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3 WELLS ARE NEAR- ING THE PAY SAND

With the completion of other drilling blocks, staking locations, assembling materials for several new rigs and making preparations for spudding in at least two wells within the next few days, all attention of the people of this section has turned to the possible bringing in within the next few days of one well, and likely three wells before the week is passed.

The Midwest Exploration Company's Thornton No. 1, the southwest offset to the Joe Winter discovery well, is nearing the pay sand. They are drilling steadily at around 2,350 feet, having finished setting the eight inch casing at 2275 feet and successfully shutting off the salt water. It is expected that this test will reach the pay sand at about the same level as that of the discovery well, which was 2,510 feet.

The Phillips' Tessie No. 1, the south offset to the Winter, is ready to start underreaming at around 2,275 feet. With good luck, this well will likely reach the production level within the next week.

Next in line for early completion is the Hurley Oil Company's John Sears No. 1, located three miles east of the discovery well, which is drilling at around 2,000 feet. It is stated that the log of this test is identical with that of the Winter producer, with the exception that the salt water was encountered about 100 feet shallower, which is by no means a bad omen, according to oil operators of experience.

Twelve and one-half inch casing was being run in the Atlantic Producing Company's No. 1 Howell, 3-4 miles south of the discovery yesterday. The well is 685 feet deep.

The Marland Oil Company's No. 1 J. C. Mason was drilling at 370 feet last night. It was spudded in last Sunday. The original hole, 20 feet north of the present one, became crooked at 820 feet and the rig was skidded.

Hart and Cole's W. R. Cranston No. 1, section 10, block 17, T. & P. lands, spudding. This test is nine miles northeast of Merkel and about eight miles east of the Joe Winter producer.

World Oil Company's No. 1 Clark and Boney, rigging up.

Marland Oil Company's No. 2 J. C. Mason, ready to spud in.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 2, Joe Winter, rigging up.

Gibson and Johnson No. 1 John Wheeler, rigging up.

Among the numerous locations for oil tests is that of R. T. Williams and others of Fort Worth on the J. W. Tiner lands, two and one-half miles northeast of the Joe Winter. This location is on section 14, block 19, T. & P. lands and the rig is to be built at once. It is to be a turn-key job and William Sudderth of Breckenridge is the contractor.

Grisham Hunter corporation and Wildman, league 334, Harrison county school lands, location.

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Noodle Creek Oil company's No. 1, Mrs. Alice Rose, section 29, block 19, T. and P. lands, location.

Hucony Gas Co.'s No. 1 Arthur Sears, dry at contract depth of 3,000 feet.

Joe Dillard, of Paris, Texas, who has extensive holdings in this county, and Joel Gunn and Jack Walker of Austin, were here last week looking over our town and community, and visiting their old friend, Mr. J. C. Mason.

METHODIST PASTOR TO CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

At the close of the services next Sunday at the Methodist Church, Rev. W. R. McCarter will have finished his year's work as pastor of the Methodist Church here. Rev. McCarter will leave Tuesday to attend conference which convenes at Childress November 10.

Bro. McCarter and Mrs. McCarter have made many warm friends during their year's pastorate here, not only in the Methodist church, but among the citizenship of Merkel. As is the rule in Methodist churches, pastors are placed for only one year at a time and it will be for this conference at Childress to say whether or not Bro. McCarter will be returned to the work here. As we review his work for the past year we see nothing to prevent his being returned to the Merkel charge, which will delight the entire membership of his church.

ABILENE LOAN CO. TO OPERATE HERE

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Cope, a representative of the Abilene Building and Loan Association was present and assured the committee that the Association was anxious to make loans to home owners in Merkel and that they were ready to supply all the funds necessary for such building as soon as a minimum number of shares were taken.

At this writing more than half the number of shares have been sold and by the end of the week more than the required number will be taken. The Association is one of the strongest in Texas, and are earning eight per cent compounded semi-annually, which makes a very attractive investment. Shares can be prepaid if desired and idle money can be made busy bringing in returns. Since the association has decided to come here six or eight new homes are being planned and others are in contemplation. The Mail as well as the Chamber of Commerce heartily endorse the purchase of shares and believes that Merkel will soon show a real substantial residence building boom.

HOME COMING AT SIMMONS U. 10-11

Abilene, Texas, November 3.—Final details have been made for the homecoming program for the alumni and exstudents of Simmons University to be held here November 10-11. The big events of the program will be the Will Rogers and De Reszke entertainment at the First Baptist Church on the evening of Nov. 10 and the football game between the Simmons Cowboys and the Trinity University eleven on the afternoon of Nov. 11.

The Will Rogers program is being sponsored by the Simmons Cowboy Band and is expected to draw a large attendance of the alumni. The Trinity Tigers are expected to furnish plenty of entertainment for the afternoon of Armistice day.

Registration for the visitors will begin at six p.m. of the first day of the program and will continue until the game is called on Armistice day. Arrangements are being made to care for the exes in the homes of Abilene people.

MATERIAL ASSEMB- LING FOR 3 TESTS

When it is considered that there is but one producing well as yet in the Noodle Creek field located eight miles northwest of Merkel, which blew in on the 7th day of September, hardly two months ago, one marvels at the rapid development being made in this area. Today there are at least five wells drilling, four other rigs up, material being assembled for three others, and numerous locations.

Besides the above activity in the field proper, consider the fact that many large supply companies have already opened their doors, or plan to do so, in this and nearby towns, as well as the great expense the Texas & Pacific Railway has already gone to in making track extensions here and at Trent.

On last Saturday Johnson & Gibson began assembling material on the ground for their well on the Haynes tract three miles due west of Merkel, and the work of putting this rig up is now in progress. A water well drilled 150 feet proved a gusher, and arrangements have been made to run a pipe line from a well on the Seth Hamilton farm three quarters of a mile away, which is expected to furnish plenty of water for the work.

On Monday of this week Johnson & Gibson also began assembling material for their Largent No. 1, which will be located on the C. M. Largent land about three miles north of Merkel and about four and a half miles east of the Winter. The Largent test will be about two and a half miles southeast of the John Sears test.

Also on Thursday of this week the stake was driven for the test on the Huddleston land located near the Mt. Pleasant school house, six miles southeast of Merkel.

It is also reported that the block for a test in the Mulberry community four miles east of Merkel has been completed, which calls for a test to be started within a short time.

Married Here

Mr. Burtis Lang and Miss Edith Walker, both of the Noodle community, were happily united in marriage on last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Elder W. G. Cypert, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, near Noodle.

Mrs. J. H. Hunter left Friday night for Fort Worth on business connected with the lease of the R. J. Adcock estate five miles southwest.

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MR. LANEY ARRESTS A MURDER SUSPECT

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney on Wednesday of this week arrested a negro woman at Loraine wanted as an accomplice in the murder of Robert Lamar, negro, near here in September.

Three negro men have already been arrested and it is alleged made confessions to having participated in the murder.

Deputy Sheriff Laney was the first officer to arrive on the scene after the finding of Lamar in a tank south of Merkel, and has diligently and successfully helped to bring to justice the alleged guilty parties. It is now believed that every one connected with the murder is now safely behind bars.

Miss Melba West spent last week-end in Waxahachie. While there she attended the "Home Coming" of Trinity University, she having been a student of that institution last year.

BOY SCOUTS IN EXHIBITION AND CONTESTS

Last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock the local Boy Scouts gave an exhibition when they held a field meet on the school grounds. The Scouts are gaining in membership and interest under the leadership of Scout Masters Herbert Patterson and Chas. Jones. Mr. G. N. Quirl of Abilene, area executive, was here to direct the field meet.

Winners in the various contests were as follows:

Water boiling contest was called a tie.

Wm. Sheppard and D. O. Huddleston of the Wolf Patrol walked off with the wood chopping contest.

Knot tying relay was won by the Eagle patrol.

Possibly the contest that had the greatest kick for the entrant was the undressing and dressing race won by Elvis Richardson of the Wolf patrol.

First Aid race was won by Bennie Sheppard, Byron Patterson and Lynn McSpadden, of the Eagle Patrol. This contest was between two scouts who had to run the distance of 25 yards, make an improvised stretcher, place their patient in it, and return to starting point.

The best First Aid stunt was won by the Wolf patrol. This stunt was where two scouts found a boy bitten by a poisonous snake, gave first aid for the snake bite, then made an improvised stretcher and brought their patient home.

The relay foot race was won by the Eagles. We found that Eagles can be swift on foot as well as in the air.

TRENT TO HAVE A NEWSPAPER SOON

From the Abilene News of last Tuesday we learn that P. H. Armstead, publisher of the Lawn Echo, has sold that paper to M. G. Jenkins, publisher of the Jim Ned Valley Reporter, at Tuscola, who will continue to publish both papers. The report also states that Messrs. Jenkins and Armstead will soon put in a plant and start a newspaper at Trent.

The writer has known Mr. Jenkins for many years, and knows him to be a live, energetic enterprising newspaper man, who stands four square for the right on any question. We predict for the new paper at Trent success from the beginning.

NEW PICTURE SHOW TO OPEN HERE SOON

Messrs. A. W. Costephens and Geo. A. Smith have secured a lease on the building now occupied by Ed's Cafe, on Front street, and owned by W. S. Telford, for the purpose of converting the building into a modern, up-to-date picture show.

Mr. Smith informs this paper that they expect to open at least shortly after the first of the year and possibly before if proper arrangements can be made to suit all parties interested.

He stated that the new picture show will be well equipped, modernly arranged and furnished with suitable fixtures and a large balcony extending from the front.

Some time ago Mr. Turner, proprietor of Ed's Cafe purchased the building occupied by J. D. Porter Grocery, and prepares to move his cafe to same.

TO MAKE DRIVE FOR CEMETERY FUNDS

From officials of the Merkel Cemetery Association we learn that a drive among the business men and citizens interested in the Merkel Cemetery will be started early next week for funds with which to place an attractive and substantial iron fence around the cemetery and for the up-keep of same during the year 1927.

The iron fence is very badly needed and of course there must be funds provided for the upkeep of the cemetery during the next year. So when the committee calls on you meet them with a smile, and make a substantial contribution to the up-keep of the cemetery. Remember, first of all, that this committee is not working for themselves, but in the interest of the whole community, and are giving their services and time.

CAKE SALE FOR THE PARENT-TEACHERS

The Parent-Teachers Club will have a cake sale on Wednesday, Nov. 10. The sale will be held in front of the Max Mellinger store from 2 to 5 p.m. Proceeds from this sale are to be used in putting down walks at the school buildings. Any cake donated for this sale will be greatly appreciated by the Club and you will be doing a service for your school. Twenty-two cakes have already been pledged for the sale.

The front of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank building has this week received a nice coat of paint, which adds much to its already neat appearance.

WORLD OIL CO. TO OPEN OFFICES HERE

By Peter Molyneux
Merkel, Texas.—The West Texas field headquarters of the World Oil Company of Fort Worth will be established at Merkel at once, according to announcement made here this week.

The company has leased a plot of ground on the Texas & Pacific railroad, within the city limits, and has ordered a 4-room portable house shipped here from Houston. This building will be used as the field offices of the company, the manager of the land department, the field superintendent and the field geologists having offices in the building. Other buildings will be erected, one of which will be a warehouse for drilling equipment and supplies. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is negotiating with the Texas & Pacific railroad to have a switch track installed at the point where the World Oil Company and other concerns are establishing field headquarters. Already the Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company, B. H. Lancaster, rib builder, and other companies have obtained sites. When the switch track is installed the World Oil Company will build a loading platform adjoining the track.

This move on the part of the World Oil Company has been made necessary by the extensive program of development which it plans in the Noodle Creek field in Jones County, just north of here. Representatives of various departments of the company have been here ever since the Phillips Petroleum Company brought in its Winter No. 1, the discovery well of the field, and they have obtained several blocks of acreage in this region.

The World Oil Company's first well in the Noodle Creek field, which will be known as the Clark No. 1, will be spudded by November 10. The building of the derrick for this well has been completed and tools are being moved in. The well is located on a 256-acre block one mile and a quarter northeast of the Phillips Company's discovery well. The company also owns three other blocks in the immediate vicinity of the well, and it is understood to be blocking up a large tract in Jones county about eight and a half miles from the discovery well.

The establishment of field headquarters here is taken to mean that the company contemplates widespread operations in this region over a long period of time. It is understood that the lease it has taken will run a number of years and that quite a force of men will be kept here. It is known that the geological department of the company has been at work in this region constantly since the Winter No. 1 came in, and that they are surveying and mapping a wide area extending into four or five adjoining counties.

It is stated that the company's operations in this region are part of a drive which is designed to put the company on a permanent producing basis in the immediate future, and that completion of its Clark No. 1 as a producer will be followed by a rapid and intensive development of the lease, which is large enough for 25 wells.—Western World, Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, are attending the meeting of the D. A. R. at Abilene this week.

"Out Slumming"



NOTICE

To Our Friends and Patrons

You will note that the **Farmers State Bank** has this week moved its fixtures, furniture and business to the Corner Building in the Max Mellinger Block, where we will continue to serve you faithfully and to the best of our ability, while our old home building is being remodeled; and which, when completed, will be our future and permanent home, modernly constructed and equipped.

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HISTORY IN CAKE



This replica of historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia is a fine example of the baker's art. It was made by the chef of one of Philadelphia's leading hotels to advertise the Sesqui Centennial International Exposition, which will open in that city June 1 and run to December 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of American Independence. The "State House" stands on a table at the entrance to the main dining room of the hotel.

LOVE AND ROMANCE IN INVENTOR'S LIFE

How Alexander Graham Bell Helped the Deaf.

While to the average citizen the name of Alexander Graham Bell is associated only with the invention of the telephone, to humanitarians the world over he is equally well known as the man who first brought to the deaf in America the privilege of intercourse through speech and speech-reading, and it was of this latter achievement that the inventor was proudest. In fact, when Bell knew that his telephone invention was to bring him wealth, his first remark was, "Now we shall have money enough to teach speech to little deaf children."

In Washington there stands the Volta bureau which he established with prize money bestowed upon him by the French for his invention of the telephone. Although the bureau was founded primarily to aid deaf children, it has since branched out into the larger field of work for those who have had normal hearing but have lost all or part of it. True to the idea of its founder, it is an institution of service.

It was no accident or purposeless plan of a careless fate which bestowed on Alexander Graham Bell the mind to comprehend, the heart to understand great needs and their remedies. The life story of the man who gave to the whole world the means of quick and sure communication, and to the small world of the deaf, a new hope, is the story of cause and effect, glorified by love and romance, is the testimony of a writer in the Washington Star. His mother was "hard of hearing," his wife, to whom he was devoted, had been left, when a child, without a trace of hearing. He taught her to talk.

In 1879 Bell secured a position in the Boston school for the deaf. At that time those thus afflicted had been consigned to a small world of their own where thoughts were inadequately expressed only by means of signs. They were known as "deaf and dumb" people. Bell refused to believe that they need remain "dumb" and so worked out a system which taught visible speech. Within three years the leading institutions for the deaf in the country were employing the system in their daily work.

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Lavish Chinese Weddings

Chinese weddings take 11 days, and, in the case of the very wealthy, cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It is not uncommon for as many as 5,000 invitations to be issued, writes a correspondent of the Duluth (Minn.) News-Tribune. The bridegroom pays for this lavish entertainment. The couple to be married never meet until the ceremonies begin, the match having been arranged by the parents. On each day there is a different ceremony performed and not until the eleventh day is the knot said to have been securely tied.

SHARK GOD'S WRATH OF LITTLE MOMENT

Overcome by Peace Offering, or by Cement?

Hawaiian natives prophesied calamity when ground was broken in October, 1909, for the construction of Pearl harbor, America's strongest naval station, on the shore of the island of Oahu, near the city of Honolulu. For their legends said that on the site selected for the immense dry dock were the caves in which the shark god once lived. Their belief was based on the presence of numerous sharks in the vicinity.

When, on February 17, 1913, the immense coffer dam collapsed, the natives fancied that the shark god had avenged himself for the desecration of his temple. The construction company in charge of the naval works believed that faulty engineering rather than one of the ancient island gods was responsible for the collapse, and requested authority to proceed with the project. The opposition of the natives was so strong that many conferences were held before the Navy department agreed upon the plan which has since been developed.

When work began anew in December, 1914, the natives, believing that another disaster was inevitable, did what they could to avert it, and retained a female "kahuna" or priestess. They believed she possessed the ability to appease the wrath of the shark god by making offerings, and engaged her to conduct her rites on the shores of Pearl harbor during all the time that the dry dock was being reconstructed. In the spring of 1919 all was in readiness for the release of the water from the new dock. This was regarded as the supreme test. A Hawaiian foreman sacrificed a white pig and white chicken to the shark god, with prayers and supplications that the dry dock be spared.

The pumping began. It was noticed that a muddy streak arose in the water within the docks. The Hawaiians then insisted that the shark god was again attempting to break down the structure by boring through the basin. As the last foot of water was pumped out the remains of an immense shark were revealed on the bottom of the dock, and naturally the Hawaiians believed that it was the god which had destroyed the first dock. The bones were distributed among the members of the construction crew as souvenirs.

Engineers who have studied both the first and second dry docks have been inclined to scout the efforts of the priestess in appeasing the shark god, and to credit the success of the second work to the fact that the present basin has a concrete thickness of 16 feet while the collapsed dock had a base of only 8 feet.



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The extent to which rabbits and hares are a pest to the farmers and stock raisers of New South Wales, Australia, is shown to some extent by the numbers slaughtered each year, notwithstanding which these little animals do immeasurable damage.

The flesh of these animals forms a common article of diet both in the cities and towns and in the country, especially in the winter, when large numbers of men are engaged in their capture and treatment. The year 1919-20 was the record year for the export trade, the total value of exports being \$15,650,000. During that year 6,980,636 pairs of rabbits and hares valued at \$2,000,000 and 9,927,340 pounds of skins valued at \$13,140,000 were exported. It is estimated that the skins and carcasses exported during that year, added to the numbers killed for local consumption, totaled at least 100,000,000.

"Call Again"

We were building a new home and had hired a man to dig the trench for the water main in our yard. I had been waiting for him to come all morning, when at noon time I heard a rap and went to the door. A well-dressed gentleman was there, and I said, "I have been looking for you all morning," and pointed out the place where my husband wanted the main laid.

"Well," he said, "I didn't come to dig the trench, but was in the neighborhood looking over the water-main situation, as I am superintendent of the plant."

My face reddened, and forgetting myself completely, I said, "Oh, thank you; I hope you will call again soon."

—F. L. R., in Chicago Tribune.

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An Announcement Tea

Mrs. Edwin Stallcup entertained with a beautifully appointed tea on Monday afternoon at her home, 1504 Ninth Street, to announce the approaching marriage of Miss Hattie Harris to Mr. Truman Harlow.

The decorative effect was beautiful featuring the pink and white which was attractively wrought in cut flowers with roses predominating. The tea table was especially beautiful with its cover of white madeira centered with a silver bowl filled with pink and white rose buds. Pink tapers in silver holders added grace to the table setting.

Mrs. Edwin Stallcup greeted the guests and presented Miss Hattie Harris, Miss Constance Harris of Merkel, Miss Allyne Easterling, Mrs. Hubert Fields and Mrs. W. M. Burge. Mrs. Desmond Jones presided at the register table and Mrs. Tom Bagley served the refreshing punch. Mrs. Buz Canon directed to the

dining room where Mrs. Maudine Cernal, Mrs. P. H. Montgomery and Mrs. F. S. Canon served a delicious plate of ices and cake in which the pink and white was daintily reflected. Marking each plate was a bride's card on which was inscribed Hattie Harris and Truman Harlow, Nov. 25, 1926. Eighty names were registered in the bride's book.—Brownwood Bulletin, Brownwood, Texas.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Harris announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Hattie Helen

to

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WEDS BRECKENRIDGE GIRL

On last Friday afternoon, October 29, at 3:30 Mr. Roy Tucker and Miss Anice Crawford of Breckenridge, accompanied by Miss Novell Taylor, were happily united in marriage by the pastor of the First Methodist church of that place, the ceremony taking place at the parsonage.

The bride, who is admired for her lovable disposition and charming manners, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crawford of Breckenridge, where she has lived since a child, and attended the public schools.

The groom, known for his clean, sterling character, is the son of Mr. C. L. Tucker, having spent practically all of his life in and near Merkel, moving here with his parents when a child. For a number of years he has very ably assisted his father, the efficient public weigher of Merkel precinct, but is at present

ent in the employ of the Huber Warehouse of Breckenridge, and has been there several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker will be at home in Breckenridge after a short honeymoon trip to Mineral Wells, Fort Worth and other points. Their numerous friends both here and at Breckenridge wish for the happy couple a successful and prosperous life.

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Mr. J. S. Thomas and family spent last Sunday in Tuscola visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown.

On last Sunday morning Rev. W. R. McCarter performed the ceremony which joined in marriage Mr. M. F. Byerly and Miss Thelma Belle Weatherbee. Both of these young people were from Rotan, Texas.

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We have as good schools as any town of the same size in the state and we have more good roads than any other town of the same size. All of these things were brought about by the enthusiasm, foresight and activity of a few, but the Merkel spirit is general. We are a hospitable people. We build upon good will; do not envy other places; and are attracting people and industries and will continue to attract them so long as we continue to be friendly.

MERKEL AND ITS POLICE

Merkel, Taylor county town, is located some eight or ten miles from the Phillips discovery well in the corner of Jones county.

The trend of the field has not yet been defined, and will not be until several of the tests now drilling are completed.

It is probable that production will come much nearer to Merkel. At the same time it is possible that oil producing territory will pass Merkel by.

Nevertheless the oil men are flocking to Merkel, Abilene, Sweetwater, Trent, Anson and other towns in the neighborhood.

These oil men—and we are speaking of legitimate operators—are causing Merkel no trouble. Nor will they cause officers in any other section of this potential field any trouble.

The lawless element, however, follows in the wake of oil development. It seems to be one of the necessary evils attendant.

Therefore Merkel is beginning an agitation to increase its police force to cope with the crime wave which some can see in the offing.

It is well. Legitimate oil operators prefer to do business in a town or a city in which life and property are safe. They have scant sympathy for that outer fringe which infests every oil boom. More business can be transacted in much greater security without them.

For these reasons Merkel is wise in preparing in advance to curb every semblance of lawlessness. The thing Merkel wants to remember is that it is not the oil men but the hangers-on who create this condition.

A sane regulatory program, coupled with the greatest amount of individual freedom compatible with the old theory of not infringing upon the rights of the other man is all the oil operator asks.

Give him that and Merkel will be one of the oases on the great desert. The town will get its share of those legitimately engaged in exploiting the undeveloped resources of this commonwealth.—Western World, Fort Worth, Texas.

The above splendid editorial from the Western World, excellent oil journal published at Fort

Worth, is timely and will be appreciated by the citizens of Merkel. The World is right. Merkel is already a good town; it has as fine citizenship as can be found anywhere. And the town bids all good citizens welcome, but want it understood that in the beginning of the oil boom in this section, that the undesirables and lawless will find hard sledding and stubborn opposition in Merkel. We are indeed proud to know that the good citizens among the oil men, operators and laborers are locating in our city, and we further realize that it is not this class of people who make trouble in the rush oil boom towns. Merkel's city officials, though expected to track the laws of the city and state, may also be expected to extend a welcome and broad minded courtesy to the many new citizens who are daily choosing Merkel as their home.

WARREN NEWS By Rose Ellington

The farmers would all like to see some pretty weather.

Health of this community is very good at present.

Several around Warren attended the fifth Sunday singing at Stith, all reporting a fine singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Tuesday night with his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday with her par-

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ents of Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cannon and family.

Mrs. Ellington, Lorene Ellington, and Mrs. Therman McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. R H Williams of Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Decker, visited in Knox county Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Rose Ellington spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

Miss Vera Jones spent Tuesday night with Miss Willie Newman of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Westbrook

is visiting her mother, Mrs. Light, this week.

Mrs. C. T. McCormick's sister of Merkel visited her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter and Azline and Eula Sumpter visited in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones a while Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington, a while Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso and Cordie Ellington visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday night for a while.

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METHODIST CHURCH

We are closing a good year. We attend our Conference next at Childress.

We hope that all the services at the Methodist church will be well attended next Sunday, and that we may have a good day.

Hope that each member of the church may worship with us at the 11 o'clock hour.

Bgin the day right by attending Sunday school at 9:45, and stay for Church.

We welcome visitors and stranger at our services.

W. R. McCarter.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Devotional meeting-- "Worship the Lord!"

Leader, Rubrjo Higgins.

Introduction, leader.

1. Show forth God's worth, Mildred Hamm.

2. Man made to worship hz Maker, Mary Ellen Ashby.

3. We become like that which we admire, Joe Hartly.

4. Not a tyrant, pleased and flattered by praise, William Wozencraft.

5. Worship is not Christian work, Miss Harrison.

6. Seek power for service, Intha Bird.

7. Conclusion, Yates Brown.

All young people are invited to attend the B.Y.P.U. at 6:30 Sunday evening. Let's all come and boost our union.

Womans Missionary Society

The Methodist Womans Missionary Society will observe "the Week of Prayer" on next Monday afternoon beginning at 2:30

An appropriate program has been arranged for this service. Every woman of the church is invited to be present at this meeting. Our offering is to go to Brevard Institute, South Carolina, and a mission school in Brazil. This is a service in which every woman of the church may and should have a part. Your prayers and your offerings are needed in the Missionary work.

Week of Prayer Program

1. Song. 2. The week of prayer, Mrs. Pee.

3. Three reasons for the week of prayer, Mrs. Armstrong.

4. Bible lesson, Mrs. McCarter.

Prayer.

5. Our new missionaries and Deaconesses, Mrs. Durham.

6. Africa, Mrs. Tom Largent.

7. China, Mrs. Butman.

8. Korea, Mrs. Ellis.

9. Mexico, Mrs. Golladay.

10. Japan, Mrs. Swafford.

11. Song; Prayer.

12. A letter from our foreign secretary, Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

13. Brazilian Teachers at Bello Horizonte, Mrs. Rainbolt.

14. Isabella Hendrix's first Missionary, Mrs. Mrs. H. C. Williams.

15. Brevard Institute, Mrs. Brown.

Prayer. Free-will offering.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All the regular services Sunday and through the week.

Sunday School 10 a.m. with a warm welcome for all.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6 p.m.

Next Sunday will be seven years since the present pastor came to Merkel. It is said that every particle of the human body is replaced in seven years. There fore we will have a new preacher Sunday. Come see how you like him.

The esrvices Sunday will be in keeping with the day. We will review the past and look forward to the future. Let every member of the church that has any interest in the future program of the church be in the services Sunday.

We will frankly face the future and consider whether it will be wise and prudent for us to continue as pastor and church.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 11 a.m.

Choir practice Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

Yuo will be given a cordial welcome at all services.

Chas. H. Little.

Fifth Stewards Meeting

The Fifth Stewards meeting for the Abilene District will convene at First Church, Abilene, Nov. 5th, 10 a.m. Every official of the Merkel Circuit is invited to attend and lets close up the work in fine shape. The closing out service for the Merkel charge will be held at Mt. Pleasant Sunday, Nov. 7. I hope to greet a large congregation at the 11 o'clock hour. We are hopeful of being able to make a fine report at Conference next week at Childress. R. E. L. Stutts, P.C.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Study for November 7, 1926. Subject: We study that we may serve.

1. Introduction by Alvin Parrack.

2. A girl who served at home, by Willie Evelyn Boaz.

3. The boy who served with a violin, by John Jones.

4. Serving with a needle, by Dot Swafford.

5. Mary Lyon, by J. E. Lassiter.

6. Spurgeon, a great preacher, by Himalaya Swafford.

7. Scripture reading, by Sara Sheppard.

Baptist Ladies Notice

All ladies are requested to bring their garments and other articles for the Buckner Orphans Home box to the church on next Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 8, at three o'clock. It

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guard with his grinning face. Halloween games were enjoyed for a time and then all went "Spooking". Spooky costumes were worn throughout the evening. A refreshment of punch, wafers and stick candy were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case spent last Sunday in Winters visiting.

Cap. W. D. Brotherton and wife of Chicago passed through Merkel this week on their way to the Pacific Coast. Mrs. Brotherton is a sister to Mr. R. O. Anderson and while here she and her husband were guests in the Anderson home. Cap. Brotherton is a retired Naval Captain, having seen 30 years of service in the U. S. Navy.

"The Vine"



This magnificent bronze by Harriett Frishmuth is on display in the Palace of Fine Arts at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia where the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is being celebrated. This is but one of the many gorgeous and beautiful things to be seen in the Fine Arts exhibit. Famous artists from all parts of the world have sent their paintings, etchings and sculptures to Philadelphia to be exhibited during the exposition, which continues until December 1.

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The Netherlands East Indies produces by the cottage industry method the world-famous batik, or glorified cotton cloth, says Commerce Reports. Cloth used in this industry is imported and distributed in small pieces to the workers, who dye it with an elaborate hand process which produces beautiful and intricate designs. As many as 100 operations are sometimes required before a single piece of cloth is finished. Native batik is now meeting with competition from imported printed cloth.

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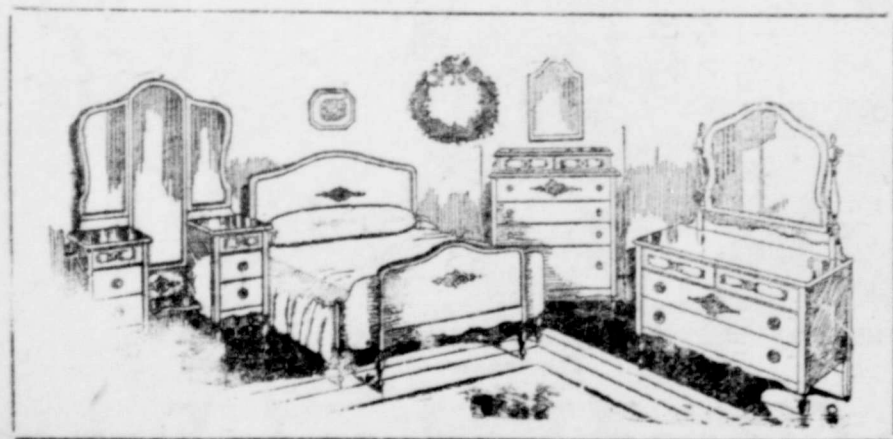
territory and \$2.00 outside, a total of \$8.50 for both. During bargain days we will send both papers for one year for only \$5.50. You save \$3.00 by subscribing now.

Juniors Entertain Seniors With Halloween Party

The Juniors of Merkel High School entertained the Seniors with a Halloween party at the high school building last Saturday evening. A number of the rooms had been fittingly decorated in Halloween motifs and paper streamers of yellow and black. A fortune teller, Halloween games and contests provided amusement for the evening. A salad course and coffee were served as refreshments to those attending.

Saturday SPECIALS

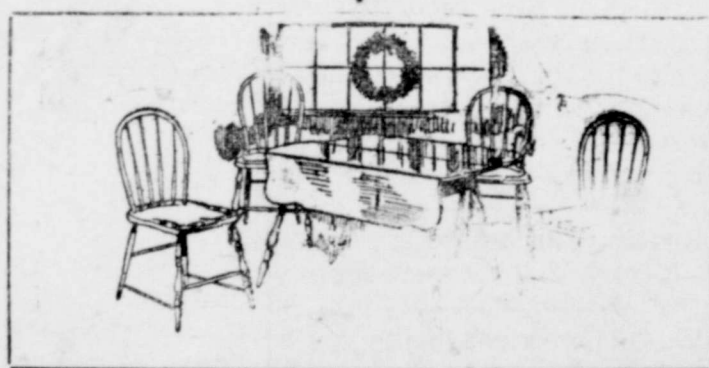
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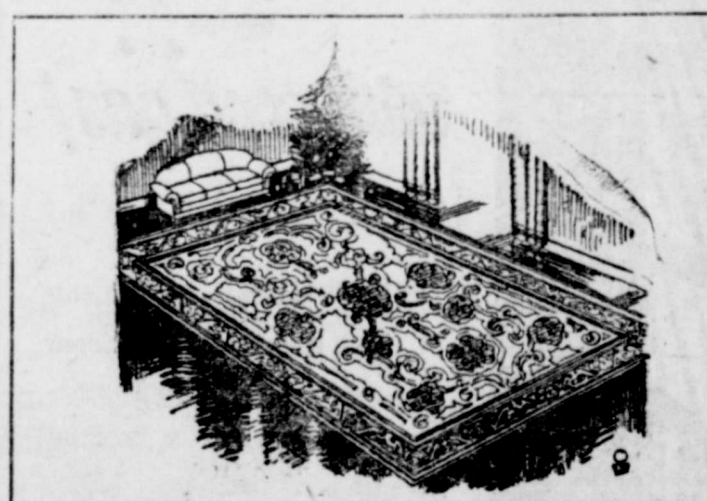
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"Now many of the other executives of the Roach studios employ Chevrolets for their excursions into the country where men are men and automobiles must be real cars."

A Birthday Party

On last Tuesday afternoon, little Miss Ida Mae Derstine celebrated her birthday with a party at the home of Mrs. O. R. Dye. Amusing games were played throughout the afternoon. A lovely birthday cake containing all the traditional emblems and bearing 12 lighted candles looked very attractive to the guests who were given an opportunity to cut the cake and try for their luck.

Many lovely birthday remembrances were brought by the guests for the honoree in token of this her 12th birthday. A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives and hot chocolate was served to the guests and honoree.

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Idlewise Club

The annual entertainment of "The Men" by the members of the Idlewise Club proved a gala affair on last Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. That the party was to inaugurate the Halloween season was all to evident from the weird entrance and house decorations and the colorful costuming of the ladies. Augmenting the color scheme still further the men were forced to don grotesque black and orange caps upon their arrival and were also expected to take part in the forthcoming telling contests and halloween pranks of the evening. 42

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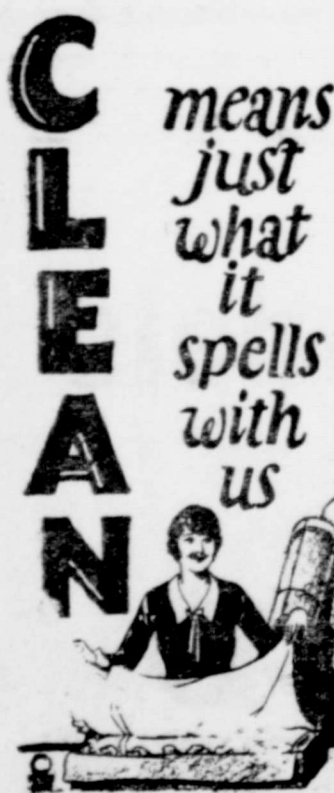
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