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Who Will Win That Beautiful Chrysler Coach?

C. of C. NOTES

By L. R. THOMPSON, Secretary

DR. LeGEAR

Dr. LeGear lectured at the Palace Theatre Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. before a reasonably good audience. He also held a clinic and dissected several chickens and answered all questions asked.

He recommended his own formulas for sick chickens, but he could not have been expected to have done otherwise. There may be other remedies just as good or better, but it is reasonable to suppose that he has tried out those that he recommends and he would have been untrue to himself and to those who came to hear him had he not suggested the use of such medicines as he had found by actual experience to be most effective in the cure of diseases of poultry. He was invited here by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and it is bad taste to criticize a guest.

BANQUET

As soon as replies can be had from several whom we desire as guests at a banquet, every business man in Merkel will be asked to purchase tickets for a banquet to be held in celebration of the completion of the paving and white way, and to start a movement to interest the T. & P. officials in building a new and modern depot.

It is the opinion of the writer that these officials are as much interested in Merkel as Merkel is in the T. & P. and that it will not be necessary to urge them in any other way than to get them here to meet us and see for themselves how out of harmony the old depot is to the town as recently improved. We should arrange to have a banquet each year—and one that will be a credit to any town in the state. To this banquet we should invite the governor, our senator, our congressman, our representative and the Rail Road Commissioners. Merkel will then be on the map when she needs anything from our officials.

MERKEL SPIRIT

The writer of this column hears some very complimentary things about Merkel wherever he goes, and it is becoming one of the best advertised towns in this part of Texas and as a result there is going to be some trading in town and farm property. The farmers who trade in Merkel are especially complimentary of the improvements that have been made and those that are being considered. They are beginning to have a greater pride in this town as a trading center and our merchants may expect the trade territory to be widened.

The Dora people would rather sell their cotton here and do their trading here than in any other town and are waiting with great interest for work to be begun on the road leading here through Blair and Nubia. The Chamber of Commerce has far more farmer visitors than it does from the citizens of the town and the secretary is greatly indebted to them for encouragement in the work he has been trying to aid in accomplishment. With out the farmers the towns would fail to prosper and we wish to assure them that this office is at their service in bringing about whatever they believe will be helpful to them.

ADVERTISED FOR BIDS

In conversation with Judge Ely, he informed me that the Highway Commission had advertised for bids to hard-surface the Bankhead Highway from the Nolan county line to about one mile east of the Mulberry bridge, and that the contract would probably be let within thirty days. This action proves that Judge Ely is going to do all within his power to speed up the completion of all designated highways in Taylor county.

HELP ADVERTISE

Last week we referred to the fact that J. J. Pribble had arranged on cardboard a very nice display of products grown on his farm, and that display is now on the wall of this office. We would be glad to have other displays as they will aid us in helping to advertise this part of the country.

E. Doyle Garrett left Sunday night for Ft. Worth, where he has accepted a position with a wholesale company.

Cotton Drops \$7 On Report of Ginnings

Market Recovers Slightly At Close. Ginnings to November 1st. are 9,925,795

New Orleans, Nov. 9.—(AP) The government cotton crop report forecast and ginnings report caused the price of cotton to drop 136 to 140 points, or approximately \$7 a bale, on the local market today.

Just before the market closed for the day there was a recovery of 17 to 21 points on covering by satisfied shorts and the market closed steady, with December 110 points net lower and March 111 points down compared with the previous close. The general market closed 100 to 110 points net lower for the day.

Before the government report was received the market advanced slightly on favorable Liverpool cables and bad weather in the belt. December traded as high as 21.20 points and March 21.35, 11 to 13 points advance.

When the government report was advanced, however, December dropped to 19.88 and March 20.00, or 132 to 135 points down from the early highs. This was followed by a rally of 31 to 33 points, but late in the afternoon December traded as low as 18.84 and March 19.98. The government's crop forecast of 12,842,000 bales was only 164,000 bales above the forecast a month ago, but was fully 700,000 bales higher than was expected. The ginnings total to November 1 of 9,925,795 bales was about as expected. Exports for the day totaled 48,454 bales.

LOCAL TAILOR SHOP CHANGES HANDS



A deal was consummated last week whereby Mr. C. B. Glasgow becomes the owner of the Cash Tailor Shop, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodo.

The deal was brought about by a classified advertisement carried in the Merkel Mail by Mr. and Mrs. Hodo, offering their tailor shop for sale or trade for a farm. The advertisement was read in the Mail by Mrs. Glasgow, who insisted that he investigate the matter, as they were desirous of trading their farm, located 10 miles east of Merkel on the Bankhead highway for some kind of business; hence when both parties talked the matter over a trade was soon consummated.

In the deal, Mr. Glasgow became the owner of the Cash Tailor Shop and the residence owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hodo, and Mr. and Mrs. Hodo became the owner of the Glasgow farm as above stated.

Mr. Glasgow, while engaged in farming for the past year or so, has had much business experience, and will no doubt enjoy a splendid patronage in his new field of endeavor. Read his announcement in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodo and two sons have moved to the farm. We regret to lose them as citizens of Merkel, but join a host of friends in wishing them happiness and success on their farm.

Dr. Mangum, located in Wichita Falls, Texas, as surgeon, was visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black last week in Merkel.

Now comes the story of the absent minded professor who rolled under the dresser and waited for his collar button to find him.

Largest Herefords Will Exhibit at American Royal Show

Persons from this vicinity who visit the big American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show at Kansas City on November 12 to 19 will see there a local exhibit among the contenders for prize awards and honor ribbons. C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel, Texas have entered their herd of blue ribbon winning Herefords.

And judging from previous winnings this season of the Largent Herefords the other entries in this class are going to have unusually stiff competition. At the Texas State Fair at Dallas last month the Largent Herefords won practically everything of importance in their class, taking grand champion bull and grand champion cow and a number of firsts. At several other shows this herd has been equally successful at winning the blue ribbons. They have been showing at Wichita Kansas, this week and are going from there to the Royal Show at Kansas City.

Specially reduced railroad rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip will be in effect on all railroads in Kansas City's trade territory.

Special Services at Presbyterian Church

Regular services Sunday. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Be on time and have part in the discussion of the lesson.—Wm. Elliott, Supt.

Preaching Service at 11 a. m. C. E. at 6:30.

At 7:15 p. m. there will be a special service for the Boy Scouts, who will attend in a body, accompanied by Scoutmaster, Mr. Herbert Patterson.

Glad to have visitors with us in all the services.

Picture Monday evening, at 7:30 at the Church.

"A MAKER OF MEN"
Six reel moving picture, a real masterpiece of screen production!
Intensely Romantic.

Moments of Tragedy.
Humorous, Thrilling.
Grave, Inspiring!!!!

Depicting a noble, worthwhile life that began in the boyhood of a splendid youth, who never faltered when the hour of Destiny was striking.

Climax Thrilling!!!!

Where Shall I Invest My Life?
What Should I do—What Shall Be My Career?—My Life Work?

This picture will help you decide.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Law Violation to Place Dead Animals Along Highways

Phillip A. Diltz, this precinct's very capable County Commissioner, dropped in for a word with the Editor one day this week, and in the run of conversation with him, informed us that people had been violating the law recently by hauling off dead animals and throwing them along the public roads, and asked that we call attention of the public to the fact that such was a strict violation of the law.

Mr. Diltz stated that such violations must cease; hence a hint to the wise is sufficient.

TRADE with C. E. Connor and get your keys for the portable. 2t.

David Howell Dies at Trent

The thinning ranks of Confederate Veterans has lost another of its members. David S. Howell, 81, veteran of the war between the states succumbed Tuesday night at 8:20 at his home in Trent where he has resided for many years.

The aged ex-soldier had been in poor health for several months and had been under care of physicians here and at Temple during that time. His wife preceded him in death 26 years.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Trent Baptist Church with Mr. Howell's pastor, Rev. R. M. McGinnis of the Trent church, in charge assisted by Rev. J. J. Gentry of Roby. Burial will be at the Merkel cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Howell.

Mr. Howell was the father of ten children, seven of whom survive him and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His seven children were at the bedside when death came.

Mr. Howell was a member of Tom Green Camp of United Confederate Veterans. The surviving members of this group, ten in number, will be in charge of burial services at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell came to Taylor county 29 years ago and settled at Trent where he became well-known.—Abilene Reporter.

METHODIST PASTOR AND WIFE TO CONFERENCE

Rev. W. R. McCarter, the very popular pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city for the past two years, accompanied by his wife, left Tuesday for Big Springs, where they will attend the 18th session of the Northwest Texas Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South, which convened there Wednesday.

Rev. McCarter, who has labored faithfully and successfully during his two years pastorate here, carried with him a very fine report of the work here; all salaries and conference claims being paid in full. And besides the above excellent financial report, Rev. McCarter will report a splendid year of successful progress in the church here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and children spent the week-end with Mrs. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Ray Garrett of Simmons University spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

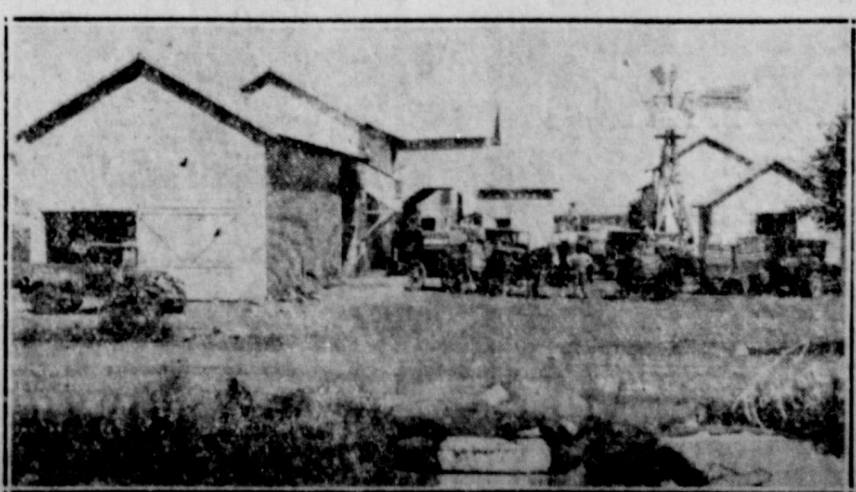
City Granted Use of County Grader and Tractor

County Commissioner Phillip A. Diltz, recently granted the City of Merkel the use of the County's big Tractor and Grader for the purpose of cleaning out the drainage ditches and otherwise improving the streets, and this week much of the good work has been going on. May it continue until our streets are again in fair condition.

DRUG STORES CLOSE

The drug stores of Merkel will be closed from 1 to 6 p. m. today to celebrate Armistice Day.

GRIMES-SMITH DRUG CO.
MERKEL DRUG CO.
HAMM DRUG CO.



FARM BUREAU GIN
Merkel, Texas
Erected this season at a cost of \$40,000. A. J. Canon, Manager.

Seven candidates running a close and exciting race, with first one and then another in the lead at one time during the past week.

Mrs. Geo. T. Moore takes slight lead this week, with Mrs. Ruby Faye Johnson a close second. Miss Winnie Brown, Mrs. Sam Mashburn and Miss Mae Melton are practically tied for third place in order named. Mrs. M. D. Fowler and Mrs. Jay Greenfield running in order named are only a few votes behind.

14,300 Bales Cotton Received Here

According to figures given this paper there had been received in Merkel for the 1927 crop, 14,300 bales of cotton. At the cotton yard, Mr. Thos. A. Bearden, the capable weigher, reports 10,244 bales weighed up to Thursday morning. The Farm Bureau Mr. H. B. Robertson in charge, reports 1,190 bales to date, and among the three gins, two in town, and one at Noodle ginning round bales, there has been 4,292 bales, which counted halves, makes a grand total of 14,300 full bales received here.

This is more than most people expected at the beginning of the season and there will be possibly a total of 16,000 bales when the season shall have come to a close.

Last season there was a grand total of 18,954 bales received here.

To Be Presented Again, By Request

The play given last Friday evening, "Help Yourself," at the Palace Theatre, was given to a full house, and was indeed a success. But there were many who could not attend, and many who did attend together with those who did not get to attend, have asked that same be reproduced, and on next Tuesday evening, the play will be given again at the Palace Theatre, this time under the auspices of the Cemetery Association.

And, Listen Folks, this is a very fine play, and the cause is indeed a worthy one. Every dollar received will go toward improving and beautifying our own Rose Hill Cemetery. The Association is anxious to make a number of needed improvements; they must depend upon the funds needed for same to come from the citizenship and those interested in keeping our cemetery in a respectable condition.

Therefore, it matters not, whether you have seen this splendid play or not, attend this time and do your part towards helping in a worthy cause. Let every man, woman, and child in Merkel and surrounding country come. You will enjoy the splendid entertainment. The play is under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, our most excellent expression teacher, and she, with every one participating in the play have left nothing undone to make the play an unqualified success.

We would also call your attention to the advertisement in this paper concerning the play. Read it!

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

To The Superintendents and Teachers of the Abilene and Merkel City Schools, The Board of County School Trustees, and the Trustees of All School Districts in Taylor County Greetings:

Whereas, at the Taylor County Teachers Institute, a Taylor County Teachers association was formed for the purpose of fostering educational work in our schools.

And whereas, the teachers of Taylor county need the aid and assistance of their co-workers, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Taylor County Teachers Association, that we earnestly solicit your active co-operation in carrying out this project, and that we cordially invite you to become members of this association.

Be it further resolved that copies of these resolutions be furnished to the local press and to the Superintendents and Trustees of Taylor county.

Taylor M. Rushing,
E. H. Boulter,
Committee.

Front Page Banned Head.

Saturday, November 12th, at 8 o'clock, P. M. This is the date and hour every candidate in the Merkel Mail's prize voting contest is battling against. Until that time every \$30.00 worth of subscriptions will count 100,000 extra votes, over and above all regular votes. Never again after Saturday will subscriptions count as much in votes. Next week and the week following they will positively count less. So it is little wonder that the ambitious ones are leaving no stones unturned in their efforts to accomplish everything possible before the closing time Saturday night.

CLOSE RUNNING

Some of the candidates are running so close that only one subscription would change their standing, while any candidate in the race, or even a new starter, by a few hours of "real work" could easily step into first place. In fact, no candidate has a lead that a few hours work by another could not overcome. Each Candidate should realize that there are several others in the race who are just as ambitious and just as anxious to win the Chrysler Coach, as themselves and no one is going to walk away with the big prize without any competition. We will no doubt see the lady who puts in the most time and efforts for the next two weeks drive away from the Merkel Mail office in a new Chrysler Coach on Saturday, November the 26th. All others who stay in the race and work right up to the finish will receive a cash commission of 10 per cent of all subscriptions turned in by them.

Now is the Time to Get in the Lead!

Every candidate should strive to get in the lead this week, as subscriptions will count more than they will at any other time. Up to Saturday night, one TEN year subscription will count 150,000 votes, TEN of these long-timers will count 1,500,000. Up to the present time practically all subscriptions have been for only one year. Why not try for a few of these long-timers? Only a few more days and some lady will receive a \$938.50 prize for only a few days pleasant work among her friends. NOW is the time to convince your friends that you are in the race to stay and mean to carry on right up to the finish. No one cares to help a "QUITTER" But once convince them that you mean to do your very best right up to the end and they will rally to your support.

Last Extra Vote Offer

From November 13 to 22nd a special bonus of 50,000 extra votes will be given with each \$30.00 worth of subscriptions turned in, and the last four days of the campaign positively no extra votes will be given. And now if you are one of those ambitious ladies who want to present yourself with a new Chrysler Coach it is high time that you were "waking up" to the fact that the campaign is fast drawing to a close and that just a little effort on your part may mean quite a difference in the value of the prize you receive.

Make up your mind now. Today. Be a prize winner, and go out after the votes to put you over the top. WORK WILL WIN! Let's Go.

The people in this section are perhaps, in the best condition they have experienced for a number of years. More than 14,000 bales of cotton have been weighed in at the local yards, and that has been sold at an average of more than twenty cents per pound.

And a good feed crop has been harvested. Also many farmers have not only made most of their living off chickens, eggs, butter, and milk, but some have made money, and have their cotton crop as a surplus. It's a great country in which to make one's home. Finest people on earth to live among. If you are looking for a good place to live come to Merkel or her surrounding community.

Miss Clovis Martin, former student of Greenville High School entered Merkel High Monday as a Junior.

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking
Commissioner October 10th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$429,087.26
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,639.00
Due From Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	3,210.58
Cash and U. S. Bonds	\$148,635.95
Bills of Exchange	208,105.62
AVAILABLE CASH	356,741.57
Total	\$835,119.32

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	691,736.13
Total	\$835,119.32

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Dilz, Cashier	Dallas Scarborough
	David Hendricks

Senior Epworth League Program

Subject: "Vocation and Avocation." "A Calling or a Career?"
Leader, Mrs. Floyd Dowell.
Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-12; Cor. 12:1-3.

Part 2. "Followed the Decision of an older person." (Page 183) Anna Lou Russell.

Part 3. "Offered a Good Living." (Page 183)—Joe Riney.

Part 4. "Gave an Opportunity for Real Christian Service."—(Page 183)—Mrs. Tom Allday.

Part 5. "Which of Two?"—Mrs. Touchstone.

Part 6. "Follow Thou Me."—Floyd Dowell.

Business.
Benediction.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of the pastor the pulpit will be filled at the morning hour by the pastor's father, the Rev. J. B. Parrack who began his ministry in Texas more than fifty years ago.

Pastor Parrack will be on hand at the evening service.

All regular services Sunday and through the week.

The choir announces special music at each service, also great congregational singing.

Strangers and visitors always welcomed to every service.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Junior League Program

"Loving Our Enemies"—Leader, Rev. McCarter.

Song 209.
Scripture—Matt. 5:43-48—Nell Durham.

Luke 6:27-39—Kennedy Whitely.

Romans 12:20-21—Alice Church.

Thessalonians 3:13-15—Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

Proverbs 24:17—Lois Whitely.

Proverbs 25:21—Gennett Hays.

1 John 4:16-21—Nell Hughes.

Romans 13:8-10—Imogene Middleton.

Prayer.
Song 213.
Benediction.

Miss Dolores Pitzer of Childress was the guest of Miss Dixie Blair the first of the week.

Mr. O. D. Blair of Route 3, Merkel returned home Tuesday from a business trip to the plains.

ARMISTICE DAY

November 11th

NINE years ago today news swept the earth telling of the conclusion of the world's greatest war. While we remember with regret, yet with profound admiration the many sacrifices made by our "Doughboys" over there, we are proud to honor and celebrate this eventful day.

In recognition of the world peace they gained, and in commemoration of their valorous deeds this bank will not be open for business Friday.

"THE OLD RELIABLE"

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas



Mr. Thomas Davis, father of Mr. T. T. Davis, died at his home in Lorraine, Texas on November 4th. Mr. Davis and family had been at the bedside of his father for some three weeks previous to his death. We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy to our fellow-townsmen in the loss of his father.

We had with us a son of Dr. Black of Canyon, Texas, last week, looking after the interests of the Pierce Gas and Oil Concern. He was a pleasant visitor of his uncle, B. M. Black.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program
Bible Study Meeting. "What Place has the Bible in My Plans?"—Leader Mrs. J. A. Collum.
Introduction by Leader.

R. M. Black, a contractor and builder was busy in our town for some two weeks and lodged with his uncle, B. M. Black. He hails from Cross-Plains, Texas.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.
Subject: "Hearing God"
Introduction by William Sheppard.
"Outline of Samuel"—Orion Tittle.
"A Look Backward." Vera Richie.
"When God First Spoke to Samuel." Louise Booth.
"How Samuel Heard God and Obeyed Him." Missie Dye.
"Hindrances of Hearing God." J. R. Lasater.

1. "Pure English but Poor Printing."—Mrs. Luke Huddleston.
2. "A Treasure House of Truth."—J. N. Teaff.
3. "The Bible in Daily Life."—R. H. Matthews.
4. "Give the Bible First Place."—T. R. Lassiter.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the children of L. S. Howell, take this means of expressing our most heartfelt and grateful thanks toward friends of Trent and surrounding community for their help and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear father.

Christmas is near. Wait for our One Cent Sale and save money.
Hamm Drug Company.

Ask your Druggist for "Over the Top" Tonic.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Compare the Great New CHRYSLER "62" feature for feature

And You'll Find it Superior to Sixes of Other Makes Costing Hundreds of Dollars More

THE sweeping enthusiasm for the Great New Chrysler "62" is due to the public's recognition that it has completely upset all past ideas of what \$1095 could buy in a motor car.

Here are features heretofore found only in Chryslers of higher price—features of performance, beauty, luxury, comfort, economy, safety, dependability and long life for which, in any other make, you would still have to pay hundreds of dollars more.

We will gladly turn a Great New Chrysler "62" over to you to test in your own way. Experience the exceptional performance, its ease of handling, its comfort, its safety which only the combination of these features gives—and you'll understand fully the acclaim of this sensational car which today more than ever is setting the country Chrysler-wild.

Anything Less Than All These is Less Than Your Money's Worth

1. Six-Cylinder Engine, 54 Horsepower
2. 7-bearing Crankshaft, with interchangeable shimless bearings
3. 62 and more exceptional Miles an Hour
4. Typical Chrysler Acceleration
5. Impulse Neutralizer
6. Webbed Crankcase Construction
7. Ventilated Crankcase
8. Invar Steel Strut Pistons
9. Special Engine Manifolding
10. Exclusive Type of Cylinder Head and Combustion Chamber
11. Silchrome Valves
12. Oil Filter
13. Air Cleaner
14. Thermostatic Heat Control
15. Manifold Heat Control for cold weather starting
16. Cellular Type Radiator
17. Full Pressure Oiling System
18. Rubber Engine Mountings
19. 18-inch-Base Road Wheels
20. Balanced Front Wheels
21. Pivotal Steering
22. 4-wheel Hydraulic Brakes
23. High Carbon Steel Springs
24. Specially-designed Rear Axle for Balloon Tires
25. Levelizers on Front and Rear Springs
26. Indirectly-Lighted Instrument Panel, with unique grouping of instruments
27. Fedco Theft-proof Numbering System
28. Electric Gasoline Gauge
29. Headlamp Control on Steering Wheel
30. Narrow Corner Pillars for Full Driving Vision
31. Adjustable Steering Wheel
32. Cadet Visor
33. Saddle Spring Seat Cushions
34. Fine Figured Mohair Upholstery
35. Rigid Type Curtains on Touring Car
36. Adjustable Front Seat in Touring Car
37. Low Center of Gravity
38. Double Beaded Body Construction
39. Chrysler Smartness and Symmetry of Line
40. Attractive Color Combinations in Great Variety

\$1095

To \$1295 f.o.b. Detroit
Great New "62" Prices
Touring Car - \$1095
Business Coupe - \$1125
2-door Sedan - \$1145
Roadster (with rumble seat) - \$1175
Coupe (with rumble seat) - \$1245
4-door Sedan - \$1245
Landau Sedan - \$1295

All prices f. o. b. Detroit, subject to current Federal excise tax. Chrysler dealers are in a position to extend the convenience of time payments.

"Red-Head" High-Compression Engine—specially designed for use with high-compression gas, is standard equipment on the Roadster and is available at slight extra cost on all other models.

The New 52 Five body styles priced from \$725 to \$875

The Illustrious New 72 Seven body styles priced from \$1495 to \$1745

Imperial 80 Eleven body styles priced from \$2495 to \$3595

MOTHERS!

Bring your boys to our store and it will be a pleasure to 'Dress Them Up.'

Woolwear Clothes, Kiddie Built OVERCOATS Gold Medal Shoes,

Bootees and Long Horn Boys Cow Boy's Boots. Yes, everything that a boy wears.

Lots of Style, Full of Service at a Price that will please YOU!

Thanksgiving says—"Dress Up"—You'll have to hurry—Come to see us—A pleasure to show you, whether you buy or not.

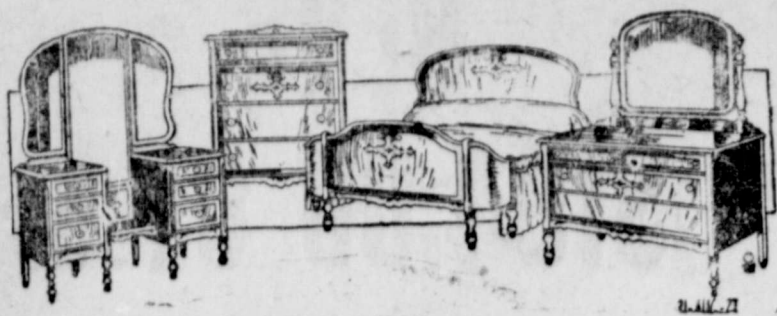
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(Men's and Boy's Outfitters) ABILENE, TEXAS



Maverick Motor Co.

November Specials at Barrow's

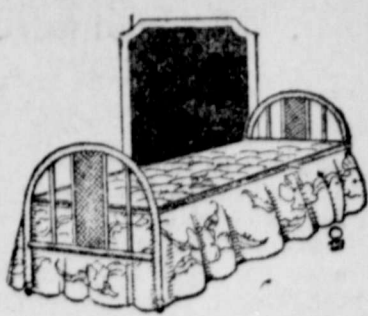


A REAL BARGAIN

This Suite slightly damaged in shipping. It is a genuine 5-Ply Walnut Finished Spanish and Hi-Lighted.

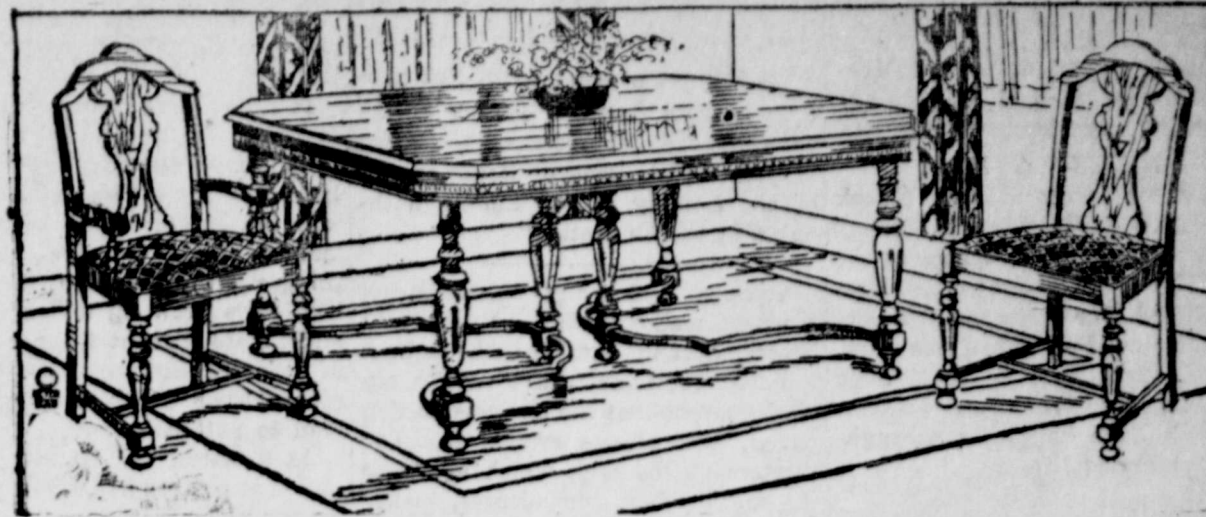
FIVE PIECES—Vanity, Chiffonier, Bed, Rocker and Bench.

You can buy this high-grade Suite for the price of a cheap suite—the damages on this suite are minor and hardly noticeable. The regular price of this Suite is \$185.00. **YOU CAN BUY IT FOR \$125.00**



An easy lounge in day-time
A comfortable bed at night
Every home should have a Da-Bed. Specially priced

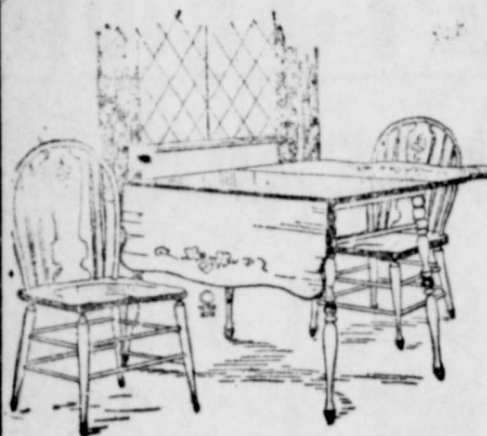
from \$16.50 up



EIGHT PIECE WALNUT DINING ROOM SUITE

Just as a stimulant, we are offering this Beautiful Suite this week—**FOR ONLY \$89.95.**

This is not the common cheap Suite, but you will appreciate the **SPECIAL VALUE**, when you see it.



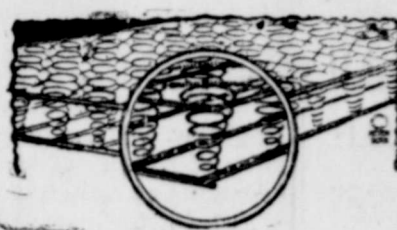
Breakfast-Room SPECIALS!

Is your Breakfast Room furnished as it should be
If not, See Our Special Prices this week.



HALF-PRICE SPECIALS

All odd Chiffoniers, Chest of Drawers, Buffets. In order to clear out these odd pieces we are offering this week at **One-Half Price!**



Close Out Numbers

Several Pair of High Grade Steel-Frame Bed Springs. Real Quality Springs, originally priced from \$10.00 to \$15.00

We are closing them out this week

at only \$7.75

IRON BED SPECIAL!

We are over-stocked on 2 Inch Post Beds with large 7/8 Inch fillers, and have reduced the price this week from \$10.00 to \$8.25. Any Finish.

We have many real Bargains in Furniture that are not mentioned above. We have a wonderful line of Gas Ranges and Gas Heaters. Let us trade you a new Stove for your old one.

Barrow Furniture Company

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Lords blessing us wonderfully in every service. Our Sunday morning Bible Study has just about reached the one hundred fifty mark. Come and help us enroll two hundred.

Bible Study at 10:00 A. M., Sermon at 11:00 A. M. Subject, "Giv-

ing." Communion at 12 M.

Young People's Service at 6:45. Subject for discussion, 'Life of Christ' Sermon, at 7:30 P. M. Subject, "Faith vs. Opinion." Midweek Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00 P. M.

You are always welcome at all of our services.

RIN-TIN-TIN SUCCESSES

Rin-Tin-Tin has deserted the scenic expanses of the snowy North and the desert South-West in "While London Sleeps," his ninth starring opus for Warner Bros, showing Friday and Saturday at the Palace Theatre. Under the guidance of Walter Morosco, who also wrote the story, he has traveled half-way around the world to become the central figure of romance, mystery and adventure in Limehouse, the notorious underworld of London and its over watchful Nemesis, Scotland Yard.

"Where the North Begins," "Find Your Man," "Tracked in the Snow Country," and "A Hero of the Big Snows" had the far North-West as their locales. "The Clash of the Wolves" was set in the cow-country of the Sierra-Nevadas; "Below the Line" was a story of the Tennessee Mountains, "The Night Cry" of Montana's sheeplands, and "The Light-house by the Sea" of the New England Coast.

With this splendid record of productions, every one of them a success, definitely placing the dog-star in the "trouper" class, Warner production heads have determined to secure less sentimental stories—stories that will make demands upon his acting capacities commensurate with his progressive development.

These stories will not be limited in locale or period. Each will be more ambitiously planned than its predecessors to hold new revelations of the uncanny talents and versatility of what has already been known as "the wonder dog of the screen."

Such is "While London Sleeps," with Helene Costello and Walter Merrill in the leading human roles, and the remainder of the cast including Otto Mattieson, George Kotsonaros, John Patrick, Dewitt Jennings, Carl Stockdale and Les Bates.

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IDLEWISE CLUB

The Idlewise Club members were happy guests of Mrs. Sie Hamm on their regular Club day, Tuesday of this week.

The entertaining rooms were profusely decorated with roses in every available space while all party appointments stressed the approaching Armistice. Colors of red, white and blue. Games of Auction Bridge progressed during the late afternoon hours after which Miss Nell Durham delighted her sisters guests with a most appropriate reading, "An Afternoon Tea," and was forced to respond to an encore.

Miss Hamm, assisted by Mrs. Jack Durham and Miss Ruby Hamm served a most delectable salad with miniature flags as plate favors to Misses Boog Sears, Melba West, Johnnie Sears, Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby Hamm, Nell Durham and Mesdames Roy Largent, Warren Smith, Johnnie Camp, Matt Dillingham, Tom Price, Emmett Grimes, Harry Cookston, Jack Durham, W. S. J. Brown and the hostesses.

Mr. E. Doyle Garrett left Sunday evening for Fort Worth, where he has accepted a position for the winter.

Miss Melba West left Wednesday for Waxahachie for the purpose of attending the annual home-coming of Trinity University.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong returned the first of the week from a very pleasant visit with their son, Dr. Frank Armstrong and wife, of Fort Worth.

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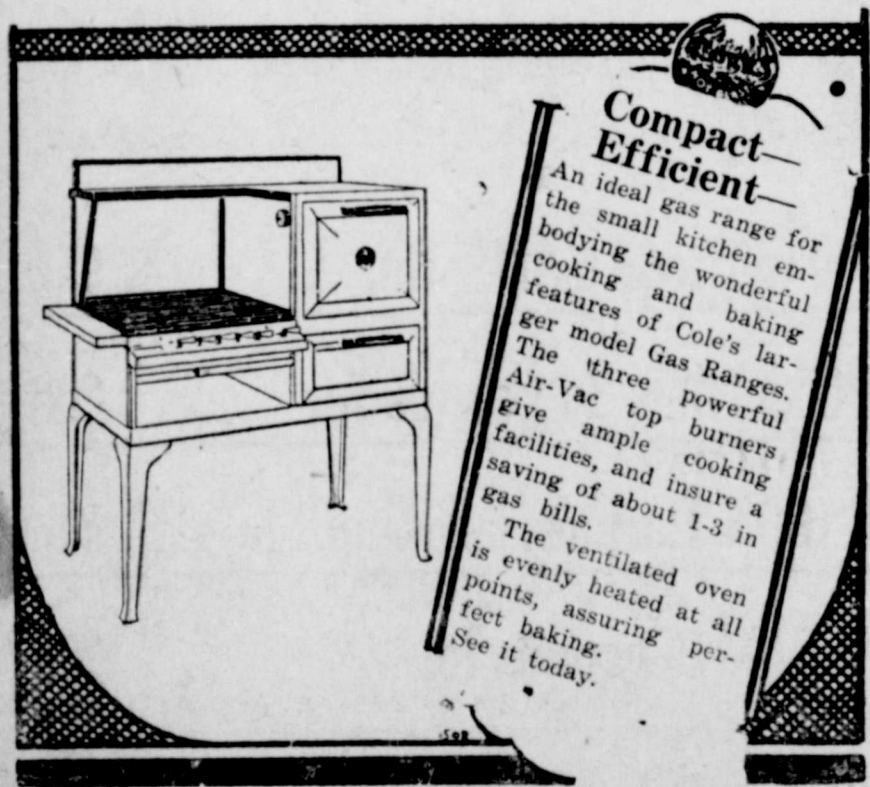
BOX SUPPER AT UNION RIDGE TONIGHT

What the people of the Union Ridge community have promised as "the biggest little thing of all" is scheduled to take place tonight, Friday, November 11th, at the Union Ridge church in the form of a box

supper. Those in charge of arrangements are very enthusiastic over interest that has been shown by the people of the community and are expecting a very large crowd. Everybody is invited to come and have a real evening of entertainment.

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JONES-SMITH

Sunday afternoon at two o'clock Miss Mildred Smith and Mr. Emory Jones were united in marriage at the home of the sister of the groom, Mrs. Orb Stanford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Parrack of the First Baptist Church. Just a few close friends and relatives were present. We wish them happiness throughout their married life.

Among those present at the home of Miss Vernie T. Beasley was Miss Maurine Davis.

When will the gas be turned on? That's the question now most important in the minds of the citizens of Merkel. A representative of this paper made inquiry at what we thought was the proper source, but gained slight information of value. One party close to those in authority, declared he felt sure that the gas would be here by the time Old Santa arrived. That was some consolation. But another insisted that the coming of the gas might be expected in the same manner as the Book of Books speaks of the Coming of the Lord, "Without a Moment's Notice."

Some of the many improvements recently made in this city include: Water System extended throughout the city, additional water supply, ten blocks throughout the business section paved, natural gas system installed throughout the city, which added to the many other conveniences, makes Merkel, without doubt, one of the most ideal cities in the state in which to reside.

IS YOUR SON AN ORPHAN?

Mr. Business Man, is your son an orphan? Does he lack a father? He has somebody to pay his bills it is true. But does he have a father? Some body provides him with a house, arranges that there shall be transportation, clothes, food, schooling, movies, spending money and so on. In short, you sign the checks. But have you any right to claim that your son has a father?

It takes more than a male parent to constitute a genuine father such as a first-class boy ought to have. Indeed, a boy is frequently better off with no father at all than with a make-shift who is so busy with something else that he has no time for his boy. Girls grow up to the wholesome adult state without the personal care of a father. But boys need the example of their own sex. They need a man to pattern after.

As a matter of fact every boy has a man to pattern after. But what man? As a business man you ask that question about your business and do not scruple to spend hours selecting the right man for a post in your employ, if the thing be of sufficient importance. Your business can not grow up like weeds. Neither can your boy. And yet some boys might as well be cockleburrs or hogweed for all the notice they get from the "old man".

The money you scrape together, at the expense of a little companionship and advice with your son, he may at some day, it is true, inherit. Yet, there is nothing to guarantee that it will stay with him as long as a single year. But the memories you leave him of a heart of sympathy and understanding will last him to his dying hour. Such wealth none can borrow from him nor seek to filch away. Invest a little of yourself in the man who is to bear your name and be the head of the house after you. There lie the dividends that pay long after mortgages have run their course and deeds of trust have moldered to nothing. If you are a father, be one. If you have a son, don't let him be an orphan.—Dallas Morning News.

LOST OR STOLEN—One "Spartan Chimes" horn off of car in Trent or on highway between Merkel and Trent, Tuesday, November 8th. Reward for return to Merkel Mail office or information leading to recovery of same.

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SOVIETS HIT AT HEAD OF MOSLEM

Russians Attack Islam in Samarkand, Quaint City of Central Asia.

Washington. — Samarkand, venerable city of central Asia, has been the scene of a series of recent clashes between the Soviet apostles of modernism and the conservative religious leaders of Islam.

The quaint city with the melodious name lies about 250 miles southwest of Tashkent, Turkestan, on the Trans-caspian railroad.

Perhaps nowhere in the Moslem world, except Mecca, could the Russians have invaded a more hostile territory to attack Mohammedanism, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society. According to ancient legend, Samarkand was the head of Mohammedanism and Mecca the heart. Two Arab missionaries visited this region. Hungry, they cut up a sheep and put it on the fire to roast. While the meat was cooking they planned their work. They agreed that the one drawing the sheep's heart from the pot should go to Mecca, and that the one drawing the head should remain at Samarkand.

Samarkand is more than 6,000 years old and once had a population of more than a million. Today it has fewer than 60,000 inhabitants. The Persians once called it the hub of the universe. When Alexander the Great destroyed it, in 329 B. C., it was a prosperous city surrounded by a nine-mile wall, pierced by nineteen gates.

Famous Public Square.

After the Russians took the city in 1920, they built a new city outside its western limits. A long, wide boulevard, shaded by tall poplars, now separates the two settlements.

The native city is a labyrinth of narrow, crooked, dusty streets, bordered with dirty mud walls of courtyards and one-story houses. In the business blocks cluster dilapidated booths, cluttered with edibles and garments. Bearded men and veiled women crowd the streets, dodging camels, donkeys, droskies and high-wheeled carts, all mud-brown from the dust, while peasants, laden with produce from their farms and gardens, plod along to the public square.

Samarkand's registan, or public square, is one of the most famous in the world. It is the market place, parade ground and meeting place for the inhabitants for demonstrations of rejoicing and protest. Paved with cobblestones, it is inclosed on three sides by mosques where young Moslems are educated. The huge polychrome tile facades and melon-shaped towers, flanked with minarets 175 feet high, are splendid examples of Arabian architecture. Surrounding the courtyard inside each mosque are schools in whose cloisters, 10 by 12 feet, the students live with their instructors.

The fourth side of the square is occupied by ramshackle booths of odd pieces of lumber or tin, or strips of canvas on tall poles. They are filled with vegetables, fruits and other commodities. Near by are other booths where squatting natives sip coffee, smoke cigarettes, and gossip. As a public information bureau the oriental cafe serves the purpose of newspapers. Fortune tellers, professional letter writers and peddlers ply their professions where they find a shady place to sit. The registan also is the Samarkand employment agency.

Brilliant Garb of the Men.

From an elevated position above the surging mass of humanity the riot of color suggests that the natives vie with the rainbow and each other. A man will go hungry for a single garment of brilliantly colored material. Green, red, purple and yellow in all their hues will be seen on the same garment.

In a secluded spot in the old city, perhaps a half mile from the registan, is the tomb of the mighty Tamerlane, conqueror of Asia. It is an architectural gem, its graceful peacock blue dome rising above the dusty treetops.

A large park in the center of the Russian quarter is the hub of the new city, from which wide, well-shaded streets radiate in all directions. They are all paved to the city limits. Then they become mere trails in the desert. Some pass through masses of ruins of Samarkand when it was at the height of its prosperity. One of these roads leads to the citadel, situated on a hill between the two cities. Its wall incloses a subterranean prison, an immense dark chamber about 30 feet deep. Prisoners were let down by ropes and it is said no one ever came out of it. Grooves worn by the ropes can still be seen. The Russians abolished the old-fashioned method of punishing the offenders and have built clean, wholesome and well-ventilated jails.

Blocked by Mere Man

Knoxville, Tenn.—An attempt of woman members of the board of education to equip a beauty parlor in the vocational school here was so frowned upon by male members of the board that the move has been abandoned.

Buried Two Days

Chisholm, Minn.—Buried under tons of ore and earth for two days and believed dead, Nick Bozenich was found alive in the Bruce mine by fellow workers who had been digging for his body 46 hours.

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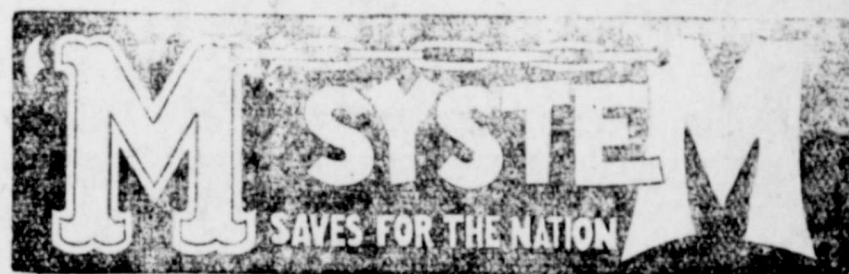
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A photoplay of war, of men with grimy and unrazed brows, of mud that slithers, and oozes from under hobnailed boots, of enemies who go to slay each other with cold damp steel, and then swap cigarettes in the shelter of a stinking shell hole—such a photoplay is "The Big Parade" coming to the Palace Theatre next week.

"The Big Parade" is something to give birth to in those who have sneered at the films of new convictions of the possibilities of the screen. It is a tale of war such as no one before has had the courage to relate. In the early sequences of "The Big Parade" you will probably not be fully aware that Director King Vidor has succeeded in capturing the vividness, the ugly realism of Stalling's work. It will be, perhaps, because Vidor has worked carefully and beautifully to build a sound foundation for the immensity of the scenes which follow. It is after the intermission that the full power of the piece comes into being, that the blood begins to trickle until you can feel it running warmly to your wrists and the shrapnel to scream defiance "at orders which send men out to die."

Here you will sing with dirty, dust-caked men on the "big parade" to the front, their marching songs—"You're in the Army Now," "Where Do We Go From Here, Boys?" and "Hinky, Dinky, Parley Voo." You will whistle with them in the dark shell holes while Heinie machine guns play a sickening accompaniment on the mud banks over your head. "The Big Parade" is like that.

We Are Very Glad to Offer Our Friends and Patrons the Opportunity to see this Wonderful Production. PALACE THEATRE

Idlewise-Thursday Club

Mesdames T. E. Collins and F. C. McFarland were hostesses to the Idlewise and Thursday Club members, receiving Thursday afternoon in the entertaining rooms of Mrs. Henry West's new home. The lovely new home was resplendent in the Red, White and Blue colors in observance of Armistice Day, also gorgeous chrysanthemums and roses were most tastefully arranged throughout the rooms. Tables were appointed in the chosen colors and games of 42 progressed happily as the favored diversion for the afternoon. This party came as a culmination of the united efforts of the two clubs in producing "Piggly-Wiggly" a musical comedy given for the benefit of the Boy Scouts and as Miss Lucy Tracy directed the production, she was presented a lovely gift in appreciation of what she has done for the two clubs. As a final hospitality, Mrs. Collins and McFarland served a delicious salad plate, with plate favors of harmonizing colors to Misses Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Evelyn Hamm, Boog Sears, Sloan, Sidney Lee Altman, Martha Bird, Mona Margaret Sheppard, Ollie Dye, John West, Jones, Mesdames Frank Hamm, Jud Sheppard, Ollie Dye, John West, Booth Warren, Jim West, Tom Largent, Dee Grimes, Charlie Jones, R. I. Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Ross Ferrier R. O. Anderson, Fred Groene, Dr. Johnson, Bill Sheppard, C. B. Gardner, H. C. Duff, Kerby Beckett, Sie Hamm, Jack Durham, Harry Cookston, Tom Price, Matt Dillingham, Johnnie Camp, W. S. J. Brown, Warren Smith, Roy Largent and Harry West.

Miss Inice Brown is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. McBean in Dallas this week.

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WHY WE NEED A HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
By Nola Neil

We need a high school auditorium for many reasons:

1. A high school is not complete without an auditorium large enough to seat comfortably all the students in school and have plenty of room for visitors. A high school that does not have an auditorium of this kind cannot have the school spirit that it would have were it otherwise, for they do not have room to carry out the entertainments that are necessary to show the right school spirit, and these entertainments are not complete unless the public can be invited so that we can show them what our school is doing, and the enjoyment that the students take in work of this kind.

2. Another important reason why we need a high school auditorium is, that when we have our commencement exercises we have to go somewhere else, other than our school building to have this program. This, of course, is alright and we are glad to know that we can have a place like this where we are perfectly welcome to have these exercises, but it would be much nicer if we had our own auditorium where we could have exercises of this kind, without being dependent upon other buildings of the town to furnish us with an auditorium. Then we would be able to carry out our school activities without disturbing any activities at the school board. Then is it not important that every high school with high ideals be equipped with a large auditorium?

DIPLOMATIC

Miss Sloan: "Why was Solomon the wisest man in the world?"
Lester: "Because he had so many wives to advise him."
Miss Sloan: "Well, that's not the answer the book gave, but you may go up to the head of the class."

New Ford Will Pass Seventy

Small Lincoln Is Way Dallasite Describes Forthcoming Car

The new Ford has a speed of more than seventy miles an hour, can exceed fifty miles an hour in second gear and in appearance is a smaller edition of the Lincoln, says John E. Morriss, Dallas Dealer who returned last week from Detroit, where he rode in the car and talked with Henry Ford about it.

The new Ford has a wheelbase of 104 inches, with bodies much lower and roomier, Mr. Morriss reported. An average sized man can almost look over the top of the car, which has the flowing lines characteristic of the Lincoln and other large cars. Five wire wheels are said to be standard equipment, while the crown fenders are wider and heavier.

New Name Plate

The radiator is rounded and nickelled, like a Lincoln, and is decorated with a new name plate. Within a blue outlined circle is the white name, "Ford" written in the familiar Ford script. A new design radiator cap is topped by a quail, which was chosen to symbolize the fast get-away of the new car. Nickelled bullet-type lamps are standard.

A variety of tones of gray, green and blue, with some two-tone effects is offered in the new Ford. Upholstery is marked by beauty and serviceability, Mr. Morriss said.

The new motor is of a much faster type than the old, he declared. The bore has been decreased slightly and the stroke increased, he said he had been informed. The engine easily develops thirty-five horse-power.

Crankshaft Counterbalancer

Use of counterbalancers and an increase in the number of bearings on the crankshaft were said to have practically eliminated vibration. Mr. Morriss, who drove the car at a speed of from one to fifty-two miles an hour, declared that at no speed was there any vibration noticeable.

Four-wheel mechanical brakes are standard equipment, with an emergency brake at the left side of the driver's seat. The gear-shift is standard and the steering gear has been changed to the indirect type. Mr. Morriss was given a demonstration in sand, through which the car was steered with one hand. Cooling is by a water pump and ignition by a storage battery, as on most standard cars. The magneto having been discontinued Gasoline feed is by gravity.

Change of drive from torque rod to tubular shaft was reported by Mr. Morriss. The rear axle was said to be semi-floating. He did not have an opportunity to inspect the type springs used on the new car.

New Kind of Horn

Two bumpers are standard equipment on the cars. A speedometer, oil gauge and ammeter were said to be members of the dash assembly, while a foot feed and a motor-driven horn are standard equipment. Locks were found on some of the cars, though it is not known whether they will be standard equipment.

Raymond Hatton, movie star, who came to Dallas from Detroit last week was given the use of one of the new Fords to test as he pleased at the Ford Motor Company proving ground. He drove the car sixty-eight miles an hour, and reported to H. M. Braton of the Dallas Assembly plant of the Ford Company that the car could have easily done more than seventy. He made fifty-one miles an hour in second gear. After driving it over the roughest roads he could find and trying it as severely as he could, he gave an order for two new Fords to replace his present cars.

Samples of the new car are expected in Dallas this month. The price will be practically the same as for the old models, Mr. Morriss reported.

Unusual production as soon as the Ford factories are really started turning out the new cars is expected. The departments of the factories have been rearranged for greater efficiency and the output is due to be unprecedented, said Mr. Morriss.—Dallas News.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

On last Friday afternoon the Sophomores were excitedly surprised when they were excused from classes the last period to be entertained by Miss Dota Garoutte, our former room mother. "Fear" was the subject discussed.

"Fear", she said, "to do the wrong thing, and never be ashamed to fear it."

These last words, she said, she hoped we would remember if we forgot all others, she had spoken to us. Miss Garoutte served as our room-mother for the past three years, we having chosen her as such while in the sixth grade. She has always been interested in us and has proved a very worthy room-mother. She has delivered many interesting and appreciated talks to the class. We are always glad and happy to have her speak to us and will never forget the lessons we have learned from these talks.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Garoutte will be absent from Merkel for a few months and will not be able to visit us again soon, but upon her return we will be expecting many more pleasant visits from her.

—M.H.S.—

The Sophomores have selected their class officers and are expecting to receive them within a very short time.

Miss Mildred Smith, Venice Bell, Helen Compton, Maddlin Lou Murry, Vera, Mamie and Velma Walker motored to Anson Sunday to attend the District Presbyterian 5th Sunday Convention.

JUNIOR NEWS

Our pins are here! Today, and many days to come we will be "strutting our stuff."

We wish to apologize for our lack of news this week but our Joke Editor evidently quit school.

—M.H.S.—

FRESHMAN NEWS

Miss Mattilou Largent was the guest of Miss Margaret Turner Sunday and the afternoon was spent at Castle Peak taking pictures.

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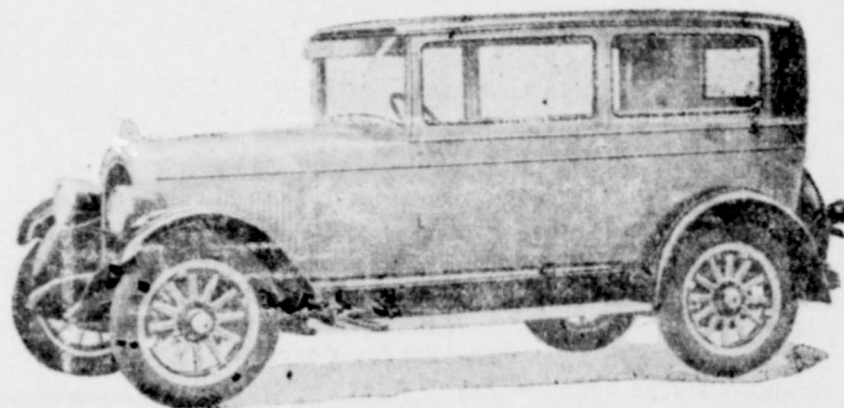
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Your Truly,
C. H. JONES

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, teacher in the public schools of Hermleigh, was down Sunday for a visit with her parents and many friends.

C. W. Grayson and wife of Waco, were here the first of the wk for a visit with th former's brothers Messrs S. L., J. H. and Hugh Grayson.

River Kept in Order by Chinese Engineer

In view of the disastrous Mississippi floods it is interesting to note that 2,100 years ago a Chinese engineer, Li-ping, laid down the correct engineering principle for controlling the flood conditions of a river flowing through a flat alluvial plain.

The works that he and his sons established for controlling the waters of the Min river in Szechwan province and distributing them across the great Chengtu plain are still in perfect operation. The Chengtu plain is an area 100 miles long and sixty miles wide. Across this plain the Min river is distributed in eight main branches, converging at the lower end of the plain to form a single river again, which empties into the Yangtze above the Gorges.

Throughout the 2,100 years, the engineering principle laid down by Li-ping, without which the whole system would have destroyed itself centuries ago, has been followed. Flood conditions are still unknown. On the walls of the temple built to the memory of Li-ping and his sons at Kuan-hsien, is written this saying, familiar to every Chinese student: "Shen tao 'an tuo yen," meaning "Dig the bed deep, keep the banks low."—Minneapolis Tribune.

LINCOLN TOMB 500 FEET HIGH

Monument at Springfield with Beacon for Aviators Is Suggested

Springfield, Ill.—A Lincoln tomb and monument 500 feet high, to be surmounted with a powerful searchlight which would serve as a beacon for aviators in Illinois, has been suggested in a carefully worked out plan by Herbert Wells Fay, custodian of the Lincoln tomb and monument here.

Fay's plan would put to an end a charge that the state has been unappreciative of its great statesman as far as building a suitable memorial for him is concerned.

Fay asserts that the present memorial is sadly in need of repairs and entirely inadequate, considering the prodigious increase in the number of tourists who visit it daily. In its place he suggests the construction of a 500-foot monument which would be visible for 20 miles, to serve as the air traffic beacon.

Statue 200 Feet High. Fay's carefully worked out scheme calls for a competition between architects for a gigantic statue of the emancipator 200 feet in height mounted on a base 300 feet high. The structure would be surmounted by a powerful searchlight to make it visible, at night, especially to air pilots.

The grounds owned by the state, totaling nine acres, are adequate for such a monument, according to Fay. Around the base it would be possible to build a memorial hall to match the proportions of the monument and accommodate Lincoln memorials.

The present tomb and monument were erected in 1874 at a cost of \$350,000. The memorial at Washington completed a few years ago cost nearly \$3,000,000.

Fay, in presenting his suggestion, declares that 400 people visit Lincoln's shrine daily whereas five years ago the number each week hardly equaled that. Last year 150,000 tourists signed the register at the tomb, whereas in 1920 but 30,000 signatures were attached. It is claimed that recent works on the life of Lincoln, coupled with a general increase in tourist travel in the Middle West, accounts for the increase.

Outlines His Plan. Fay, in describing his plan for the monument and memorial, says:

"Make three circles of rooms. On the outer wall arrange to record the principal events in Lincoln's life, especially from the cradle until he went to Washington. In frames on the walls and in show cases put pictures of every spot he ever visited, letters and speeches he wrote, things he said, stories he told, friends, documents and surveys he made. A systematic arrangement of all these would give a patriotic thrill to every visitor, American or foreign.

In this exhibit could be shown a copy of every letter, speech, survey or document he made in chronological order. Pictures of every person mentioned and place visited could be shown. There could be shown all publications about Lincoln, authors of books, photos of the scenes and everything. Make it answer every question asked about Lincoln. Have every county of the state represented.

"In the center circle reproduce his birthplace, probably exact size, showing its surroundings. Build in miniature the contour of the country and make it show all the places he frequented in Kentucky.

"Then in the next room faithfully reproduce the Indiana home and vicinity. In adjoining rooms of the center circle show a miniature of the Decatur home of Thomas Lincoln, the Coles county home, and reproduce the New Salem log cabin village. One room could be devoted to the Black Hawk war, showing the contour of each county traveled.

"Rooms could be set aside showing Vandalia, the campaign for congress, Lincoln-Douglas debates, battles of the Civil war, the assassination and funeral. Another room could be set aside to the Lincoln memorials erected in his honor.

"The inner circle of rooms next to the base of the statue could be devoted to a display of paintings of Lincoln, scenes of his life depicted in sculpture and photographs."

Blow Torch Enlisted in War on Fruit Pest

Lansing, Mich.—The state orchard and nursery inspection department has adopted a new method of roguing diseased raspberry plants. The inspectors are using a specially designed oil-burning blow torch to kill the plants.

Use of the torch has resulted from discoveries by Michigan State college entomologists that the germs of such virus diseases as mosaic, curl, streak and wilt are carried from diseased plants to healthy stock by aphids. Under the old method of roguing with grub hoes, it was observed that the aphids fell to the ground and migrated to healthy plants.

By using the torch to kill the plant before removal the state inspectors also are killing the insects before they have an opportunity to migrate to healthy plants.

E. C. Manderberg, chief of the inspection service, advises growers to have their raspberry plantations inspected by the state, which employs trained men to do the work.

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PEP SQUAD

Friday is always Pep Day, so girls don't forget to wear your uniforms and do not be afraid to come up and help us yell.

When Mr. Jackson gives us one morning's chapel period for us to show the school that we do have some pep, all of the members do not come and help yell. We wonder why? Are you ashamed to own that you belong to the M. H. S. Pep Squad? Well, we hope not. Of course, we realize that the Squad is not exactly what it should be, but, why isn't it? Some few are not as attentive at meetings as they should be and are not willing to pull together as a unit.

Always watch the Bulletin Board and when Pep Meetings are announced talk them up and get up some pep.

It won't be long until we are going to lose a number of our best members, but it is for the best. They are going to play basket ball and the rest of us want to stay together and do some more good old rootin' for them this coming Friday night.

No, we are not going to disband when football season is over. Who said so anyway? We have two senior basket ball teams to yell for.

McGEEHEE-ASHBY

Dan Cupid entered Merkel High for the first time in 1927 taking away one of the Juniors, Miss Mary Ellen Ashby and presenting her to Mr. Ted McGeehee. They slipped away quietly and were married, unknown to everyone until they returned.

They went to Lubbock on a short trip but returned shortly to make their home in Merkel.

We wish them all the happiness possible for a couple.

AN INFORMAL DINNER

Miss Norma Shannon gave an informal dinner at her home Sunday. Among her guests were: Miss Venice Bell, Mr. Max Roberts, Miss Opal Stubblefield and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

Look!—Look!—Look!

Every Tuesday is special day at the High School Store.

The Basket Ball girls will have charge of a sandwich and candy sale this week. Don't forget to bring your nickles and dimes.

AN INFORMAL DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby gave a dinner for their daughter Mary Ellen and her husband, Mr. Ted McGeehee Sunday.

Those present were: Mrs. McGeehee, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, Mr. Joe Ben Ashby, Mr. J. D. Ashby, Misses Elizabeth Hartrider, Fannie Bell Boaz, Velma, Elza and Gladys Copeland. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Giles Thompson of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby of Comper and Mr. Andrew Jones of Abilene.

Berdelle wonders if a worm has a heart? If any one has any information on the subject, please notify her P. D. Q.

The last section of History II has a new teacher, or it would be better expressed in the words, "Student Teacher."

PERSONALS

Miss Roberta Sloan and Mrs. Claud Young were shopping in Abilene Thursday of last week.

Mr. Lester Patterson was a week-end guest of his brothers, Clesby and Comer, who are attending A. & M. College this term.

Miss Lola Shelton returned to school after an absence of two days. Lola was one of the students who suffered injuries from the explosion which occurred in the laboratory last Thursday.

Miss Martha Bird, who has been ill for the past few days is able to be up again.

Misses Norma Shannon and Addie Faye Patterson were in Abilene to attend the Follies and were the guests of Miss Patterson's cousin, Mr. Ellis Riddle, at his home on Grape Street, while there.

AN EVERYDAY SCENE
By John D. Coates

A great city.
Crowded thoroughfares.
Crowds of people.
Shouting newsboys.
The clang of street cars.
Brilliant lights.

A large tenement house.
Old, rickety fire-escapes.
Old rugs and other junk stored on the fire-escapes.
A large dirty cellar.
Old greasy rags and mops.
Window shades, old clothing and news papers.

A low kitchen shelf.
A box of matches.
A small child.
A match carelessly dropped in a box of old newspapers.
A small blaze.
A rapidly growing fire.
An excited screaming child.

A terrified mother.
Shouts and screams.
A rush for the outside of the building.
Old people and children knocked down in the halls and stepped on by hurrying feet.

An overloaded fire-escape.
A great crash.
Screams of anguish.
A score of ambulances.
The fire trucks.
Hurrying firemen in helmets and rubber coats.
The thudding of an axe.
Calls for help.
Ladders leaning against high walls.

A narrow airshaft.
Another tenement afire.
More screams of terror and pain.
More fire trucks.
Water filled streets.
Huge crowds behind the ropes.
Colossal clouds of smoke and tongues of fire.

Hundreds of persons dead and wounded and thousands homeless and penniless.
All because some tenement owner regarded money more highly than human life.

Miss Gwendolyn Vickers of Trent was a visitor to the High School on Friday of last week.

Mr. W. F. Jones, former student of Merkel High School who is attending A. C. C. this term, was a Monday visitor to the High School this week.

Miss Vivian Berger suffered slight injuries when the car driven by Arnold Brink was hit by a Magnolia truck Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All members of the Choral Club will meet at the Grammar School auditorium each Monday morning at 8:00 and Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

Keeping in mind, the fact that we must work and boost for the Ft. Worth trip.

Miss Bird after returning from fishing trip with boy friend replied, "I will never go fishing with him again." Mr. Camp—"Why, what did he do?" Miss Bird—"Just fished."

The meeting of the K. K. K. Club was postponed Monday as it would conflict with the Pep Meeting.

Several of our class-mates and one teacher are going about swathed in bandages. We are certainly sorry that Mr. Camp's hand is so badly burned, but we owe him a vote of thanks for his presence of mind and his sturdy, steady nerve in holding on to that piece of phosphorus. We might be looking on the charred remains of this building rather than studying in it had it not been for Mr. Camp and the fire extinguishers that were handy that day.

Even some of our honorable Seniors suffered from burns but most of them will recover. We surely hope Lola's beauty is not marred by this accident. We wonder what that class will write for experiment No. 13?

Miss Sloan may not be able to successfully reduce, but she certainly can play the part of a negro, as was shown by that success last Friday night. "Help Yourself." And Miss Bird was very natural as an old woman—who knows but what her life will be that way—except—oh yes, "Martha Wentworth" married young. Excuse us, Miss Bird. Miss Bird is ill today, Monday we are very sorry to report.

And in that play, Miss Booth was a wow! Boy, Howdy!

Mrs. Robert Turner, formerly Miss Lola Mae Riddle, a former student of Merkel High School, visited the school Friday.

Miss Booth: "Louise what are you late for today?" Louise: "Class, I reckon."

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL BALL TEAM DEFEATED 30 to 0

The Junior Foot-Ball team of the Merkel Grammar School met the College Heights team of Abilene at Abilene last Wednesday and lost a hard fought game to the tune of 30 to 0.

The Merkel Boys expect to meet the Abilene team again in the near future and great will be the joy of a chance for revenge.

T. N. T.
(Truth, Not Tact)

"All is well that ends well," but it seems that the football season is not going to end well for the team. Although none of them seem to be over-worked. We hope they won't feel hurt if Haskell beats them on November 11. And say, our second holiday is then too. Hurrah!

Miss Norma Shannon had among her guests over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and their attractive daughter Monetta attended the Fifth Sunday Singing at Blair Sunday.

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J. D.—"Don't you love poetry?" Missie—"Yes, especially White Leg-horns."

FUNERAL AT STITH FOR MRS. REDDING

Mrs. Bertie Redding, 41, wife of H. M. Redding, died in a local hospital Monday night at 6 o'clock following an operation. She was brought here from her home seven miles northeast of Merkel one week ago.

Funeral services will be held at Stith this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Redding was a member of the Bunker Hill Methodist Church in Haskell. She moved to the community seven miles northeast of Merkel 14 years ago from Haskell County.

Surviving are her husband, H. M. Redding; six children, Nettie, Della, Bertie Lee, Samuel, Lela, and Jesse Willard Redding; one brother, Charles Gresham, Ranger and two sisters, Mrs. W. M. Beem, Stamford, and Mrs. Maggie Miller, Oklahoma.

L. A. Unger Undertaking Company is in charge of funeral arrangements.—Abilene Morning News.

Fifth Century Christian

Pictures in Cliff Cave

Jerusalem, Palestine.—What is believed to be the oldest extant specimen of Christian pictorial art in Palestine has been discovered in the cave of the Fifth century hermit, Theocritus, in the desert about ten miles east of Jerusalem.

The interior of the cave had been fashioned into a church, with a mosaic floor and frescoes representing the Virgin Mary, the crucifixion and a group of saints.

D. J. Chitty of New college, Oxford, found the cave, which is in the side of a cliff, and can be reached only by a rope or ladder.

Discover Anesthetic

When Flowers Die

Chicago.—Because Wisconsin carnations went to sleep when brought to Chicago, science was able to discover ethylene, a new anesthetic as powerful as ether and less poisonous, doctors say.

Discovery followed an investigation by William Crocker and L. I. Knight, University of Chicago botanists, according to Dr. Arnold Luckhardt of the university's physiology department.

The botanists were called in to explain why carnations wilted when exposed to illuminating gas.

Laboratory work then disclosed the gas possessed the principle of ethylene. Doctor Luckhardt suggested to us even trying the new anesthetic on himself, before he introduced it to the medical profession.

Old Pharaoh Giant

of Financial World

Herodotus, Diodorus and Plutarch give us a few dazzling glimpses of wealthy men in antiquity. First of them, almost lost in the mists of legend, was the Egyptian Pharaoh Rameses III—also known as Rhampsinthus—who reigned about 3,000 years ago. He surpassed all predecessors in the wealth he possessed and in his fondness for its accumulation. Diodorus estimates this pharaoh's fortune at 400,000 talents, which would be about \$500,000,000 in actual money today. In the purchasing power of that period it was equivalent to twenty times this amount. Rameses, therefore, was worth \$10,000,000,000 in the buying value of his day.

To show how far money would go a thousand years before Christ, it is only necessary to mention that a fat ox could be bought for \$1 or less; that a bushel of wheat would bring 12 cents in the market; that a day's wage was from 12 to 20 cents.—New York Times.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes and baby daughter, left this week for Ennis, where they will visit the former's mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones and other relatives.

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Mr. Harold Leeton spent Sunday in Abilene.

Mr. W. L. Diltz, Jr., Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by his wife and baby daughter, returned the first of the week from Temple, where they had been for minor throat operations for both Mrs. Diltz and the little daughter.

Doris—"Papa, help me find the least common multiple." Mr. Jackson—"Godd gosh, haven't they found that yet?"

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes of Pyote, one of the oil cities of the west, were down last week for a visit with the former's father, Mr. Joe Holmes. Also Mr. Roy Holmes of Borger, visited his father at the same time. They report the famous oil cities very dull and quiet.

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Mr. Bill Brown returned the first of the week from Dallas, where he went to meet his bride-wife, who returned to the city with him to make their future home. On his trip to Dallas he was accompanied by his sisters Misses Sallie and Inice. Miss Sallie returned with him, while Miss Inice remained for a more extended visit with relatives.

Miss Vera Richie was the guest of Ruby Lee Slater Sunday. Miss Richie is just recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Bird—"Lola, Does your mother have any poultry?" Lola—"No Mam. She planted a row across the garden but the chickens scratched it up."

Camp—"Dhen was Rome built?" Rusty—"At night." "Where did you get that answer?" "Well, Rome wasn't built in a day."

Miss Sloan—"I often wondered why the English were such tea-drinkers." Miss Booth—"Why?" Miss Sloan—"I know now. I had some of their coffee."

Miss Patsy Lewis was an Abilene visitor Sunday.

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Miss Dota Garoutte left the first of the week for Weaver Springs in Nolan county, where she has the superintendency of the schools of that place.

Mrs. Emmett Grimes and baby daughter left this week for Belton, where they will visit the former's parents and other relatives and friends.

Fat Man Is Dumber Than Lean Brother

Chicago.—Based on the study of 450 men students at the University of Chicago, Dr. William H. Sheldon, psychologist, announces that the bulky-built men, with paunches and “bay windows” are jolly and companionable, but dumb when compared with the lean, slithering ones.

In the experiments on the 450 subjects, their physical characteristics were compared with their intelligence, as evidenced by grades, special tests and personal ratings. Summing up his findings, Dr. Sheldon says: “While no definite conclusions can be drawn, the bulky, pot-bellied type of man seems inclined to be less intelligent than his slender opposite. There seems to be no relationship between height and intelligence. It is rather a matter of how the various parts of the body are proportioned.”

However, Dr. Sheldon is years late with his alleged discovery. It was Caesar who said, in effect, “Bring about me men who are fat, These lean and hungry dogs think too much.”

Persians Fond of Tea

Tea drinking is a universal social habit in Persia. One of the social institutions of great attraction is the teahouse, some of which are furnished quite elaborately, while others are rude in their surroundings. Business men often make appointments here, and it is very common for loafers to seek out these teahouses. The common pipes, cigarettes and the kafeen, or water pipe, are much used. In the water pipe the smoke passes through the water and is drawn into the lungs. Lemon juice and other flavors are sometimes mixed with the water.

Ancient Stone Unveiled

The “Brus Stone,” which dates from 1294, and was lost for 150 years, was recently installed permanently in the staircase of the town hall at Annan, Scotland. At the ceremonies the unveiling was by Sir Robert Bruce. The stone was originally part of the ancient “Castle of Brus” at Annan. After its disappearance for a century and a half it was found ten years ago in a North Devon garden.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

T. J. TOOMBS

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M. held on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1927, the following resolutions were adopted:

To the Worshipful Master, Warden and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

We, your committee, appointed to draft resolutions of respect in memory of Brother T. J. Toombs, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 19th day of August, A. D. 1927, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His Infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear Brother, T. J. Toombs and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides; and whereas, Brother Toombs was an honored member of this lodge and held his membership with us for a number of years, and to those who knew him best, was but to love him better, always faithful, patient and loyal to every duty and to his brethren. In his death our lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the True Principles of our Order, and in his every-day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity, having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a Brother or a friend to aid him at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the Will of our Heavenly Father and leave in His hands the soul of our departed Brother; may his soul rest in peace, evermore.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this Lodge, and a copy delivered to the family of our deceased Brother, and a copy be handed to the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Wheeler
W. L. Buchanan
N. D. Cobb
Committee

Attest: Henry R. Hicks, Secretary.
Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M.
(Seal)

OBITUARY

W. L. Barbee, an old cattleman, passed away last Monday, October 24, 1927.

He was born in Freestone county, Texas, November 10, 1858, and was reared in Navarro county, Texas.

He came to this western country in the spring of 1882, was connected with the old T2 ranch and other ranches such as DT Half Circle, DZ, XZ, Circle S, XOX, JIP and the H. He helped brand from three thousand to ten thousand calves each spring, and would go south with the cattle in winter and move to the north in the summer.

At this time the country was an open range from Double Mountains on the North, Coleman county on the South, Pecos county on the West and Throckmorton county on the East.

Only the ranches mentioned were here at that time. Mr. Barbee was living on the T2 Ranch at the time of his first marriage to Miss Sue Camp in 1886 and was still there at the time of her death in 1889. To this union two children were born.

In 1891 he was married to Miss Joanna Coggins and moved to this city, then a very small place, and has lived here practically all the time since.

He has seen the cow-trail give way to the rail-roads, high-ways and many towns in this western country.

He professed religion 34 years ago and was baptised into the Church of Christ and has been a member ever since.

In recent years, he gave up cattle raising and purchased a farm on Sweetwater Creek north of Trent which was a part of the old T2 Ranch.

He was a kind-hearted and loving father and companion. He was ready and willing to lend a helping hand. He had been in poor health for two years and had gone to various places for his health, but apparently the treatment at these places proved of little help. He passed to his reward in that Great Beyond on October 24, 1927, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Kahrs, in El Paso.

The remains were shipped to this city for burial. Elder W. G. Cypert conducted the funeral services at the Church of Christ on October 28, 1927.

He leaves to mourn his departure, nine children, all of whom were present but one at the funeral services, Mrs. Willie McCall of Bakersfield, California.

Children present were: Mrs. Katie Barclay of Wichita Falls, Texas, Andrew Barbee of Merkel, Mrs. Myrtle Paul, Wichita Falls, Texas, Mrs. Evelyn Kahrs, El Paso, Misses Ina Fay and Alma Barbee, El Paso, Texas, Donald Barbee, Merkel. A brother, Gus Barbee, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ferries are happy over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy weighing eight pounds and born on November 4th. Mrs. Ferries is at the home of her parents, who reside in Ballinger. Mother and baby are reported as doing nicely.

Language of Diplomacy

The French language was used extensively in Europe in the Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries. The French literature was greatly developed and spread throughout the various countries, and persons of culture studied the language in order to be able to read the literature. Many foreign students were attracted to the University of Paris, and this also helped to spread the language. As a language for treaties and foreign intercourse among nations, French became general in the time of Louis XIV.

Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin, El Paso, Mrs. Lou Carruth, Antlers, Okla., Mrs. George Easterwood, Abilene, Mrs. Hattie Fultz, Abilene, Mrs. Frankia Hill, Sylvester.



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WARREN NEWS

The general health in this community is very good at the present time.

All of the residents of this community who attended the Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reb Tarpley Monday night reported a very interesting and entertaining time.

Miss Lottie McCoy spent Saturday night with Miss Azilene Sumpter.

Grandma Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hobbs of Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Dobbs spent Sunday with Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mrs. Thurman McCoy visited Mrs. Hollis McCoy Saturday afternoon.

Misses Lena Mae Chancey, Lottie McCoy and Artie McCormick spent Sunday with Miss Azilene Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones spent Tuesday night with the parents of Mr. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones

Mrs. Stella Dobbs, Mrs. G. E. Ellington visited at the home of Mrs. W. R. Sumpter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harwell visited at View last week-end.

Grandma Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman on Saturday.

Miss Christine Collins spent the week-end in Abilene and attended the Concert given by Princess Tsiamina in the Simmons University Auditorium and afterward, a reception at the Hilton Hotel given for the Princess.

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Dogs Lived Eight Days Without Food or Water

The tenacity of animal life is an interesting subject if it is tested by accident and not by design; and it has had a test by accident in Wales.

Two dogs, a sheep-dog and a spaniel, which had succumbed to the temptation of rabbit hunting, were missed for nearly nine days.

Then a little girl, hearing curious sounds underground in a lonely place, brought a party of rescuers to the spot, and the dogs were dug out of a rabbit hole from which they had been unable to extricate themselves.

They must have been without food and water for eight and a half days, yet they seemed little the worse.

Evidently the dog has lost, if it ever had, the instinct of burrowing toward the open air, which the underground animal possesses.

Many Tomato Varieties

The ground cherry, musk tomato, strawberry tomato or winter cherry grows wild in the Mississippi valley and in other parts of the world and is a member of the tomato family. It is known as the blue tomato by truck gardeners. It grows in a small husk which if left on will preserve the tomato through the winter. Although this tiny vegetable, which is only a little larger than a small cherry, may be eaten raw, it is at its best when preserved. This is only one of the fifty-odd varieties of tomatoes. There are red tomatoes, white tomatoes, blue tomatoes and yellow tomatoes of every imaginable size and shape. Because of their shapes, there are tomatoes that are known as the pear tomato, the peach tomato, the cherry tomato, the plum tomato, the grape tomato and the currant tomato.

Water Power Long in Use

The oldest water power site in America, more than 100 years old, is on the Piscataqua river at South Berwick, Maine. It was established on the site of the present Burleigh blanket mills in 1629 by Ferdinando Gorges, who obtained a grant from the English crown giving him the right to settle and develop the territory from sea to sea lying between fortieth and forty-eighth parallels north latitude. The grant, however, required him to develop water power, and accordingly he constructed a log dam, erected a grist mill and sent the meal to England as proof that the terms of the charter were being lived up to. The water power site has been in continuous use ever since.

Had Odd Accomplishment

Earl Russell has this anecdote in his book, "My Life and Reminiscences":

"My grandmother, Lady John Russell, was a great favorite with Queen Victoria, throughout her life. Not alone, of course, because she had the peculiar and unusual capacity of wagging her ears like a dog. But this accomplishment intrigued the queen and she suddenly called on Lady John to show it off to an ambassador. My grandmother was so taken back that she lost for a long time the power to move either ear, and only ultimately regained her power to move one, which she occasionally did for my edification."

Presumptuous

A noble rich man once invited Beau Brummell, the famous fop, to dinner, and asked him to name his own party. He accepted, and chose to the number of eleven, including himself.

"That," said his host, "will make just an even number."

"An even number?" queried the beau. "How is that?"

"Your friends, ten; yourself and myself—twelve in all."

"Good gad!" said Brummell, affecting surprise. "You surely don't mean you are going to be one of the party!"

Hottest Spot on Earth

The latest official records show that the hottest spot on earth is at Azizia in northern Africa. It is on a plain almost equivalent to a desert. The thermometer at Azizia has gone to 136.4 degrees in the shade. The average temperature during the whole year is more than 70. Previously the hottest known spot was at Greenland ranch on the edge of Death valley, Calif. The highest temperature recorded there was 124 degrees.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Anne Louise Lepard, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lepard celebrated her fifth birthday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

After playing many games the little guests were invited into the dining room where they were served refreshments.

Those enjoying the hospitality of

Anne Louise were: Lawrence Thornton, Murphy Dye, Don Warren, Malcolm Smith, Alton Slater, Howard Johnson, and little Misses Mary Jo Russell, Geneva Huddleston, Comora Hughes, Betty Booth Beckett, Doris Jackson, Jackie Slater, Evelyn Lepard, Joyce Wheeler, Mary Frances Harris.

Anne Louise was the recipient of many nice gifts and best wishes. Personals.

Ruth Proves Idol Of American Boys

HIS FIRST AND ONLY PICTURE
SHOWING AT THE QUEEN
WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

Two hundred and fifteen pounds of muscular manhood; tremendous power in shoulders and chest, black hair inclined to curl; the deep bronze complexion of the man who likes the outdoors; a husky, booming voice; big well groomed hands and a broad smile—this is a hasty impression of "Babe Ruth, master swatsman of baseball and the idol of the American boy.

And for all his notable attainments on the field of glory and despite the honorary titles bestowed upon him, this overgrown boy from the Baltimore sand lots seems more concerned in living up to the latter association than annexing more high sounding sobriquets to denote his baseball prowess.

"Babe" Ruth may be an institution to adult fandom, but to the American boy he is their "Pal" who never grew up. He responds to them with all the warmth of his nature, and turns to them for solace when the hub bub of the mob distracts him from his best form.

His three different stage engagements were made tolerable for him by the thought that he was bringing cheer to the millions of kiddies who couldn't come to see him, and the same thought was with him when he made "Babe Comes Home," Wid Gunnings production for the First National Pictures at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday.

Ruth's affection for the American boy might never have been known to the world if fate hadn't revealed their fate in their hero. When the towering healthy batsman was reduced to shadow of himself from illness and dismissed as a "has-been" by fickle fandom, Babe Ruth's spirit was rebuilt in his evenings meditation, opening more than 500,000 letters within six months from his pals—each a touching expression of faith and each a factor in reviving a spirit partly crushed by sickness. Is not this a fair answer for his title—"the idol of the American boy"?

WANTED—A few more butter customers, W. A. McCandless, Phone 9013-21 11pd.

Mr. W. R. Hampton has recently completed the erection of two more new and modern homes on his property just south of the Texas and Pacific railway, in the southwest part of the city. One of these handsome new homes Mr. and Mrs. Hampton will occupy themselves; the other they will rent to some good family. This makes three nice homes Mr. Hampton has erected in the last few months.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett, of San Angelo, came over last week for a visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown and other relatives and friends. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. E. N. Brown, who with her daughter, Mrs. Geneva B. Evans of Chicago, will spend some time in the Tippett home. Mrs. Evans and two children arrived last week from Chicago for an extended visit with home folks and friends.

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