friday afternoon, Sept. 30, the Grammar School Athletic Club Pep Squad met at the Grammar School building to practice. Miss Melba West, who is one of our leaders, couldn't be with us as she had to go to Abilene. Miss Julia Martin, another of our leaders, met with us for a while. The Pep Squad afterwards gave a few yells for the Junior football boys, who were playing.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHAPEL PROGRAM

1. Patches and the old Fashioned Girl, By Expression Girls.
2. Violin Duet, by D. O. Huddleston and Lynn McSpadden.
3. Reading, by Betty Lou Grimes.
4. Spanking Peggy Jane, by Nell Hughes.
5. Selection, Ukelele Club Girls.
6. Reading, Willie Evelyn Boaz.
7. Piano Solo, Mrs. Yates Brown.
8. Reading, Nell Durham.

Every one is invited to hear the program given Friday morning at the Grammar School Auditorium at 9 o'clock.

CHORAL CLUB.

The Choral Club members have already begun to work in earnest. Miss Collins has received invitations for the club to sing at McMurry College, A. C. C. and Trent High School. The



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Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Choices Determine Character. Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.

1. Characters Contrasted, Miss Mae Lassiter. (2) Solomon, Gladys Copeland.

2. Value of Visions and Dreams, Mrs. Crane.

3. Making the most of opportunities, Mr. Crane.

4. Truth taught by Jesus, Dorothy Higgins.

5. What saved the prodigal son, Miss Heizer.

Every one come and let's make the program interesting. We have started a contest in seeing which has the most on their group and which has the best program. Every one come and join group No. 1, and let's win in the race. Come! And find out more about it. It is interesting.

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A LEMON SOCIAL

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WARREN NEWS

Health of this community is not very good at present.

We are glad to learn that Grandma Mansel is slowly improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Stella Dobbs.

Mr. Boyd Dobbs left last Thursday to enter school at the National Business College at Abilene. He was accompanied by Charlie Harris of the Stith community.

Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents at Hamlin.

Mr. Arthur and Floyd McCoy visited upon the Plains Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs, Mrs. G. E. Ellington, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Patton, Nora and Doris Rister of Knox County, visited Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Broune spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Noil Harvell.

Mrs. N. E. Horn spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with her niece, Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Sunday with Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

We are sorry to learn that Grandpa Turner was real sick first of this week.

Mr. Truman Jaynes and wife moved to Midland last Saturday.

Mr. Otis Foster spent Saturday night with Mr. Sam and Theardo Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones of Midland spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Noil Harvell visited in Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. K. E. Huddleston, of Kentucky, was here last week for a short visit with his brother, our fellow townsman Mr. D. O. Huddleston. Following the visit here, the former and the latter left for a visit with a sister at Seymour, Texas, and a brother residing at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. D. O. Huddleston returned to his home here Thursday and reports that the meeting of the three brothers at Tulsa was the first time the three had been together in over forty years, hence a very pleasant and appreciated visit was enjoyed.

Mr. H. L. Powell, who has been farming in the Stith community was in the city yesterday and informed us that he had accepted a position with the State Highway Department of Taylor county, and would move to Abilene at once. He said he had gathered 10 bales of cotton and would get about four more from 30 acres planted in all.

B. C. Gaither returned Wednesday from a very pleasant visit with his daughter who resides at Tuscola.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone is visiting in Chillicothe this week.

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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Ways of Forgiveness". Leader, Mrs. Brown. Song Scripture reading: Eph. 4:31-32. Talk, The necessity of forgiveness, W. A. Whiteley. Talk, The Essential of forgiveness, Odell Hunter. Talk, Christ an Example of Forgiveness, Milton Case. Violin solo, Lynn McSpadden. League Benediction.

MULES, CALVES and FAT HOGS—Come and see them boys, they are good ones, and for sale well worth the money. See A. W. Hunter, route No. five. 30t2p

SINGING AT CROSS ROADS NEXT SUNDAY, THE 9th

There will be singing at Cross Roads, one mile south of Nubia, next Sunday evening, the 9th, at three o'clock. Come and enjoy this songfest. Also I will begin a five-night singing school at Blair on Monday night, Oct. 10. Everybody is invited to attend. J. J. Pribble.

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