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Boiler Blows Up at Huddleston Well; New One in Place

At about four o'clock last Friday morning, just after the tooldresser had "looked it over" the boiler used at the Hunter & Grisham's D. O. Huddleston test blew to smithereens, causing a four day shutdown. However a new one has been placed and drilling was resumed Wednesday night. The test is looking good at about 2,320 feet.

GOVERNOR SIGNS THREE CENT GASOLINE TAX BILL

Austin, March 16.—The gasoline tax became a law this afternoon when Governor Moody signed it and the motor license fee bill is due to become a law within the next few days, both measures having obtained final house and senate approval today.

Approval of the bills represented almost a complete victory for the Senate, as the gasoline tax bill, providing for a 3-cent tax for one year and a 2-cent tax thereafter, went to the Governor exactly as passed by the Upper House. The license fee bill was changed in conference, but the amendment was very slight and it is now on the Governor's desk almost exactly as it left the Senate committee on State affairs and passed the Senate.

Some objection to ratifying the conference committee report developed in both houses but the vote was overwhelming. Senator Stuart, a member of the conference committee, brought in a minority report to the Senate against the bill. As it was finally passed it will give the counties all of the present horsepower and each county will collect 30 per cent of the weight tax levied within its confines unless the amount of weight tax money appropriated to the county under this scheme totals more than \$50,000. In this case the State Highway Commission would receive the excess.

Senator Stuart's objection was that the counties should receive more money. He advocated making the amount \$100,000. In the House Representative Beck opposed the report on the grounds that the whole purpose of the two measures had been changed since leaving the House. The original House program called for a reduction in license fees and compensating increase in the gasoline. The Senate, however, after hearing the plea of the Highway Department, left the license fees at their present rates and approved a gasoline tax which will increase the revenue from that source almost 200 per cent.

TWO BOYS SUFFER BROKEN LEG FROM HORSE FALL

While horseback riding one day first of the week, young B. P. Middleton, Jr., and Doris Winter, who were both on the same horse, suffered a broken limb each when the horse slipped and fell on a concrete sidewalk.

The former is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, and the latter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Winter, and while it is reported that each suffered a badly broken leg just below the knee, they are now reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. Jaynes Gives Fine Maize Seed to Club Boys

Mr. J. A. Jaynes has left with the Merkel Chamber of Commerce 10 packages of five pounds each, of high bred maize seed which he has perfected, and is anxious to place it in the hands of boys who have received seed from Mr. Masterson, the county agent. It is the wish of Mr. Jaynes and Mr. Masterson that the seed each puts out be given a thorough test under as nearly the same conditions as possible, so that it may be determined which seed is the better for this country.

The names and addresses of the boys calling for seed will be kept on record in the Chamber of Commerce in order that Mr. Jaynes and Mr. Masterson may make comparisons during the growth of the seed.

Mr. Jaynes has had remarkable success in perfecting this seed, and is showing a fine public spirit in offering it free to boys who are willing to give both variety of seed a thorough test.

Mrs. Frank Sears is happy this week to have as her guests her brothers, Messrs. A. L. Douglas, of Denison, Texas, and W. E. Douglas, of Sunset, Texas.

Examination For Postmaster Soon

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in this city, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of this post office, must have so resided for at least two years next preceding the examination date, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the Executive order, the Civil Service Commission will certify to the Postmaster General the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, and the Postmaster-General will select one for nomination by the President. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action.

Applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, but will be rated on their education and business training and experience. The Civil Service Commission will make inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and will assign ratings upon the evidence secured.

Nothing will be permitted to appear in the evidence upon which ratings are assigned which might even suggest the political affiliation of any candidate.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

The salary paid for the Postmaster's position at this office is \$2,400 per year. All applications must be filed by April 12, 1927.

RETURNS FROM VISIT TO SON IN NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers, who were called last week to Fort Beard, New Mexico, to attend the bedside of their son, who is in a sanitarium there, returned recently and report their son considerably improved.

While there they also had the pleasure of meeting Looney Tittle, whom they report as getting along nicely.

SINGING AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Next Sunday night promptly at eight o'clock, there will be singing at the North Side Church of Christ. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to come and enjoy the good singing.

C. OF C. HAS INSURANCE DATA FOR THE PUBLIC

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has received the following letter from B. W. Campbell, Jr., Secretary of the State Insurance Commission.

In the letter was circular No. 19, which showed a petition from certain insurance companies asking a raise of rate on 41 classes of insurance. This hearing is set for March 31st and should have the interest and attention of every one who carries insurance.

The Chamber of Commerce has other information in regard to the cost of different classes of insurance and the ratio of premiums to losses which it will be glad to show to any one who desires the information.

J. S. TOUCHSTONE, FINE POULTRY RAISER, HERE

Mr. J. S. Touchstone, residing 12 miles north of Merkel, in Jones county, who raises fine single comb White Leghorn Chickens on a large scale, paid this city a pleasant visit one day this week, and while here dropped in for a visit at the Mail office.

Mr. Touchstone has marketed on an average this spring from his 700 fine White Leghorns, ten cases of eggs per week, besides the hatching from his mammoth incubator 3,500 young chicks, for which he has found ready sale at 15 cents per head.

For some time he has been running an advertisement in this paper and states that he is unable to supply the demand for his fine birds.

We are glad to report R. E. Cole, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cole, who first of the week underwent an operation for appendicitis, is getting along nicely at this time.

2,300 Acre Drilling Block Secured To Start Drill June 1

Mr. Byrom, hustling and well-to-do citizen of the Golan community, was in the city yesterday and informed a representative of this paper that he and associates have recently secured the lease on about 2,300 acres of land between Sweetwater creek and the river for Newman H. Hill, independent operator of Fort Worth, and on which, according to contract, the drilling of a well will be started on or before June 1.

It is said that the test will likely be made on the Duncan estate, in the Golan community.

West Texas Baptist Convention in Midland March 22-23

Midland, March 17.—More than 100 delegates are expected to attend the West Texas Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention to be held in Midland March 22 and 23. The First Baptist Church of Midland will be host to the visitors from all sections of West Texas.

Bert Lowe of Winters will preside at the Sunday School sessions and Taylor T. McCarland of Sweetwater will preside at the B. Y. P. U. sessions. Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown will likely be in charge of the music of the convention, Mr. Brown being the choir director of the First Baptist Church of Merkel. J. William Arnett and R. M. Mickle of Midland will assist the Rev. Gorge F. Brown in local arrangements.

G. S. Hopkins, State Sunday School secretary and T. C. Gardner, State B. Y. P. U. secretary, will be among the principal speakers. Others on the program include: Dr. J. D. Sandifer, president of Simmons University, a West Texas University at Abilene; Rev. D. H. Heard, Big Spring; Rev. C. T. Whatley, Sweetwater; Paul T. Vickers, Midland; Rev. Ross A. Smith, Lamesa; Rev. W. A. Bowen, Lubbock; Rev. D. W. Morgan, Colorado; Miss Mary D. Taylor, Winters; Mrs. Ross A. Smith, Lamesa; Mrs. C. T. Whatley, Sweetwater; C. B. Gardiner, El Paso; Rev. I. V. Garrison, Pecos; Rev. H. H. Stevens, Winters; and Rev. W. F. Ferguson, Snyder.

FORMER CITIZEN IS BURIED HERE TUES.

The remains of Finis F. Clark, who died at his home in Barstow, Texas, Monday of this week, were brought to this city for burial Tuesday.

Funeral services were conducted at the cemetery by Rev. Chas. H. Little. Deceased formerly resided here, and according to those who knew him, was a most excellent and honorable citizen.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED THIS WEEK

Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist Church united in marriage Wednesday evening Mr. Jack Smith and Miss Intha E. Bird, both prominent and well known young people of this city. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage in the presence of only a few intimate friends and relatives.

We join many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes to this fine young couple and sincerely trust that happiness and prosperity will attend them throughout their entire married career.

A CORRECTION

In announcing the appointment of a successor to Mr. Taylor F. Davis, deceased member of the Merkel School Board the statement was made in this paper that Mr. L. B. Scott had been appointed. It should have read Mr. O. R. Dye was appointed.

We regret the error, and apologize to both the gentlemen, as well as the members of the school board.

MERKEL, TEX. COMMERCE SECRETARY AT YARDS

L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel, Texas, Chamber of Commerce is spending the day at the yards. Mr. Thompson says he represents one of the finest farming and livestock sections of Texas. Cotton, milo and kafir crops are always sure and large in the Merkel country. The great Largent purebred Hereford ranch is located there.

Last fall oil was discovered and there are now nine producing wells, and Merkel has grown into a city of 3,500 people.—K. C. Drover's Telegram.

Humble Spuds Jacobs Test 3 Miles East

We are informed that the test well on the Mrs. C. E. Jacobs land three miles east of Merkel by the Humble Oil & Refining Company, was spudded in on last Saturday and drilling is now progressing nicely.

This test by one of the larger companies will be closely watched owing to it being drilled by one of the large companies and the further fact that it is so close to Merkel and being located on what is called the Merkel Dolomite, or the oil structure proper.

Mayor Announces For Re-Election

Judge N. D. Cobb, present Mayor of Merkel, has been induced by the solicitations of his friends to again allow his name to go before the people as a candidate for re-election.

Judge Cobb, being one of the pioneer and well known citizens, and at present serving the citizenship in the highest official position they have to offer, is too well known to need introduction and comment at the hands of this writer. His record for efficient, honest and faithful performance of the duties of this important position, is also well known to every voter within the city limits. He states that he has no extravagant promises to offer, further than the fact that he is for any move that will redound to the greatest good of the greatest number of citizens, and is against anything that will not be for the best interest of the majority of its people. In other words, if it is right he is for it; if it's wrong he is against it.

Judge Cobb states that he sincerely appreciates the support and cooperation given him during the present administration from every source, and while he has nothing but kind words for his opponent and those who may see fit to cast their vote in favor of his opponent, he will appreciate the vote and influence of every one desiring his re-election. He believes in putting business methods in the conduct of the city's affairs in a way that will prove of lasting good to all the people.

Should the voters of the city see fit to re-elect Judge Cobb as their Chief Executive, this paper feels that they will have no cause of regret, and bespeak for him your fair consideration.

50 Cash Prizes to The Farmers of Merkel

In next week's issue of the Mail will appear a big story of a contest that is being promoted by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the County Agent, and the Bankers of Merkel. Fifty cash prizes will be awarded to the farmers of the Merkel territory if they win in this free-for-all contest to grow the largest amount of maize on one acre of land. The seeds that will be used in this contest are of the State Experimental strain and will increase the yield over the average seeds from 20 to 25 per cent.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, will be glad to discuss the details of the contest at the office. He and the county agent are touring this section of the county, explaining to the various school children the rules governing the contest. They have visited Blair, Mount Pleasant, Castle Peak, Mulberry and Salt Branch and will reach the other schools in this territory at an early date.

The pure-bred seeds can be secured at the Chamber of Commerce office at 5 cents a pound. An effort will be made to interest every community in this territory in this undertaking. It costs nothing to try, and every boy or girl, man or woman should secure the details of the contest immediately and run for th money.

Be sure to read the big story that will appear in next week's issue of The Merkel Mail.

Mr. R. L. Griffin, of this community and Miss Isabelle Barnes, of Alto, Texas, were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage by the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, at three o'clock last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Duncan Briggs, Lynn McSpadden and Isadore Melinger were week-end guests of Mrs. Samuel Rider of Abilene and also appeared on program at the Fiddlers' Festival, Elizabeth Duncan playing the xylophone, Lynn the violin, and Isadore the saxophone.

West Texas Utilities Has New Manager

Mr. Ira Huss, who for the past five or six years has been the very accommodating and capable manager for the West Texas Utilities Company in Merkel, has this week been transferred to Munday, Texas, where he holds a similar position with the company.

Not only was Mr. Huss very popular and appreciated in the position he held by the entire citizenship of Merkel, he was also loved and esteemed by every one who knew him for his honor, courteous manners and genuine good citizenship, and it was with regret that the company saw fit to move him.

In his position the company has placed as manager in this city Mr. Mat Dillingham, who for a number of years was in their employ in Abilene, then manager at Stamford and Tuscola, from which place he comes to this city.

Mr. Dillingham is also a very courteous and affable gentleman, and we feel sure that the patrons of the West Texas Utilities Company in Merkel will soon learn to admire and esteem him as they did the former manager. Mr. Dillingham has a family and they will join him in making this city their home. We welcome them to our city.

PIONEER MINISTER VISITS SON HERE

Rev. Chas. H. Little, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, is pleased to have as his guest this week, his father, Rev. M. K. Little, of Fort Worth.

The senior Mr. Little, now a Superannuate of the Methodist church, was many years ago presiding elder of the Abilene district, and has a host of friends throughout this section. He is hale and hearty for a man of his age, and delivered an able address at the Methodist church at the Wednesday evening's mid-week service.

SINGING AT MT. PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 3

Sunday evening at three o'clock there will be a special call session of the Singing Class of Mount Pleasant. There will also be other classes in attendance, and several good singers from a distance will be there. You are cordially invited to come.

THE PHILATHEA-BARACA BANQUET

On Tuesday evening, March 3, the Philathea and Baraca classes of the Methodist Sunday School held their annual banquet in the church parlors with Mr. Herbert Patterson as toastmaster.

A green and white color scheme was very artistically carried out in details of menu and decoration.

Following the invocation by Rev. W. R. McCarter, a saxophone duet was given by Earl Thornton and Sterling Sheppard with Mrs. Earl Stanford at the piano. Cora Lee Hulshy read in a most pleasing and charming manner "The Bath House". "Our future plans" was discussed by Cyrus Pee. A round table talk was the culmination of the evenings entertainment. Places were laid for forty guests.

Local Couple Married

On last Saturday evening Elder W. G. Cyert married Mr. E. G. Williams and Miss Jennie Carey, both Merkel young people. A host of friends extended congratulations.

BANK CASHIER BUILDING A NEW 5-ROOM HOME

Mr. W. L. Diltz, Jr., whose home was recently destroyed by fire, has let the contract for the erection of a modern five-room residence to be erected on the site of the former home.

When completed it will be among the most modern and beautiful homes in the city.

Mr. Arthur Harris, of Dallas, who was in attendance at the West Texas Druggists' Association in Abilene first of the week, also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives at Post, Slaton and Lubbock.

Several real bargains in used cars. Maverisk Motor Co. 11

Mr. R. R. Clark has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he had us send to his father at Lamesa.

Sweetwater Man Perfecting Radio Static Eliminator

Sweetwater, March 16.—Ralph Johnson has returned to his home from his studies at Texas Tech to perfect the last details of a power step for radios which is designed to cut out interference and static and increase the power of radio sets.

Demonstrations already held have shown excellent results, and Johnson and his partner in the venture, E. I. Hall of Lubbock, have been offered \$25,000 for a half interest in their invention.

A Chicago Radio manufacturing company has negotiated for a demonstration.

Patent papers are now about to be completed and Johnson expects to go to Chicago within the next few weeks.

It will be built into the base of the horns. Its use requires no batteries or tubes and with its use the batteries in the set can be cut back a half or more, saving much current and prolonging the life of tubes. It can be installed in sets at a comparatively low cost.

Local radio fans who have had a demonstration of the instrument have been bidding against each other in an effort to induce Johnson to sell his sample instrument to them.

Henslee Well 10 Miles South Spuds Monday

The A. J. Brown Development Company of Fort Worth this week spudded in their test well on the Henslee farm ten miles south of Merkel on last Monday. This test is located about two and a half miles southeast of the location recently made on the Latimer farm and about five miles east of the Butman well. It is about five miles southwest of the Huddleston. Located in the hills, it is difficult to see theerrick until almost upon it.

Newspapers Best for Utility Advertising

Public utilities are using more than half of their yearly advertising appropriations, estimated at twenty-five million dollars, to tell their messages to the public through newspapers, according to a recent report of the Public Utilities Advertising Association.

Gas and electric utilities, says the report, of the Public Utilities Advertising Association show a proportion of expenditures for newspaper space greater than 64 per cent. In 1925, the last year for which figures are available, electric light and power companies spent 71 per cent of all advertising outlay in newspapers, and gas companies spent 65 per cent.

"The high percentage of advertising expenditure which is devoted to newspapers is again testimony of the appreciation of utility men of the value of newspaper advertising," says the report.

"There is every indication that the public utilities, in their endeavor to sell their services scientifically, are using newspaper for the direct and indirect results accomplished, thus rapidly overcoming the attitude that a utility must advertise in a newspaper in return for its good will.—Ex.

WHEELER WELL IS TO BE PLUGGED

The test on the John W. Wheeler ranch, five miles northwest of the field, which has reached a depth of 3,185 feet, is to be plugged within the next day or so, same having been declared to be dry.

Two Tests Due In In Next Few Days

According to reports the Phillips Mason No. 1, the extreme west test in the Noodle Creek field, is due to reach the Winter sand at any moment.

It is also stated that the Haynes-Hamilton test three miles west is now under-reaming at about 2,379 feet, with very favorable prospects of becoming a producer. The next few days will decide these two tests.

We discontinue giving "S&H" Green Stamps May 1. Finish filling your book now. BROWN DRY GOODS CO. 11

Mrs. C. L. Eoff and children left this week for a two weeks visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee, in El Paso.

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published in the Merkel Mail, which is a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Merkel, Texas, and which has been regularly and continuously published and generally circulated in said city for a period of more than one year; such notice shall be so published at least once each week for five weeks preceding the date of said election, and the Mayor is directed to give further notice by causing a substantial copy of this resolution to be posted in at least three public places within said City thirty days prior to the date for said election.

VII. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage.

Passed and approved this 28th day of February, 1927.

N. D. COBB,
Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.
ATTEST:
PAULINE JOHNSON,
City Secretary. 4t5

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To any Sheriff or Constable Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T L. Bowles by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Taylor County, to appear at a regular term of the Justice Court of Taylor County, Precinct 1, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene, on the 2nd Monday in April, 1927, the same being the 11th day of April, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in the said court on the 26th day of February 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 617 wherein Wade Hilburn Tire Service is Plaintiff and T. L. Bowles is defendant, and petition alleging that on or about the 7th day of April 1926 plaintiff sold on account to said defendant goods, wares and merchandise in the total sum of \$61.12 and that said amount is due and unpaid and that said defendant has refused and still refuses to pay same or any part thereof to plaintiff damage in the sum of \$61.12.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the term herein mentioned, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand at the city of Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of February, 1927.

P. B. FORD, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Taylor county, Texas. 4t4

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to SUMMON BESSIE ROSE by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the Second Monday in April A. D. 1927, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of March A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6444-A, wherein A. B. Rose is Plaintiff, and Bessie Rose is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married about June 3, 1924, and separated about July 3, 1926. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment as is fully shown in the Plaintiff's original Petition now on file in said court, to which reference is here made.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1927.
BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County. 11t4

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QUEER TAXES LEVIED ON PEOPLE OF WORLD

Humorous Levies Relic of Feudal Times.

Washington.—A delegation from the Virgin Islands recently appeared before a congressional committee and appealed for the removal of the export tax on sugar.

"That an export tax is unconstitutional is a matter of common knowledge to American news readers, and since the Virgin Islands belong to the United States, some may question why the delegation should peacefully plead for the removal of the levy when it could be attacked as unconstitutional from the time of its imposition," says a bulletin from the headquarters of the National Geographic society in this city.

"But the Constitution does not say that there shall be no tax on articles exported from the United States and its possessions. It declares that 'No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.' And, according to the courts, state in this case, means a state, not a possession.

Export Tax Odd to Us.
"While an export tax seems odd to a citizen of the United States, it cannot compare with some of the humorous levies in foreign countries," continues the bulletin.

"Since feudal times the kings of England have received miscellaneous articles as taxes on valuable property.

"Two knives, six horseshoes and sixty-one nails are sent to the king's court by the city of London each year for the use of a parcel of land near the famous Strand, while a school occupying a piece of property near the Tower bridge, sends a bunch of roses. The land is worth \$10,000, but as long as the roses are 'paid,' the school is permitted to continue in peaceful possession. Peppercorns (pepper berries) are paid by the Royal academy for its London site.

"To hold his land the owner of Aylesbury manor provides three geese if the king visits Aylesbury in the summer and three live eels if he goes there in the winter. The owner is also bound to put clean straw on the king's bedroom floor three times a year if the sovereign stops there. Straw on the bedroom floor was one of the luxuries of feudal times.

"The tenant of Capeland manor is required to hold the king's head should he get soaked while crossing the stormy waters of the English channel from Dover to Whitland bay.

"A crossbow is contributed by the ancient city of Chichester, while the lord of Bryandon, Dorset county, is bound to make a yearly presentation of a stringless bow and an unfeathered arrow for his majesty's use should he decide to war with Wales.

"Instead of paying an assessment in money, knights, to whom large parcels of feudal land were granted, were bound to perform 40 days' service in the king's military establishment and to equip themselves for duty.

"Property owners in England a few hundred years ago also accounted for the number of hearths and chimneys in their buildings, for each one of them was levied upon. Windows also were taxed and today one occasionally sees evidence of the evasion of this levy where old windows have been bricked up.

Blocks of Salt Paid Taxes.

"For centuries blocks of salt were sent to the rulers of China from the provinces bordering the sea to pay taxes. Rice and silk went with salt in importance. Today, in some parts of the republic, rice supplements silver in payment of levies. In ancient times some tribes sent elephants' teeth while the Cantonese, it is related, made payment in crabs, frogs, snakes and crickets.

"Travelers from one city to another in China soon became familiar with other ways of raising revenue, than that collected from land owners. Likin or 'squeeze' stations, which might be compared with our nearly obsolete toll gates, are met with at frequent intervals along the highways. Eight of these stations are encountered during the 84-mile trip from Shanghai to Soochow. At each station one's effects are ransacked and, while every article is not taxed at each station, before the traveler reaches his destination at least three levies have been paid on each article.

"Tibetan taxes are usually paid in goods. Sheep, wool, meal and native cloth are principally used. In one section of the hilly country, the grass and water the Tibetan cattle consume are taxed, but not the cattle."

Plan Statue of Miles Standish at Plymouth

Plymouth, Mass.—Transfigured into bronze, Capt. Miles Standish, first soldier of the Pilgrim colony, may soon return to this little town, the birth place of America.

Plans are under way here for the erection of a monument of the military leader of the early settlement. A site on the grounds of the Plymouth Memorial building is being considered. In Duxbury, where Captain Standish once lived, a granite shaft already stands in his memory.

A Hefty Bride

Los Angeles, Calif.—Jolly Josephine, twenty-two and 550 (age and weight), is a bride. Her husband, Karl Otto Klein, twenty-four and 110, is to give up painting autos and manage her circus sideshow career.

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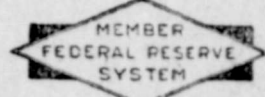
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RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE BENEFITS OF ARTICLES 1086 TO 1096, INCLUSIVE, AND ARTICLES 1104 AND 1105, REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF TEXAS OF 1925, RELATING TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS, APPOINTING OFFICERS AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

WHEREAS, a written petition to the Governing Body of this city to order an election on the question of adopting the benefits and provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, has been presented to and filed with the City Council, and such petition is signed by more than 100 qualified voters of this City, same being signed by 102 such voters, and the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to proceed with the making and construction of certain street improvements in said City and to call such election concerning such law, which is usually known as the General Paving Law, and was formerly shown as Chapter 11, Title 22, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1911.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: That there be, and is hereby ordered held a special election in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 1927, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted and voted upon:

Shall the benefits and provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to street improvements, be adopted by the City of Merkel, Texas.

II. Said election shall be held in said City at Fire Station, and the following officers for said election are hereby appointed: B. C. Gaither, Presiding Officer, G. W. Boyce and H. M. Rainbolt, Judges; and Betty Sublett and Lizzie Latham, Clerks.

III. Said election shall be held as nearly as possible in compliance with law with reference to regular city elections and in strict compliance with the terms of the law to be voted on, and at said election only resident property tax payers who are qualified voters of this City shall be allowed to vote, but all such shall be permitted to vote.

IV. All voters desiring to vote in favor of the adoption of said law shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the adoption of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, relating to street improvements."

V. All those opposed to the adoption of said law shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the adoption of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to street improvements."

VI. The Mayor of the City of Merkel is hereby directed to give notice of said election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution to be

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Rough timbers form the pillars and beams of this chapel, and a coal trolley serves as a pulpit. The miners sit on rough wooden benches and the oldest among them acts as pastor.

A chapel, more finished in appearance, the St. Anthony, exists in the salt mines of Wieliczka, Austria. It has an altar, crucifix, and life-size figures of the saints, apparently in black marble, but really made of salt.

In the old German town of Oberstein an ancient church stands in a great rock rising from the river. The front is of stone, but the church itself is hollowed out of the rock and penetrates far into its heart. This curious church is now the only Protestant place of worship in the town.

A church in a Pennsylvania town is said to possess the distinction of being the work of one pair of hands. One man carried every block of stone of which it was constructed, cut each of them into shape, and laid it in place.

Strangers in Borneo

Get Strange Welcome

A most unusual form of greeting is the one accorded visitors by the Dyaks of Borneo, as described by William Beebe, the noted naturalist, in an article in Liberty. "This Dyak greeting holds true to the old primitive ideal that a guest must be welcomed with a gift," Beebe explains.

"This gift is a very modest one," the writer continues, "but it is also very valuable. It is an egg. Throughout the whole country, if you find favor in the eyes of a tribe, you are formally presented with an egg on the day of your arrival in a village. And in the heart of Borneo, where food is, in the nature of things, a more or less undetermined quantity, the possession of an egg is a matter for profound congratulation. Particularly a fresh egg, because at times the Dyaks show a marked preference for high game and preserved eggs—an instinctive, almost racial preference not easily acquired by a more sophisticated taste. There is always the chance, however, that the gift egg will be a good egg."

Mr. Ray Billups, who for several months has been the splendid bookkeeper for the West Texas Utilities Company here, has been transferred to the management of the office at Tuscola, and Miss Grace Beene of the Noodle community, who is a recent graduate from Draughtons Business College, succeeds him as bookkeeper here. Miss Beene is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Beene of the Noodle community, and is a graduate of Merkel High School.

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Miss Christine Collins is sponsoring a chapel program to be given Friday morning at nine o'clock in the high school auditorium, presenting the Choral and Glee Clubs, quartets and solos by her voice pupils. The interested public is invited to attend.

There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

East Lynne's Premiere

The first American theatrical production of "East Lynne" was reviewed in the New York papers 62 years ago. The critics disagreed as to the merits of the drama, which had been seen at Niblo's garden the night before, and none foresaw that it was to become the most popular play of the century. Since then thousands of companies of every grade have played "East Lynne," and it has been staged in every theater and village "op'ry house" in the United States and Canada. It is based upon the novel written by Mrs. Henry Wood.

Easily Satisfied

Thomas did not like mathematics. He had been absent when long division in algebra had been developed, and on his return to school, had been unable to grasp the subject. The day for the test came, and sure enough, there was a problem in long division. Thomas copied it, studied it thoughtfully for a few minutes and without the least attempt to solve it, wrote underneath it the following note: "Dear Teacher—If you will give me five on this problem I'll be satisfied. Thomas."

Brain Work and Sugar

Brain workers lose more sugar from the blood during their toll than do manual workers, according to recent experiments in Czechoslovakia. It is not known just why this happens, but it is thought it may be through some process in the liver. Brain workers are particularly liable to colds, and the Czechoslovakian physicians suspect this may be due to the reduction of their blood sugar.

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Baptist Church

Sunday was a good day with us, good attendance at all services, one addition to the church and \$500.00 in cash paid in on our conquest campaign. Time has been extended over next Sunday to close up this campaign so that any member that had failed to get in on the offering will have the opportunity. The time was extended because a number of churches had requested it as they had been rained out on the Sunday they had planned their offering. More than a million dollars had been reported in the Dallas office by Tuesday. The goal for Texas was two million, high cash and the balance in the Fall. All regular services Sunday. Come for Sunday School at 10 and stay for the preaching hour at 11 and 7:45 p.m.

The pastor will preach at 11 a.m. Morning subject: "If a Man Die Shall he live again?" Evening subject: "Another Unanswered Question of th Bible." The morning subject is provoked by the discussion in a current magazine where men and women who are prominent in other things have been prevailed upon to express themselves as to their view of a future state. One of the most prominent, the late Mr. Luther Burbank, who wrought such wonders in plant improvement seems to have lost all. Early in life he expressed faith in God and in Christ and held membership in a Baptist church, but in this article he condemns Christ and His atonement as a foolish superstition.

The topic Sunday night will be a continuation of the Sunday night subject of the past several weeks. Come find a welcome in any of the services.

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "How Can Christ Become Real to us?" Leader, Mrs. Garrett. Scripture reading and introductory by leader. Bible background, Mr. Lassiter. Christ promises his Presence, Mrs. Collum. Promise of the Holy Spirit, Mrs. Matthews. Some practical helps, Mr. Jones. Act like a Christian, Mrs. Ash. Prayer and Bible study, Mrs. Sheppard.

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Intermediate League Program

8:26-39, V. A. Whitley. Saturday, Come unto Me, Matthew 11:28-30, Thelma Leach. Sunday: One in Christ, Romans 12:3-5, Milton Case. The Black man in Africa, E. L. Turner. The Black man in America, J. T. Darsey. What our church is doing for the Black, Lynn McSpadden. Song. League Benediction. Mrs. Ed Gant and little son returned first of the week from a ten days visit with friends at Roaring Springs, Texas.

Friday: An African Convert, Acts

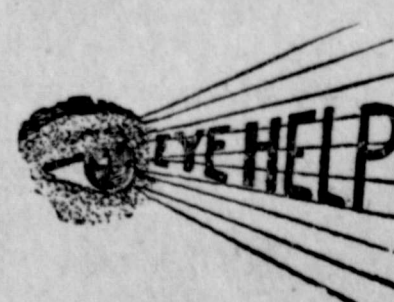
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Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. Rev. M. K. Little of Fort Worth will preach at the morning hour. We extend a cordial invitation to the general public to worship with us at all services. CHAS. H. LITTLE

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Methodist Church

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services were well attended and the
spirit of comradeship and fellowship
were in evidence.

Some of the larger classes in Sun-
day School were almost 100 percent
in attendance.

We are expecting a great day next
Sunday and we invite every Method-
ist and friend to assist us in having
it so. We have a place for each one,
specially provided in the Sunday
School.

Preaching at 11 o'clock.

Intermediate League at 5 p.m.

Young People's meeting at 7 p.m.

A special effort is being made at
this time to get the Young People
regularly organized and their work
placed on a permanent basis. We
should have a strong young people's
organization in our church here, and
we hope that they will respond and
the older people will encourage them
so that this work will be made the
success it ought to be.

Sunday School day services at the
evening hour, which will be preceded
by special music by our choir and or-
chestra.

Hope to have a great attendance
at this service. A glad welcome to all
visitors and strangers.

W. R. McCARTER,

Methodist Missionary Society

At the Womens Missionary Soci-
ety meeting last Monday afternoon
the regular monthly business session
was held including the report of offi-
cers and committees and transacting
other necessary business. The resig-
nation of Mrs. Fred Latham as cor-
responding secretary was accepted and
Mrs. Frank Golliday was elected to
fill the office. For next Monday's
meeting Mrs. McCarter will give the
last chapter in the study book. This
chapter is very vital to the members
of the society and Mrs. McCarter is
very anxious that every member be
present and have a part in this study.
The meeting begins at 2:30 and lasts
one hour only. These were present
last Monday: Mesdames McCarter,
Brown, Beene, Latham, Ellis, Touch-
stone, Golliday, Case, Durham, Rain-
bolt and Rev. McCarter.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Idlewise Club members were the
guests of a most beautifully appoint-
ed St. Patrick's day party with Mrs.
George White as the charming hos-
tess on Tuesday afternoon. Trophies
of Irish charm were presented the
guests upon entering and the color
scheme of green and white at once
presented itself to remain through-
out the afternoon. Green candies in
green baskets beside green bridge
pads and tallies in corresponding
tones, pencils in the shape of green
coated Irishmen, all helped to make
the party an especially lovely one.
Mrs. White had as guests Mesdames
McFarland, Gambill, Largent, Grim-
es, Stuart Wright, Parker and
Young. At the culmination of the
games Mrs. White served a most deli-
cious salad plate and coffee to the
above mentioned guests and following
club members: Misses Lucy Tracy,
Evelyn Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth,
Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mes-
dames Grimes, Haynes and the hos-
tess.

**MRS. T. E. COLLINS
HOSTESS TO SOCIETY**

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. T. E.
Collins was hostess to the Womens
Missionary Society in a farwell so-
cial before she leaves to spend the
summer on a ranch. The Ladies
brought their sewing which was to
benefit the West Texas sanitarium at
the same time enjoying social con-
versation, after which Mrs. Collins
served a most delicious refreshment
of green punch and white cake, the
colors complimenting the approach-
ing birthday of St. Patrick. Those
who enjoyed this afternoon were
Mesdames Earl and T. R. Lassiter
Swann, Dollie Jones, A. M. Jones,
Casseaux, Parker, Meeks, Teaff,
Booth and the hostess.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

1. Scripture reading, J. E. Boaz.
 2. Abraham, the faithful, by Ruby Lee Slater.
 3. Abraham's call, by Vera Richie.
 4. Abraham's son, by Vernie Der-
rick.
 5. Abraham's faith and God's
promise, by Orien Tittle.
 6. To make our program better,
a talk on Abraham.
- Basen on Hebrews 11:8-10 and
Hebrew 11:17-19, by Maurine Davis.
All members urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger en-
tertained as their guests last week-
end, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thorp, of Dal-
las. Mrs. Thorp is a sister of Mrs.
Mellinger.

We are glad to enroll on our sub-
scription list for another year the
name of Mr. Tom Henderson, one of
the community's best citizens and
most successful farmers. Mr. Hen-
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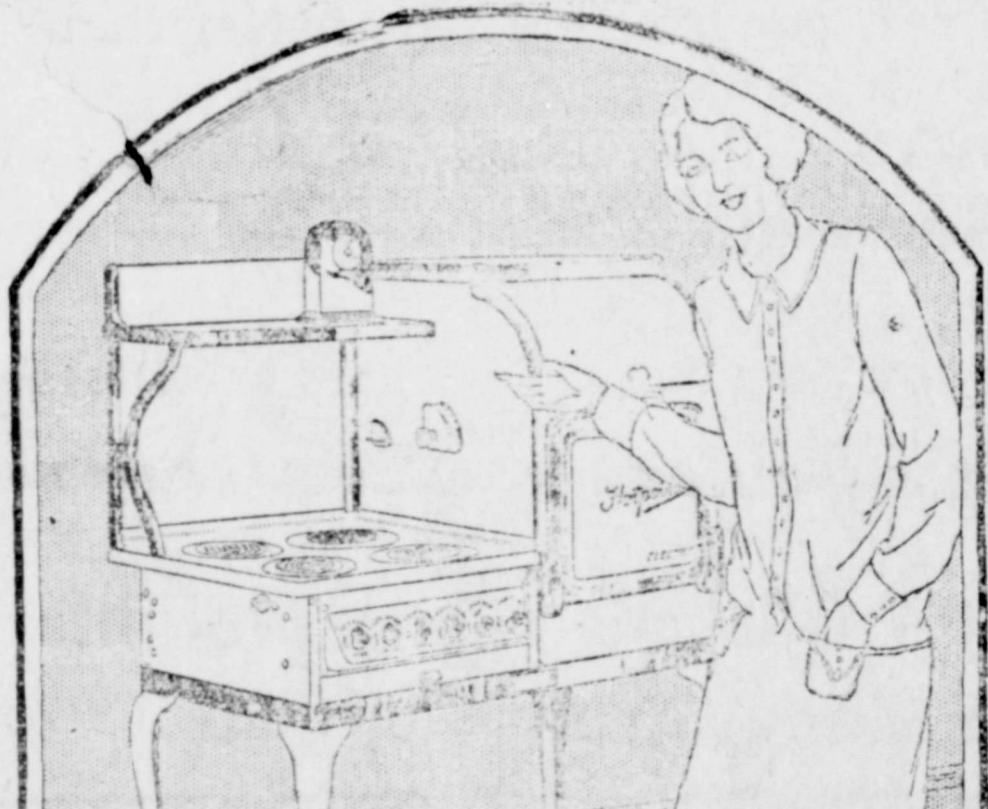
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Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "How can Christ Become
real to us?"

Leader, Mary Ellen Ashby.

Introduction by leader.

Bible background, Ruby Joe Hig-
gins.

Christ promises his presence, Rosa
Gilbert.

Promise of the Holy Spirit, Elsie
Richie.

Some practical helps, Dorothy Hig-
gins.

Act like a Christian, Ted McGehee.
Prayer and Bible study, Edna Mar-
rie Jones.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Choosing our Friends.

1. Introduction by Margaret Miller.

2. I want an honest friend, by Al-
vin Parrack.

3. I want a strong friend, by Johna
Jones.

4. Poem, by Margaret Essom.

5. I want a generous friend, by J. R.
Lassiter.

6. I want a gentle friend, by Mo-
dyne Sheppard.

7. Jesus, our Best Friend, by Willie
Evelyn Boaz.

Preaching at Noodle Sunday

I will preach at Noodle next Sun-
day morning at the eleven o'clock
hour, and also at eight o'clock in the
evening. All are invited to be pres-
ent at these services.

G. W. CYPERT.

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Martin Grocery, A. R. Booth and
Leslie & Middleton, in Merkel, and
at Trent with M. G. Scott & Brother,
and Estep & Rogge. 18t2p

McGehee Buys Home

Mr. A. A. McGehee, Merkel's wide-
awake bakery man, has this week
closed a deal for the purchase of the
home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham
on Oak street, and will soon move to
same.

Mr. Clyde Daniel of Abilene was
in Merkel Wednesday transacting
business and calling on friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown and
family were guests of Mr. J. S.
Thomas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Mr.
and Mrs. W. J. Largent and Mr. and
Mrs. Roy Largent are in El Paso
this week, attending the Texas Cat-
tle Raisers Association meeting.

Sat Branch News

Farmers of this community are all
enjoying this dry weather so they
can get into their fields to work again.
Health of this community is very
good at present.

Mr. Joe and Jim Jaynes and their
families have returned from Coman-
che, where they were called to attend
the funeral of their father, who died
suddenly last Saturday at noon.

This community joins their many
friends in heartfelt sympathy for
these good men over the loss of their
father.

Work is well under way at the well
everything being most ready to start
drilling in a few days.

Mr and Mrs. Lee spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipton of Merkel
spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and
Mrs. Herman Abernathy.

Miss Ruth Pinckley spent Sunday
with Miss Leona Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jaynes spent
Tuesday with her father and mother
Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, of Blair. Mr.
Nichols is right sick.

Several enjoyed the program at
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ternoon.

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FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms, close in on south side; reasonable rent. Mrs. C. S. Higgins, phone No. 149w. tf

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping, apply second door north of Christian church. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—Plain and fancy sewing. Mrs. J. W. Bryson, phone 149J, at J. M. Johnson residence. 11t2p

WANTED—Would be glad to have a few more milk customers. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. tf

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COMPERE ITEMS

(By Mrs. Alma Tarvin)

There is lots of sickness in this community at present.

Several in Mr. Boyd Tarpley's family have been sick for some time.

Little Mattie Horten has the mumps at present.

Mr and Mrs Tarvin and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin Jr. made a trip to Truscott last week to visit Mr. Tarvin's son.

We have had several new weddings in our community lately Mr. Hima Jones and Miss Mary Ellen Sanders were married Saturday and Mr. Charles Thermon Osborn and Miss Alice Allred were married Sunday afternoon about three o'clock and left immediately on their honeymoon. They are expected back the latter part of this week.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin attended the funeral of Mr. Clark Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Stout have both been sick lately but are better now.

Mr. Arthur Cranston from Abilene visited in this community one day last week and made a trip over his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Urbon Childers from Abilene spent Sunday with home folk and friends here.

Mrs L. V. Spurgin and little son spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stout.

Mr. Arthur Stout from Midland spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. George Stout, and returned to his home Monday. He was accompanied home by Mr. Roy Keener, of this community.

Mrs. Charlie Jones and daughter Miss Mona Margaret are in Dallas for the purpose of attending grand opera. They accompanied a group of McMurry students from Abilene.

WHITE LEGHORNS

Day old chicks from M. Johnson special mating hens mated to Imperial cockerels; chicks 50 for \$9.00; 100, \$17.00; 300, \$49.00; 500, \$80.00; 1000, \$150.00. I will do some custom hatching this season on a brand new Newtown-Giant Incubator, the best incubator that money can buy, and the incubator that hatches the old hen's way. The trays hold 150 to 160 eggs. Terms: \$5.00 per tray, 25 per cent cash when set. Order some of this pure bred stuff and the pullets will begin to pay you back in 4 1-2 to 5 months. J. S. TOUCHSTONE, Hawley, Rt. 2, phone 9036F13, Anson, Texas. 8Apr27

ELECTION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter mentioned:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, that an election be held on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1927, at which election the following propositions shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), payable serially over a period of forty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas"; and

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centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas"; and

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), payable serially over a period of thirty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of the construction of street improvements in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas".

The said election shall be held at Fire Station in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to-wit:

E. C. Gaither, Presiding Judge; G. W. Boyce and H. M. Zainbolt, Judges; Betty Sublett, Clerk; Lizzie Latham, Clerk.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and only, qualified voters, who are property taxpayers of said city, shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed to the issuance of the waterworks bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the purpose of the construction of street improvements shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000.00 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."



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And those opposed to the issuance of the street improvement bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000.00 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel and attested by the City Secretary of said City, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at three public places in said City, one of which shall be the hereinbefore named polling place, for at last thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said city, and which notice shall be published once each week for 5 weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty (30) full days prior to the date of the election.

N. D. COBI
Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas

ATTESTED:
PAULINE JOHNSON,
City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas



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COUNTY CAGE TITLE RACES ARE DECIDED

Tuscola high, Interscholastic League champion, defeated Merkel 25 to 16 last night in the Cowboy Corral at Simmons University for the county scholastic championship.

On the same card the Trent high school girls defeated Merkel's sextet 19 to 18 in a bitterly fought contest for the county flag. Trent had won the interscholastic league title.

Messrs. Sie Hamm, of Hamm Drug Company, S. D. Gamble and Delma Compton of Merkel Drug Company, and Warren Smith, of Grimes-Smith Drug Company, attended the Druggists convention at Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Saturation Point Denied By Head Of Chevrolet Co.

An optimistic note on the spring business outlook in the automobile industry discounting the saturation point' bugaboo and pointing out favorable conditions throughout the country, is sounded in a statement just issued by William S. Knudsen, President and General Manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company.

"In forecasting a continuance of good business prospects for the Spring months, I am perhaps influenced by the aspect of our own sales which have never been better in the history of the company," said Mr. Knudsen.

"As evidencing steady growth in automobile production during this period, statistics issued by the United States Department of Commerce for the last three years covering the six months from January 1 to June 30 are interesting. The figures for these years follow:

1924	2,054,561
1925	2,173,525

1926 2,450,780
"With these figures showing business on the upgrade generally, there are only two reasons which could be advanced for a possible decrease in sales—first, reaching the so-called 'saturation point'—and second, a general decline in business producing a reactive tendency in buying.

"No one has ever been able to advance any reasonable formula for figuring the 'saturation point'. The 'two or more' car trend is so pronounced that former theories are being constantly upset. If we knew the total area which would be occupied if all cars produced were running within that area, making it impossible for this space to accommodate any more cars, some basis would be available for figuring 'saturation.' But such a situation is impossible—and we may leave the 'saturation point' for the future to determine, inasmuch as the human mind will find it possible to open up any bottle-neck of traffic congestion which might develop.

"As for the general trend in business, country-wide reports show the twenty days ahead of schedule. With the winter fairly mild, marked only by severity in spots, rapid acceleration of municipal and private construction operations is indicated. Farming should start early due to the good weather and manufacturing operations generally are in excellent condition.

"Rapid turnover at smaller profits is the keynote throughout industry as reflected by our country's business. With this policy can only come a demand for more transportation.

"The shippers are demanding better freight service; the business traveler is demanding better train service and the automobile user is demanding better service of his car, and the firm that is in a position to assure the buyer this better service can have nothing but bright prospects for the spring of 1927."

MOTHER, HOME AND HEAVEN

Bowie Booster: If they only knew his name, Bowie children would be in favor of a monument to the New York doctor who advises mothers to "feed the children when they come home from school."

Land sakes, you don't expect mothers to stay at home all the afternoon just for the purpose of feeding the kids when they come bounding in at 3:30 do you? Certainly the school

children are hungry at midafternoon, because they are growing and needing extra feedings. But if mamma stays at home in order to replenish them what is to become of mamma's own diversions and her social obligations? Mamma can't stay at home the whole blessed day just because her little ones get hungry after school. There are the movies to go to, the card parties to attend, the lectures to take in, the mothers' club to push along, the shopping to be done, and mamma simply can't sacrifice her intellectual interests to the low cravings of her kiddoes. But she can manage some way to let the children have a snack when they come in. She can leave sandwiches and cakes and pickles on the kitchen table and let the schoolings understand they are welcome to them. And after they have eaten, they will be at liberty to amuse themselves until mamma comes home. They can roam around, gang up, and hunt for entertainment. And having had an afternoon lunch they won't need to return for an early supper. They can stay out until dark, or after, and by that time mamma will be home, unless she decides to stay down town to have dinner with papa and go to a show. Kiddies these days can take care of themselves. Mamma and papa are sure of that. And, after taking care of themselves in childhood they keep it up in youth. The prisons and reform schools are full of juveniles who learned to take care of themselves and take nary anything else that suited them.—State Press, in Dallas News.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL AT NOODLE TONIGHT

There will be a School Carnival at the Noodle School house tonight, March 18, following a snappy basket ball game. Lunches are to be sold in the hallway. Plenty of music and entertainment are promised for everybody. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. Everybody come and bring the kiddies.

CARD OF THANKS

To all who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, we wish to express our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Especially we wish to thank our friends for their many expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings.
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