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## FOUR WELLS DRILLING; NEW CONTRACTS LET

### CITY WATER SYSTEM BE EXTENDED SOON

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SEE NEED AND TAKE ACTION.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council to immediately extend the city water system to insure fire protection and possibly to extend the fire limits or restricted building limits.

This is a fine spirit and is in keeping with the intention of these gentlemen to avoid a mushroom growth, or a "shack" town, but to build for stability. We have the advantages of profiting by the examples of Ranger and other oil towns, and if we make the mistakes of over-building or temporary building we will do it in the face of the same errors that dozens of towns in this part of the state have made.

Mayor N. D. Cobb, at his own initiative, purchased a new pump for the big well and had electric motor re-wound and Will Burns is now making the proper connections so that the supply tank will be full at all times. It is the intention of the Mayor to have the tunnel between the wells rebuilt, which will insure an adequate supply of water for a much increased population. The Chamber of Commerce and the City officers are working harmoniously together for the best interests of the city. The Mayor meets regularly with the executive committee and his counsel and advice has been worth much to them. He is about to secure a very favorable location for some supply houses at reasonable rentals, and has assured them of his hearty cooperation.

### METHODIST LAYMAN SPEAKS SUNDAY

Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the First Methodist church, announces that on next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, Dean Boyd M. McKeown, of McMurray College, who is also District Lay Leader of the Abilene District, will deliver an address at the Methodist church.

While Mr. McKeown is connected with McMurray College, his address will be along other lines of church work. He is an able man, very active in church and college work, and all who hear him will indeed be pleased with his remarks. The pastor and church leaders urge especially the church membership to be present, and cordially invite all who will to be present and hear this distinguished man.

### J. M. WILLIAMSON ALSO BENEFITED BY OIL FIND

Mr. J. M. Williamson, whose farm is located directly between the Winter discovery well, and the test now being put down on the Sears tract, is among the many to reap considerable riches from the recent discovery of oil near here.

Mr. Williamson first sold 80 acres at \$50.00 per acre, then 180 acres for \$20,000.00, making a total of \$24,000.00 in all. He also put 320 acres of his land in the Sears block to Johnson & Gibson, at \$1.00 per acre. He still has all of his royalty, which in the event oil is found closer or on his land will make him independent.

### BAPTIST ASSN. MEETS IN MERKEL

The Women's Auxiliary of the Sweetwater Baptist Association met at the First Baptist church of Merkel Tuesday evening. The Auxiliary has been organized for about twenty years. Over 100 delegates were in attendance. The women were very optimistic over prospects for the future.

The Association proper convened at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Merkel, Moderator; L. A. Stulce, Abilene, Clerk; Taylor McCasland, Sweetwater, Corresponding secretary; H. W. Hart, Abilene, Treasurer.

Following the election of officers Rev. Ira L. Parrack delivered the address of welcome. His remarks were full of good cheer and cordiality, expressed as only he can express the degree of hospitality manifested by the Merkel church.

The response was made by Dr. O. H. Cooper of Simmons University.

Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of College Heights Baptist church, Abilene, delivered the Associational sermon. His subject was "Uncommon Service". He spoke on people being content to live on the average. He drew the line that a man should be the best. His aspirations should not be second to any. Progress is only made by real leaders who are not content to live on the average.

About two hundred delegates (Continued on back page)

### MRS. McLAREN, 105, PASSES TO ETERNITY

Mrs. Jane McLaren, who has been living with her nephew, Mr. G. F. Wood, in southwest Merkel, for the past year, died last Saturday evening, Oct. 2, at three o'clock. She was buried at Colorado Sunday.

It is believed by many here that Mrs. McLaren was the oldest Christian in the State of Texas, if not in the United States. She was born in Missouri, October 1821, and was married to Dan McLaren in Arkansas, coming to Texas before the Civil War. She has lived in different parts of Texas for the past 60 years, spending the past twenty-five years at Colorado and in Merkel, where she passed away. Her husband died a little over one year ago at the ripe age of 97 years.

Had Mrs. McLaren lived only two days longer she would have been 105 years of age. She was not sick but a short while, passing away peacefully and without a struggle. This was a case of mortality being absorbed in life or "swallowed up in life." She had been a Christian for ninety years, being baptized into the Christian Church in Arkansas ninety years ago. She lived the life of a Christian ninety years, out living any Christian that I have ever read about from the days of Christ until now. She has gone to be with all of the redeemed that follow the Lamb, whosoever he goeth. Let's not mourn as those who have no hope for we shall meet her in the sweet bye and bye.

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### HUNTER & GRISHAM CONTRACT TO DRILL ON HUDDLESTON LAND

The latest and most interesting wildcat block that has been made up, is that of Hunter and Grisham, well known and successful independent operators, who have secured a block of 4,000 acres in and around the Mt. Pleasant school community, and according to reports have made a location to drill the first well on the farm of D. O. Huddleston, near the Mt. Pleasant school house. The contract calls for spudding in of the test in the next forty-five days.

When the drill shall have been started on all these tests, operations for oil will be going on almost on all sides of Merkel. As the Mail predicted in its last issue, it will be but a short time until drilling for oil will be in full swing on all sides of

Merkel. Contracts have been signed some ten days ago for the following tests:

On the Largent tract three miles north, by Johnson & Gibson, to start in sixty days.

On the Seth Hamilton tract west of town by Johnson and Gibson in sixty days. In this block Mr. Hamilton, S. F. Haynes, S. G. Tipton and J. R. Pee each have put in some acreage, and the contract calls for wells to be drilled on Messrs Hamilton, Haynes and Tipton's places if oil is found in paying quantities in the first test. In fact, a report is going to the effect that the drilling contractors on this block were up this week and after going over the lease and locations, stated that if the first well is a producer there will be four wells drilled at once.

### GUN SHOT KILLS GIRL NEAR NOODLE

Late last Saturday afternoon the 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Paul, residing near Noodle, was accidentally shot to death by her brother, David, 17 years of age. It seems, according to reports that the boy and girl were at home alone. It is said that the young man had just returned from an afternoon hunt, and upon entering the house the gun was accidentally discharged in some manner, the full discharge entering the young lady's body, causing her death a few hours after at the Baptist Sanitarium in Abilene, where she had been carried with the hope of saving her life.

She passed away Monday morning and her body was laid to rest in the Abilene cemetery. The young brother, as well as the parents, were heart broken over the tragedy, and have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. L. B. Scott, the hustling manager of the Merkel Motor Company, returned first of the week from Dallas, where he had been for treatment at one of the sanitariums in that city. We are glad to learn that he is now improving nicely and is up and about his business.

USE the classified ads for sale, for rent, wanted, etc. New subscribers and strangers read the classified ads every week to secure various items.

### LARGENT & SONS HEREFORDS WINNER

From Mr. C. M. Largent we learn that their fine herd of Hereford show cattle, which for the past month have been playing the big Fairs and Livestock shows in the northern and eastern states, have been the high winners everywhere they have been shown this fall.

They have recently been exhibited at Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo and now at Wichita Falls, and from there they go to our own State Fair at Dallas.

As evidence of the fine quality cattle the Largents are raising one may judge by constant demands for them by the cottlemen of the country. The following sales have recently been made.

To Ed McCluskey of Abilene 20 heifers and three bulls for \$3,500.

A bull calf to Joe Pierce of Ozona for \$1,000; fifteen head to J. M. Cheney of Merkel for \$3,100, and three bulls to the McCluchon estate at Alpine for \$1,450.

The sale to Pierce was made at the All-West Texas Exposition at San Angelo. The bull calf is to be delivered following the State Fair at Dallas and will be used by Pierce to build up a herd on his Crockett county ranch.

Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at the label on this paper and see.

### HOTEL COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

A MODERN THREE STORY HOTEL PRACTICALLY ASSURED NOW

The hotel committee met last Wednesday evening and from its members we are informed that plans have developed to the extent that we are practically assured of a modern three story fire-proof hotel. The committee is working cautiously with a view to making stock in this hotel a fine investment for all time. We can be assured that whatever is done will be well thought out, after consulting reliable architects and securing estimates from construction firms of the highest order. They have turned down several schemes that would put the property in the control of outside people whose idea was to get large and immediate profits without considering the immediate needs and the future substantial growth of Merkel.

### PARKERSBURG RIG & REEL LOCATE HERE

The Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company of Parkersburg, West Virginia, through their field representative, Mr. H. J. Gebring made a location in Merkel yesterday and at once proceeded to unload some cars that were on the track. This is the largest concern of its kind in the United States, and all supply houses and drilling contractors are glad to have them centrally located. They secured a lease on the C. H. Jones property in the west part of town, and, in this connection, Mr. Jones has shown himself to be a fine public spirited citizen as he has made some financial sacrifices that industries might be located here. Mr. Gebring is a fine gentleman who is thoroughly on to his job, and we trust that he will find a suitable place to move his family here in the very near future.

### WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TIRE CO. LOCATE HERE

In this paper will be found a half page announcement by the Michelin Sales and Service Company, Inc., announcing the establishment of a wholesale and retail house in this city.

This company is one of the largest auto tire concerns in the city of Abilene, and has no doubt acted wisely in opening a house in Merkel at this time, which will enable them to get in on the ground floor in their line before the big rush comes.

Messrs. Archie Johnson and Geo. D. Steakley, of Abilene, will be in charge as local managers. Read their announcement in this paper.

This new firm is now located in the West Building, next to Everybody's Garage, on Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tyler and sons, of Royce City, are here this week visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. and S. A. Coats, and other relatives and friends.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W. O. Boney or T. L. Grimes if

### MIDWEST LEADS IN RACE TO SAND

Just thirty days ago yesterday the Phillips Joe Winter No. 1 went over the top, and today there are four rigs up and drilling, and seven or eight other contracts let, with still others pending.

The Midwest Thornton No. 1 is down about 600 feet. The Marland Mason No. 1 has reached a depth of about 500 feet. And the Phillips Walling No. 1 is about 330 feet deep. These three are offset wells to the discovery, and from all accounts there is a race on to see which will reach the pay sand first.

The Hurley Oil Company's Sears No. 1, which is located 3 miles northeast from the discovery well, which is reported to be on a fishing job at around 400 feet, is expected to resume drilling today. This test is without doubt one of the most interesting, since it will prove new territory for several miles.

There has also been many other locations made, and it is expected that before the end of another thirty days there will be at least twenty-five rigs up and active drilling operations on.

The Noodle Creek field is going to be watched by oil men from everywhere for the next thirty or forty days, and the bringing in of another well will bring new excitement.

### ANOTHER CALIFORNIA CO. INVESTS HERE

The McMillan Petroleum Company of California, producers and refiners, some ten days ago leased from Mr. J. S. Swann, president of the Farmers State Bank, 313 acres of land some three miles north of the discovery well, out of the Robert Speer survey, tract No. 283. The land is adjacent to the Phillips block on the west and south and the Gulf on the north. The price was \$100.00 per acre.

This new company to enter the field of activity in the Noodle Creek pool area, also purchased from Mr. W. S. Swann, a brother of the former, who lives at Tyler, Texas, 293 acres adjoining the Gulf on the north and the Republic holdings on the west, at \$100.00 per acre, making a total of 606 acres purchased by the McMillan Company. It is said that this company will begin immediately on an extensive drilling campaign.

### OPEN NEW BARBER SHOP ON ELM STREET

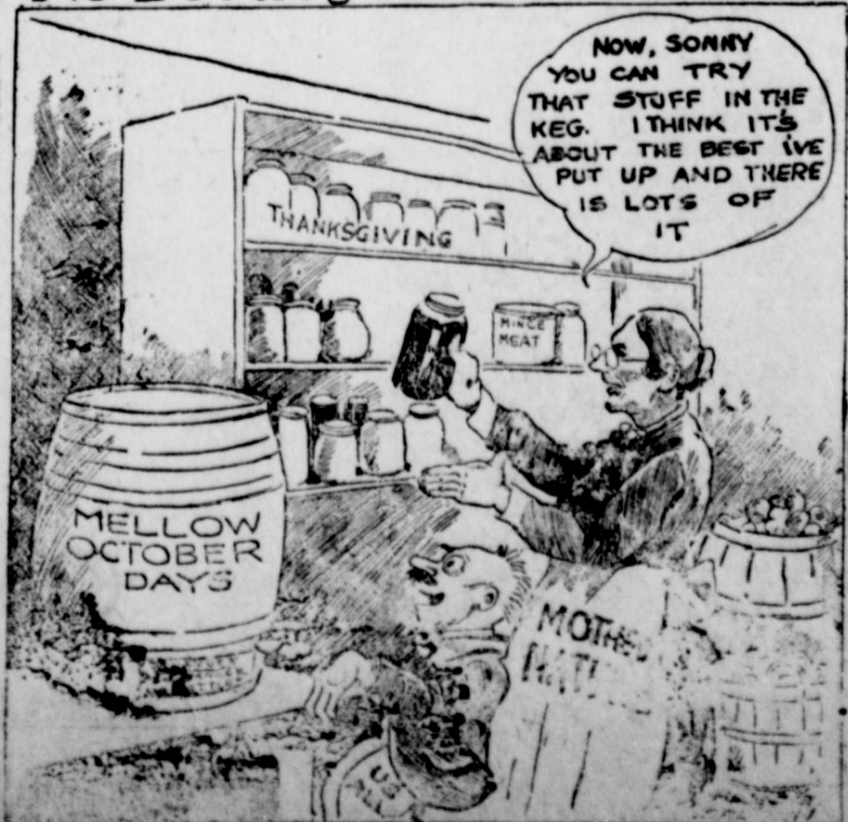
Messrs. Bob McDonald and Dean Higgins, popular and well known barbers of this city, have this week opened a new and up-to-date barber shop in one of the new buildings just completed by Mr. Max Mellinger, they having taken a lease on the building some time ago.

They have associated with them Mr. Chas. West, also a popular and splendid barber in Merkel for many years.

This new shop opened for business Thursday morning.

Mr. V. R. Ford of has accepted a position at the Merkel Drug Company prescription department, an experienced pharmacist.

### 'No Bootleg About This Stuff'



## To Our Patrons

Commencing September 1st. this Bank will

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R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

### F. H. LATHAM BUYS RAINBOLT BUILDING

We are informed that F. H. Latham has this week purchased from H. M. Rainbolt the brick building now occupied by the Carson Grocery Company. The consideration was not made public.

Mr. Carson has the building

rented until January 1, and Mr. Latham stated that he did not at this time know just what kind of business would occupy the building after that date.

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## NOODLE CREEK OIL IS RICH IN GAS

A pool of 40.8 gravity oil, with casinghead gasoline per 1,000 cubic feet, with no water or hydrogen sulphide.

It is these things that have brought and continue to bring the large operators into the Noodle Creek area, 20 miles west of Abilene, that was opened three weeks ago when the Phillips Petroleum company's Joe Winter well came in at 2,500 feet for 1,000 barrels.

The discovery well continues to flow 600 to 1,000 barrels daily. The oil is entirely free of water. Moreover, the absence of sulphur not only is a reason for the high quality of the oil but enhances the value of the gas for casinghead purposes.

### Richest Gas!

The original well flowed 664 barrels Friday, an off day. On Saturday the production was 752 barrels. And it is also making almost 500,000 cubic feet of gas daily. This is said by experienced men representing the largest companies to be the richest gas found in a new well in Texas. Being good for five gallons of gasoline per 1,000 cubic feet, the gasoline value of the well is practically as great as that of the crude oil.

It is significant, in this connection that the Phillips Petroleum company specializes in the production of casinghead gasoline and has, therefore, brought in a well peculiarly adapted to its needs.

Although gas in the Big Lake field 125 miles south, and that in the Panhandle field is heavy with hydrogen sulphide, the Noodle Creek gas does not have this. As a result casing crews are visiting the Phillips site daily to examine the gas. They wish to locate where there are no sulphide fumes.

### Other Tests Going Down

At midnight Saturday the Midwest Exploration company's Thornton No. 1, the southwest offset to the discovery well, was 208 feet deep.

The Marland company spudded in at noon Saturday on the Mason tract, the west offset, and had drilled 50 feet at 10 p.m.

The Phillips company Saturday closed a contract with Wheeler and Swann for water rights on the section of Sweetwater Creek, in Fisher county three miles northwest of the well. Two dams will be built and the right-of-way for a pipe line has already been procured. This will solve the water problem for the company which is shortly to spud in on the Walling tract south of the discovery well.

The Midwest and Marland obtained water only after drilling a half dozen wells each, but now are fixed to continue operations.

So the race is now in at Noodle Creek with each crew striving to bring in its well first.

—Abilene Morning News.

### NEWSPAPER BARGAIN DAYS ARE ANNOUNCED

This paper is glad to announce the arrival of fall bargain days on newspapers. The Abilene Morning News, a fine morning paper published right here at home, in our own county site, has announced the very low rate of \$4.70 per year for the daily and Sunday.

We are going to offer our subscribers and friends a combination rate for both the Reporter and Merkel Mail, one year each, at only \$5.50. The Merkel Mail costs you only 80c in this combination.

The regular price for the Abilene Morning News is \$7.00 per year; the regular price of the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 in the local 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.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

## PHILLIPS OIL USED IN GASOLINE ENGINE

In spudding in the Midwest Exploration company's Thornton No. 1, and the Marland's Mason No. 1, these companies had some trouble in procuring sufficient water for operations, having been forced to drill several water wells before a sufficient quantity was found, but when it came to lubricating oils for the Gas Engine to pump this water, they only had to go over to the Phillips' Joe Winter producer and procure the unrefined crude oil with which to operate the engine.

When the Midwest's well, which is about 350 feet deep, comes in, the "lube" will be paid back to the Phillips.

Oil men declare that the Noodle creek oil is of such high gravity and flows so easily under all temperatures because of the absence of hydrogen sulphide that, in an emergency, it can be used in automobile engines.

With establishment of a casinghead plant, thousands of gallons of gasoline will be added to the crude oil production of the Phillips well, for the gas now coming from it is so rich that five gallons of gasoline is contained in each 1,000 cubic feet.

Experience proves that gas becomes richer in gasoline content, the older the well becomes. In some wells in the Wichita Falls district, the casinghead content has increased to as high as 18 gallons per 1,000 cubic feet. But the gas in the Phillips well is said to be as rich as any ever found in a new well in Texas. Its richness will constantly increase.

### Phillips is Lucky

As the Phillips Petroleum company is the nation's largest producer of casinghead gasoline, the value of this well to the company is doubled because of the richness of the gas. The gas production of the well is nearly 500,000 cubic feet daily.

Another quality of the production of this well that has caused the largest operators to scramble for acreage rather than sit back and await further developments, is the total absence

of water and hydrogen sulphide in the oil and gas. In cold weather oil bearing a large amount of this chemical often has to be heated before it will run through a pipeline. No such trouble will be encountered in marketing oil from wells in the Noodle Creek area, for the oil runs easily and its gravity is 40.8.



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## AMUSEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1926 STATE FAIR, DALLAS, OCT. 9-24, IS ANNOUNCED

"Princess Flavia" in Auditorium—Many Free Features to Be Provided for Patrons This Year.

Announcement of the various features and amusements to be provided at the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct., 1926, has come in the form of the daily program of events.

"Princess Flavia" the Shubert operetta, with the music by Sigmond Romberg, composer of "The Student Prince," and with a company of 200 people, will be given in the auditorium each evening throughout the fair, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. Matinees are listed on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2:30 p. m.

On three afternoons—October 15, October 20, and October 22, in the auditorium, there are to be excerpts from the well known operas, offered by the Thaviv band and opera singers, with a great massed chorus supplied from five Dallas musical clubs.

#### Free Offerings.

Under the heading, "Big Free Attractions," the program lists the Thaviv band and singers, with Ralph Waldo Emerson, concert organist, to appear in the auditorium at 2:30 p. m. on October 11, October 13 and October 18, and from 12 to 1:30 o'clock on other days of the fair except the three afternoons given above when the choral offerings occur.

Twelve free circus or hippodrome acts are to be given before the grandstand twice daily, throughout the fair, from 12 to 1 p. m. and from 6 to 7 p. m.

Football games in the athletic stadium are shown as follows:

Saturday, October 9.—A. & M. of Texas vs. Sewanee.

Tuesday, October 12.—Baylor vs. T. C. U.

Saturday, October 16.—University of Texas vs. Vanderbilt.

Monday, October 18.—Wiley University vs. Langston University. (Negro college teams, Wiley of Marshall, Texas, Langston, Okla.).

Saturday, October 22.—S. M. U. vs. A. & M. of Texas.

#### R. O. T. C. Contests.

On Friday, October 22, also in the athletic stadium, will come the annual R. O. T. C. contests, when companies representing high schools and prep schools all over the state will compete for trophies offered by the State Fair and private individuals and firms.

Live stock judging will take place in the live stock arena beginning at 9 a. m., from Monday, October 11, to Tuesday, October 19, inclusive.

Another feature for the live stock arena will be the horse show events, to be carried out on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, October 21 and October 22.

The State Fair poultry show will be held in the poultry building from Saturday, October 9, to Monday, October 18, inclusive, with special daily programs, as have already been announced, to be carried out under the direction of well known poultry fanciers.

#### FARM BOYS AND GIRLS GOING TO STATE FAIR

Franklin County, Red River county and Morris county are to send big delegations of farm boys and girls to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24. The youngsters will be guests of the Fair Association, and their trip to Dallas is being provided by business interests of the three counties. They'll come to the State Fair on Special trains.

#### NOTABLES COMING TO STATE FAIR PRESS DAY

Press Day at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, which will be Monday, Oct. 11, is to be featured by a joint meeting of committees on law enforcement and court reform, from the Texas Bar Association and the Texas Press Association. Judge Marcus Kavanaugh, of the Cooke county Superior Court, Chicago, Ill., and Governor-Elect Dan Moody of Texas will both attend.

The meeting is scheduled for 2 p. m. in the auditorium, Monday, Oct. 11, and according to announcement over the signatures of all the committeemen, all citizens of Texas who are in sympathy with the movement, are invited to attend. The committee also requests that general announcement of the meeting be made by newspapers, by ministers from pulpits and on public occasions of every nature.

"The movement," according to the statement of the committee, "relates solely to the public welfare and must rely upon the support and sympathy of the citizenship which believes that something should be done to remedy conditions as they now exist."



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  - Rent hasn't advanced, yet;
  - Labor hasn't advanced, yet;
- So you don't have to pay "Oil Field" prices here

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#### MERKEL NOT OVELOOKING ANYTHING TO LOCATE BUSINESSES HERE

Dr. M. Armstrong, chairman of the Good Roads Committee, and one of the best in the state, has finished the road to the Sears well and the Winter No. 1, and is soon to begin building at least two other roads to these wells to take care of eventualities. It is the purpose of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce to maintain good roads to all wells, and this fact is attracting those

industries which follow the discovery of oil.

Plenty Good Coal—Don't wait for cold weather when everybody else is out. Swafford Coal & Feed Yard, phone 33. It

Mrs. Kate Cotton, county clerk of Scurry County, and daughter, Thoreau, were visitors of the Misses Garoutte the first of the week. Merkel was once Mrs. Cotton's home and she finds it vastly improved in the last few years.

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Warner Brothers Presents—  
**PETE MORRISON**  
—in—  
"RANGE BUZZARDS"  
Also William Desmond and Eileen Sedgwick in  
"STRINGS OF STEEL"  
Chapter 9, "When Lightning Strikes"  
—ALSO—  
Fox Comedy "The Reporter"

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 11 and 12  
**Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Lasky**  
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#### MISS BROWN INJURED WHEN CAR OVERTURNS; TAKEN TO ABILENE

Miss Violet Brown, sister of Harvey Brown of Abilene, is in the Baptist Sanitarium there suffering from a fractured skull which she received in an automobile accident west of Post on Wednesday morning. Attending physicians stated at two o'clock Thursday afternoon that, although still unconscious, she was resting well.

Miss Brown was riding with relatives in a closed car when it overturned, injuring the other passengers slightly. The young woman was brought to Buffalo Gap on the Santa Fe and carried from there to the local hospital in a Kiker Knight ambulance Thursday morning.

Miss Brown is the daughter of Rev. Q. Brown of this city, and was reared here. In conversation with Mr. Brown late Thursday afternoon he stated that his daughter was still unconscious at the Baptist Sanitarium.

#### NEW MAN COMING TO LOWE CHEVROLET CO.

Mr. A. H. Brackeen, of Palo Pinto, was here this week and informed this paper that he had arranged to become associated with the W. E. Lowe Chevrolet Company and will immediately move with his family to our city. Mr. Brackeen is at present County School Superintendent of Palo Pinto County, which position he will resign. He and his family come recommended as fine people and on behalf of the city we welcome them.

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### BARGAINS

OUTINGS, CRETONNE, MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSE.  
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#### OUR PLEDGE

We pledge to you a quality in our Field Culler Kasch cottonseed that cannot be obtained from any other source and a standard of dealings in connection with the business transactions with you that will at all times merit your confidence. We pledge to you the best there is in us as men, as well as the most thoroughly equipped 5000 acre farm in Texas, to the development of a superior cotton that will make friends with you instantly.

#### OUR POLICY

We are the only breeders of Kasch cotton in Texas who refer you without any reluctance to the State Department of Agriculture, who has been invited repeatedly to send state inspectors over our farm and check up the quality of our crop and our methods of conducting a seed business. We are the only breeders of Kasch cotton in Texas who actually grow the cottonseed we sell. Get this in your mind and remember it all the way through.

#### OUR GUARANTEE

We guarantee absolute satisfaction with every bushel of our Field Culler Kasch Cottonseed and will never claim full title to the money you pay us for them until they have given you absolute satisfaction. It is our one ambition, and no expense is being spared to produce the highest bred Kasch cotton you have ever seen and the best cotton in the South.

#### OUR REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. W. O. Dial, with whom you are thoroughly acquainted, was invited to inspect our farm a few days ago at our expense, and he will act as representative in that territory. We know from his past dealings that he is a man of high integrity and he will at all times have full authority to sell you what seed you need and to make them satisfy you after you have bought them. We are bidding strong for Merkel business and will give special attention to all orders received from there.

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The following article taken from the Ottawa, Kansas Daily Herald, and probably gathered from the press dispatches, while a little mixed as to Mr. Thompson's resigning his position here in the F. and M. National Bank to accept the appointment as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, it nevertheless gives an estimate of the regard of the citizens of the county from which he moved to Merkel.

Franklin county friends of L. R. Thompson, recently prominent citizen of Williamsburg, who removed to Texas a few years ago, will be pleased to learn of his eminent success in his new home. Mr. Thompson, who was cashier of the Williamsburg State Bank, withdrew about six years ago and moved to Merkel, Texas, where he purchased an interest in the national bank of that place and became its cashier. Recently he sold his banking interests to accept the position of secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce at a very liberal salary. Mr. Thompson is also a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, said to be the largest regional body of that kind in the United States. Merkel is the center of a phenomenally rich oil district.

**C. of C. CAN HELP YOU**

Men are making applications daily at the Chamber of Commerce for work in the oil field. Mostly teamsters and truck

drivers, and some for general rough work. So far no contractor or driller has left any order for such laborers.

The Chamber of Commerce has applications for positions from stenographers, clerks and bookkeepers.

Applications have been made for buildings to house drug stores, picture shows, cafes, laundries and numerous other businesses.

**Imperative Needs**

A new and modern hotel. Extension of our water system. Every man a booster.

Every business firm a supporter of the Chamber of Commerce.

**BOOST MERKEL**

Merkel is located in the bright and sunny West;

Merkel is going to make a city, and one among the best.

Merkel has got the people and the people have got the dough.

So move into Merkel and help to make the town grow.

Merkel has got some people that are very well to do.

And everybody is welcome here, it matters not who.

Merkel is in the oil field and everybody is proud;

Everybody is getting greasy and shouting very loud.

The big well that blew in is one among the best.

And the big companies are going right ahead to make tests.

Merkel has a population of three thousand strong.

And Merkel is bound to make a city before very long.

Merkel has two banks and they are stuffed full of dough;

You won't find better banks no matter where you go.

The bankers are jolly good fellows and the merchants are too.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

**'RESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday school at 10 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.  
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Henry West will give the first chapter in the Home Mission Study, "Our Templed Hills."

We cordially invite the public to worship with us at all regular services. Chas. H. Little.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

Our services at the Methodist Church were better attended last Sunday. We expect a greater increase next Sunday.

The Sunday School opens at 9:45 and we hope that the teachers and members of the school will be on time.

A special feature at the morning hour Sunday will be an address by our District Lay Leader Mr. Boyd M. McKeown, Dean of McMurry College.

We hope that each member of the church will hear him. Visitors and strangers are invited.

Evening service at 7:30. Special music at both hours.  
W. R. McCarter.

**Services at Church of Christ**

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ in Merkel next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and also at seven p.m. You are urged to come early and be with us in the Bible study at 10 a.m. A big welcome for every one.

**Senior B.Y.P.U. Program**

Bible study meeting. Topical study: Gratitude.

Introduction, Mary Ellen Ashby.

1. A brief Bible background, Mrs. Bill Haynes.

2. Story, How Zaccheus showed gratitude, Effie Grayson.

3. Story of the Grateful Samaritan, E. Yates Brown.

4. A look closer home, by Bessie W.

5. Bible Characters who gave thanks, Miss Harrison.

6. A preacher's pointed questions, Mae Lassiter.

**Junior B.Y.P.U. Program**

Following Jesus in Play.

1. Announcement of Topic.

2. What makes a day, Margaret Canon.

3. Jesus played when he was a boy, J. R. Lassiter.

4. Play helps to build our characters, Sara Sheppard.

5. The Golden Rule in Play, by Kathleen Harmon.

6. Poem, "The Golden Rule," by Dot Swafford.

7. Are we good losers in our play, Joyce Wheeler.

8. Are we Good winners in our play, Alvin Parrack.

9. How to choose our games, Marguerite Miller.

**Idlewise Club**

Mrs. Roy Largent was hostess to the Idlewise Club members this Tuesday in the entertaining suite of the C. M. Largent home. The Halloween motif was carried out in arrangements both cleverly and completely, and began with the greetings when guests were given comical halloween caps to exemplify the spirit of the house decorations, tallies for bridge, plate favors, etc. Many out of town guests helped to make the hours of Bridge happy for the club members. Augmenting the Halloween motif still further, Mrs. Largent served pumpkin pie in heart shaped tibles, topped with whipped cream, and cheese straws, coffee and salted nuts to Miss Virginia Potts, Mrs. White, Mrs. John Cox, all of Abilene, Mrs. Robt. McBean of Cisco, Misses Alva Wheeler, Elizabeth Harkrider, Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Mesdames George White, Warren Smith, Earl Baze, Bill Brown, Bill Haynes, Emmett Grimes and the hostess.



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This Week  
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**New Dresses**  
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And the very newest thing out---a beautiful assortment of

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**We Are Headquarters for Up-to-Date Merchandise**

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**The Delphian Society**

A most interesting meeting of the Delphian Society was held Thursday afternoon at the High School with the president, Miss Lucy Tracy, in the chair. The lesson, European nations in the Roman Empire, was under the direction of Mrs. H. F. Groene. Eleven members were present. The Society will meet next Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14, at 3:30 o'clock.

**BLEEDING GUMS:**

The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails.

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**EATS ANYTHING**  
"After taking Adlerika I can eat anything and sleep like a log. I had gas on the stomach and couldn't keep food down nor sleep." (signed) R. C. Miller. ONE spoonful Adlerika removes GAS and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Often brings out old waste-matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for chronic constipation. For Sale by Merkel Drug Co., in Trent by R. B. Johnson.

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**GARAGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

I wish to announce to my friends and customers that I have leased to Messrs. Stewart & Brown, of Menard, Texas, the Mechanical and Repair department of the Corner Garage. These gentlemen come well recommended as first class citizens and mechanics, and I therefore recommend them to my customers and friends, and sincerely trust you will give them a trial when in need of anything in their line. They announce that work turned out by them will be first class and guaranteed to stand up.

I am now personally in charge of front end, and am prepared to give you the best of service in the Gas and Oil department. I can also make it to your interest to see me for Tires, Tubes and Auto Accessories.

We welcome the oil men coming to our city; we appreciate the trade of everyone.

**The Corner Garage**

**Paint, Paper, Canvas**

Let us supply your Paint and Paper wants. We carry a complete line of Paper and Canvas. We are headquarters for the Sherwin-Williams line of Paints and Varnishes, there is no better and no cheaper paint on the market.

New shipment of rugs just arrived. Our Rug stock is now complete. Come see the new designs in rugs.

New arrivals in Floor Lamps. A very large shipment of Floor Lamps just arrived, all styles, all moderately priced. Come and see them.

Our prices have not advanced, infact we are offering furniture now at the lowest price we have had in many years.

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**We have in stock a good supply of the following**

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### FORMER EDITOR PAYS OLD SANCTUM VISIT

We were indeed pleased to have as a visitor to our office yesterday Mr. Walter Jackson, from whom we purchased this paper several years ago, and who was here to attend the meeting at the Baptist church of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

Mr. Jackson did more perhaps than any other one person in placing the local Baptist church clerical work in the forefront while he was a citizen and member of this church, and has since done great work for one of the largest Baptist churches in Fort Worth. He is now engaged in a great work with the First Baptist church in Abilene, of which Dr. Millard A. Jenkins is pastor.

### New Mechanics at the Corner Garage

Messrs. H. M. Stewart and G. W. Brown, of Menard, Texas, have moved with their families to this city, having leased from F. C. McFarland the latter's mechanical department of the Corner Garage.

They come well recommended as citizens and first class mechanics, and the city extends them a welcome.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes

### T. E. L. Class in Business and Social Meeting

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church met at the church Friday afternoon with Mesdames T. E. Collins, R. W. Condor, Sid Coats, Jr. and W. I. Crane as hostesses.

Mrs. Sam Swann read for the devotional, part of the 24th and 25th Psalms, with helpful comments.

During the business session all new officers chose their helpers for the new year's work. Some good and helpful things were planned for the year's work.

The business meeting adjourned and a delicious refreshment plate was served by the hostesses to the following members: Mesdames I. L. Jackson, O. R. Dye, J. J. Toombs, Earl Lassiter, Frank McFarland, Bill Sheppard, Sam Swann, L. L. Huddleston, Doyle Pogue and A. R. Booth, teacher.

We are pleased to receive from Mr. John Elliott, San Antonio, enclosing the wherewith for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail. Mr. Elliott and family formerly resided in Merkel for many years. He calls his "old home town paper" the "Great Religious Weekly," and declares they are lonesome without it.

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Busy gathering  
Your crops,  
If we  
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To you  
In any  
Way, call  
159. We  
Will be  
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For you.

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O. H. JONES, Agent

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue, of Welview, Texas, were here recently visiting friends and relatives and looking after their property interests here. They had us send them the Mail for the next year.

### SHE TELLS THE STORY OF MANY OTHERS

Dr. W. C. Rountree, Tarkana, Texas.  
Dear Doctor:—About 8 years ago I was taken with a bad case of stomach trouble. I got better in Winter and worse in Spring and Summer. I suffered untold agonies took many kinds of medicine and found no relief. After four years I broke out with something that looked like sun burn. At first it appeared on my hands, later on my face and neck. My mouth got sore, feet burned and swelled until I could hardly walk. My heart beat too fast and I had a hurting in my chest. Some one sent you my name and you sent me one of your little books and Questionnaire, but I did not order your treatment at first. I waited thinking I would get better, but instead I got worse. Finally I got so bad that I could not walk 20 steps without resting. I ordered your Pellagra treatment and on the 9th day of July 1926 I began taking it. I soon saw that it was helping me and by the time I had taken one treatment the rash and many of the other symptoms had disappeared. I have taken four treatments and am entirely relieved of all symptoms of Pellagra. I appreciate the honesty and kindness with which you have dealt with me, for I have found everything that you told me about the treatment to be just like you said. I want to ask all who have this disease to not put off ordering your treatment like I did for while they are waiting this terrible disease is stealing their life away.  
(Miss Savannah Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 100, Naples, Texas.

### Keep Eliminative System Active

Good Health Requires Good Elimination

ONE can't feel well when there is a retention of poisonous waste in the blood. This is called a toxic condition, and is apt to make one tired, dull and languid. Other symptoms are sometimes toxic backaches and headaches. That the kidneys are not functioning properly is often shown by scanty or burning passage of secretions. Many people have learned the value of Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic, when the kidneys seem functionally inactive. Everywhere one finds enthusiastic Doan's users. Ask your neighbor!

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One of the applicants wrote that she noted their requirements and went on: "Your advertisement appeals to me strongly—stronger than prepared mustard—as I have searched Europe, Airope and Hoboken in quest of some one who could use my talents to advantage. When it comes to this chinmusic proposition I have never found man, woman or dictaphone who could get to first base on me, either fancy or catch-as-catch-can. I write short hand so fast that I have to use an especially prepared pencil with a platinum point and a watercooling attachment, a note pad made of asbestos, ruled with sulphuric acid, and stitched with cat gut. I run with my cutout open at all speeds and am, in fact, a guaranteed, double hydraulic, welded, drop-forged and oil-tempered specimen of human lightning on a perfect thirty-six frame ground to one-thousandth of an inch. If you would avail yourself of the opportunity of a lifetime, wire me, but unless you are fully prepared to pay the tariff for such service don't bother me, as I am so nervous I can't stand still long enough to have my dresses fitted."

She got the job—"The Kablegram."

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

Mrs. J. D. Boring of Fort Worth was here this week looking after her property interests and visiting friends and relatives.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

Chas. West has moved from Petty and Buford Shop, and is now with McDonald and Higgins new shop.

We are glad to learn that Mr. G. W. Cox, who last week underwent a serious operation at the Alexander Sanitarium, is now said to be improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso are here for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, and other relatives and many friends.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes

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NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK  
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### PAY NO NEED TO "KNOCKERS"

When you hear a man knock on the things Merkel is trying to put over through its Chamber of Commerce, you may be assured there is a selfish motive behind the knock. "Knock the Knocker," should be the slogan of every public spirited citizen. We know that we have a thoroughly capable and earnest man at the helm who is an unselfish and zealous worker for the best interests of the town, and who enjoys in a fine measure the confidence and trust of those who know him, not only in Merkel, but in its trade territory. Let us get behind him and put things over.

#### MRS. BLAIR LEASES HOTEL TO ABILENE LADY

Mrs. Sarah Mosely, of Abilene, has leased the Blair Hotel from Mrs. J. S. Blair and is now in charge as manager. Mrs. Blair, who has moved to Abilene, leased her property for one year.

Mr. B. M. Black, who for the past two years has been in very poor health, is now able to be up and about considerably. Mr. Black is one of our best pioneer citizens and this paper with his many friends rejoice to know that he is improving.

The Midwest, Marland and Phillips off-set wells and the Sears well north of Merkel are off to a more or less even start to the liquid gold which all seem assured they will strike between twenty-five and twenty-six hundred feet.

The wells northwest have had some little difficulty with the water supply but they are all in charge of highly efficient drillers who know how to meet and overcome every sort of difficulty and we expect to soon have an even greater wave of excitement

## I AM INTERESTED

In drilling a deep, wildcat well at some point in the Southern part of Jones, the Western part of Taylor, the Northern part of Nolan, or the Southern part of Fisher Counties.

If you or your neighbors have a likely looking block of acreage for a drilling contract get in touch with me.

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**Rodden Studio**  
Merkel, Texas

than followed the bringing in of Winter No. 1.

Mr. S. H. L. Swafford returned last week from a year's visit among her sons and daughters in the north and northwest. She came direct from Phoenix Arizona, but for several months previous she had been in Oregon. Her many friends welcome her return to Merkel.

Mr. O. R. Dye has recently sold his home in this city to Mr. George Ferrier for the sum of \$3,750. This is a nice home and will no doubt prove a good investment to the new owner.

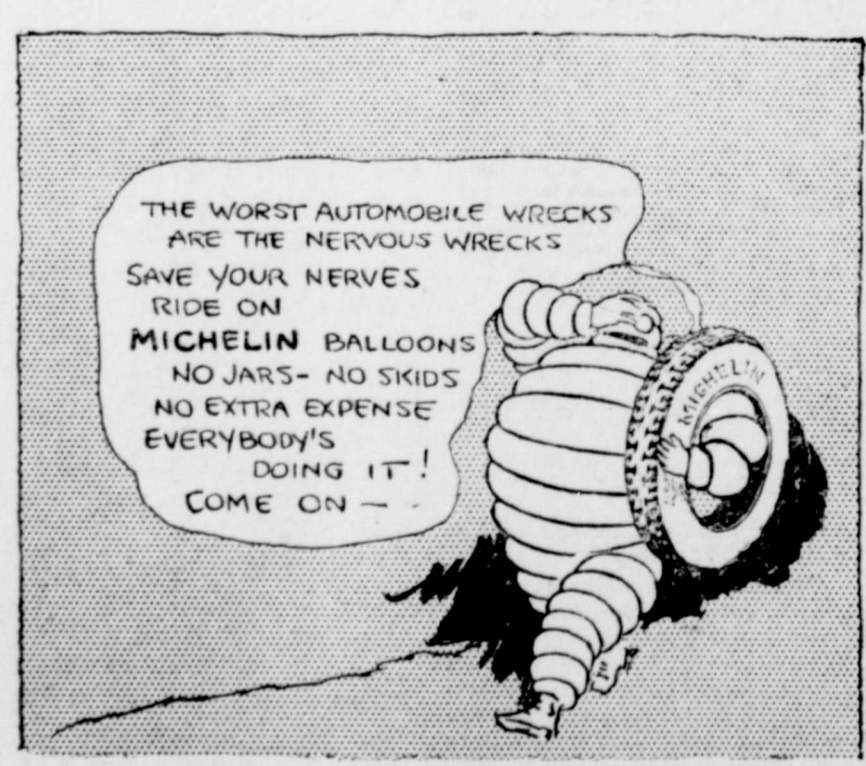
Mr. Dye stated that he will build a new home in south Merkel soon.

SELLS HOME FOR \$3,750

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This is announcing the opening of our new tire house in Merkel, Saturday, October 9. We can give you more miles for less money. In comprehensive tests, covering over 1,000,000 miles and including tires representing fully 75% of all those used in the United States, Michelin gave 36% more miles than the average. These results are confirmed by the experience of countless Michelin users. Michelin tires today are the finest achievement of the tire industry. That is why Michelin sales are growing many times more rapidly than the tire industry as a whole and why over 25,000 tire builders are now kept busy in Michelin factories trying to supply the great world-wide demand for Michelin tires and tubes. If you are not yet using Michelin you owe it to yourself to try them.

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30 x 3 Fabric	\$ 9.45
30 x 3 1-2 Regular Cord	11.00
30 x 3 1-8 Oversize	12.95
31 x 4 Oversize Cord	15.50
31 x 4 Oversize Cord	17.50
32 x 4 Regular Cord	18.00
32 x 4 Oversize Cord	19.75
33 x 4 Oversize Cord	21.00
34 x 4 Oversize Cord	22.00
<b>Michelin Comfort Balloons</b>	
29 x 4.40	\$13.45
30 x 4.95	19.25
30 x 5.25	20.50
31 x 5.25	22.00
30 x 5.77	26.25
32 x 5.77	27.50
33 x 6.00	27.00
32 x 6.20	30.50
<b>EXTRA SPECIAL</b>	
30 x 3 1-2 RED TUBE	
<b>\$1.45</b>	
<b>CUSTOM CORDS—Six Ply Heavy Duty Oversize</b>	
31 x 4	\$11.95
32 x 4	12.65
33 x 4	13.45



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New Low Air Pressure Tire Fully Guaranteed	
30 x 3 1-2 Regular	\$ 8.50
30 x 3 1-2 Oversize	9.50
30 x 3 1-2 SS	11.75
31 x 4 Oversize	13.70
32 x 4 Oversize	16.95
33 x 4 Oversize	17.95
33 x 4 1-2 Oversize	22.60
34 x 4 1-2 Oversize	32.40
<b>Crane Balloon, Oversize</b>	
29 x 4.40	\$11.25
30 x 5.25, Six Ply	16.85
31 x 5.25, Six Ply	19.50
30 x 5.77, Six Ply	22.00
33 x 6.00, Six Ply	33.25
33 x 6.75 Oversize	31.00
<b>Pioneer Cords</b>	
12,000 Mile Factory Guarantee	
30 x 3	\$ 6.85
30 x 3 1-2 Regular	6.90
30 x 3 1-8 Oversize	8.25
<b>SPECIAL</b>	
30x3 1-2 Oversize Custom Cord	\$7.25
29x4.40 Terrell Balloon	\$8.75
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33 x 5 Heavy Duty Truck	34.50

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FOR SALE—5-room house, newly papered and painted inside, good barn. See O. R. Dye at Burton-Lingo Company. 1t

FOR SALE—Vacant lot 50x140. See O. R. Dye at Burton-Lingo Company. 1t

FOR SALE—One second hand four burner oil stove with oven. Call 165. tf

FOR SALE—4 east front, 50-foot lots, reasonable. See F. A. Polley. 1tp

FOR SALE—Beautiful large new bed spreads and sheets, cheap. The Blair Hotel. 1t

FOR SALE—Kanred seed wheat free from Johnson Grass. Also first year Kasch cotton seed at my farm 3 mi. southwest of Tye. J. Walter Hammond. 17t4p

FOR SALE—A few good lots, close in, northeast part of Merkel. Make attractive price for quick sale. J. T. Tillery, 1808 College Ave., Ft. Worth. 17t4

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**LOST AND FOUND**

NOTICE to the Merkel Baptist Ladies. Please bring the dish you have been asked to bring or any additional dish or a filled basket to the church by ten o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6 and 7. If you are unable to bring your dish or basket, please phone your chairman and she will send for it.

FOUND—An end gate to a Ford truck, on highway east of Mulberry. Owner can get same by calling at the home of A. W. Ely, six miles east of Merkel. 1tp

LOST—Last Sunday, Ford casing on rim, between Warren school house and Collins stock pens. Finder please leave at Bob Martin Grocery. Zebbie Sumpster. 1tp

**COLLIN COUNTY MAN INVESTS MONEY HERE**

Mr. W. F. Derrick, prominent and well to do citizen of Collin county, spent several days here this and last week, and, besides enjoying the few days visit with his sons, C. T. and C. A. Derrick, the Collin county man purchased through Messrs Boney and Grimes the Hendricks residence, located on Kent street opposite the Church of Christ.

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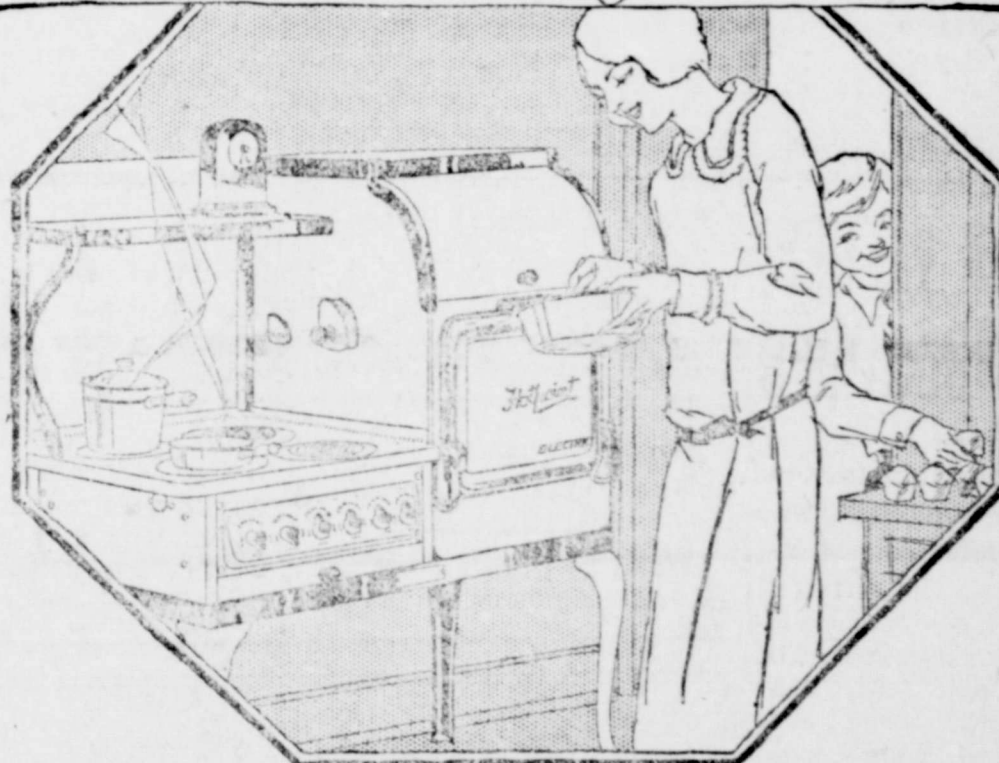
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## MERKEL NOT BUILDING ON HATE; INCAPABLE OF ENVY

"Some of the more or less irresponsible citizens of other towns have tried to wage a campaign of dislike of us to build themselves. This sort of a foundation is on the sands and will eventually crumble and rebound to the hurt of those who so build". The foregoing comment was made by Mr. Thompson, our extremely busy and very competent secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Thompson is unqualifiedly right. Merkel does not wish harm to any rival town and does not feel unkindly towards any other town. Of course we are going after everything that we can get that will add to our growth and prosperity, but we are going to build on the rock. If another town gets something that we would like to have, we are going to be big enough to congratulate them. We do not believe that the substantial citizens of other towns share any feeling of dislike towards Merkel, but that such agitation comes from the unthinking enthusiast who has a hair-trigger mouth. The big thing for us is to pull steadily together with that enthusiastic spirit that has characterized Merkel for a number of years. We are organized intelligently and enthusiastically, and we have only to stick our toes in the ground and pull steadily to insure a steady and substantial growth. We should not overbuild as did Ranger and Eastland, but we should build well and substantially having in mind the Merkel that we are to live in after all oil excitement has left us. We must take immediate steps to insure the health and safety of those who may come here to live. Our water lines must be extended, and our town so policed that undesirables will move on and out of here as soon as they become known as undesirables. No bad man's bluff must go here without a call. Everybody must feel safe, and must be safe. Our interest in our good city government, our churches and our schools must be intensified rather than diminished. The attendance at our churches and Sunday schools has fallen since the oil excitement. This is the



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We have an abundant supply of the very finest water, good sewerage and good roads, but even these advantages can be overcome by extortionate prices and values. Those who are asking more than the worth of things are likely to awake with an empty pocket, as well as the ill will of every progressive citizen in the town.

The Mayor and city council are working harmoniously together for the betterment of Merkel, and are trying to attract rather than drive away the business firms that will double or triple our growth within a short period. We do not want a "shack" town but a well built substantial town.

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first indication of demoralization. Make next Sunday a banner day for attendance upon the higher things of life and begin to get ready for a real war upon things that demoralize communities.

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### APPLES—APPLES

Our old friend the apple man, R. H. Dean, has just unloaded a car of Arkansas apples in the Krenshaw block on Kent street. Both cooking and eating apples. Yours for service. It

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers and little son of Dallas were here last Sunday visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Maude Rogers.

### BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS IN MERKEL

(Continued from front page) A were in attendance.

The following committees are scheduled to report:

Associational Missions, E. K. Dougherty; Sunday School, Judge J. W. Moffett; cooperative Program, Chas T. Whaley; Buckner Orphans' Home, R. C. Pender; Ministerial Aid Fund, W. F. Fry; Time, place and preacher, Bob Reeves; B.Y.P.U., A. R. McClure; Evolution, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins; Fall Round-Up, W. L. Ayers; Religious Literature, Ira L. Parrack; Daily Program, W. A. Foster; Sanitarium, S. F. Baucom; Obituary, Mr. Ottenger; Licensed and Ordained Ministers, Zebb Freeman; Christian Education, W. D. Bond; Auditing Committee, Walter Jackson; Executive Board, Chas. A. Powell, chairman; Danger of the Secular Press and Modern Literature, Dr. O. H. Cooper, chairman, Sam Malone, W. F. Fry, J. O. Heath and Mrs. Jas. P. Stinson; Committee to nominate New Board, R. M. McGennis; Report of Trustees of Simmons U. C. M. Caldwell; Woman's Work, Mrs. J. E. Burnam; Ministerial Education Board, W. F. Fry, E. B. Atwood, C. A. Powell, D. W. Arnett, W. D. Bond; Missionary's report, Jno. W. Newsom; Treasurer's Report, U. Collins.

This Association at one time reached from a point east of Abilene and included El Paso. Numerous Associations have been formed out of its original territory. Today it comprises Taylor and Nolan counties, and yet its constituency is larger than ever before.

The Sweetwater Association is historical. To it Simmons University, destined to become the greatest in the land, owes its parentage. Even so the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. It has had untold influence upon the religious life of West Texas, and the present session promises to be one of the greatest on record.

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