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## MERKEL TO NAME SCHOOL TRUSTEES SATURDAY

### LIONS OBSERVE FIRST BIRTHDAY, LADIES' NIGHT

Readings, Music and Speeches Feature Program; Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene Pays Tribute to Herbert Hoover.

The first anniversary luncheon and ladies' night of the Merkel Lions club, held Tuesday evening, was largely attended and proved to be one of the most enjoyable occasions ever held here.

Out of town and local talent contributed to the success of the program with inspiring addresses, readings and music, while a sumptuous meal of roast turkey and all the accessories, prepared in the most appetizing manner, made the occasion one long to be remembered by all who attended. Huge birthday cakes with appropriate inscription and the one candle signifying the first birthday of the club, adorned each of the tables. The birthday idea was further emphasized when the dessert was served with a tiny burning candle embedded in the angel food cake.

#### JUDGE CALDWELL SPEAKS.

Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, prominent oil man and West Texas builder, was the principal speaker, his subject being, "The Hoover Inaugural." Judge Caldwell was a member of the Texas delegation attending the inauguration of President Hoover, and he related in interesting manner incidents connected with the ceremonies, and predicting for the new chief executive an administration filled with constructive achievement.

#### READINGS AND MUSIC.

Miss Camilla Marrs rendered a delightful violin solo, accompanied by Alfred Alexander. Both of these artists are from the fine arts department of Simmons University. Miss Lucy Tracy, head of the public speaking department of the Merkel schools, further popularized herself with two much appreciated readings. Little Miss Marguerite Wheeler of Abilene, apparently not more than six years old, added to the pleasures of the evening with two readings. Her mother, Mrs. James M. Wheeler, followed with humorous readings that caused much merriment. Mrs. Seth D. Sims Jr., of Chicago, who possesses an unusually strong and pleasing voice, rendered two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Gardner, her sister. Mrs. E. Yates Brown and Miss Melba West furnished instrumental and vocal music while the dinner was being served.

#### GOOD FELLOWSHIP STRESSED.

Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of schools, gave a resume of what the Lions club has meant to Merkel, declaring that the fellowship and brotherly feeling practiced by the club had been an influence extending to all parts of community life.

T. N. Carswell of Abilene, district deputy governor of Lions clubs, in a brief address declared that liberty and intelligence were the outstanding forces for America's future and the precepts of the Lions clubs. Liberty, he said, was the privilege of making laws and seeing that they were enforced; and the dissemination of intelligence through our public schools.

#### DAY OF COURTESY.

Judge Caldwell, describing his visit to the national capital, said he was convinced the people were thinking more for themselves than ever before. He described the present as a day of courtesy, when men in all walks of life work side by side for the common good.

It was the opinion of Judge Caldwell that the inauguration of Hoover meant the destruction of the bootleg industry and the curbing of crime of every nature, and to this end he urged his hearers to join with the president in this laudable undertaking.

"There isn't one-tenth of the drunkenness now that there was in the saloon days," Judge Caldwell declared. "It is what is known as the upper ten who are drinking now, while the laborer and the man of small means

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### SHARP ELECTED MERKEL MAYOR IN CLOSE VOTE

Defeats H. C. West, Incumbent, By Three Votes; A. T. Sheppard and W. O. Boney Chosen Members Board of Alderman.

J. P. Sharp was elected mayor of Merkel in the city election Tuesday, defeating H. C. West, incumbent, by three votes. Figures in the race for mayor were: West, 148, Sharp 151.

From a field of four candidates, A. T. Sheppard and W. O. Boney were elected to the aldermanic places, Boney leading the ticket with 157 votes, Sheppard 150, B. T. Sublett 134, and Brooks Patterson 111.

Miss Pauline Johnson, city secretary and tax collector, was unopposed for re-election.

#### MAY INSTALL MONDAY NIGHT.

It is regarded as likely that the new mayor will take the oath of office immediately, probably Monday night. The council will meet and canvass the returns and declare the results. When this is done, the newly elected mayor can take the oath of office at his convenience. The council will be in session in called meeting Monday night for the public hearing on the Oak street paving project, and it is probable they will canvass the returns and declare the result at that time. If the newly elected mayor and aldermen desire, they can be installed at this meeting.

#### EXPERIENCED COUNCILMEN.

Mr. Sharp has served Merkel as alderman in past years and the work of the city council will not be altogether new to him. A. T. Sheppard, succeeding himself as alderman, is familiar with the affairs of the city, and W. O. Boney, new council member, has seen service as alderman in past years and is familiar with the duties of the office and the different projects coming before the council for solution.

H. C. West, retiring mayor, has held the office for one term of two years. He has been the chief executive at other times.

The election passed off quietly, with apparently little interest until the last two days. The total vote of 299 was about the average polled in a city election when there are no outstanding issues.

### Mrs. Laura Burkett Is Dead at Abilene

Pneumonia, following a stroke of paralysis, resulted in the death of Mrs. Laura Shaw Burkett, 62, wife of Rev. J. E. Burkett, at Abilene, Texas, Tuesday morning. She had been ill for several weeks. Funeral rites are to be held from the South Side Baptist church Friday morning.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Burkett is survived by five children, a sister and six grandchildren. Children are Mrs. L. A. Brunson of Lubbock; Lieutenant E. F. Burkett of the naval air service, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. Cran Hardin of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. L. B. Howard of Stamford, J. C. Burkett Jr., of Carrizozo, N. M. The sister is Mrs. John E. Martin of Austin.

Mrs. L. B. Howard of Stamford, formerly of Merkel, is a daughter of Mrs. Burkett.

#### Winters Woman Dead.

Mrs. Ola Newton Kornegay, 51, wife of C. Kornegay, ginmer and landowner of Winters, where the family had lived for over twenty years, died in an Abilene hospital early Tuesday morning, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral rites were held from the Baptist church at Winters Wednesday afternoon.

#### Strike Parley April 10.

Dallas, April 4.—President Hoover's special board of mediation to consider adjustment of differences between the Texas & Pacific Railroad and its trainmen and shopmen will open in Dallas April 10.

#### Prison Chairman Resigns.

Austin, April 4.—Governor Moody has announced the resignation of Chairman R. H. Baker of Houston from the state prison board.

### SCHOOL BOND ELECTION DATE TUESDAY, APRIL 30

The board of trustees, Merkel independent school district, meeting Wednesday night, received petitions signed by 37 property tax payers asking that an election be called for the submission of a \$16,000 bond issue for the making of badly needed repairs to the Grammar school building.

The petitions were accepted by the board and the election called for Tuesday, April 30. B. C. Gaither was named as election judge and Cyrus Pee and J. P. Sharp clerks.

All preliminaries, such as providing

contracts and arranging for the printing of tickets were disposed of by the board.

Members of the board, as well as Superintendent R. A. Burgess have often pointed out the deplorable condition of the Grammar school building. The roof is in bad state of repair, while the sewerage and heating facilities, J. C. Burkett, pastor of the South Side \$16,000 bond issue, if successful, will provide for all the needed improvements to make the building modern in every respect, according to architects and members of the board.

### TRUSTEES NAME MISS COMPERE AS PIANO TEACHER

Simmons University Graduate Succeeds Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Resigned, in Merkel Schools.

Miss Winnie Lou Compere of Abilene was chosen teacher of piano in the Merkel schools by the board of trustees Wednesday night, succeeding Mrs. E. Yates Brown, resigned, who is concluding her third year in this position.

Miss Compere is an A. B. of Simmons University and has had four years of music in that institution. She comes highly recommended as a teacher of piano music and is unusually popular in Simmons, where she has shown marked proficiency. She will assume her duties here next Monday.

Mrs. Brown enjoys the distinction of being among the most efficient and popular piano teachers the Merkel schools have ever had. Under her supervision pupils have shown marked improvement, the classes increased in numbers and the musical standing of the school greatly enhanced.

### Merkel on Route Dallas Trade Trip Thursday, April 25

Dallas wholesalers and manufacturers will begin a week's trade trip on April 24, the itinerary for which embraces 1,878 miles of travel and covers 70 towns. The first night out will be spent at Stamford. On the second day Merkel, Abilene and Trent are to be visited. Twenty minutes will be spent in Merkel on Thursday, April 25, the special train being due to arrive here at 10:20 a. m.

#### Mrs. Wood Returns Home.

Mrs. G. F. Wood, who underwent a major operation at Scott & White's sanitarium in Temple several weeks ago, returned to her home in Merkel this week and is well on the road to complete recovery.

### DEMAND PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT, IS PLEA OF DR. ATTICUS WEBB IN MERKEL

Dr. Atticus Webb, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, speaking to a large crowd at the Presbyterian church here Wednesday night, declared that the major reason why the enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment had not been more successful, was because the friends of prohibition, when the amendment was ratified, "laid down on the job," thinking the fight was over.

Devotional exercises preceded the address of Dr. Webb, with prayer by Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church. Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor, presided, and Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist Church, introduced the speaker, referring to his long fight in behalf of temperance both before and since the adoption of the Eighteenth amendment.

Dr. Webb, referring to the large crowd, which taxed the capacity of

the church, said that similar large crowds were being encountered at most of his speaking engagements, showing the people were interested in the fight being made for the enforcement of the prohibition laws and the cause of temperance as never before. He said the purpose of his addresses was to clarify public thinking on the question of enforcing the dry laws and to back up the officers in the enforcement of those laws.

"The friends of temperance must insist on the law being enforced," he said, "and to refuse to take 'No' for an answer. The propaganda to the effect that prohibition is one law that cannot be enforced because it runs counter to the appetites and age-long habits of men, is not true, and is put over to paralyze the enforcement of the law. Convince the people that the

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### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Work is expected to start May 15 on the new \$1,200,000 postoffice building for Dallas.

San Angelo doubled its police force following a brutal attack on a 10-year-old girl.

Twenty persons were poisoned from eating salad at a church picnic near Del Rio. All will recover.

A town character at McAllen, being released from jail, took the steel cot and mattress with him.

The Southern Pacific railroad has replaced its passenger train from Austin to Llano with a motor car.

A price war between competing companies enables Dallas consumers to buy ice at 20 cents a 100 pounds.

San Antonio Indians is the new name of the Alamo city's baseball team, formerly known as the Bears.

A large crowd attended the first birthday celebration of Dougherty, new railroad town just east of Floydada.

Texas automobile license plates for 1930 will have deep yellow bodies with letters, figures and borders of dark blue.

Jordan Scott, negro, was sentenced to death by a jury at Waco for the murder of Robert H. Pedigo at Moody March 8.

A new 250 room hotel is announced for Austin, which will adjoin a new theatre building. The latter is to cost \$1,250,000.

Three long term convicts, believed to be planning escape, were found in a cave under the concrete prison floor at Huntsville.

Commander Wm. I. Monroe, son of Judge Richard I. Monroe of Waco, has been appointed chief naval aide to President Hoover.

F. M. Locke, for over two years secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Stamford, has accepted a position with a newspaper of that city.

Roy Willis, Lorraine high school student, was killed and two companions seriously injured when one of the wheels on their automobile collapsed.

Irwin C. Harris, young Sherman banker, lost control of his automobile and drove over a steep terrace. Injury to the spine resulted in death.

Coy Nigh, 16, was sentenced to the state reformatory at Gatesville in connection with the robbery of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Brady March 21.

Dr. Walter Splawn of Austin has been appointed dean of the graduate school and of the school of political science of the American University at Washington.

Eight indictments have been returned against J. A. Goolsby, San Benito chief of police, charging Goolsby with advancing money for the purpose of paying poll taxes.

A horned toad that had been imprisoned in a cement block at Wills Point for twelve months was dead when the block was opened. The experiment was made as a result of the Eastland story—that a frog lived imprisoned for more than 30 years.

Lea Weadock, Houston undertaker, was found guilty of perjury in connection with a bill submitted for the burial of James Collins and assessed a penalty of eight years in the penitentiary.

J. Waddy Tate, independent, and Temple Houston Morrow, U. D. A. candidates, will be in the run-off for mayor of Dallas. Tate lacked only a few hundred votes of winning over a number of contestants.

### Good Field Seed is Bradshaw Slogan

In a recent issue of Farm and Ranch, C. M. Heald, demonstration agent for Taylor county, makes the following interesting report:

"Good field seed is the slogan of the Bradshaw community. The bank at Bradshaw ordered 25,000 pounds of grain sorghum seed for planting. Interest is strong. I am urging the people to use such seed this year."

### FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT BOARD ARE CANDIDATES

Gambill, Boney, Patterson and Church Asking Re-election; C. R. Tittle and Bob McDonald Seeking Place on Board.

Four school trustees will be elected tomorrow to serve the Merkel independent school district. Polls will open at the city hall at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. J. P. Sharp is to be election judge.

Trustees whose terms expire are Lige Gambill, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson and C. P. Church, all of whom have consented to use of their names for re-election. Two new candidates are in the race for trustees, these being C. R. Tittle and Bob McDonald. Dee Grimes and Bishop Hunter, who were announced by their friends last week, have given instructions that their names not appear on the ticket, giving as their reasons that they are perhaps ineligible and have no desire to serve as trustees.

Trustees chosen tomorrow will serve for a term of two years. Apparently there is considerable interest in the election, indicating a fairly large vote.

### NEW PRODUCER IN NOODLE AREA

Phillips-Windham is Making 150 Barrels; Two Wildcat Locations Northwest Bickley.

The drilling in of the Phillips-Windham No. 2 well, in the Noodle Creek area, for an estimated production of 150 barrels, and the location of two wildcat tests in the area in which the old Clark-Campbell well was drilled on the Dickinson ranch, about two miles northeast of the Smith-Bickley pool, constituted chief activities in the near-by oil field during the past week.

Cosden & Co., on the Bickley tract, finished its fishing job during the week and is expected to drill in during the next few days, and the McMahon, also on the Bickley, will drill in the latter part of the week. Both of these wells are in the Shaheen area.

The Thompson & Magnolia, on the Bill Hamner tract, two miles northwest of Trent, is expected to be drilled in the first of next week. This wildcat test is two miles from production and is being watched with much interest.

Midcontinent Oil and Gas Co., Taylor No. 1, wildcat test near View, has been drilled to 3100 feet, the contract depth. They are now plugging back to shoot the lime at between 2480 and 2520 feet, where 12-barrel daily production was encountered. The shooting operations are expected to be completed Sunday or Monday.

### Trent Boy Accepts Refinery Position In South America

Roy Nalley, who was reared at Trent, but for the past few years with the Humble Oil and Refining Co. at Houston, was saying good-bye to Trent and Merkel friends last week before leaving for South America for an indefinite period.

Mr. Nalley has accepted a position with the Pan-American Petroleum Transport Co. of New York and assigned to duty with the refinery of the company in South America.

Mr. Nalley was educated at the State University, and on leaving that institution devoted his attention to the refinery business. His many friends in Trent and Merkel are wishing him success in his new position, which he is to assume at once.

#### Buried at Tye.

Funeral services were held at Tye Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. S. J. Chase, 37, who died at her home at Abilene early Tuesday morning. She had been ill several months. She is survived by her husband and several children.



Condensed Statement of Condition  
**The Farmers State Bank**

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Mar. 27, 1929

**RESOURCES.**

Loans	\$361,392.68
Overdrafts	1,496.87
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	11,355.40
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	4,055.44
U. S. Bonds	\$41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	16,120.80
Cash & Exchange	88,221.02
	145,641.82
	\$560,548.09

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	13,172.49
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	497,375.60
	\$560,548.09

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business. Our funds are loaned locally for the benefit of this community.

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R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.	B. L. HAMILTON,
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.	Assistant Cashier

**WHAT'S DOING In West Texas**

Spearman will be burning natural gas by August 1st. Six inch pipe lines are to be laid to the town from the Stinnett fields to supply the commodity. The price is to be reduced from 75 cents to 65 cents per 100 cubic feet of gas.

Fort Stockton is experiencing a lively building boom. The new opera house when completed and furnished will represent an expenditure of \$75,000. Brick business houses costing \$20,000 are being built and plans for more made. Many substantial residences are going up.

Santa Anna, after completing a new school building and a modern city hall, has now started excavation preliminary to paving 5 blocks of the towns main streets. Plans are being considered for additional paving to be done upon the completion of these five blocks.

Although having an adequate water supply at the present time, Childress is preparing for the future by purchasing a tract of 280 acres of land at a price of \$16,000 to be used in drilling water wells. A dam may be built later to make a lake.

Contract has been let for the new Silverton high school building to cost approximately \$85,000.00. The building will be completed by September. It will be built and equipped with the latest and most modern of conveniences and materials.

Tulia will represent Swisher county at the second annual Panhandle Plains Dairy Show in Plainview April 2 to 5 with three hundred citizens headed by the Tulia high school band of thirty-two pieces. Eighty-six head of dairy cattle are being fitted for the show.

More than 500 carloads of maize, kaffir and other sorghums grains have been shipped from Tahoka this season. One hundred cars are yet to be shipped. A car load of heads consists of about 20 tons, and bring about \$17.00 per ton.

Ten percent of the farmers in Dickens county took advantage of the poultry and dairy short course conducted by E. N. Holmgreen and E. R. Eudaly at Spur, and are putting into practice the knowledge gained. Many farmers have taken up the idea of diversification in farming around Spur.

The outlook for dairying in Haskell county is better now than ever before due to the various organizations in several towns boosting the establishment of a creamerie. Farmers in this section realize that the cow is hard to replace on the farm when it comes to an income the year around.

Forty head of dairy cattle will be taken from Lockney and Floyd county to the Panhandle Plains Dairy Show. A Floyd County delegation, composed of farmers and business men of the county, are planning to attend the show in unison on Wednesday April 3. The delegation will be led by the Floydada band.

The South Plains District Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held in Tahoka April 24th will sponsor a "My Home Town" oratorical contest, at which all high school children under 21 years of age will be eligible. Secretary C. C. Williams of the Chamber of Commerce has mailed out rules and regulations.

Two well known west Texas women will be on the program of the Oil Belt District convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce which will be held on April 18. They are Lexie Dean Robertson, poetess of Rising Star, and Christine Carter, vocalist of Breckenridge.

Some of the recent charities of the Moran Delphian Club have been the buying of a memorial window in the new Methodist church for \$75.00. The club started the piano fund for high school with a contribution of \$60.00. A window in the new Christian church for \$75.00 was also purchased.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us. L. R. Thompson

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Use The Mail Want Ads.

Schumann-Heink at Abilene April 10

Abilene, April 4—Culminating a career of fifty-one years on the greatest opera and concert platforms in the world, Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink is returning to the stage, after an extended rest, for her farewell tour and will appear in Abilene April 10 under the local management of the Simmons University Cowboy Band.

For half a century she has been the favorite contralto of the American stage and is one of the few singers of the past generation who remain at the forefront today. In New York she is known as the last of the Titans, having reference to that group of singers who made the last half-century the golden age of American music.

**PAINS**

In Side and Back



"I HAD BEEN miserable for a long time. My health was poor, and I suffered a lot from weakness. At times, my strength was so little that I could not stand on my feet. I would have to give up and go to bed. My sides and back hurt dreadfully.

"I grew discouraged, for I could do so little. I worried about myself, and almost gave up hope of ever being strong and well. I could scarcely lift a bucket of water. My house work went undone, for I was not strong enough to do it.

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**MITCHELL FARMERS RECEIVE CAR OF HIGH GRADE JERSEYS**

Some of Animals Registered; Move Taken as Part of County's Drive to Improve Dairying Industry.

Colorado, March 23.—

**SNYDER GETS BIG PROFITS ON POULTRY**

Two Cars of Eggs Shipped in Past Week; Produce House Very Popular Place

Snyder, March 23.—Two carloads of eggs left Snyder this

**Brady Turkeys Go To Various States**

Brady, March 23.—Brady's famous "turkey trot" turkeys have been sold to practically every state in the union, according to a

**Grade Cow Dept. Added to Plains Dairy Exposition**

Plainview, March 23.—Recognizing that there are many ex-

**Dairy Industry to Start Near Pecos**

Pecos, March 23.—Plans for commencing the dairying indus-

**Modern Creamery Planned in Slaton**

Slaton, March 23.—A modern creamery will start operating in Slaton on April 10, it was offic-

**CONTRACT ON BIG POULTRY PLANT IS LET**

Lubbock Firm to Increase Facilities to Handle Farmers' Produce

Lubbock, March 23.—(Spl)—A contract for a \$125,000 poul-

ALL OF THE ABOVE AND AS MANY MORE SIMILAR NEWS ITEMS APPEARED IN A SINGLE ISSUE OF THE ABILENE MORNING NEWS.

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Merkel, Texas

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Every Farmer in Taylor County to Bring Something TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION  
Come In, Farmers, and Take Advantage of This Big Auction Sale

**Second Monday, April 8, 10 a. m. at Merkel**

This is the first FREE AUCTION SALE to be put on in Taylor County and anyone who has anything they care to sell, are invited to bring it on the above date and have it auctioned off free of charge. It will be auctioned for the best possible, and ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE. Bring your stock, implements, etc., that you do not now need. Someone else may be planning to buy just what you have to sell. This sale will be cried by two of the best Auctioneers in the State of Texas. Col. W. P. Casey, of Lubbock, will have charge of the auctioneering, assisted by Mr. Fred Hale, and they will get for you the very best of prices, on everything they put up to sell. This kind of sale will be held on the second Monday of each month. It will be of great value to the farmers of Taylor County. Be sure and come in and take advantage of this big event.

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# Ten Reasons why 300,000 careful buyers have chosen the New Chevrolet Six since January 1st

Ever since the date of its introduction, the new Chevrolet Six has swept triumphantly on to greater and greater heights of popularity. Value for value and price for price—buyers have compared it with other cars in the low-price field. And the result has been an overwhelming public preference—over 300,000 buyers since January 1st. And everywhere the enthusiasm is constantly increasing—for the new Chevrolet Six combines, as does no other car in the world, those ten great fundamental factors which careful buyers are now demanding in the cars they buy.

### 6-Cylinder Smoothness

Due to the finer inherent balance of its six-cylinder valve-in-head motor, the new Chevrolet provides that smooth, quiet, flexible performance which is the distinguishing characteristic of the truly fine automobile. At every speed, the power is delivered easily, freely and without annoying vibration. You can ride and drive for hours without annoying rumble or noise fatigue—every mile a delight for both driver and passengers.

### 6-Cylinder Getaway

And in sheer brilliance of performance, as well as in smoothness and quietness of operation, the new Chevrolet Six is a revelation. An automatic acceleration pump results in remarkably fast acceleration whenever the accelerator is suddenly depressed. And a new high-compression, non-detonating cylinder head eliminates every trace of "lugging"—even when you have occasion to accelerate swiftly in high gear.

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Naturally, Chevrolet's powerful six-cylinder valve-in-head motor might be expected to provide speed in abundance. But even more important than the speed of the new Chevrolet Six is the smooth, quiet, restful comfort you experience at every point on the speedometer. You can open the throttle wide with a feeling of complete security—and you come to the end of a full day's drive entirely free from the weariness caused by engine noise and body rumble.

### 6-Cylinder Power

The great reserve power of the new Chevrolet Six is a constant delight. The steepest hills are taken with ease. Heavy roads are negotiated without the necessity for frequent gear-shifting. And even at the higher speeds, there is always that feeling of confidence which comes from the knowledge that additional power is at hand . . . instantly available for whatever need may arise.

### Modern Safety Features

The new Chevrolet Six is equipped with every modern safety and convenience feature—typified by a full ball bearing steering mechanism, non-locking 4-wheel brakes with separate emergency brake, foot controlled adjustable two-beam headlights, automatic fuel pump, theft-proof Electrolock, electric motor temperature indicator, and Fisher VV windshield and adjustable driver's seat in all closed models. As a result, it is one of the easiest and safest cars in the world to handle.

### Better Than 20 Miles Per Gallon

The marvelous performance of the Chevrolet Six would be considered exceptional in any automobile. But in the new Chevrolet it is nothing short of sensational—for here it is combined with operating economy of *better than 20 miles to the gallon of gasoline*. As a result, those who can afford to own any automobile can afford to own and operate a Chevrolet Six!

### Exceptional Riding Comfort

Another vital factor that has influenced hundreds of thousands in their selection of the new Chevrolet Six is its exceptional riding comfort. Built on a wheelbase of 107 inches . . . offering the deep-cushioned luxury of bodies by Fisher . . . and with the entire upper structure cradled on four long semi-elliptic shock absorber springs—it travels the roughest highways with amazing comfort. And its balance on turns and curves is

equally exceptional—for the rigid frame and the long springs reduce sideway to the minimum.

### Beautiful Fisher Bodies

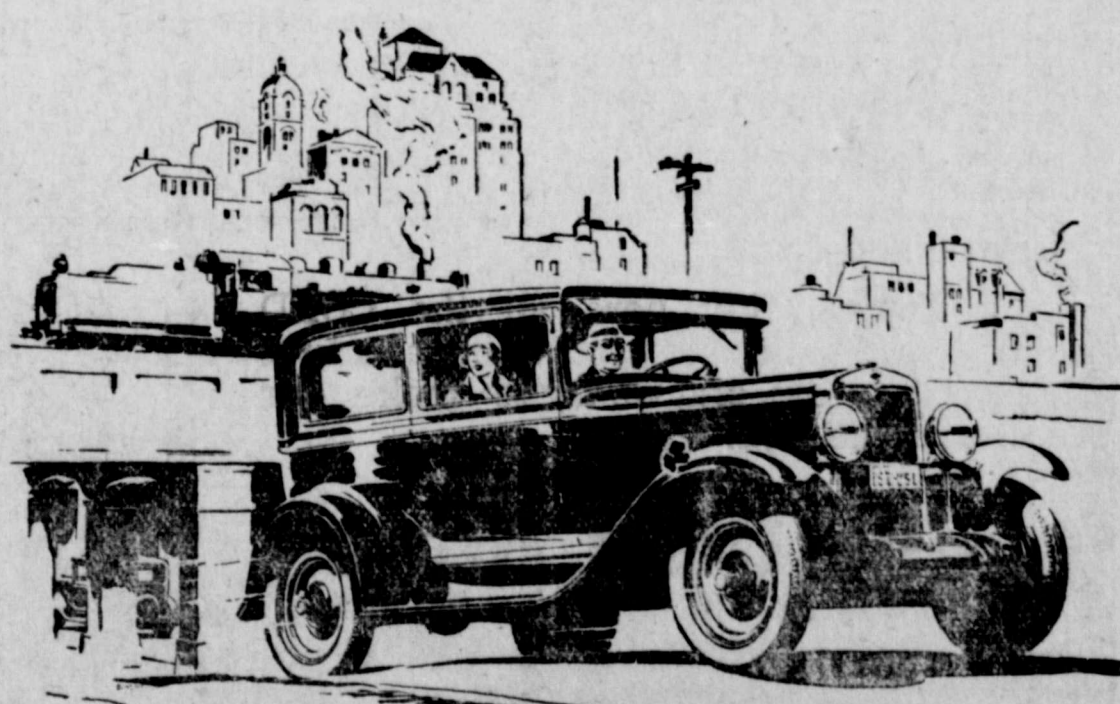
The marvelous bodies on the Chevrolet Six reveal, as never before, the matchless artistry that has made the Fisher name renowned throughout the world for excellence in coachcraft. Longer, lower and roomier . . . finished in attractive, long-lasting colors . . . and upholstered in rich deep-tufted fabrics that give to the interiors an air of custom elegance—they introduce into the low-price field an entirely new measure of style and distinction.

### Proved Dependability

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### Amazingly Low Prices

Many people do not realize that this marvelous new six-cylinder Chevrolet is actually offered in the price range of the four. Compare total delivered prices as well as factory prices when determining automobile values. You will find Chevrolet delivered prices include the lowest handling and financing charges available.



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The Roadster . . . . .	\$525
The Phaeton . . . . .	525
The Coupe . . . . .	595
The Sedan . . . . .	675
The Sport Cabriolet . . . . .	695
The Convertible Landau . . . . .	725
The Sedan Delivery . . . . .	595
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**OPPORTUNITY FOR MERKEL.**

West Texas scored again when Governor Moody approved the bill providing for the establishment of an agricultural experiment station within fifty miles of Abilene.

The Merkel section is admittedly one of the best from an agricultural standpoint, variety of soil, etc., in this part of West Texas, hence it would be well worth the while of Merkel people to get actively to work in an effort to locate the station in this vicinity.

According to the bill's provision, the principal activities of the new station will be the improvement and development of pecan culture, dairying, poultry raising and the livestock industry. This being true, where could one hope to find a more suitable location than on some of the large ranches and farms of the Merkel territory?

Merkel can, with all propriety, begin actively to point out the advantages of this section which possesses all of the requirements and more.

The locality that gets the new experimental station will receive untold benefits. It ought to be located on the basis of adaptability, and in this case Merkel ought, by every manner of reasoning, have an excellent opportunity to land this state plum.

**Wilson Gets Three Year Sentence For Killing Minister**

Tyler, Texas, April 4.—After it had been out twenty-three hours and thirty minutes, a jury Sunday assessed Loys Wilson three years in the penitentiary for the killing of the Rev. Fount Wallace, Troup Baptist preacher on April 16 last year. The verdict was brought in at 11:45 a. m., and Judge J. R. Warren was summoned from the First Baptist Church to receive the verdict, which was read by Foreman T. J. Morris of Lindale.

The jury's finding was unique in that it held Wilson guilty of "murder without malice aforethought."

Mrs. Wilson was not in court. Neither were the two sons, 9-year-old twins who have been with the defendant throughout the week's trial.

Wilson was calm as the verdict was announced. "I have nothing to say," was his only remark.

He asked to see his wife before going to jail, pending a new trial motion.

If the new trial motion is denied defense attorneys have announced they will appeal the case.

The trial, which began last Monday, brought forth sensational testimony, in which the defendant's wife told the jury of relations with the pastor.

**Avery Plow Success Is the Result 100 Years' Experience**

Louisville, Ky.—Experience is the only safe guide to successful aggressiveness. It is the little schoolmaster who alone teaches both industry and individual how to avoid hidden pitfalls and gain the best results with minimum effort, according to Donald McDonald, Jr., Vice President of the B. F. Avery & Sons Co., Louisville.

"Over one hundred years ago," he said, "in 1825, the founder of the company Benjamin Franklin Avery began making plows and plowshares."

"He made the first ones with his own hands," said Mr. McDonald. "He beat them out, tempered them and assembled all the parts in his own little blacksmith shop in Virginia. Then when the plows were finished, he went into the field, watched the plows in operation, saw how they turned various soils, improved their designs, added new models and his plows and plowshares developed a degree of perfection which only such actual experience could ever have made possible."

"The years rolled on. The little shop became a factory. New helpers were added, and to these new workers Benjamin Franklin Avery taught the rudiments of plow and implement ciples and practice that he himself had acquired from his own experience. As they worked on in the rapidly expanding plant they passed their knowledge down to those following each year, bringing with it new experience further to enrich the accumulated fund of knowledge which is today an amazing source of profit not only to the Avery Company itself but to those utilizing its experience through use of the better farm implement it makes."

**MOODY VETOES SUNDAY MOVIES**

Austin, April 4.—Governor Moody vetoed the Sunday moving picture show bill which would have repealed a portion of the Sunday blue laws, which have been on the statutes books for many years, to allow showing of theatres on the Sabbath after 1 p. m. Most cities are now disregarding the law, proponents of the repeal stated.

**Dora Doings**

Farmers in this section are busy trying to get ahead of "old man green," who is showing up in the fields and corners. We have a fine season and now, with the weather warm, every thing will grow by leaps and bounds.

Sy Dennis returned home Friday from Temple, where he underwent an operation several weeks ago. He is improving nicely.

G. T. Rogers and family spent Sunday in Abilene with relatives.

Rev. Biggs filled the pulpit at Slater's chapel Sunday.

Brother Willie Howell preached at the Nolan Baptist church Sunday.

The stork came this way Easter Sunday, leaving a girl with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanks, and a boy with Mr. and Mrs. Rvery Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jenkins of Noodle were callers here Sunday.

Merkel High school baseball team came out Thursday and played the Divide High, score 1-4 in favor of the Divide. Our team will return the game Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliot and family visited in Merkel, Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. West of White Church were Dora visitors Sunday.

E. P. Perry and family, Lloyd Perry and wife spent Sunday in Bitter Creek community.

Building on the Odd Fellows hall near the Divide school campus is going on fast and nicely.

**Zion Chapel News**

The farmers of this community have already begun their early spring planting and are all rejoicing over the nice rain we had the past week.

Compere school was well represented at the interscholastic meet at Hamlin Friday.

Our school won first place in senior boys' declamation at Hamlin Friday.

We are real proud of Charles Childers and we feel sure he will win at the district meet.

The primary and intermediate pupils enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Thursday evening at the culmination of a short Easter program rendered by them.

Quite a few people from this community attended singing at Noodle Sunday.

Mrs. E.C. Spurgin had as her guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Garrison and children Billy Ray, Jackie Boy of Breckenridge; Mrs. M. D. Goodyear and daughter, Leta, of Anson, and Mrs. M. L. Estes of Merkel.

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Uncle Jake Foster, who has been quite sick, is better at this writing.

**CANYON NEWS**

Butman school P.T.A. was a decided success Friday night. After the business session, a splendid Easter program was enjoyed by the large crowd present. Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. told the story of the origin of Easter. In addition to the plays, recitations and songs, string instrument music was highly enjoyed. The topic for discussion April 12 is "Better Homes."

Mrs. Lottie Williams and Mrs. Will Butman visited Mrs. Ruth Isenhower of Putman recently.

A number of people of this community attended Easter services at Merkel Sunday.

About forty people enjoyed the Easter egg hunt at Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney's Sunday afternoon.

Misses Hale and Whiteaker, teachers of Butman school, treated the children with a picnic and Easter egg hunt Monday. A number of parents were also present and all enjoyed the big dinner and hunt.

Sunday afternoon some men visited a rattlesnake din on Butman ranch. Due to the fact that it had recently been visited, there were only nine of the reptiles to be found and killed.

Rev. Tom Payne will preach at the Butman tabernacle Sunday morning, April 7.

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**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Miss Ruby Johnson is home from C. I. A. to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grayson of Shilo community were shopping in town last week. Mrs. Grayson is rapidly recovering after a serious illness. Curly Edwards has purchased the Joe Alexander home.

O. Kelly, an old time resident, visited his son, Hurl and family.

Quite an enjoyable time was had by all the school children and teachers of the lower grades Friday afternoon picnicking and hunting Easter eggs. They were accompanied by several of the room mothers.

Byron Dingle is able to be up after a severe case of flu.

Boy Scouts of Trent spent the night recently "way out on the mountain." Those enjoying the outing were: J. B. Winn, leader; Jeff English, John and Harold Terry, W. L. Boyd Jr., Jack Bowers, Thurston Bagley, John Rouden, John Hamner and Bob Page. All report a most enjoyable time.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene was the week-end visitor of Mrs. Alex Wilson.

Mrs. Ransy of Houston is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Butler.

Mrs. Winslow Beckham returned to her home in Lamesa after a few days visit. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham. They will visit there several days.

Mr. Hale and family of Gainesville are visiting Mr. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hale.

Miss Faye Smith was the week-end guest of Ora and Maurice Smith.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All regular services at the church Sunday. Sunday school promptly at 10 a. m. Be on time. The pastor will speak at both morning and evening services. Will have the Lord's supper at the 11 o'clock hour.

Those of you who did not attend our Sunday school entertainment last Monday evening, missed a real treat, besides having a fine musical program and a feed in the basement of the church Brother Walter Jackson gave a wonderful address on "Teacher Training."

We hope that our folks are enthused to where we will have several good classes in our training school, which starts Monday evening at 7:45 p. m. We want to urge especially that every officer and teacher in our

school take some book during this week of training. Brother Walter Jackson checked our Sunday school while here and sent our application off for the advanced standard with his recommendation that it be granted. This is the third consecutive year that this Sunday school has been given the only advanced standard Sunday school in the state. With the help of God and the co-operation of all Merkel Baptists, it is our aim to carry on even to higher goals.

W. J. Largent  
Supt. of Sunday School.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

**Abilene Woman Honored.**  
Breckenridge, Texas, April, 4.—Mrs. J. E. F. Gill of Abilene was elected president of the annual Abilene Presbyterial here Wednesday and Stamford was chosen the 1929 convention city.

**Preaching at Blair.**  
Rev. Badgett of Abilene, pastor of the Baptist church will preach at the M. E. Church at Blair Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and again Sunday night. Everybody invited.

**Remember our special on prints for auction day. Boston Store.**

**QUEEN**  
SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
**BOB STEELE**  
—IN—  
**"CAPTAIN CARELESS"**  
Never have you seen a picture so crammed full of thrills "Tarzan the Mighty," another chapter of that great serial by Edgar Rice Burroughs, and "Social Prestige," a two reel comedy riot.

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
April 8 and 9  
**LOOK WHO'S HERE**  
The man of a Thousand Faces  
**LON CHANEY**  
—IN—  
**"WEST OF ZANZIBAR"**  
You've seen Chaney as Lover, Detective and Bad Man. Now see him in an entirely new role. His Greatest Yet. Also News and Comedy

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
**AMERICA'S SWEETHEART**  
**BEAUTIFUL MARY PICKFORD**  
—IN—  
**"LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY"**  
Also China Night. Chinaware for every lady present News and Comedy

**COMING**  
**"THE ROAD TO RUIN" — "THE RESCUE"**

**Delicious Sundaes**



We want you to get acquainted with our spotless fountain service. You will like our excellent Sundaes, prepared with the best ice cream and pure syrup and fruits. You will find here all the COLD DRINKS you can expect to find at a first class fountain, and we try to make our service the best.

**City Drug Store**

**Dry Cleaning Service!**

We have the facilities and the "know how" to bring your worn garments back to life. Check up on your wardrobe and let us save you money and at the same time make your old garments like new.

**CITY DRY CLEANERS**  
"Sudden Service" Kent Street  
Phone 189

the Telephone that Tinkled all Day long

Mrs. WALTERS measured nervously, put two more pins into the hem of Jane's new party dress. The dress had to be ready by 8 o'clock—and already it was 6:30.

"No!" she answered her husband, who was rumpling his hair irritably in the sewing room door, "Supper isn't ready yet, and—stand still, Jane."

This last blond, 16-year-old Jane, who posed stiffly on the low table while her mother fitted the garment on her.

"—and don't ask why!" she finished sternly, through a mouthful of pins. "It's a wonder I've accomplished anything! I've spent the afternoon running downstairs to the telephone—down to give Maisie Jones my cake recipe—down to answer the butcher, the preacher, and goodness knows who else!

"I've a notion to move this sewing room downstairs, where I can grab that phone the moment it rings!"

Walters, moving ruefully toward the stairway, turned his head to agree with her:

"Either that," he answered, "or have a telephone put in the sewing room."

Telephones where you need them save time, patience, housewifely strength.


Few know that one or two additional instruments cost considerably less than the single telephone they now have!

By a wisely-placed "extension" or two, and perhaps a rearrangement of the equipment you already have, an expert telephone man can often double the convenience of your telephone service. Just mail the coupon.



Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., City.  
Without obligation, I'd like to know how to get more value out of my telephone service. Won't you call  
(DAY) o'clock.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**DAPPER DAN**



**In The Spring!**  
Says Dapper Dan: "When Spring is here, I always write a rhyme: 'In Spring my heart is full of cheer 'Because it's cleaning time!'"

The first day of Spring is in the offing. Cleaning time has come. While you're making your housecleaning plans, it might also be a good idea to plan on clothes cleaning, pressing, repairing and dyeing, for the season. Not such a bad idea, is it?

**MODERN DRY CLEANERS OF COURSE**  
Phone 3  
Across from Postoffice  
You'll like the plan of Dapper Dan, The clever Cleaning-Dyeing man!



**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Second year Kasch and Qualla cotton seed; \$1.50 per bushel. J. D. Sandusky. See samples at Soth...

**FOR SALE**—Second hand windows, doors and screens. C. K. Russell.

**FOR SALE**—Dark Cornish game eggs. See Robert Hicks.

**Used Cars with an O. K. That Counts**

**CHEVROLETS**

- 1926 Chevrolet Coupe, motor A 1, new rubber, good car .....\$225.00
- Late 20 Chevrolet Roadster a good one .....\$240.00
- 1928 Chevrolet Coupe, run only few thousand, looks and runs like new .....\$500.00
- 1927 Chevrolet Sedan, a good serviceable car, motor thoroughly reconditioned, original paint .....\$395.00
- 1927 Chevrolet Roadster, new paint, new rubber, a bargain .....\$275.00
- 1925 Chevrolet Touring, a good looking, serviceable, reconditioned .....\$160.00

**FORDS**

- 1926 Ford Coupe, new rubber, A one condition, new paint, new seat covers, worth the money.
- 1927 Ford Roadster, good rubber, good condition .....\$145.00
- 1924 and 25 Ford Tourings \$40 to \$100
- 1924 Ford Coupe, fair condition .....\$110.00
- Dandy good Ford Coupe, 25 model .....\$160.00

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1925 Dodge Touring.
- 1926 Dodge Coupe.

**BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.**

"Home of Better Used Cars"

**FOR SALE**—4 room house and lot, south side, 4 blocks from T. P. station. Herbert Patterson.

**FOR SALE**—Baby chicks from the M. Johnson strain of Leghorns; hatched in May for \$11.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas. Phone 9036 F 13 Anson.

**FOR SALE**—Good bright...

**FOR SALE**—About six tons Maize. See O. R. Dye, at Burton-Lingo Co.

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Maize heads \$20.00 per ton; also good cane, 4c per bundle. C. L. Whitescarver, Route 4. Salt Branch community.

**FOR SALE**—Cotton seed. About 100 bushels first year Kasch seed. \$1.50 bushel. T. J. Amason, Merkel, route 4.

**GOOD BRIGHT** maize heads for sale by W. R. Sandusky, 8 miles South of Merkel.

**FOR RENT**

**BLAIR HOTEL**—Room and board \$10.50 per week. Also furnished rooms.

**FOUR ROOM** house for rent; gas and plenty of good water. Phone Mrs. Taylor F. Davis, 183J.

**FOR RENT**—Two downstairs partly furnished rooms and three upstairs unfurnished rooms; adults only. B. Bull, two blocks west of schoolhouse.

**FOR RENT**—Two nice housekeeping rooms, furnished or unfurnished. Call A. Cornelius, at Phillips Drug Store.

**FOR RENT**—Four room house close in; also one bed room. S. F. Haynes.

**TWO NICE** furnished rooms for rent; all conveniences, gas, bath and garage. Phone Mrs. Taylor F. Davis, 183J.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished or unfurnished apartment; all conveniences. Mrs. N. D. Cobb. Phone No. 1.

**FOR RENT**—Two room furnished apartment; no children. Mrs. J. R. Dye

**WANTED**

**WILL TRADE** lot for good milk cow. G. L. Bishop, Merkel, Texas.

**WANTED**—More milk customers. Delivered anywhere in city. Mrs. R. E. Cole, phone 170W.

**MAKE YOUR** old furniture look new. Tom Douglass and Bishop Paint Shop at Burton-Lingo.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**

Citation on Publication for Probate of Will

No. 1765

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of

publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To all persons interested in the Estate of G. H. Tucker deceased.

You are hereby notified that Mary Louisa Tucker, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said G. H. Tucker deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1929, the same being the 15th day of April 1929 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said court on the first day thereof of this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this 2nd day of April 1929.

W. P. Bounds, Clerk  
County Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Vivian Fryar, Deputy

(Seal)

Remember our special on prints for auction day. Boston Store.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

**Corps of Artists Busy Developing Colors New Cars**

Watching the new Chevrolet as it noses gracefully through traffic or presses forward eagerly on some highway, you may have wondered how its various color blendings are conceived, and why they appear in such profusion. You might have guessed that so alert an organization as General Motors does nothing haphazardly, that there must be a special department in charge of color creation. And if such was your guess you were right.

The art and color division of General Motors is the source of all color schemes which enhance every General Motors car from the graceful Chevrolet to the baronial Cadillac. Here colors are evolved systematically, the same degree of efficiency prevailing that is found in the sales and manufacturing divisions. Nothing is left to guess work.

The studio, in charge of Captain H. Ledyard Towle, has a research department without any known duplicate in the world. Chief among its functions is to keep the art staff constantly posted as to the fluctuating color preferences in America and abroad, for styles in color, as in other things, are known to move in cycles.

People are growing to like colored objects more and each day, Captain Towle says, and he points to colored clocks, pencils and bath-tubs as proof of his assertion. All of these signs indicate, he believes, that America is entering into an artistic renaissance comparable to the famous Italian re-

naissance with American industrialists acting as patrons as did the nobles of the other period.

**Alethean Class.**

Mrs. Dougherty was hostess to members of the Alethean Sunday school class Thursday evening. The president, Mrs. Frank Hamm, conducted the business meeting; Mrs. Parrack led the prayer; Scripture reading was by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Charlie West gave a talk on how to build a Sunday school class. Contests and readings by Thelma Patterson and Mrs. Holden furnished happy diversion for the evening and at the refreshment hour a salad course was served to Mesdames Brown, Bradshaw, Hamm, Polly, Stevens, Holden, Allen, West, Parrack and the hostess.

The 1920 census showed that during the preceding decade Dallas had increased 72.5 per cent in population, Houston 76.2, and San Antonio 67 per cent, with Ft. Worth a 45.2 per cent.

**Insist on your grocer getting your meat at Quality Market or phone us your order and we will deliver to him. Quality Market. Phone 2.**

Where cold drinks are colder. Phillips Drug Store.

**COMPERE NEWS**

The health in this community is good.

The Easter program was attended and enjoyed by a large crowd.

Our Sunday school was very small Sunday, as most of the people went to Noodle to the fifth Sunday singing. Earl Bonnie and family of Abilene were the guests of R. D. Lucas and family Sunday afternoon.

Grandmother Harris returned to her home in Anson Sunday after a two weeks' visit with Mr. D. W. Ashby and John Ashby of Merkel.

We are very sorry that we didn't get to have the P. T. A. last meeting night, but hope there will be a good program for the next meeting.

There are some children having to miss school on account of having been exposed to the measles.

Well selected stock of groceries in the newly painted front. Same stand. Cut prices six days in the week; if only Saturday, could not wait on the trade. Come around. If you need anything, you will buy. Your patronage will be appreciated. W. F. Hamblet.

Prompt, efficient prescription service. Phillips Drug Store.

**SATURDAY-----MONDAY**

**Half Price While They Last**

**MEN'S AND BOYS' FINE QUALITY NAINSOOK UNDERWEAR**

Regular \$1.00 value for

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New fresh stock—full run of sizes

Our coupons save you money.

**Sears Variety Store**

"Home of Bargains"

**SAVINGS FOR YOUR Saturday's Purchases**

- Coffee, Pecan Valley, 3 lbs. Tins .....\$1.50
- Coffee, Pecan Valley, 1 lb. Tins ..... 50c
- Spuds, Limit 10 lbs. .... 18c
- Oranges, California's, 288's doz. .... 18c
- Lemons, California's A. F. G's, 360's doz. .... 20c
- Grape Fruit, Texas Seedless, 126's ..... 4c
- Cabbage, Nice Crisp Heads, lb. .... 4c
- Bacon, Swift Premium, 1 lb. Box ..... 43c
- Oats, Three Minute, 3 lb. .... 20c
- Soap, Camay Toilet and Bath, 4 Bars 25c
- Soap, Crystal Cocoa Hard Water 4 Bars ..... 25c

**Clarence Saunders**

Pay Cash and Pay Less

**Layer Cake  
Loaf Cake  
Cup Cakes**

All look appetizing, taste good and have real food value too when made with Rumford. You can always depend on Rumford for perfect leavening and uniform results. Be sure you get



**RUMFORD**  
The Wholesome  
**BAKING POWDER**

"I wonder how mother looked when she was a little girl?"

Photographs of your children, made today, will answer such questions in the years to come.



**RODDEN STUDIO**

Photographs of the children never grow up

**LADIES, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE**

**Master Spring Sale of Bonnie Jo Wash Frocks**

SEE SOME OF THESE BEAUTIFUL MODELS IN OUR SHOW WINDOWS. THEY ARE THE REGULAR \$1.95 WASH FROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN MAKING SUCH A HIT THIS SPRING

**\$1.59**  
Each

**Boston Bargain Store**  
**Friday and Saturday**  
**ONLY**



OFFICIAL NOTICE

I, Pauline Johnson, City Secretary of the City of Merkel, Texas, do, pursuant to the hereinafter set out ordinance, give notice of the matters and things therein contained.

PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.

ORDINANCE of the city council of the City of Merkel, Texas, determining the necessity for levying an assessment against the property and owners thereof on a portion of Oak street, in the City of Merkel, for a part of the cost of improving said street, and fixing a time for a hearing of the owners or agents of said owners of said property, or of any persons interested in said improvements, as provided by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, and directing the City Secretary to give notice of said hearing, and examining and approving the report or statement of the consulting engineer, and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL: That, whereas, the City Council of the City of Merkel has heretofore by ordinance duly passed and approved ordered the improvement of

OAK STREET from 2' south of the most southerly rail of the Texas and Pacific's south passing track to the south line of Coombs Street in the City of Merkel; and,

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the improvement of said Street have been duly prepared and approved as required by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, which is usually known as the General Paving Law, and was formerly shown as Chapter 11, Title 22, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1911; and,

WHEREAS, said work of improvement was let to General Construction Co. to improve with a 6-inch plain concrete pavement, including excavating, grading and filling, constructing concrete curb and gutter and other necessary work in connection therewith, in accordance with said plans and specifications; and,

WHEREAS, written contract has been entered into by and between the City of Merkel and General Construction Company for the construction of said improvement; Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL: That the report or statement of the Consulting Engineer filed with the City Council, describing the abutting property and giving the names of property owners and number of front feet and the cost of improvement chargeable against each abutting property and its owner, has been duly examined and is hereby approved; that the City Council does hereby determine to assess three-fourths of the total cost of said improvement against the owners of the property abutting on said Street, and against their property in accordance with the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925; That the said assessments shall be made after the notice to such property owners and all interested persons, and the hearing herein mentioned, and that the said portion of the said cost of improvement to be assessed against such property owners and their property shall be in accordance with the Front Foot Rule or Plan, in the proportion that the frontage of the property of each owner bears to the frontage of the whole property to be assessed, provided, that after such hearing, if such plan or apportionment be found to be not just and equitable in particular instances, the City Council shall so apportion all said cost as to produce a substantial equality between all such property owners abutting on said street, having in view the enhanced value of that property and the benefits derived from such improvement, and the burdens imposed upon them by such assessment, and that in no event shall any assessment be made against any owner or his property in excess of the enhanced value of such property by reason of such improvement; That the proportionate cost of such improvement which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their properties shall become due and payable as follows: One-sixth thirty days after the completion and acceptance by the City of

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.



We are always glad to talk with you about your motor car troubles. Users of our Conoco Gasoline tell us that they get the best results from Conoco. You, too, will find this to be true. If you have never tried Conoco, drive by and let us tell you about its wonderful driving power. Better still, let us fill your tank with it. Our oils and garage service are the same high standard.

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ter date of acceptance, together with interest from said date of acceptance at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable annually, and reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of collection in case of default; That the total proportionate part of such cost which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their respective properties and the names of the owners of property abutting upon said street aforesaid, properties to be improved, and the description of that property and the several amounts proposed to be assessed against them respectively for the paving, curb and gutter and the grand total thereof, is as follows:

Oak Street, from 2' south of the most southerly rail of the Texas & Pacific's south passing track to the south line of Coombs Street.

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prescribed by the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, by publishing said notice three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Merkel, the first of said publications to be made at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. Said City Secretary may also mail a copy of said notice by registered letter to each of said property owners, if known, or their agents or attorneys, if known, said letters to be deposited in a postoffice in the City of Merkel at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. However, said notice by letter shall be cumulative only, and notice by publication shall be full, due and proper notice of said hearing. It shall not be necessary to the validity of said notice of hearing to name any property owner abutting on said street, and the fact that any such property owner or owners are incorrectly named or not named at all shall in no wise affect the validity of the assessment against said property, nor the personal liability against said property. No error or omissions in the description of the properties abutting on said street shall in any wise invalidate said assessment or any certificate issued in evidence thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL: That the fact that said portion of said street is in such urgent need of repair creates an emergency and imperative public necessity for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety requiring that the rules providing that ordinances be read more than one time and at more than one meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended, and that this ordinance shall be passed and take effect as an emergency measure, and take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 20th day of March, 1929.

H. C. WEST Mayor ATTEST: PAULINE JOHNSON City Secretary.

Ranger to Entertain West Texas C. of C. Stamford, April 4—Plans for the Oil Belt district convention of the West Texas chamber of commerce which is to be held in Ranger May 2, are being completed. The program this year features two unusual entertainment features which will be great drawing cards for attendance. These are Lexies Dean Robertson, well known Texas poetess whose home is in Rising Star, and Christine Carter, vocalist of Breckenridge, who is a native Texan, having been reared in Aspermont.

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That a hearing shall be given to said owners, their agents and attorneys, and any person or persons interested in said improvement, before the City Council of the City of Merkel, as provided by the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, which said hearing shall be had on the 8th day of April, 1929, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. in the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, and which said hearing may be continued from day to day and time to time, as may be necessary to give all said property owners, their agents and attorneys, and any interested person or persons, a full and fair hearing, and said owners, their agents or attorneys, and any interested person or persons, shall have the right to appear and be heard in any manner concerning the said improvement or said assessment, or the benefits thereof to their said property, or to any other matter or thing in connection therewith, or to contest said assessment, and at such hearing a full and fair opportunity shall be extended to said property owners, their agents or attorneys, and to all interested persons, to be heard with respect to said improvement. That after the conclusion of the hearing above mentioned such sum or sums as may be determined by the City Council to be payable by said property owners shall be assessed against them respectively, and against their respective properties by ordinance, in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925. That the City Secretary of the City of Merkel is hereby directed to give notice to said property owners, their agents or attorneys, and to all interested persons, of said hearing, as



## ANTI-BOLTER BILL VETOED BY MOODY

Austin, April 4.—Stating that if it became a law "it would prolong the bitterness" aroused by the split in the party during the last presidential campaign and "continue to widen the breach," Governor Moody vetoed the anti-bolter bill.

The measure was written by Senator Al J. Wirtz of Seguin and was passed by both houses after a bitter fight. It would have empowered the State Democratic Executive Committee to bar as voters and candidates in future primaries those who left the party to vote for President Herbert Hoover last November.

"It may as well be discussed from its effect upon the Democratic party and thereby its effect upon the State at large, in view of the fact that the Democratic party has been, is now and, I hope in the interest of the general welfare, will continue to be the predominant political party of this State," the Governor said, in giving his reason for vetoing the Wirtz bill.

"I have nothing to say about parties controlling their own destinies as voluntary organizations. Under ordinary circumstances, a bill of this kind would excite little interest and it would have my approval. However, the bill comes at this time as one of the indirect results of the division which occurred in the Democratic party in the campaign preceding the general election. It appears evident to me that if the bill becomes a law it will prolong the bitterness which that campaign aroused and will continue to widen the breach in the Democratic party. I am of the opinion that the welfare of the party and the welfare of the State are to be advanced by promoting harmony among those whose views are in accord with the principles of the Democratic party."

**Royalty Owners to Meet.**  
Abilene, April 4.—On April 6 a district meeting of the Midcontinent Royalty Owners Association of Texas will be held here.

Invitations have been sent to some 250 owners of royalty and land in fee in oil fields or prospective oil fields in the area adjacent to Abilene, asking them to attend the conference here, which will open with a banquet at the Grace Hotel at 6:30 p. m., to be followed by a brief business session.

Electricity is progressing rapidly. New York, which leads all states, has now about 50,000 farms using electric power from central stations. This is more than one-fourth of all the farms in that state.

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## Inquiry Board For Threatened Strike, Named By Hoover

Washington, April 4.—The personnel of the special emergency board of inquiry which will investigate the dispute between the Texas & Pacific Railway and its employees was announced Monday at the White House.

The board includes: James R. Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior.

Chester H. Rowell of Berkeley, Cal., former member of the Shipping Board. Walter C. Clephane, professor of law at George Washington University.

William Rogers Clay, judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Kentucky.

F. H. Kreismann, former mayor of St. Louis, Mo.

Each of the five men has had experience in similar cases of investigation of labor disputes under the railway labor act.

The board of inquiry was created in a proclamation by President Hoover last Friday after he had been informed that the impending strike threatened a serious interruption to interstate commerce in the Southwest.

**Ask Norris Resignation.**

San Angelo, Texas, April 4.—Resignation of John N. Norris, chairman of the state board of water engineers, was asked here by Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, state senator, because, he charged, "Norris has discriminated against private irrigation and other domestic water projects in favor of corporation applications for the use of West Texas water."

**Burglars Busy at Abilene.**

The Fifth Avenue Shop at Abilene was entered through the skylight Monday night, and the burglars escaped with merchandise valued at \$4,000.

A negro was arrested Monday who police said had in his possession merchandise valued at \$300 and identified as belonging to the Mobley Hotel.

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## Ambassador Herrick Passes Away at Paris

United States Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who won the heart of the French people by his refusal to leave Paris when other diplomats fled the threatened German invasion in 1914, died peacefully at Paris 4:10 p. m. Sunday. He was 75 years old.

From a humble business career among the farmers of Ohio, he had become Governor of that State, was offered Cabinet posts and was selected by two Presidents as Ambassador to France.

In 1914 Life Insurance in force amounted to \$341,000,000. In 1926 it amounted to \$2,000,000,000.

## Nephew Merkel Man Dies at Silverton

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday and Mr. Allday's mother, Mrs. P. T. Allday, returned Monday night from Silverton where they had been called on account of the death of James Shaffer, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Shaffer. Mrs. Shaffer is Mr. Allday's sister. The little boy died Saturday from congestion being ill but two days. Funeral services were held Monday morning.

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**A BROTHER TO THE WEAK.**  
 Have we, friend, among the lessons  
 We each day from living reap,  
 Turned the page on which is written  
 "Be a brother to the weak?"

And have we learned the lesson?  
 Can we fully comprehend?  
 Have we "Unto the least of them"  
 Learned yet, to be a friend?

Can we look upon a brother  
 Whom misfortune's dealt a blow,  
 And feel for him a sorrow  
 In his anguish and his woe?

When we chance to glimpse an out  
 cast

Whom society has banned;  
 Can we sympathize and pity,  
 Instead of reprimand?

Ah, would we but remember  
 When our days in joy abound  
 That fortune, friend, in time to come  
 May hew our prospects down.

So let us not despise and scorn  
 The humbled and the meek,  
 But may we ever strive to be  
 A brother to the weak.

—Frances Frederickson

### CHAPEL PROGRAM.

The High school student body and faculty were favored Monday morning at the regular chapel period by a short talk delivered by Rev. Parrack and several beautiful vocal selections by Miss Mona Margaret Jones accompanied by Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Rev. Parrack entreated us in a very earnest manner to make the best of every opportunity and advantage that we enjoy, and not to shrink from difficulties, but instead to face them bravely and overcome them. "The man" he said, "who plows ahead regardless of all obstacles, is the man who in the end succeeds."

Miss Jones sang "Gypsy Trail" and "The Old Road."

### BASEBALL WITH STITH.

Monday afternoon Merkel High school boys played the Stith High school a game of baseball. The Merkel team won in a walk-over. The score was Merkel 9, Stith 4. Many attended the game which was the first played on our home field. We are expecting a large crowd out next Friday when we play Divide High. Divide High holds a win over the local boys and the game promises to be a thriller. Merkel's battery is Whiteaker and Sloan.

### JUNIOR GIRLS' PICNIC.

The girls of the Junior class went on a picnic Monday afternoon, April 1, after school. They were chaperoned by Miss Baker, the sponsor. As soon as the girls were together they were speeding down the highway West of Merkel, bound for a mountain North of the highway.

When they reached their destination they searched for wood for a fire. Wieners were roasted and buns and pickles eaten with soda pop between bites. Marshmallows and potato chips were also enjoyed.

After eating all but the ice and some left-overs, they started walking over the hills to the distant oil well. They returned from the hike tired and hungry. The left-overs and ice were soon done away with.

While sitting on boulders they had a program of various songs and

speeches. After everyone had given a speech or song they left in a noisy mood and sang all the way back to Merkel.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Miss Vera Baker, chaperone; Dorice Brown, Missie Dye, Pauline Toombs, Winnie Mae Schwartz, Nadine Tippet, Odell Hunter, Eunice Bird, Tula Miller, Maurine Davis and Mildred Bird.

### SAY, DIDJO' KNOW—

—That it begins to look like there would be some school relief in sight for the Merkel kids, as those bonds are sure to pass?

—That we believe that if any man who is against the passage of those bonds would spend just one day in the Grammar school, with the smoke from the stove bringing tears into his eyes and soot falling all around him, that that man would be one of the best supporters for the bonds to pass?

—That we feel complimented that no one has even mentioned to us the fact that this corner of the Badger Weekly was not included last week?

—That April Fool Day seems to be losing much of the glamor which it formerly possessed in schools, as now there seems to be no local observance of the day?

—That Mr. Burgess, by means of the stertrope machine, is attempting to have studes of M.H.S. "see America First," and that it seems one of the best ways we know of to illustrate the greatness of our nation?

—That in the superintendent's office there stands a silver loving cup about 15 inches high which reads "Presented to the All-Round county Champions, Taylor County," which Merkel has annexed for 1929 and intends to annex for several more years?

—That even though old M. H. S. doesn't get as many candidates for positions on her athletic teams as do some of the nearby schools, it has a great reputation?

—That if the revolution doesn't stop, there is a chance that some college graduates who haven't yet left old M.

H. S. may have a chance to be generals and majors?  
 —That we wonder if Mr. Burgess will have to complain of the great number of tardy students now that spring seems to be here?  
 —That we wonder if there will be an annual published here next year?

### JUST FUN.

William: "It takes some brains to succeed in society."  
 Milton: "Why, I thought that you had always got on fairly well!"

Harold: "If you keep looking at me like that, I'm going to kiss you!"  
 Willie Evelyn: "Well, I can't keep this expression much longer."

Ruskin: "Don't be a fool!"  
 J. D.: "What! Do you want a monopoly of the business?"

Mr. Burgess: "There's a woman who makes little things count!"  
 Mr. Davis: "Yes? Who is she?"  
 Mr. Burgess: "Oh, she's a first grade school teacher."

### TRUE HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. Young: "Ruskin, are you chewing gum?"  
 Ruskin (swallowing hard): "I was."

Ross Ferrier (a Fish) is so dumb that he wants to know if plane geometry isn't taught in the aviation schools only.

Mr. Burgess advises his Eco students to get an old worn-out flivver and tour the country this summer. He went in his last year.

Isadore Mellinger wants to know if all seniors are conceited.

W. M. Taylor says that General Science fought for England during the Word War.

### STITH vs. MERKEL.

Last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock

the High school girls baseball team played Stith in a very interesting game. It looked for a while like the score would be a tie, but "ole Merkel" decided it shouldn't be that way and made the score 13 to 17 in favor of Merkel.

—Reporter.

### CHAPEL MONDAY.

On last Monday morning at the chapel hour, Mr. Burgess showed the high school a number of pictures of Mt. Ranier, Washington. The pictures were taken by Miss Hilda Norman, a student of Texas University.

Mt. Ranier is one of the most beautiful spots in Washington as well as one of the highest mountains. It is 14,412 feet high. The mountain is 60 miles from Seattle, the capital of Washington.

The pictures included the numerous glaciers, inns, and surrounding mountains. One picture was of Miss Norman showing the climbers' needs: heavy clothing, a staff, and shoes with calks to prevent falling on the ice. An interesting thing was shown—

the flowers, in early spring, grow to the very edge of the snow and the trees are a rich green all the year.

Mr. Burgess stated that one must be physically well and in good practice to climb Mt. Ranier.

### HONORING MISS NELL DURHAM.

A party was given at the home of Miss Fannie Belle Boaz last Friday evening honoring Miss Nell Durham, who is moving to Albany soon. Several different games were played including dominoes, "42," and flinch. During the games there was music, and when all were through playing Misses Willie Evelyn Boaz and Nadine Tippet came in pulling a little red wagon which was filled with presents for Nell. After the presents were opened and all had seen them, a refreshment plate of salad, sandwiches, and iced tea was served to: Misses Nell Durham, Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret Roberta Sloan, Messrs. Orion Tittle, Max Swafford, Willie Harris, Harold Leeton, William Sheppard, Paul Causseaux and the hostess.

### Election Bet Case Sent to Corsicana

Dallas, April 4.—The V. Ray Adams election bet killing trial was transferred to Navarro county by Judge C. A. Phippen of criminal district court. Corsicana is the county seat of Navarro county.

Request for the change of venue was made jointly by both the state and defense.


Adams was charged with murder following the fatal shooting of Orville Mathews, new accounts manager of the Republic National bank after a quarrel over an election bet.

His first trial in Dallas county resulted in a hung jury.

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# What the Gray House Hid

## The Mystery of a Haunted Mansion

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CHAPTER VI

There was a letter for Mrs. Hanby in the package of mail.

"Who's been writing to you, Dina?" her husband inquired.

"The Parkers. They've been wanting to come here, but I told them we weren't asking any one till we had got used to the place. It would spoil it to have any outsiders yet. I shall be finding new wonders every minute for a month. Besides, we have no saddle horses yet, and Julia is mad about riding. That reminds me that I must order a habit and a side saddle."

Hanby was still thinking of the mysterious warnings.

"It's funny," he remarked presently, "that any one should take the trouble to feed Smucker for nothing. There must be something behind it."

"Junior and I will find out," said Bill. "It's beneath the dignity of the lord of the manor to sleuth."

"The first letter I opened," continued Hanby, pursuing his train of thought, "was from an undertaker noted for the simplicity and dignity of his funerals. He includes flowers. That's thoughtful! The next was from Seymour. Perhaps I shall now be called to the telephone to talk with another unknown conversationalist."

"My motto is eternal vigilance," said Pelham. "Carry on your business as usual—your faithful hawkshaw slumbers not nor sleeps. I'll tell you what I will do, Bill," he suggested briskly. "I'll beat you three sets out of four whenever you are ready. I've been reading a book on tennis tactics, and after committing it to memory I've burned it, so you can't read it. You haven't a chance!" Hanby's mood was more cheerful.

"I wrote that book," he declared. "Want to bet?"

"Go and get into fannies," Pelham told him. "Bill's nervous," he added, when Hanby had left the room.

"I never saw him so before. Try and make him laugh at it, Bill."

Hanby's mood of depression passed very quickly. New daily interests so crowded one upon the other that there was no room for gloom or introspection.

The Parkers did not come. Parker's stomach, after many unheeded warnings, had finally rebelled against its owner's habit of taking three meat meals a day. Julia Parker wrote that her husband was about to be operated upon.

One day, walking down the drive, Hanby met a small, florid, neatly dressed man approaching the house—the sort of man to inspire confidence even among the most suspicious.

"If he's a salesman," Hanby reflected, "I'm gone. A man like that could sell me anything!"

The stranger bowed politely.

"Mr. Hanby, I believe?"

"Yes," replied Hanby, wondering what it was he was about to buy.

"My name is Appleton—Frederick Appleton. You are probably unaware of my existence."

"On the contrary, you are expected when the bass season opens. You were kind enough to give my friend Mr. Pelham some information about this house."

"As I was in the neighborhood, I took the liberty of coming to see your improvements. I have always been much interested in the Gray house."

"I shall be glad to show you over it and ask your advice. I find every

teach boys on farms—these improvements, for instance."

Mr. Appleton's manner was almost eager.

"May I ask what they are?"

"A big swimming pool between the tennis courts and the house, a new garage for six cars, a Japanese tea house, and a dozen smaller jobs."

Nothing pleases the new owner more than the opportunity to exhibit his property. Mr. Appleton was bored by nothing. He begged to be shown everything. He had no criticisms. He congratulated Hilton Hanby warmly.

"You will make this," he declared, "one of the stately homes of America. You have a genius for this sort of thing."

Only in one matter was his view opposed to that of the owner. He thought that the ground given over to the bird sanctuary would do admirably for ornamental glass houses.

"My wife and I wouldn't think of such a thing," Hanby asserted firmly. "We are for the conservation of bird life. You may not know it, but our rarer species of songsters are in serious danger of extermination. That bird sanctuary is a hobby of ours, and it will not be disturbed while we live."

Mr. Appleton wrung his host's hand. Hanby was surprised at the emotion written on this cheery, unlined face.

"It does you credit, sir," he exclaimed. "In my ignorance I have given no thought to such matters. It was criminal negligence. I did not know."

"As a matter of fact," Hanby confessed, "I was just as heedless as you until a month ago. Mr. Bayliss, whom I met at the Metropolitan club, told me all about it. I rather think he is president of the Ornithological Society."

"The name seems familiar," said Appleton. "One of our national authorities. If I mistake not, I think I have read a notice of one of his books on the subject."

Appleton was sightseeing until luncheon. Hanby would not let him refuse to stay to the meal, despite the fact that he had a neat package of sandwiches and fruit.

The interior of the house charmed him greatly. He was filled with admiration at the rules of the Sanctuary club. The critical family circle approved of him.

After luncheon Hanby admitted that the workmen were not accomplishing what the contractor had promised.

"Since you bring up the subject," said Mr. Appleton, "may I point out the probable causes?"

He spoke with much assurance on work and workmen, on the cost of material, and on the manner in which grafting foremen could deceive even the intelligent but amateur scrutiny of a man like Mr. Hanby.

"I wish you were out of a position," Mr. Hanby said, when Appleton finished.

"May I ask why?"

"I'd ask you to be my agent here. Besides these improvements, I have three tenant farmers who want repairs for barns and houses, and I'm bound to say they seem most unreasonable. I came here to play, not to work."

Appleton smiled. He had the look of one who delights to bring good news.

"Things generally turn out for the best," he observed. "I left the employ of Douglas & Smith last week. Strictly speaking, I could not afford to do so; but, after almost thirty-five years, to have to take orders from one with not one-third of that service was too bitter. I am not a proud man, Mr. Hanby, but I resigned. This is a business trip. Mr. Clarke, of Amenia, is considering alterations, and I hoped he might select me to supervise them."

"It's Clarke's loss," said Hanby. "I need you more than he does."

Mrs. Hanby was very glad at the news.

"Where will you stay?" she asked. "There is no accommodation near."

"Perhaps you have a room over the garages," he suggested timidly. "I am accustomed to look after myself."

"All the rooms are occupied. Why not stay with us until something suitable turns up? This is an enormous house, as you know."

Appleton was made specially welcome because his coming exempted each member of the household from some unaccustomed and unwelcome task. Junior had been deputed to see that the workmen finished the swimming pool on time. Celia's arithmetic was strained at estimating the cost of lumber. These labors Mr. Appleton took over.

The Hanbys liked him for his shrewdness. He told them about his wife, whom he adored—an invalid lady unable to leave New York because of

some special treatment for rheumatism that she was taking.

The foreman of masons resigned directly he found a man over him whom he could not fool. Appleton's mild appearance deceived him. It was one of his grounds of grievance when he sought an interview with Mr. Hanby.

"You say Mr. Appleton swore at you 'something terrible'?" Hanby scoffed. "Don't lie about it! Mr. Appleton couldn't do a thing like that, but I'm liable to turn rough any time an inefficient loafer tries to put up a fool story like that. Get out!"

"Had the audacity," Hanby told his wife, "to say that old Appleton called him foul names."

They laughed together at the absurdity of it.

"I lost my temper, I admit," confessed Appleton, at lunch. "I explained that labor owed something to the capital without which it could not exist."

"You talked over his head," Hanby said. "I thought that must be it."

"The old man bothered them very little. He did not intrude. It was his nightly habit to walk about the grounds, puffing at the single cigar he allowed himself, and then to retire. He insisted on making his own bed and keeping his room in order. The servants, after the untidy ways of Junior and Les, found him no trouble at all."

"He saves me twice his salary every week," Hanby declared, "and he allows me to be a gentleman of leisure again."

"Appleton is all right," said Junior, thinking of the overseer's job that had been his. "We all love him except Les."

"What have you against him?" Bill Pelham demanded. "Report all suspicious things to the house detective."

Les did not welcome the looks that were cast upon him.

"Nothing," he admitted. "I can't like every one, can I?"

"Les," demanded Celia, "tell me at once—what is it?"

"He reminds me of my Uncle Russell, if you must know. He has the same highly polished face. I don't like my uncle, and it's the association of ideas, I suppose."

"Les," Celia said severely, "I don't believe that's the real reason."

There was no doubt about Leslie's smile. He was a singularly good-looking lad when he smiled, with small, white, even teeth, and a mouth cut almost too well for a man.

"That's all you are going to get from me," he said.

"Leave it to the house detective," Pelham interrupted. "I'll give Les the third degree and report to you tomorrow."

"Les is full of prejudices," Celia answered. "Don't worry, Bill. He has a young and uninteresting soul. I like men of your age." She turned to her mother. "I confessed to Bill my hopeless passion for him at Alenburt, but he wasn't even flattered."

"You were only fourteen. Try him now."

"Darling Bill," said Celia seductively, "I love you, and I shall have a hundred thousand dollars on my wedding day. Will you marry me just to spite Les?"

"If he'll be my best man. Will you, Les?"

"I'll be d-d first!" cried Les hotly. "You see he's really fond of me," Celia announced. "Look at the fire in his eyes and the passion in his voice. If ever I marry him, he'll beat me."

"Sometimes I'd like to," Les admitted.

"Mr. Appleton," said Celia, "is a charming old gentleman with manners that Les would do well to copy."

"Charming?" Les cried. "Can any one show me how to gnash my teeth?"

"Hush!" warned Hanby. "Here he is."

Luncheon was the only meal at which he appeared.

"Afraid you were not coming?" Hanby said cordially.

"I have just paid off the workmen on the swimming pool," he said. "The Japanese tea house on the tennis lawn will be done tomorrow."

"You certainly make them work," said Hanby. "I wonder how you do it?"

"I reward the efficient and discharge those who shirk their duty. It was my system all the years I was in the employ of Douglas & Smith."

"Mr. Appleton!" Celia called. The old man turned his smiling face to her. "I've made a very important discovery about the bird sanctuary."

"What?" he said, so quickly that they could see the news disturbed him.

(Continued Next Week.)

### Funeral Services For G. H. Tucker at Cross Roads Home

Funeral services were held for G. H. Tucker, 60, resident of this section for a number of years, at his home in the Cross Roads community, five miles southeast of Merkel Sunday morning. Mr. Tucker died at his home early Saturday morning. Interment was in the Bluff Creek cemetery, in northern Taylor county, with Rev. Ira L. Parrock, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church, officiating.

Death followed a relapse from influenza, the first attack coming several weeks ago.

With the exception of five years which he spent in Runnels county, Mr. Tucker had been a resident of Taylor county for 31 years. He was a successful farmer and enjoyed much distinction as the raiser of fine hogs. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving Mr. Tucker are his widow and six children. They are: M. L. Tucker and Mrs. E. B. Marshall of Fort Worth, Charles R. Tucker of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. James H. Simpson of Merkel, and Mack C. and J. D. Tucker of Merkel. With the exception of the son in San Diego, all of the children were at the bedside when death occurred. M. L. Tucker was accompanied by Mrs. Tucker.

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### New A. C. C. Buildings.

Bids were opened Monday for the erection of two more buildings at Abilene Christian College. One is to be for the college academy and training school and the other a dining hall. The estimated cost of each unit is to be about \$40,000. Announcement of awards will be made later.

The state capitol of Texas at Austin was burned in 1881.





**GLEANERS PARTY.**

The beautiful home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown provided a lovely setting for the Easter party on last Friday afternoon when Mesdames J. E. Richardson, Harry Cookston, Homer Patterson and Brown entertained members of the Gleaners Sunday school class.

Mrs. R. Hail led the devotional after which a number of highly enjoyable readings were given by little Miss Mollye Frank Touchstone, Rachael Patterson, and Odelle Hunter. The presentation of gifts from the pals of each guest present, climaxed the afternoon's entertainment. The color scheme of yellow and white was stressed in refreshments of sandwiches, lilies moulded of cream and daisies, corsages of sweet peas as plate favors. The guest list included Mesdames Oscar Buford, R. R. Buford, Robert Hicks, R. Hale, S. C. Hughes, B. L. Hamilton, W. E. Lowe, Homer Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Rodden, J. E. Richardson, Tom Toombs, Fred Lathan, Doc Vaughn, Harry Cookston, Bill Brown, Eli Case and A. H. Brackeen.

**MERKELITES ENTERTAINED IN ABILENE.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox of Abilene most graciously entertained a number of Merkel friends on last Friday evening in their pretty home in the Highlands.

A perfectly served buffet supper preceded bridge games as the diversion for the evening. All house decorations and game accessories were in Easter motif and gorgeous Easter lilies graced the entertaining rooms. Other potted plants, cut flowers, candies in pastel shades, all blended into one harmonious color note of unusual beauty. At the culmination of the games Mrs. Faye Bland Tandy entertained at the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Cox's guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Kirby Beckett, Byers Pettie, H. B. Tandy, George White, W. S. J. Brown, Misses Julia Martin, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Lucy Tracey, Mary Eula Sears, Mrs. Warren Smith, Mr. Preston Gutherie, the host and hostess.

**GAMBLE HOME OPENED IN SERIES OF PARTIES.**

*Thursday Club.*

The spacious new home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble was most attractive last Thursday afternoon in its party decorations as the scene of the Thursday club semi-monthly party. Tables were appointed for games of progressive 42 and partners were found by a clever arrangement suggestive of automobiles. At the culmination of the games the hostess was assisted by Mrs. F. C. McFarland in serving a delicious ice course to Mesdames R. O. Anderson, T. E. Collins, Ollie Dye, Ross Ferrier, Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, C. B. Gardner, C. H. Jones, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, W. E. Lowe, F. C. McFarland, Byers Pettie, L. B. Scott, V. P. Sublett, Booth Warren, John West, Henry West, B. L. Hamilton, Seth Simms, Clifford Berry, Kirby Beckett, Earl Lassiter, D. Gaither, Miss Addie Holler. Tea hour guests were Misses Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Boog Sears, Mary Eula Sears, Mona Margaret Jones, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Melba West.

*Dinner-Bridge.*

Mesdames F. C. McFarland and S. D. Gamble were joint hostesses on Thursday evening at dinner. An elaborate menu was served in two courses, followed by bridge games as an after dinner diversion. Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Harry Cookston, C. B. Gardner, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, L. B. Scott, George White, Ira Windham, R. I. Grimes, W. T. Sadler, Jean Harvey, Sam Cummings, Claude Young, Dr. and Mrs. Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Gracie of Roscoe, Mrs. Seth Simms of Chicago.

*Bridge Party.*

The third of the lovely affairs given in the Gamble home last week was on Friday afternoon with Miss Melba West the hostess, complimenting a large number of friends with a pretty orchid and green party. Tables appointed for bridge games reflected these favored colors in tallies, flowers and candies and at the tea hour, ices and sandwiches with corsages of violets stressed the color scheme. The guest list included Misses Flora Frances Anderson and Ruth Baber of T. C. U., Fort Worth, Mrs. Seth Simms of Chicago, Mesdames T. H. Bass, Len Clark, Alec Schultz, Clifford Berry, L. B. Scott, Ed McCrary, Jack Anderson, Claude Young, C. H. Jones, F. C. McFarland, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Iva Bragg, George White, Misses Billie Jones, Roberta Sloan,

Vera Baker, Vennie Heizer, Mona Margaret Jones, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Johnnie Sears and the hostess.

**BOARD MEMBERS ENTERTAINED.**

Mrs. Herbert Patterson graciously entertained members of the school board at dinner on Wednesday evening. A complete chicken menu was served after which the board members went into a business session. Guests enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Patterson's hospitality were Messrs. O. J. Adcock, Herbert Patterson, W. O. Boney, S. D. Gamble, Eli Case C. P. Church, and R. A. Burgess.

**Lions Club Observes First Anniversary**

(Continued from Page One) is saving the money that he formerly spent for drink."

**TRIBUTE TO HOOVER.**  
Hoover's life was traced by the speaker from the time he was seven years old until he was inaugurated president of the United States. "To hear him talk one cannot but be convinced that he is going to make one of the greatest presidents in the history of the country. He stands for the home and is going to stop bootlegging and develop the country if we, as citizens, give him the help to which he is rightfully entitled. We ought to back Hoover, as no one man can do the things that need to be done—it is going to require the co-operation of all law-abiding citizens."

In closing, Judge Caldwell said Hoover was going to visit Texas in the near future—that he assured the Texas delegation he wanted to come to the Lone Star state and would do so when his official duties permitted.

Dee Grimes presided as toastmaster and the invocation was offered by W. G. Cypert. Everyone joined heartily in the club singing at the opening and close of the program.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to our friends who on last Monday night visited us and brought so many nice and useful presents. As we have no words adequate to express our feelings, we hope to so live as to show by our lives our full appreciation of such kindness. May you live long to bless others as you have us in our prayer.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

In 1928 Texas produced and marketed 2,830,000 quarts of strawberries valued at \$566,000, 91,900 tons of cabbage valued at \$1,760,000, 5,000,000 bushels of spinach valued at \$2,250,000.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance and kind deeds during my recent illness and to extend our sincere appreciation to every one for their efforts.  
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Friends of C. R. TITTLE announce him as a candidate for school trustee, Merkel Independent School District, in the election to be held Saturday, April 6.

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**Dr. Atticus Webb Is Merkel Speaker**

(Continued From Page One) law cannot be enforced, and you destroy all enthusiasm for its enforcement, and these people themselves will soon cease to respect any law which they are convinced cannot be enforced. Propaganda that the law cannot be enforced is intended to defeat enforcement that they can declare it a failure and ask for its repeal."

**DEMAND ENFORCEMENT.**

Dr. Webb insisted that the prohibition law can and must be enforced, but that the people themselves must not only demand it, but back up the enforcement officers in their efforts.

A five-reel movie with temperance as the theme closed the program. It depicted the evils of drink in saloon days, and is intended to show that its lessons are just as potent today in the fight against the bootleggers as it was before the adoption of the Eighteenth amendment.

A free will offering was made to aid in defraying the expenses of the speaker.

Dr. Webb accepted an invitation to address the High school student body at chapel exercises Thursday morning.

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**Personal Mention**

Mrs. C. B. Gardner is visiting in Plainview this week.

Mrs. Guy Darsey of Fort Worth is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Little Juana Ely, who was operated on at Abilene last Friday, is reported as doing nicely.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner is entertaining as her guest, her sister, Mrs. Seth Simms of Chicago.

Mrs. Davenport Gaither of San Antonio is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Cranford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown spent last week-end in San Angelo.

Mrs. F. A. Polly is visiting her brother C. C. Young of Dallas, also her mother, Mrs. M. E. Young of Mesquite

Miss Ruth Baber and Miss Frances Anderson, both of T. C. U., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Miss Mildred Robby of Abilene and Ivy Daniels were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caris at their home in the Phillips township.

School Superintendent Roger A. Burgess is in Ballinger attending sessions of the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association, convening there April 5-6.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clanton and daughter, Rebecca, of Sweetwater, accompanied by M. F. Woodson, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchison Sunday.

Mesdames George West, John West, Jim Tucker and R. A. Walker attended the Presbyterial at Breckenridge Tuesday and Wednesday of this week

Misses Boog and Mary Eula Sears spent last week-end with Mrs. L. S. Munger in Abilene. Miss Boog attended the country club dance Tuesday night.

Mrs. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Pet Touchstone left Wednesday for Plainview, where they will attend the annual woman's missionary conference of the Methodist church.

Misses Roberta Burrus, Gypsie and Gertrude Eason of Abilene were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas, near Merkel. Mrs. Douglas is a sister of the Misses Easons.

Five members of the Men's Fellowship club of the Merkel Presbyterian church attended the joint meeting with the Abilene Men's club last Monday night, including James H. West, the president, Rev. R. A. Walker, S. G.

Russell, C. J. Glover, Jr., and J. A. Sears.

**Holdup Victim is Dead From Wounds**

Coleman, April 4.—Elgie Leslie, shot in a filling station holdup here March 23, died here Wednesday. Murder charges were filed against Robert Mason and Denny Dixon in connection with the affair.

The men were arrested the day after the robbery and held in separate jails awaiting the outcome of Leslie's injuries. Both were implicated, under other names, in a confession made in Dallas by a third man as participants in the Van Alstyne bank robbery 10 days ago that failed. L. W. Echois, night watchman at Van Alstyne, was fatally shot as the men escaped.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Had a fine day at the Methodist church last Sunday. The Sunday school gave a short Easter program which was enjoyed by all. We are climbing toward the 350 mark in the Sunday school and hope to reach it soon. The superintendent and his workers are planning for Sunday school day, which will be observed April 21.

We have set the first two weeks of July for our annual revival meeting and we announce it this early so that every one can be making their arrangements for the summer to fit this meeting. The pastor hopes that no one will plan their vacation for those two weeks.

T. C. Willett, Pastor

**Murry Presbytery Delegate.**

L. L. Murry will attend the meeting of Presbytery at Anson, beginning next Tuesday, April 9, as the delegate of the Merkel Presbyterian church. Jas. H. West of this city is on the program and Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, will also attend.

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Abilene, April 4.—Abilene will shortly, as a result of action taken by the voters of the city in the municipal election here Tuesday, one of the best equipped airports in the Southwest. The field will be municipally owned.

Four amendments to the city charter were submitted in the Tuesday election. One of them was to amend the charter to allow the city to purchase land for an airport and to equip the fields. The second was to allow seven cents on the \$100 for parks. The third covered raising the salary of the city commissioners and the fourth sought to make the office of police chief appointive instead of elective, as at present. The first three were approved and the fourth defeated.

Thomas E. Hayden Jr. was re-elected mayor without opposition as was T. O. Massey, commissioner. W. C. Scott and J. N. Ferguson, members of the commission for the past two years were re-elected. Scott defeated Hill P. Simmons and Ferguson got a majority over B. C. Cox. D. H. Jeffers was elected to the fourth place on the commission, defeating T. A. Price, incumbent, and L. P. Walter.

The hottest race was between R. E. Burch and J. T. Dodson for chief of police. Burch was elected by a majority of 16 votes.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday school 10 a. m. This is the beginning of the new church year. We have had a gradual increase in attendance at Sunday school. Several additions to the church during the past year. Let us strive to make it better during the coming year. Preaching service at 11 a. m. followed by communion service. Offering for Reynolds Presbyterian Home. Evening service at 7:30.

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