

"BADGERS" MEET STAMFORD TO-DAY

A LETTER TO DEMOCRATIC CO. CHM'N.

MANY CITIZENS SIGN LETTER TO JUDGE J. P. STINSON

Honorable Judge Stinson, Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir: In as much as you have asked the Precinct Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of our Precinct to tender his resignation:

We, the undersigned citizens and voters of this precinct choose this means of registering our disapproval of your actions in this matter.

It is indeed more than an intelligent person can understand, when such unjust demands are made upon a citizen whose integrity you, or any other man would not dare question.

Mr. A. W. Woods, the man whom you have asked to resign, has voted none other than a Democratic ticket, which is more than you would dare claim for the Democratic nominee whom you insist must be supported. Through all the many years we have known this good man, we have found him contending for the rights of his fellow man. He stands for the constitutional rights of each individual and is at all times under obligation to be loyal to his country, but never to a Political Party, when that party ceases to stand for right principle.

We beg leave to submit to you a few pertinent questions, and invite you to reply to them through the columns of the Abilene Reporter.

Do you believe that Mrs. Ferguson's name was placed on the Democratic Ticket because Jim could not get his on the ticket?

Do you believe that Jim Ferguson was guilty of the charges brought against him at the time he was tried and put out of office?

Do you know of any confession Jim has ever made for the wrongs he has done the State?

Did you know that Jim made the statement that he would not back up on any thing he had said or done?

Don't you believe that if Ma should be elected that Jim would be Governor?

We understand that you are a Sunday School teacher. Would you teach men to be loyal to a political party whether right or wrong, or to be loyal to the party that is loyal to our country?

Judge, we sincerely hope that you will see the error of your way before election day and decide as we to support the man that can be depended upon to deal justly with all.

We know that Jim can't be depended upon for anything; it takes a man with some sense of justice to deal justly with the people.

We, the undersigned citizens, under the law, elected A. W. Wood as our precinct chairman, and to us alone is he responsible. As to how he is going to vote is none of your business, and he is not in any shape, form or fashion responsible to you, but to us alone.

Respectfully Signed,
N. C. Foster, Mrs. L. E. Foster, P. C. Foster, W. Y. Steen, J. G. Waters, J. W. Dowdy, S. H. Estep, H. M. Scott, M. S. Gentry, John Barnes, C. T. Beckham, J. N. Jones, R. H. Rogge, A. J. English, T. L. Stevens, John Reynolds, V. E.

SEWER SYSTEM IS DONE ON NORTH SIDE

Announcement was made by the city officials to the effect that the installation of the sewer mains for the north side of town, including the business section, had been completed, and is ready for use. In fact one or two business houses have already completed connecting up the same, and many others are making arrangements to do likewise.

Work is now going forward on the digging of ditches for the mains on the south side, and will in a few weeks likely be completed, and then Merkel's sewer system will have been a reality.

Then when the citizenship has made connections, we can boast of a much cleaner and healthier town. Let every one do his or her part and cooperate in this matter.

MORE HONORS FOR MISS LOYCE DRY

Special to the Mail.

Miss Loyce Dry of Merkel has been elected president of the Matrix Club at the College of Industrial Arts. The organization is composed of Linotype students and is intended to stimulate interest in the work. Thirty-four college hours of linotype work are being offered at C.I.A. daily.

The college offers a three-year course in linotype leading to a B. S. degree. About ten girls have completed vocational work in linotype work since the course was added to the college and all have found remunerative employment.

HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Miss Christene Collins, head of the Voice Department of Merkel High School, organized a Glee Club on Wednesday of last week.

The students have shown a great deal of interest in the organization of the club and a good many have joined, as follows:

Mabin Rogers, Buford Smith, Royce McDonald, Clyde Mathews, Lewis Giles, Delbert Polly, Adrian Rea, C. R. Williams, Charlie Largent, Byron Curb, Ray Garrett, A. J. Tucker, Fred Giles, Clesby Patterson, Bill Hutchins and James Swann.

A servant house in the rear of the yard of W. M. O'Briant was destroyed by fire Thursday morning of this week about five o'clock. In response to the alarm the fire boys made a quick run but the flames had already gained such headway that the building was practically destroyed.

Vessels, C. A. McCurdy, Jno. B. Hibbert, Alex Williamson, J. M. Dudley, Elry Smith, H. W. Beckham, Steve Payne, James Bright, J. M. Smith, E. D. Massey, H. T. Ogletree, Andy Shouse, R. L. Reeves, W. J. Armour, C. A. Brewer, W. O. Steen, L. Z. Titsworth, R. R. Meeks, O. A. Smith, J. S. Armour, A. Steen, T. G. Hamner, C. S. Robinson, W. J. Reynolds, J. Davis Jones, T. D. Scott, Mrs. A. Williamson, Rev. J. W. Humphreys.

LADIES INVITED NEXT LUNCHEON

L. R. Thompson, president of the Luncheon Club, requests the Merkel Mail to announce that the next Luncheon Club meeting, at Ed's Cafe, on next Tuesday evening, November 4, will be "Ladies' Night". And every person who holds a ticket to the Luncheon is urged to bring his wife, if a married man, and if single, his best girl.

So, if you already have a ticket and expect to take your wife or lady friend, go at once and see either Mr. R. L. Grimes, the Secretary, or Mr. L. R. Thompson, or Mr. J. A. Buford, and secure a ticket for her. If you have not a ticket and want to attend this fine Luncheon, go immediately and get your ticket for everybody is cordially invited to this as well as all other Luncheon Club meetings.

That the program will be one of much interest and excellent entertainment, may be judged by the fact that superintendent Roger A. Burgess will be in charge as Toastmaster. We understand that Mr. Burgess is already hard at work on a program that will not only be entertaining, but one calculated to bring before the Club some excellent ideas and plans for the Society's work of making this a bigger, better and more pleasant place in which to live.

REV. T. J. REA ATTENDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, left Tuesday afternoon for Abilene, where he went to attend the annual meeting of the North West Texas Conference which convened in that city on Wednesday morning, with Bishop Jas. E. Dickey presiding.

Rev. Rea carried with him a very fine report of his stewardship as pastor of the church in Merkel during the past year. In fact one of the finest reports ever before made by the church. Besides being able to report all financial obligations paid in full, the pastor is able to report a substantial growth in all departments of the church.

PHILATHEA CLASS SENDS BOX TO METHODIST HOME

Thursday evening the members of the Philathea Class met at the home of Miss Iva Bragg, where a merry time was had packing a box to send to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. Some time ago the girls of this class decided to clothe a little girl in this home. The girl given to the class to clothe is thirteen years old. Besides the necessary articles of clothing prescribed for her by officials at the Home, each girl contributed something that they thought might bring sunshine into this girl's heart. The box, when packed and ready for shipment, would net about \$50.00.

Before time for the girls to depart, Miss Bragg served a delicious refreshment plate. A very interesting evening was spent.

Mr. H. L. Probst of the Merkel Garage, returned first of the week from a business trip to Plainview, where he has considerable nice business property. He was accompanied by Messrs. M. L. Estes and G. R. Gazzaway, who visited relatives in that country.

SECOND LYCEUM HERE TO-NIGHT

Tonight is Lyceum night, the second number of the series, "The McCords", a fine number, interesting and educating. The Lyceum is sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association and their idea in bringing to this city a Lyceum course was that good, wholesome, educating and uplifting entertainment might be provided for the young life of Merkel. And surely no thinking man or woman will doubt for a minute that if there ever was a time when the young should be provided with entertainment of a better and more wholesome nature, it is now. Then, in the interest of the boys and girls, who will be the men and women of a few years to come, we urge the parents of Merkel to back the Lyceum. Let's all help the ladies to put the Lyceum over, and at the same time help to provide the proper kind of entertainment.

MISS SEARS ELECTED TO ART EDITOR

Miss Mary Eula Sears of Merkel, a sophomore student at Sullins College, Bristol, Va., has recently been elected art editor of "The Sampler," yearbook of that institution. Miss Sears attended the College of Industrial Arts last year and specialized in art work. She is continuing that line of study at Sullins this year.

"The Sampler" won first place last year in a contest for yearbooks for girls schools from the Art Crafts Guild, Chicago. Prizes were awarded from an arts and crafts point of view.

BRUNKS COMEDIANS HERE THIS WEEK

The popular and well known Glen D. Brunk's Comedians are this week playing to crowded houses in their big Tent Theatre located near the Collins Hotel.

The Brunks always carry a good, clean show (none better) and in Merkel they are always accorded a fine patronage. Tonight and Saturday afternoon and night will complete their engagement here.

Rev. C. W. Foote, former pastor of the Methodist church in this city, accompanied by his wife and little son Joe, passed through here Tuesday enroute to Abilene where he will attend the Annual Conference. While here they were guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, and also met many old friends. Foote has been stationed at Paducah, and has enjoyed splendid success in his ministerial work there.

Commissioner W. H. Frazier returned last week from his trip with the County Commissioners Court of an inspection of the different hard surfaced highways of the state. He reports that they saw many fine highways, and that the court would soon make a decision as to the kind of material they would use to build the new highway through this county, work on which will not likely be started before next spring.

7,721 BALES REC'D HERE UP TO THURS.

During the past week there has been received at both the cotton yard and Farm Bureau platform in this city, 371 bales of cotton, making a total received to date of 7,721 bales. The cotton yard had received up to Thursday afternoon, 5,864 bales and the Farm Bureau 1,875 bales. And the price Thursday for cotton on the streets was from 22 to 23 cents per pound. Last year at this time about 12,000 bales had been received. The price then was around 29 cents.

A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Now is your chance. The Epworth League is planning to give you a good, wholesome entertainment on Friday, November 7th. Don't forget it. A tour of the World. Tickets are on sale at Sanders Drug Store and at Dennis Grocery. This is something new—you can tour America, visit Mexico, Brazil, Italy, and Spain for only 50c, the price of your ticket. We guarantee you a whole evening of laughter and enjoyment. All ships leave the Methodist church November 7, beginning at 6:30 o'clock and every thirty minutes thereafter. DON'T FORGET IT. Nov. 7th.

We will have League Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Everybody welcome.

TRENT BOX SUPPER NETS \$125 FOR SCHOOL

At a box supper at Trent last Friday night, 19 boxes and two cakes, one for the most popular young lady and one for the ugliest boy, were sold for \$125. The boxes sold for an average of nearly \$2.50 each.

The cake for the prettiest girl brought nearly \$70.00 and was awarded to Miss Maurine Smith. Miss Opal English was a very close second, being beaten by only 83 votes out of a total of nearly 7,000.

Both girls are members of the sophomore class in the Trent High School.

The cake for the ugliest boy was awarded to Carol Chambless, who won the honor over John Payne by a vote of 350 to 51.

The money derived from the supper will be used in the interest of the athletic department of the high school.

HARRY TOM KING TO SPEAK HERE SATURDAY

Announcement has been made through the Abilene Daily Reporter and a request made of the Mail to announce that Judge Harry Tom King, of Abilene, will speak in Merkel Saturday, November 1st, at four o'clock, in the interest of the Democratic ticket in Taylor county.

Rev. W. H. Albertson, Judge E. S. Cummings and T. J. R. Swafford spent last Sunday afternoon at Roscoe in the interest of the Baptist 75 million campaign.

Mr. Jim Patterson returned last week from a trip to Fort Worth on business.

GAME TO BE PLAYED AT STAMFORD

CLASS B DISTRICT TITLE GOES TO WINNER OF GAME TODAY

A deciding game, and one of much interest and importance to Merkel, will be staged at Stamford this afternoon at 3:30 when the Merkel "Badgers" go into the game with the Stamford "Bulldogs" in a contest that decides the champions of class B schools in interscholastic district No. 2.

The winners of today's battle will meet the winners of another district, and the victorious team in this contest will go on until possibly state championship is attained by the winner of the game today, who knows.

Such enthusiasm over football or any other athletic sport has never before been witnessed in Merkel as is now permeating the city. A very large number of people have already planned to go to Stamford, and more are joining the throng. An effort is now on foot to close up the town and everybody go to Stamford. "On to Stamford" seems to be a slogan adopted by everybody, and "Stamford can't Cut 'er" is frequently heard by the enthusiastic fans. Let's all go to Stamford. I'm going, are you? Get some "home town spirit" in you and take a gang to Stamford to "Root For Merkel".

Stamford was finally successful in winning from Anson after a second attempt, by a score of 10-6. Merkel has only been scored on one time, and has piled up large scores against her opponents, some of them good teams. But dope means nothing in the game of football. A loyal bunch of rooters on the side line can do much to help a team win a game, especially when they are playing away from home. "On to Stamford."

CHILD SEVEN YEARS OLD PICKS 208 LBS.

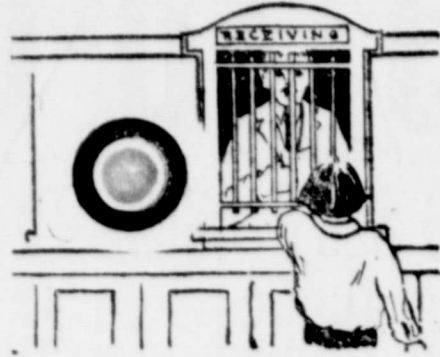
Odell Latimer, age seven years is an expert cotton picker, having one day last week picked 208 pounds. He averages two hundred pounds daily. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer, who reside a few miles from here.

The editor had a pleasant drive into the country with Dr. M. Armstrong one afternoon this week, which we enjoyed very much. We drove over quite a bit of the fine, newly graded roads recently built in the Merkel section through the efforts of the Merkel Luncheon Club, of which Dr. Armstrong is one of the most enthusiastic members. Especially does the Doctor take much interest in better roads, and our travel over the recently graded roads proved that the work done was of the highest class, and much praise is due all concerned in helping to so improve them.

Mr. Clarence Perry and Miss Bessie Ash, were married Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26th, in the parsonage of the Methodist church, with Rev. T. J. Rea officiating.

Miss Velma Holloway, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baptist Sanitarium, was able to return to her home here this week. Her many friends trust that she may soon recover.

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WHITE CHURCH

Cotton picking is still progressing nicely. Some few are up with their picking, but the majority, owing to the late rains, have quite a bit yet to pick. We had some light frosts and cool weather last week, otherwise the weather has been ideal for the job.

Health conditions seem to be above the average, but this is a healthful place you know.

Messrs Johnny Frazier and Walter Dye are each entertaining a young son this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson who spent the summer with a son at Plainview, returned one day last week to be at the home of their son, A. D., in this community for some time.

Mrs. Frazer Demere accompanied by her father, Mr. Brandon, has been visiting relatives in Fort Worth the past week.

Mrs. Allie Reid arrived Monday from Thalia to visit for sometime with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Mr. Gold Riggins and family from Big Spring, spent last week with the former's mother, Mrs. P. A. Riggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Brown of Abilene were over the first of the week visiting relatives.

Mr. Delza Spain from Henderson is visiting his uncle, William Snow.

FOR SALE

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SENIOR NOTES

Everybody is looking forward to the game with Stamford Friday. Go and help the "Badgers" win the district championship. Since there was no game played on the local field last Friday several members of the faculty and a number of high school students went to Anson to see the game between Stamford and Anson.

One who knows not
And knows not that he
Knows not, is a fool freshman.
Pity him!

One who knows not
And knows that he
Knows not, is an Ignorant Soph.
Teach him!

One who knows not
And knows not that he knows
Is a Sleeping Junior.
Wake him!

One who knows and
Knows that he knows
It a Wise Senior.
Follow him!

Miss Pierce: Royce, don't you know that the devil can find work for idle hands? Come here and let me find something for you to do.

Mr. Jackson: "Please follow the outline on the board."
James Collum: "Where is it going?"

The man who discovered a substance 50,000 times denser than water was probably looking at a freshman's head, and not at a distant star.

Miss Pierce: "What makes the Tower of Pisa lean?"
Anna Lou Russell: "I don't know, if I did I'd try it."

Jarret Pinckley: "I find it very hard to keep my hands clean. What would you suggest to put in water besides soap?"
Miss Weedon: "You might try putting your hands in."

Stranger: "Have you met my friend in High School yet?"
Clyde Matthews: "Yes, we sleep in the same history class."

Though High School days
Have their delights,
They can't compare
With High School nights.

If any of the football players are knocked out Friday, Doris Durham, Melba West, Ona Fae Rose, Hazel Lee Rainbolt and Helen Booth will gladly make them a box of candy.
Melba West.

TRENT ITEMS

Mr. A. B. Rosson has purchased a new Ford touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Caraway announce the arrival of a nine pound baby boy.

A number of people attended the circus at Sweetwater Friday.

Miss Bea Billings and Miss Emmagene McRee and Sterlin Tedford spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tedford and children and Mr. Ed Mortecia and Hardie Murdock motored to Bradshaw Sunday afternoon where they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Ray.

Mr. R. E. Dowdy has been on the plains this week on business. Mr. Oscar Bishop and Mr. Sims left Wednesday for the plains where they will build a house on Mr. Bishop's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton and Mr. J. C. Murdock left Tuesday for Segraves where they will spend a few days.

Mr. John Barnes has installed a new electric disk roller in his shop here.

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Loans, Cotton	45,636.99
Overdrafts	1,791.91
Bonds & Securities	30,729.14
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture & Fixtures	4,150.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. fund	312.56

U. S. GOV. SECURITIES 139,300.00

CASH & SIGHT EXCHANGE 146,141.68

Total \$659,189.79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,987.40
Circulation Account	6,250.00
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER BORROWED MONEY	NONE

DEPOSITS 578,952.39

Total \$659,189.79

J.T. WARREN, President L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
Booth Warren, Asst. Cash. Owen Ellis, Asst. Cash.

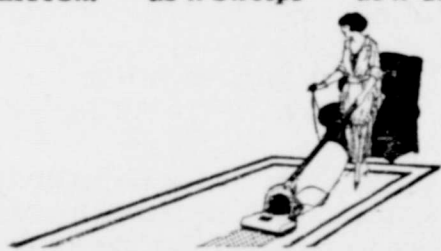
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JESSE JAMES WILL BE SHOWN AT COZY WED.

Manager Hodge of the Cozy Theatre announces that he has booked the life of Jesse James and the younger brothers, notorious outlaws, for the feature attraction at the Cozy Wednesday only matinee and night, November 1.

The picture deals with the holdups and bank robberies of these outlaws, showing the exact location and scenes of some of the most daring robberies in history.

Another feature is the life-like statues of the outlaws which will be located in the lobby of the theatre. They are made of wax and are an exact resemblance of the famous outlaws that startled the world with their daring. You have heard and read so much about these outlaws, don't miss the opportunity of seeing them at the Cozy Wednesday only.

Missionary Society Notes

At the Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon, we had a splendid program from the Voice and also a lesson from the Mission Study book. On next Monday afternoon we will have a lesson first and a business meeting afterward. We will begin the lesson at 2:30 and Mrs. Rogers will have charge. The lesson is the third chapter of the book. These lessons are certainly very interesting and those who are missing them are missing something worth while. After the lesson we will have our regular business meeting at this meeting we will have the election of officers for next year. Every member of the Missionary Society is especially urged to be present. Don't forget to come at 2:30 and enjoy the lesson and stay for the business meeting.

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Remember November 7th

Good, Clean, Wholesome Entertainment Guaranteed.
For Information see Next Weeks Paper.

General Supt., Adrian Rea
General Pass. Ag't, Tom M. Allday

PICTURE DEDICATED TO FIREMEN IS REMARKABLE TRIBUTE TO THEIR WORK

In adapting the story, "Andy McGee's Chorus Girl," by Richard Harding Davis, for screen purposes, William Fox called it "Cupid's Fireman" and dedicated the picture to "the men who risk their all for the lives and property of others." It is fitting that the production should be thus dedicated, according to opinions expressed on its completion by veteran firemen in New York and elsewhere. The picture comes to the Cozy Theatre Friday for one day only.

Charles Jones, erstwhile player of Western parts, has the part of the bashful fireman detailed to stand watch in the wings of a theatre. How he meets the girl of all girls, rescues her from death and overcomes the obstacle of a worthless husband, all go to make a terrific story of romance and action.

FOR SALE—Some Bargains in second hand Fords. The OASIS Filling Station. It

Screened Lump Coal for \$8 at the car—delivery extra—same preparation as High Priced Fancy Lump and a bargain. Expecting car next week. Swafford phone 44. It

Buy a "KIRSCHBAUM SUIT" at BROWN'S this week. It

Come to the Eagle Cafe for nice, tender steaks, good chili and other good eats. Mrs. Tarbuton and J. S. Deen. It

Halloween Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott on Oak street was the scene of a gay, yet weird party, when the cleverly costumed members of the Baptist Choir and invited guests gathered on last Friday evening for the annual celebration of Halloween. The rooms of the cozy home were very attractive with the Halloween motif unique. Throughout the evening fortune telling, weird stories, contests and frolic some games were enjoyed.

Mrs. Dennis was the clever witch who presided over the fortune table and pot. Misses Lucille Guitard and Lola Dennis very charmingly assisted with the games.

The host and hostess, assisted by Mrs. James West, served delicious sandwiches, olives, orange ade and ginger bread.

Those paying tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Scott for the pleasant evening were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Land Mesdames Howard, Booth, West, Dennis; Misses Joiner, Dean, Weedon, Harrison, Tracy, Teaff, Booth, Hearne, Guitard, Dennis, Boden; Messrs. Haynes, Largent, Dowell, Brown and Swann.

The little guests who enjoyed the evening with Master Burneal Scott were: Misses Louise Booth, Clara Frances Largent, Betty Lou Grimes, and Master Ross Ferrier.

Victor Harris and family of Eliasville, Texas, were here last week visiting with Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris of this city.

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Friday only, Oct. 31st.

What would you do if the woman you loved was insulted—by her husband? See

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—in—

"THE COWBOY AND THE LADY"

A thrilling romance of the red-blooded west that has you laughing one minute and gasping the next.

ALSO—"BY GOLLY"

2-reel Mack Sennett Comedy

Entire change of program Saturday, Nov. 1.

TOM MIX the hero of the plains and TONY the horse in "SOFT BOILED"

Here is a picture that will thrill you as you have never been thrilled, yet make you laugh until your sides ache.

EXTRA—"AGGRAVATING PAPA"

2-reel Comedy Riot

PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 3-4.

RODOLPH VALENTINO and WANDA HAWLEY

—in—

"THE YOUNG RAJAH"

See the screen's most perfect lover in one of the best pictures of his career.

ALSO—"PLANS AND PAJAMAS" Comedy

Wednesday only, Nov. 5.

THE LIFE OF JESSE JAMES

and the Younger Brothers—Notorious Outlaws You have heard and read so much of these outlaws, now see them in their most daring holdups and bank robberies.

NOTE—Don't fail to see the life size wax statues of these men in the lobby of the Theatre Wednesday only.

ALSO—A Comedy

Entire change of program Thursday only, Nov. 6th.

BENNY ALEXANDER

In Booth Tarkington's story of Juvenile Life, "PENROD AND SAM"

A picture that will take you back to childhood and the glory of the old Swimmin' Hole.

Also Al St. John in "Be Yourself" 2-reel Fox Comedy

Friday only, Nov. 7th.

BUCK JONES in "CUPID'S FIREMAN"

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 2, will begin a month of much activity for the Presbyterian church. This is the month for our school of missions, also several special services are being planned. The Sunday School has purchased a new piano for the basement. We hope to have this piano for next Sunday. Our regular church nights will begin in November. This will be an important feature of our work this winter.

The Sunday School and young peoples' organizations are under competent leaders. Bring your children and study the word of God together. Preaching services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford visited relatives in Abilene Monday of this week.

B.Y.P.U. Gives Hallowe'en Party

Eerie witches, goblins, bats, black cats, and dozens of other Halloween symbols were employed in most effective manner in the decorations of the basement at the Baptist church, when on last Friday evening the B.Y.P.U. entertained the teachers of the school. The decorations were on a very large scale, with black and yellow the keynote for the color scheme, which was used in all party details.

Oriental and spook costumes of unusual originality were worn by the guests. Misses Lucy Tracy, Elinor Harrison, Lora Joyner and Mr. James Swann presided over the features of entertainment. Games of various kinds gave diversion for the evening.

Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served to thirty-five or more guests. And "spook time" was greatly enjoyed on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lackey, of route five, are the happy parents of a girl, born last week.

Mr. W. A. Hellums, former splendid citizen of Merkel, now residing in Comanche, was here first of the week looking after business and shaking hands with friends. He says he keeps up with Merkel and her good people through the columns of the Mail which he appreciates very much.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. It

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Of all the low down, mean hu-
mans that roams the streets of
any town, surely the character
assassin has all the rest backed
in on the siding.

No man stands before the
world a perfect man, and there
are but few who do not have
many faults; therefore none
have the right to criticize the
other in a low, behind-the-back
manner.

Some men whose faults stand
out preeminently above that of
many of their friends and asso-
ciates, are given to the habit of
spending much time on the
streets talking about their
neighbor, discussing their little
faults, when, if they could only
see themselves as others see
them, they would be reminded of
the fact that they have ten
faults to one of their neighbor.
To many men silence should be
"golden".

JUSTICE

Violet Dickerson, a girl bandit
19, was held in prison while her
child was born. The death pen-
alty is asked because she helped
kill a man.

P. G. Flynn, 31, of Tulsa, Ok-
lahoma, who is charged with
white slavery, required only a
\$5,000 bond. He, it is alleged,
lured 150 girls to his office, kept
them prisoners in a dance hall
and then distributed them to
nearby oil towns.

A girl is to receive the death
sentence for killing a man. What
should be done with a man who
turned 150 girls? He sent them
to a life of torment followed
soon by death, merciful in their
case. There are laws to cover
both of these cases. They should
be enforced impartially. Money
should not be allowed to talk. If
present laws do not satisfy jus-
tice, better laws should be made.
But the crying need of today is
to get just enforcement of law—
Exchange.

Baptist S. S. Teachers Meeting

For Monday evening, Nov. 1.
Leader, Mrs. Booth.
Devotional.
The teacher's obligation to the
class, Mr. I. L. Jackson.
Some Teaching "Don'ts," Miss
Susie Belle Weedon.
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott.
A challenging program for the
Sunday School, Bro. W. H. Al-
bertson.
Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

How Baptists work together.
1. In our churches, by Mary El-
len Ashby.
2. In the district associations,
by Ava McCandless.
3. In the state conventions, by
Clyde Mayfield.
4. The Southern Baptist Con-
vention, by Orpah Patterson.
5. The Baptist world alliance, by
James Collum.
6. Memory verse by Miss Joyner.

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lar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Lig-
on. tf

If you are not doing your part
in your church work or in the
upbuilding of the town in which
you live, don't cuss the fellow
that is trying to do something.

Count the number of empty
lamp sockets in your home and
let us have your order for refills
today. We'll deliver your Edison
Mazda lamp globes with the rest
of your order. West Company. tf

Bring your cotton checks to
the Farmers & Merchants Na-
tional Bank. tf

Mrs. A. J. Cannon returned
last week from Abilene, where
she spent most of the week.

If you want White Leghorn
Roosters of the Johnson strain
and Mommoth Bronze Turkeys,
see J. M. Williamson, Merkel,
route two. tf

Some used Fords, in good con-
dition, at a bargain. See W. E.
Lowe. tf

Car McAlester Coal due next
few days. Swafford, prone 44. It

Petty and Buford Barber Shop
announce that Mr. A. E. Higgins
is now employed by them, and
invites the patronage of his
former customers and friends.
Mr. Higgins was formerly with
the City Barber Shop.

Messrs. W. D. Hutcheson, A.
T. Sheppard were in Abilene
Thursday attending the Meth-
odist conference.

Mr. Robert Hicks was a busi-
ness visitor in Abilene Thurs-
day.

Miss Mae Collins of Big
Spring, Texas, was here last
week end to visit her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collins.

Mr. G. J. Jones returned Wed-
nesday from a visit to friends
and relatives in East Texas.

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few days. Swafford, prone 44. It

Bring your Farm Bureau Cot-
ton to the Farmers & Merchants
National Bank. tf

Work is progressing nicely on
a new Drive-in Filling Station,
which Mr. C. P. Stevens is build-
ing next door to his blacksmith
shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham
accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Brown
attended the opening of the
Northwest Texas Methodist con-
ference at Abilene Wednesday.

FOR SALE—Some Bargains in
second hand Fords. The OASIS
Filling Station. It

Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent
was here Friday for a visit with
her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Mc-
Leod.

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Coal that we can sell for \$8 at
the car. More heat for your
money. Swafford, phone 44. It

Miss Mae Burrows returned
last week from a trip to Dallas,
where she went to attend the
funeral services of an aunt.

Miss Sallie Brown spent last
week end with Miss Dorothy
Sanders at McMurry College at
Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard
and two children visited rela-
tives in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald
accompanied by Mrs. T. G.
Bragg visited in Westbrook last
week-end.

Mrs. J. W. Wheeler left first
of the week for a visit in Waco,
where she will also attend the
Cotton Palace.

Mr. A. R. Carter was in the
city one day first of the week,
and dropped in to renew for the
Mail another year. He states
that he has gathered 14 bales
and has seven yet to pick.

Commissioner W. H. Frazier
has our thanks for a subscrip-
tion to the Mail which he sends
to his father at Rochester, Has-
kell county, who last fall moved
to that county.

Some used Fords, in good con-
dition, at a bargain. See W. E.
Lowe. tf

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Pure sorghum syrup at W. F.
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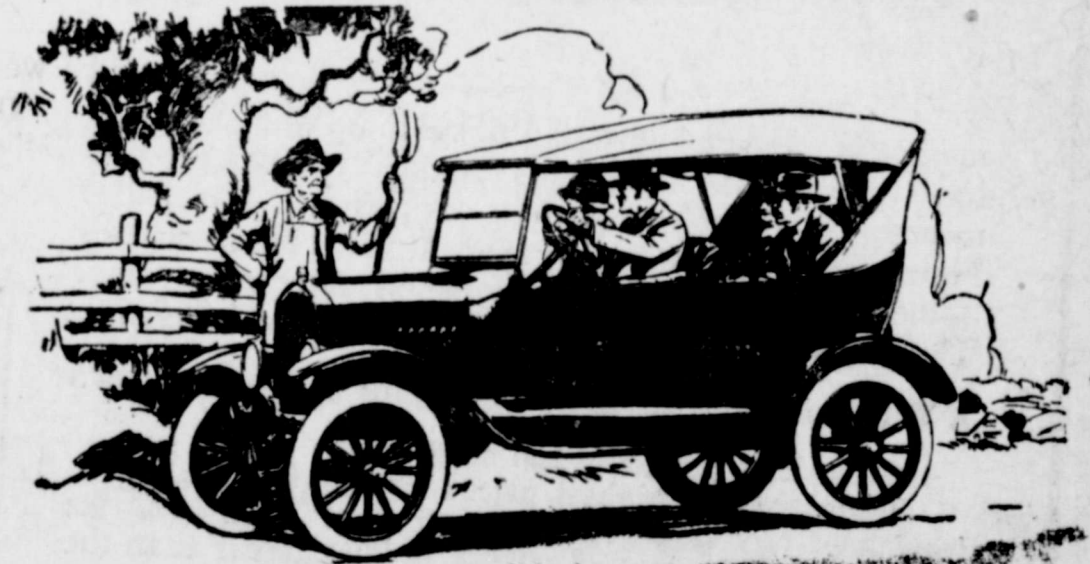
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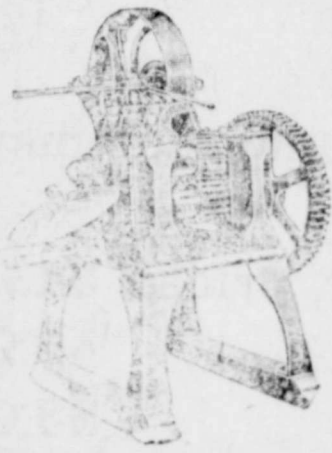
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John Barnes Blacksmith Shop
TRENT, TEXAS

Screened Lump Coal for \$8 at the car—delivery extra—same preparation as High Priced Fancy Lump and a bargain. Expecting car next week. Swafford phone 44. It

Just received a large shipment of genuine Prest-O-Lite batteries for Ford Cars, price \$14.65.—West Company. tf

L. H. King of Meridian, formerly in the real estate business in Merkel, spent a few minutes here yesterday on his return home from a trip to the Plains.

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FOR SALE—One Ford demountable rim set. Will sell as a full set or piece at a time, or will use good clincher wheel in exchange.—WEST COMPANY. tf

FOR SALE—Some Bargains in second hand Fords. The OASIS Filling Station. It

FOR SALE—A sixty-five dollar bicycle nearly new with New Departure Coaster break, sell cheap if taken at once. C. C. Campbell. tf

FOR SALE—1923 model Studebaker Special Six Roadster, 1923 model Ford Coupe, 1924 model Dodge Touring, all in A-1 condition. Cash or terms. MARVIN BONEY. tf

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WHY WOMEN DON'T VOTE

Here is a point of view expressed by one lady, which represents the feeling entertained by many others:

She remarks that the polling places are filled with men, who stare at the women voters. Also the room is filled with tobacco smoke, which she dislikes. The aspect of the room is not inviting. She would admit of course that these things are not necessarily a reason for not voting. But she feels that all these conditions convey the suggestion that women are out of place at the polls.

While this point of view may not be strictly rational, yet it is a natural one, and it is felt by many of the finest types of womanhood. Something ought to be done to make all women feel at home at the polls, so that they will see that they are welcome and that their aid in the cause of good government is earnestly sought.

One friend suggests that the work of conducting elections be opened up to women, and that women ballot clerks and counters be appointed along with the men. Many would say that this work should be divided 50-50 between the two sexes.

There seems no reason why women should not do their full share of this work. Their presence at the polls would be an encouragement to many women, who for various reasons or for some intuitive feeling, dislike now to go to the polls. It would be a striking object lesson, to the effect that the obligation of the citizen rests upon the women just as much as on the men.

It is a very unfortunate thing that so many of our best women have not so far taken up the duties of citizenship to which their country has called them. It is up to the men to extend every possible courtesy that can invite them to this new object for their activity and interest.

FOR SALE—1923 Model Ford Touring car. See L. B. Howard at Rose Dry Goods. It

FOR SALE—Some butcher hogs also fresh hog lard at 20c per pound. The City Meat Market. 1

FOR SALE—My Merkel home on easy terms. Also 320 acres two and half miles southwest of Trent, part cash, seven to twenty years on balance. See H. D. SIMPSON, Box 474. 31t2pd

WANTED

WANTED—A good milk cow See W. W. Campbell at his grocery store. It

WANTED—Some good stalk fields for about 30 head of cattle. See Jas. A. Patterson, Jr. It

LOST

LOST—A child's Sweater, black, trimmed in yellow, in Merkel about October 24. Return to W. E. LOWE. It

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From Butman Ranch, October 10, blue horse mule about 14 1/2 hands high and 4 or 5 years old. Any information notify T. H. Russum, Merkel, Texas, Route 5. Reward. 31t3pd

LOST—A string of Pearls, with white gold clasp. Three chip diamonds in clasp. Return to Roxie Sharp. It

LOST—Ledger of accounts, belonging to R. D. Chapman, the McNeese Man, of 2153 Pearl Ave., Abilene, Texas. Lost on streets of Merkel Wednesday night. Finder please mail to my address at once, stating the charges. It

FOR RENT

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SEVERE CRAMPING SPELLS, PAINS IN BACK AND SIDES

"My trouble has been periodic cramping spells," says Mrs. C. C. Draper, of Atlanta, Texas. "For several years these have come on me so bad that I had to quit my work and go to bed. Every month I would stay in bed from one to two days. The pains in my back and sides were awful.

"This went on for several months after I was married until, one time when I was having a bad spell, my husband suggested that I try Cardui. I said I would try it, so he got me a bottle at the store and I began to take it.

"It seemed like I improved from the very first dose. When I had taken one bottle I was very much better. I did not cramp so hard the next month and I ate and slept better. I was not nearly so nervous, either. I thought Cardui was fine, so I continued the treatment until I had taken five bottles, at which time I felt completely well. I had no more cramping spells at all, and my health was as good as anybody's. I am feeling fine now and I give all the credit to Cardui, for I had been suffering for years before I took it."

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FORMER MERKEL GIRL MARRIES AT ABILENE

The many friends and acquaintances of the bride here were greatly surprised on Thursday morning to learn of the marriage of Miss Ona Fae Bland to Dr. H. D. Tandy, of Abilene.

The marriage ceremony took place on Wednesday evening at eight-thirty o'clock at the Central Presbyterian Church, Abilene. Rev. Surface, pastor of the church, said the impressive ring ceremony. Before the ceremony, Miss Gypsy Ted Sullivan sang "O Sweet, O Fair, O Holy". Mr. F. R. Anderson softly played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered. The bride was attended by Mrs. Bragg, of Dallas, a friend won in school days at Trinity University. The groom was attended by Dr. Gillespie of Abilene.

The bride is the beautiful and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland of Abilene, who until a short time ago made Merkel their home. Mrs. Tandy is a gifted and cultured young lady, and always makes scores of friends wherever she goes. Her many friends here wish her the greatest happiness.

Busy Bee Class Gives Shower For Bride

Last Thursday evening at the Methodist church, the Busy Bee Class entertained with a shower for Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson, who, before her marriage, was Miss Juanita Patterson, and also a member of this class.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, teacher of this class, met the guests at the door and welcomed them in. Misses Erma Lee Rea, Gladys Milliken and Opal Patterson were the class hostesses.

Gifts were placed on a table in the room, and after all guests had arrived, the bride was sent for, and the party came as a complete surprise to her.

During the afternoon a contest was enjoyed and Miss Tommie Durham gave a very pleasing reading.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to Misses Mary Hutcheson, Opal Patterson, Erma Lee Rea, Gladys Milliken, Lillian Rider, Anna Lou Russell, Juanita Beene, Sallie

Brown, Intha Bird, Tommie Durham, Elfe Chaney, Mary Hughes, Eva Johnson, Lucille Guitar, Lola Dennis, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and the bride.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock left Sunday morning for Galveston where she will attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. R. E. Lee of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, this week. Mrs. Lee was formerly Miss Nell Sharp.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis Entertains

Gnomes, brownies, goblins and clues, more or less bedraggled, congregated under the roof of Mrs. Dennis' home, the day was on the rim of November, for it is all-hallows' e'en when the day of all saints is here. The Dennis home was beautifully decorated for Hallowe'en party. The Alathean Class had been invited. At four o'clock the guests began to arrive, and were met by three ghosts and the fairies at the door. As one shook the hand of the ghost, one could feel the hair rise on the head as the cold, clammy hand met ours. Then the fairy girls conducted us to our seats. We were faced with owls, bats and satan and all of his imps. Then each guest was taken one at a time, blind-folded and told to go on a journey. We were then taken by the Halloween girls through Giggle Alley. We then began to stumble over old chairs, cans, buckets, ice and hot boards. We were then met by the old witch on her broom. She ask us if we were willing to take the vow, and of course we were willing to vow anything to get out of that alley alive. Again we were blind-folded and taken two at a time in to view the remains of John Smith. We were seated on the floor, and told of the murder by the ghost. Groans were heard. We were asked to hold out our hands and the ghost says first I give you his brains, and when the cold, clammy brains were laid in our hands we screamed, and then his eyes, teeth and ears, his hair and hand were passed to us. We could hear the rattling of his bones. We then arose to view his remains, the blindfold then was removed from our eyes, and now his sheeted ghost in white was laying in our midst. We returned to the living room and there a witch appeared carrying a pot of broth. Then our fortune she told and to each one of us she gave a spoon of broth. We were asked to stand aside until all our fortunes were told. Mrs.

Dennis counted three and our broth we ate. The first one to finish her broth was our teacher Mrs. E. N. Brown. To her was given a prize.

Miss Lucille Guitar and Miss Lola Dennis, dressed in black and yellow, passed a menu card which consisted of: 1. Spring's offering. 2. Piece of the moon. 3. Boston's delight. 4. Hidden tears. 5. Sailor's pride. 6. Moonshine. 7. What you call your hubby. 8. Benediction. Much merriment was had, then Miss Guitar and Miss Dennis served refreshments. Pumpkin pie and whipped cream and coffee.

Those present were: Mesdames E. M. McDonald, Frank Hamm, F. A. Polly, Ashby, Scott, T. T. Davis, E. S. Cummings, E. N. Brown, W. A. Tittle, J. T. Warren, C. L. Deut-schman, I. C. Holden, and visitors Pearl Hollingsworth, Ben Campbell, and Ben Polly. As night had come we hurried to bid our hostess good night, wishing Mrs. Dennis would entertain us again. We had a spook time, but enjoyed it very much. A class member.

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