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Report of Grand Jury to The 42nd District Court

To the Hon. M. S. Long, Judge of said Court.

We, your Grand Jury, for the July Term, A. D. 1927, of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, have been in session six days.

We have examined 113 witnesses, and have returned into Court 27 bills of indictments; 24 felonies and 3 misdemeanors.

We have thoroughly investigated the violations of the law brought to our attention.

We believe the public generally should be made more familiar with the law relating to the manufacture of what is commonly known as "Home Brew," and we recommend that the law be published in the papers.

We commend our Sheriff's department, and the Police Department for the excellent manner in which they have handled and are handling crime in the county and city.

We find however, that those charged with the enforcement of the law are handicapped and seriously hampered, and that many violators of the law escape punishment on account of our present search and seizure law.

We suggest that the city commission add one or more men, fully equipped, to aid the officers in patrolling the city and coping the situation.

We urge petit juries, in the trial of cases of driving a car while intoxicated, to give the maximum penalty.

We recommend that succeeding grand juries return indictments for perjury, in cases pertaining to material facts and that they be prosecuted.

We recommend that the commissioners Court give assistance in a financial way to the Sheriff's department in helping handle the crime situation.

We wish to thank Judge Long, the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department, the District Attorney, Mr. Black, and Mr. Smith, the County Attorney, as well as our bailiffs, who have been of so much assistance to us and have co-operated in every way in our labors.

Having completed our work, we ask to be discharged. This the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1927.

Nottee J. Taylor, Foreman of the Grand Jury.
B. H. Gray, Secretary.

Attention Golfers

Effective August 1st, the Merkel Golf Course will be open for members only. The privilege of allowing non-members to play upon payment of fifty cents green fee has been abused and will be discontinued. In the future the course will be closed to the public and open to members only.

The property where the course is located does not belong to the club but the use of it has been made possible thru the generosity of the owner. Needless to say, however, it is necessary that the club take such steps and make such regulations as will keep our presence on his premises from being objectional in any manner. Members are requested to remember this and non-members will be subject to prosecution for trespassing.

The present membership of thirty-five will be increased to fifty and the revenue obtained from the increased number will be used to improve the course. The membership fee is fifteen dollars. Ladies are eligible to membership and requested to join. Member's wife or daughter will be allowed to play on a single membership. Ladies are requested not to wear high heel shoes on the course. No player will be allowed on the course without a set of clubs, this means that it will not be permissible for two or more players to use the same set of clubs at the same time.

Golf is a great game, and Merkel is fortunate indeed in having one of the best nine hole courses in this territory. It is growing in popularity and is being much enjoyed by the devotees.

The essence of golf is concentration. It is a competitive game, and your principal competitor is yourself. If you can control yourself, you are on the way to success. Rules of the Western Golf Association are in effect at the local course; members are urged to enlighten themselves concerning and to observe golf-etiquette.

Mrs. B. A. Clark and children visited Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. Ralph Stuart, of Lamesa, last week.

OPEN LETTER TO DAN

Merkel, Texas, 7-25-27.
Hon. Dan Moody, Governor of Texas,
Dear Dan:

If them smart alecs lead out that high boss and tell you to ride him, don't you do it. You just tell them you are not a broncho buster.

That boss is plum dangerous; he has broke more political necks than all the other bronchos in the cavalry. This is no time for a Texas man to straddle that boss. You have a lot of fool friends who would be delighted to see you upon that boss wobbling about, while he was cavorting around trying to catterpult you head foremost against a stump like a battering ram.

You give us a good, clean administration in the meantime your political spurs will mature and if the time ever comes when a Texas man can ride that boss we think you can do it.

Respectfully, your friend,
KRESS KAIN.

Lindbergh To Be In Abilene On September 26th

For the first time a world famous personage is coming for a visit to West Texas. Other parts of the country have had presidents of the United States, inventors of wide renown and visiting queens and princes stop in their cities, but West Texas people have never before had an opportunity, unless they traveled far from home, to see any person whose name has been carried around the globe on account of some unusual act or connection, but now West Texas has come into her own. Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh, the youth whose intrepid crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in a frail airship brought him international notice and acclaim and place in the catalog with Columbus, Madgellan and other fearless men who have dared the unknown and come out successful, is to pay West Texas a visit.

According to the tentative schedule announced for the tour of Col. Lindbergh over the United States on which 75 of the outstanding centers of the nation will be visited, West Texas will have an opportunity on Monday, September 26 of seeing the "flying fool". On that day "Lindy" will, while en route from El Paso to Fort Worth, make a landing at Kinsolving Field, Abilene, and remain for at least an hour. This will be the only scheduled stop between El Paso and Fort Worth. Plans for reception of the world renowned aviator on his visit to Abilene are being worked out by the aeronautics committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Indications are that the largest number of people ever together in any West Texas city will be in Abilene to honor Lindbergh and to satisfy their desire to say they "laid eyes" on the man and machine whose exploits filled newspaper front pages for days and days while other events which would ordinarily have commanded lead positions were relegated to places of minor importance.

A program which will allow every person in Abilene on that day to see "Lindy" and his ship is being worked out.

Abilene will care for all comers, Mayor Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., declares and nobody need stay away for fear the jam will be so great they will not get to see the attraction.

Lindbergh's visit to Abilene will come on the opening day of the West Texas Fair, which will this year be offered on a larger scale than ever before.

West Texas people can very profitably spend September 26 in Abilene. In addition to having the opportunity of seeing Lindbergh and his ship they will have a chance to see agricultural livestock, poultry and swine exhibits of the best the country affords. A football game between the high school teams of Abilene and Anson, the later last year's unofficial winner of the class B state championship, will be another attraction. To end the day comes a concert in the magnificent new Municipal Auditorium when Thaviu and his internationally famous band, assisted by eight singers, eight dancers and a number of other entertainers will present a musical comedy program and several other features for the entertainment for visitors to Abilene and the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher of Los Angeles, California, have been visiting friends and relatives here for several days. Mr. Christopher, who was formerly a Merkel boy, is now a prosperous attorney of Los Angeles.

Texas First Missionary to Speak in Merkel Sunday

Dr. W. B. Bagby, the first missionary to be sent from Texas to any country and the first protestant missionary ever to go to Brazil, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church both hours Sunday. Dr. Bagby, who has seen half a century of service in Brazil will tell first hand some of the achievements of the gospel in South America. His life's work reads like a continuation of the Acts of the Apostles, in fact he is the apostle to Brazil. His experiences are many and varied and the many instances when the Lord has protected against bitter persecution and delivered from those bent on driving the missionary out of the land will make better Christians out of any one who hears the message.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one interested in a message of this kind to come and hear this mighty man of God. Certainly every Baptist in reach of Merkel ought to hear this man with his message.

WEST COMPANY ADDS LINE OF ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS

To meet the rapidly increasing demand for electric refrigerators, West Company has added a line of Kelvinators. They are now in a position to supply their trade with these machines in all the popular sizes and models. Also they are able to install refrigerator units in any model of refrigerator.

Harry Barnett has just completed a week's course in the Kelvinator school in order to be able to correctly install, service and maintain these machines at their maximum of efficiency. By having a graduate service man they will be able to install service or repair any model Kelvinator without delay or waiting for service man to come from another town.

They invite you to call around and inspect this wonderful invention for the convenience of the housekeeper.

BANKS TO CLOSE NEXT MONDAY; ELECTION DAY

Next Monday, August 1, being a state-wide election day, we the undersigned banks, will close our doors for the entire day. May our friends and customers take notice of this announcement and make their arrangements in accordance that no inconvenience may be felt.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK
FARMERS STATE BANK

ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT TO MAKE SCHOOL TRANSFER

All school transfers from and into the Merkel Independent School District must be made before August 1. This leaves only two days in which to make transfers, today and Saturday. For the convenience of those desiring to transfer, blanks for making the change can be had from either Superintendent Jackson at the High School building or Mr. W. O. Boney's office down town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned yesterday from a trip to Temple and other points south.

Former Presbyterian Pastor Preach Here Next Sunday

Preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, former pastor, at the Presbyterian church. We know you will appreciate the opportunity of hearing him again.

A quartette will be rendered at the eleven o'clock service by Messrs. Harry Barnett, F. C. Hughes, Charley Jones and Jno. West. Lunch is to be served in the basement of the church at the noon hour. The entire afternoon will be spent in song service and addresses. At 8 p.m. R. A. Walker will be installed as pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel. A sermon will be preached by Rev. Henry C. Schneider. Rev. Fred S. Rogers will charge the congregation and Rev. J. T. Bryant will charge the pastor. The public is cordially invited.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. We are expecting other Presbyterian schools to meet with us. We would like for our entire enrollment to be present. Wm. Elliott, Superintendent.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Citizens Expected To Visit Boy Scouts

Mr. Herbert Patterson, Scoutmaster in charge of the Merkel Boy Scouts, returned yesterday noon from Leuders, where he had accompanied Mr. L. R. Thompson and the local scouts to assist them in getting all settled for their two weeks encampment at that place.

He states the boys are comfortably quartered and all set for their two weeks outing and training as scouts. Mr. Patterson also informed this paper that the other towns in this area were going to send large delegations of citizens, fathers and mothers to visit the boys from their town and that he and Mr. Thompson, who is in charge of the local boys in Mr. Patterson's stead, were very anxious for a large delegation of Merkel citizens to go in a body for a visit with the boys one day next week, possibly Friday, August 4th.

MRS. H. C. BURROUGHS DIES

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 23.—Funeral service for Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, 52, 1620 Clover Lane, who died Thursday were held at the Arlington Heights Methodist Church. Mrs. Burroughs was apparently in good health. She died suddenly while her small son was reading the morning paper to her. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. L. W. Woodruff, Idabel, Ok., five sons, Billie, Bob, Charmion, E. E. and R. M. Burroughs of Fort Worth and H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Dallas; one brother and four sisters.

Deceased formerly resided in Merkel, and this paper joins many friends here in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Poole of Fort Worth are visiting in Merkel this week, the guests of their son, Mr. B. A. Clark.

Miss Renna Burns spent a few days this week visiting relatives in Clyde, returning to her home here on Wednesday.



J. L. PUMMILL

Church of Christ Revival Begins This Sunday

Rev. J. L. Pummill will be here Sunday, July 31st, to begin a series of meetings for the Church of Christ. The meeting begins at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the church building. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Sunday night the services will be at the tabernacle as will all the following services.

Mr. Nathan Wood will lead the song services during the meeting and urges every one to co-operate with him in making the singing the best possible.

The services through the week will very likely be at 10 o'clock a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Definite announcements will be made later. Come Sunday morning and let's begin at the very first service to enjoy this meeting.

VISITS J. A. JAYNES' SEED FARM

In company with a friend the writer visited the farm of J. A. Jaynes, and plied him with questions relative to the many experiments he is making in improving the breed of sorghums and in enriching the soil.

We found Mr. Jaynes in a patch of what we supposed was kaffir but were informed by him that it was "chiltex," so called because it originated at Chillicothe, Texas. This plant is a cross between fetterita and kaffir. It is a fine forage plant as well as a grain sorghum with fodder and foliage practically the same as kaffir, and yet unlike kaffir in that it suckers and consequently is a far more valuable forage plant. It is a great improvement over kaffir in its drought resisting qualities while being equal in every respect to the food qualities of kaffir.

The four or five acres of chiltex was just the first of the many interesting studies to which Mr. Jaynes called our attention. We were especially interested in his maize fields, not alone because of the difference in variety, but also for the reason that he left unplanted to maize one row in five in which he planted mumbans and ordinary stock or cow peas, from which, he explained to us, he would gather a large harvest to supplement his other feed crops and at the same time he would be putting more nitrogen into the soil than he could put with commercial fertilizer, which together with the humus added, would build the soil back to as good or better than before it yielded its crops.

Rather than buy fertilizer, Mr. Jaynes turns the job of enriching his land over to nature from whom he receives a bonus for his show of confidence. Going back to this "mumban" which is not native to West Texas but was imported from Georgia, it resembles small okra seed and you can plant them with a planter in the odd row at the second plowing. If planted earlier it would choke out the maize.

Mr. Jaynes is perfecting a breed of maize which yields a larger grain and matures from ten to fifteen days earlier than any other variety now being grown in this part of Texas. This variety of his own selection and improvement is being grown by the side of other varieties with no partiality shown in the manner of cultivation. The writer does not presume to qualify as an expert judge of plants or seeds, but he is willing to use the columns of this paper to defend the statement that up to date the Jaynes' variety of maize is the best that has come under his observation. We predict that within a few years Mr. Jaynes will be widely known over Texas for his successful

Boy Scouts Hosts To Twenty-five At Indian Games

The local scout organization of 24 members were hosts to twenty-five other boys at a boys meet in the Tom Largent pasture Tuesday evening from 7:45 to 10 p.m.

As previously arranged, the boys met at the Methodist Church at 7:15 and were transported to the grounds by Marvin Smith and others, where they were organized into tribes of Sioux and Apache Indians, with C. H. Jones and Herbert Patterson as Big Chiefs and there was at once begun a ball game peculiar to these redskins in which the Apache tribe displayed the greater speed and skill and were declared the victors. Then followed the BIG INDIAN GAME, which was excitedly contested until 9 p.m. proving the Sioux under Big Chief Jones could work better after night fall and excelled in games requiring more of stealth and cunning than skill and endurance. The last, and perhaps the most enjoyable and not the least hotly contested feature of the evening was the watermelon feast in which each boy, big chief and judge tried and with apparent success to envelop the luscious portion of at least one watermelon. We wonder if parents and business men who are not parents realize the potency of the Boy Scout organization for the development of character in boys from twelve to seventeen years of age, or appreciate the unselfish efforts of a man like Herbert Patterson, who gives most of his spare time and not a little of the time which he feels is taken from the institution which employs him that he may inculcate in boys the scout spirit and teach them the secrets of scout craft. If these boys will follow the example of their scout master they will abundantly deserve the respect and confidence of those who know them.

The following boy scouts accompanied by L. R. Thompson, left early Thursday morning for the Scouts Summer camp at Leuders: Max Swafford, Jack Patterson, Sterling Sheppard, D. O. Huddleston, Jr., Byron Patterson, Ross Ferrier, Jr., Bennie Sheppard, William Sheppard, J. D. Ashby, Fred Guitar, Jr., Lynn McSpadden, John D. Coats. Mr. Thompson will remain with the boys until Sunday when he will be relieved by some business man of Merkel who is enough interested in boys to give a few days to their pleasure and encouragement.

It is confidently hoped that no fewer than twenty-five fathers and mothers will visit the camp in a body one day during the encampment. Brooks Patterson, Herbert Patterson, C. H. Jones and others have assured the boys that they will be with them one or more days.

MR. LATHAM OPENS NEW CAFE ON FRONT STREET

"The Crescent Cafe" is the title of a new cafe just opened by Mr. F. H. Latham on Front Street. Mr. Latham is a first class cafe man and his new place is one of the very neatest and most up-to-date in the city, and he will no doubt enjoy a fair share of the business in this line. Read his announcement in this paper.

T. & P. Agent on Vacation

Mr. J. C. Childress, who has been the very capable and accommodating railway agent for the Texas & Pacific Railway here for many years, left first of the week for a vacation trip to El Paso and points in New Mexico. In El Paso he will visit a brother and they together will visit other interesting points in that section of the country.

Noodle Gets Rain.

R. A. Reagan phoned in that the territory around Noodle received a big rain, possibly four or five inches in some localities, Wednesday afternoon, doing some damage to crops, almost washing them up.

experimentation in perfecting breeds of seeds most suitable to the soil and climate of West Texas.

The Mail is glad to commend the efforts and to lend its columns to the encouragement of any one who interests himself in the improvement of any phase of agriculture, and if any of its farmer readers believe they have something of interest to their fellow farmers, come in and tell us or ask us to send a representative to you.



CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking Commissioner June 30th, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans	\$471,170.41
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Vault Equipment	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,939.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
U. S. Bonds	\$ 50,150.00
Cash & Exchange	130,573.47
AVAILABLE CASH	180,723.47
Total	\$698,273.79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits, Net	23,383.19
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Re-Discounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	622,390.60
Total	\$698,273.79

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarborough
	David Hendricks

BAPTIST MEETING BEGINS AT HEBRON FRIDAY NITE

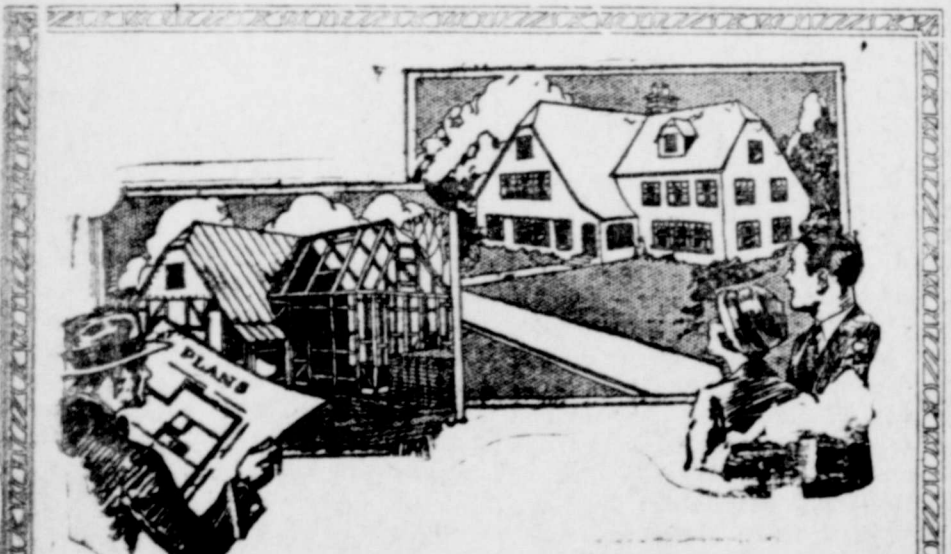
We are requested to announce that the Baptist meeting at Hebron will begin tonight at the Hebron Baptist Church. Rev. O. B. Tatum is the able pastor, and he will be assisted by Rev. Smith, of Abilene, who will do the preaching.

We kill home-raised meat and try to keep Merkel money in Merkel. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore and daughter, Mrs. C. M. Partridge, returned recently from a trip to Uvalde, Texas, where they spent several days with relatives and friends.

Miss Lola Dennis had as her guests on Wednesday of this week Misses Arminda Timmons and Mable Roache of Abilene.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and son, Jack, and daughter Flora Francis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt of Haskell this week.



There's No Time Like **NOW** To Build Your Own Home

EVERY far-seeing family wants to own its own home—have a patch of Mother Earth it can call its own and a comfortable home on it. We offer now exceptional values. Let us be of service to you. We have everything to build anything.

B. H. LANCASTER
LUMBER and RIGS
PHONE 82

C. S. Higgings Garage
Located North of Post Office
Garage Phone 100 Res. Phone 149W
General Repair Work Used Parts for sale
All Mechanical Work Guaranteed
Good Work at Absolutely Lowest Prices

STATE FAIR MAY SHOW BRONZE STATUES OF THE PIONEER WOMAN



The men and women of Texas, descendants of pioneer mothers, may have a chance to see and vote upon the twelve models of "The Pioneer Woman," the gigantic bronze statue, which is to be erected upon the plains of Oklahoma by E. W. Marland, public-spirited oil man, of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Marland, noting that statues and memorials had been erected to such pioneer heroes as Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Dan'l Boone, Kit Carson and others, but that no one had thought of a fitting memorial to the brave women who labored, fought, prayed and conquered at the side of their husbands during the winning of the West, decided to erect such a tribute to the heroic mothers of pioneer America.

He set aside \$400,000.00 to be used in the erection of a bronze statue, about 60 feet high, to be placed near a national highway running through the plains of the Cherokee Strip, the last public lands opened to settlement. He commissioned 12 of America's most eminent sculptors to make, each a model of his idea of a statue typifying his conception. These 12 models are now finished and, through the kindness of Mr. Marland, are being shown in several of the large Eastern cities. Those who view them are asked to vote upon which one he or she believes to be the best design.

President Harry Olmsted, of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas October 8, has requested Mr. Marland to send the statues to the State Fair, where a million of the descendants of the same type of pioneer mothers may have a chance to see them and vote upon them.

Mr. Marland, who wishes the choice to be a popular rather than a purely artistic one, at once saw the point of Mr. Olmsted's request and promised to try and rearrange the route of the models so that Texas may have them for at least two weeks. It is hoped that definite announcement may be made soon.

THE FARMER AND HIS WIFE GET THE MOST GOOD OUT OF THE STATE FAIR

"The farmer and the man from the small town are the only persons who really see the State Fair of Texas," is the rather startling statement made by one of the fair officials in a recent interview.

"A little thought will show that this official is right. The man or woman from Dallas jumps in his auto and goes out to one of the big football games or to the New York show in the Auditorium. After the game or after the show he hurries home—and thinks he has seen the State Fair!"

"It is no wonder that some of such people say that they can find little that is new at the fair," continued the official. "On the other hand, the man or woman from the farm or the ranch or from the cities and towns surrounding Dallas, comes to the fair to make a day of it. Many of them make two or three trips, for they find, at the first trip, that there is far too much to be seen to take in and properly study in a single day."

"The farmer and his wife get the most good out of the fair. They come in to study the exhibits. They spend all the time they can in the agricultural building, always finding something new and always learning, learning, learning. They go on to the live stock buildings and they see everything, absorbing valuable knowledge at every stop."

"Or the woman visits the domestic science exhibits and there learns how to improve upon her skill at canning, and the many other household arts. Between times, they visit this or that show or amusement and at the end of the day they have found that their trip has been not only pleasant but highly profitable as well."

THE GREATEST HORSE OF THE CENTURY

Those who visit the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, October 8 to 23, will be able to see "The Greatest Horse of the Century," by which name Mr. McElwyn, owned by W. H. L. McCourtie, president of the Trinity Portland Cement Company of Dallas, has become known wherever men talk horse flesh and records.

It is not generally known that this champion of champions is owned in Texas, but such is the case. This grand animal is now at stud in Lexington, Ky., but he will be brought to Texas in time for the great Fair and will be shown every day, in harness, in front of the grandstand.

While there will be no harness racing at the State Fair, the fact that the famous Mr. McElwyn will be at the fair grounds will interest many a Texan, for the love of a good horse which was inbred in most sons of the Lone Star State is by no means dead in this age of the motor car and the tractor.

Therefore, doubtless, thousands who otherwise might hesitate, will make the trip to the State Fair when they know that they will be able to see this prince of stallions, who, as a two-year-old, broke the record for that age with a mark of 2:04; who, as a three-year-old, again shattered a world's record, going the mile in 1:59 1/2 (the first two-minute trotter of his age and still the only one); and who, in 1926, as a three-year-old, again made a world's record of 1:59 1/2.

AUTOMOBILE BUILDING AND EXHIBIT HALL PLAN NEW FREE FEATURES

Dallas, Texas—(Special)—Confronted with the fact that the attractions at the State Fair of Texas, October 8 to 23, are to be so many and varied, the exhibitors in the Automobile Building and in the Exhibit Hall, where the commercial displays are shown, have suddenly sprung into action and have organized to make their two buildings so attractive that each will get its share of the million people expected to attend the fair, regardless of the pulling power of the other shows, exhibits and entertainments.

The result of this will be a series of displays, entertainments and attractions in those two buildings which will make each one of them a fair in itself. The automobile men have planned several startling stunts devised to draw the crowds, while the commercial exhibitors claim to have up their sleeves a surprise attraction which will make their building the most popular on the grounds.

All this means more entertainment for the man who enters the gates. His only difficulty will be to find the time to see all that there is to be seen. There is no longer any doubt in the minds of anyone familiar with the situation that the 1927 State Fair is to be the greatest and the best ever held. There will be better agricultural exhibits, there will be the largest and most complete livestock show ever held in the Southwest, there will be shows and entertainments galore, and now even the exhibitors are coming to the front with plans to make a good show still better.

FIVE FAST RUNNING HORSE RACES EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY



"When you come to the State Fair in October," says Otto Herold, director in charge of the Horse Department of that great show window of Texas, "if it is horse racing you like you will have your fill this year."

"There will be five fast-running races every day except Sundays. There will be whippet races every day and evening, and whippet or greyhound races as new to Texas. There will be one of the best horse shows ever produced here, with famous exhibitors from all over America. There will be polo games between fast teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cities."

Free "Ringside Seats"—"And if you don't feel like taking a seat in the grandstand, you can drive your car up to the rail around the new three-quarter mile track and watch the races while seated in your own auto. If you are in the grandstand, however, you will get a closer view of the whipp races and will see the Hippodrome show, on which we will spend many thousands of dollars for your entertainment."

"There will be 10 big-time acts, all of them new to Texas. And there will be day and night fireworks, a famous band with several fine singers, plenty of clowns and everything the directors could think of to send you back home more than satisfied and with a feeling that the amusements at the State Fair were better than you had ever seen anywhere."

STYLES IN CATTLE CHANGE LIKE WOMEN'S CLOTHES



Dallas, Tex.—(Special)—"Styles in cattle change, just as surely as do the styles in women's clothes—the not perhaps, so suddenly," says Henry C. Barlow, superintendent of the Shorthorn Division of the cattle show at the State Fair of Texas.

"Can you remember the old-fashioned kind, that padded the tank at the State Fair, 40 years ago? They were called 'Durhams' then—a long-legged, long-necked, uneven-bodied animal. But he was a vast advance upon the old Longhorn, and he filled the bill for his time and age."

"What a difference today! Your modern Shorthorn is a short-legged, deep-bodied, even-fleshed beast, which matures in half the time of the older kinds and this with no sacrifice of milking qualities—the ideal 'farmers' cow!'"

Shortorns, Jerseys and all other preferred breeds of beef and dairy cattle will be shown at the State Fair, October 8 to 23. It is claimed that the Jersey show alone will be the largest ever held in the United States. Famous breeders from all over the country will show the most famous animals, champions all of them.

The swine show will out-top anything ever held at the State Fair, as the interest in hog raising is growing by leaps and bounds, it is said. Sheep and goats also will be better represented than ever. The sheep industry of Texas is expected soon to outrank that of any other state.



STATEMENT of CONDITION
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business June 30th, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$272,311.78
Overdrafts	535.42
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$105,729.51
Commercial Paper	15,000.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,850.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	79,622.87
AVAILABLE CASH	\$317,202.38
Total	\$599,812.08

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,218.03
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscouants	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$514,344.05
Total	\$599,812.08

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Directors

J. T. Warren	G. F. West
Sam Butman, Sr.	Geo. I. Paxton
	Booth Warren

REV. McCARTER HOLDING REVIVAL NEAR ANSON

Rev. W. R. McCarter, splendid pastor of the Methodist church in this city, having been granted a short vacation by his congregation, is this week engaged in assisting the pastor of the Anson Circuit in holding a revival meeting at Bethel, a short dis-

tance east of Anson. Rev. McCarter spent a few hours here Thursday, and reports the meeting progressing nicely up to this time with fine prospects for a very good revival.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey reports his little son, Billie Bob, improving nicely from several days illness.

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The Crescent Cafe

And I will be pleased to have a share of your patronage in this line. Having formerly conducted cafes in Merkel, many of the citizens are familiar with the quality of our service, and we fell assured of their renewed patronage, and to those who are not familiar with our excellent service we cordially invite you with all our old customers to drop in and give us a trial. Our plant and equipment are first class, and we promise you as good as the best in first class cafe service.

F. H. Latham, Prop.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Leader, J. T. Darsey, Jr.
Introduction by the leader.
Barnabas, the generous, Oleta Moore.
Barnabas, a friend to Paul, William Sheppard.
Barnabas, a home missionary, Ver-nie Derrick.
Barnabas, the foreign missionary, Vera Richie.
Are you a missionary? Milton Case.
Short papers by three missionaries, Clarence Sharpe.
Mrs. V. Garner of the Hebron community, is reported as being very ill this week.

NOODLE TO ENTERTAIN 5th SUNDAY SINGERS; GREAT CROWD EXPECTED

Mr. W. J. Bicknell one of the foremost citizens of the Noodle community, writes the Mail to announce that on next Sunday the "Fifth Sunday Singers," of Taylor and adjoining counties will meet at Noodle. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock and while the public is cordially invited, a special invitation is extended all singers. The good people of Noodle have entertained the Fifth Sunday Singers before, and every one attending always went away feeling proud they had gone; hence a great crowd is expected upon the coming meeting.

Methodist Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Society meeting for next Monday afternoon will consist of a business meeting and Voice program combined. The following program will be used. Bible Study—the book of Haggai, Mrs. Richards. Know Mexico, Mrs. V. N. Ellis. (see June Voice) Little Glimpses of World Opportunities, Mrs. Frank Golladay. News from Missionary Bulletin. Roll call, answered by name of foreign missionary and place of service.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

Following is the program for the Presbyterian Missionary Society, on Monday, August 1st. Devotional, led by Mrs. Walker. Subject: China. Fishing in Phantung, Mrs. Marvin Smith. Building in Ming Quong, Mrs. Eliott. Petra, an ellinwood girl, Mrs. Chas. Jones. Where going back means forward, Mrs. G. F. West. Notes from the field. Business. Closing prayer by Mrs. Tucker.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Christians Called to be Missionaries."
Leader, Mrs. Collum.
Introduction by leader.
1. What does John 17:18 mean? by Mrs. Causseaux.
2. The greatest Missionary of all, Mrs. Parrack.
3. Praying for missions, Mrs. J. N. Teaff.
4. Workers together with Him, Mr. C. R. Tittle.
5. The field is the world, Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.
6. Carry out our Captain's command, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.

Methodist Church

Will have all the regular services Sunday at the Methodist Church except the night service. Church School at 9:45 with a special place for each one who will come. Rev. B. H. Kirby of Abilene will preach at the morning hour and all are invited to attend the service. Intermediate League at 5 p.m., Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, Superintendent. W. R. McCARTER.

CHRISTOPHER FAMILY HAS RE-UNION HERE

A very enjoyable occasion occurred in Merkel last Sunday when the family of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher held a family reunion at the home of Mrs. B. A. Clark. Every member of the family was present except Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McPherson of Los Angeles, California. A bountiful dinner was served at noon with ice cream for refreshment in the afternoon. Most of the family having arrived the night before, a party was enjoyed by both young and old, at which many games and contests were used for entertainment. Music was furnished by Mr. B. A. Clark, violin; Mr. Earl Thornton, saxophone; and Mrs. Earl Thornton, piano. After the music Mrs. McCandless gave a number of readings. The oldest member of the family present was Mrs. C. D. Simpson, mother of Mrs. T. H. Christopher, thus four generations were represented. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher and Mrs. C. D. Simpson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher and children of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Christopher and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart and little son of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thornton and children. Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCandless and little daughter, all of Merkel. Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes of Abilene.

Baptist Church

Every department is working hard toward final points in the Advanced Standard. Let every member of the Sunday School help reach the standard. Remember that every department has to attain the Standard before the school can reach the Advanced Standard. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp; we have one of the two additional pianos needed. Monday evening at the regular workers meeting each department will be checked up to see if there are any points lacking. Let each department have a meeting of all their workers Sunday or Monday and check up so as to be able to report at the workers meeting Monday. These meetings could be held at the church at 8 p.m. Monday just before the general meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Men's Bible Class composed of men more than fifty years of age has carried off both banners for two Sundays. They have had the largest attendance and greatest efficiency of any class in the school.

In spite of the fact that many of our workers are attending the Davis Mountains' Encampment we had an increase in attendance Sunday.

The Sunday School is holding up better than it ever has during the summer months.

W. W. CAMPBELL WRITES TO FRIEND HERE

Friona, 7-23-27.
Mr. W. F. Hamblet, Merkel, Tex.
Dear Mr. Hamblet:
Received your letter several days ago but have been very busy fighting weeds. We have had some showers of late and weeds have done well. Our crops are also doing well. It was late and is small, but has time to mature I have 125 acres maize, 25 acres of sorghum, 50 acres I am summer following for wheat, also have my crop in seven foot rows so I can plant that to wheat. I have the balance of my land rented out and it is in three-foot rows. Can't plant wheat in them and will have that for my next year crop. We will have a fine crop in a few days; these showers will make it grow. We have the prettiest country in the state and I think the best farming country. I believe a man can make some money here on a farm, although most of them are failing to do any good. But as I see it, it is poor management. I have done some poor managing here; I don't like a farm and I expect to sell out as soon as I can find a buyer and I find lots of buyers, but my place is worth fourteen thousand and I don't care to sell to a man that can't pay it out, and unless he can make a good payment down I see no use selling.

No we don't take the Merkel Mail and unless some of our friends write us we don't keep up with Merkel folks. I would like to get back to Merkel. I'd rather live there than here; best folks in Merkel of any place and if I had been well I'd still be there. Write me again some time. Always glad to hear from you. Your friend,
W. W. CAMPBELL.

Miss Belvo Evans of Baird, Texas, was a guest last week of Mrs. Tom Price of this city. Mr. Price is in the employ of the West Texas Utilities Company here. They have the E. M. McDonald apartment.

Messrs. Earl and Dewey Thomas and Hoyle Malone are spending this week in Arkansas, visiting friends and relatives.

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TILLIE THE TOILER IS BROUGHT TO LIFE WITH AN HILARIOUS EFFECT

Marion Davies' success in such excellent productions as "Beverly of Graustark" and "Lights of Old Broadway," has been more than duplicated in her latest Cosmopolitan starring vehicle, "Tillie the Toiler," which opens Monday at the Queen Theatre. The screen play is based on the very familiar comic strip, "Tillie the Toiler," and Miss Davies, with her supporting cast, interpret the roles of the cartoonist's caricatures which appear in many of the big metropolitan dailies. Marion Davies has developed into one of the finest comedienne of the screen and it is to be hoped she will always be given comedy roles to portray in her future pictures. For several years she gave promise as a comedienne by the manner in which she interpreted such parts as the orphan in "Zander the Great" and the little Irish girl in "Lights of Old Broadway." But it was not until this picture, "Tillie the Toiler," that she was given an out-and-out comedy role. And she has run away with it! Miss Davies is well supported in "Tillie the Toiler" by a cast which includes Matt Moore, George K. Arthur, Gertrude Short, Harry Crocker, Bert Roach, George Fawcett, Claire McDowell, Estelle Clark and Arthur Hoyt. The picture was excellently directed by Hobart Henley, M-G-M director. This picture was awarded the blue ribbon for having the most wholesome and enjoyable family entertainment.

Kale-Hebron News

(By Brown Eyes)
Mrs. V. Garner is on the sick list this week.
Hebron had a nice big rain Wednesday.
Miss Eva Knotts and Miss Gladys Mullins visited Miss Winnie Bayless Sunday.
Mr. Horace Mullins has gone to Munday on business.
Miss Bernice Clark spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Skidmore.



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TELEPHONE No. 61

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 kel, Texas as second class mail.

Mr. G. M. Sharp, accompanied by his son, George, left this week for Robstown, Texas, where they expect to engage in buying cotton, the gathering of which is now well under way in that section.

Harry Barnett was absent from his post of duty at West Company last week while in attendance of a Kelvinator service school held in Abilene. Mr. Barnett now holds a diploma from that institution, having completed the course of study and instruction necessary for efficiently handling all problems arising from the sale and service of Kelvinators. Mr. Barnett is to be congratulated on attaining this achievement.

M. R. Hail and family, accompanied by Mrs. E. D. Coats and John D., returned last week from a very pleasant outing and vacation trip to El Paso, Del Rio, Roswell, Carlsbad and a visit through the great Cavern near Carlsbad.

A BRIDGE PARTY

On Tuesday, July 19, Miss Johnnie Sears entertained a group of girls in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. After a number of games of bridge were played, a club was organized. Officers were then elected, Miss Johnnie Sears being elected president. The name of the club was not decided on at that time. Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Misses Boog Sears, Melba West, Maurine Tipton, Evelyn Curb, Gladys Mayfield, Dorris Durham, Lola Dennis, and guest, Jean Watson of Houston, Ona Fae Rose and Grace Lee Cranston, of Abilene, and the hostess.

On Wednesday of this week Miss Lola Dennis entertained the club in her home on Oak street. Many delightful games of bridge were played, after which a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, iced tea, ice cream and cantaloupe were served to the guests. Those enjoying this hospitality were Misses Johnnie Sears, Melba West, Gladys Mayfield, Maurine Tipton, Boog Sears, Dorris Durham, Evelyn Curb, and guests, Mona Margaret Jones, Mabel Roache, and Arminda Timmons of Abilene, and the hostess.

Mr. R. A. Parker, local building contractor, reports having been awarded the contract for the erection of a new and modern five-room residence for Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collum, which will be erected on the site of their present home, which has already been moved away. Work on the new structure began yesterday.

WILBUR THOMAS AND MISS GRACE BEENE MARRIED

Mr. Wilbur Thomas of this city and Miss Grace Beene of the Noodle community quietly slipped away from their host of friends on last Saturday afternoon and drove to Sweetwater, where at 8:30 o'clock they were happily united in marriage.

The groom, who is one of this city's finest and most energetic young men, is the son of Mr. J. S. Thomas, one of the city's pioneer and best citizens. The bride is one of the Noodle community's most charming and accomplished young ladies, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Beene, substantial and well known citizens of that thriving community.

The happy young couple is "honeymooning" in East Texas this week, and this paper joins a host of friends of both the contracting parties in extending congratulations and good wishes. They will make their home in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler and Mesdames A. R. Booth and J. S. Swann returned Wednesday from a trip to Alpine, El Paso, and the Carlsbad Cavern. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Warren Smith, who has been attending summer school at Alpine. In speaking of the Carlsbad Cavern Mr. Wheeler reports it the greatest wonder for any one to see who has not yet visited it. In fact he says "it is beyond description by any person."

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RISINGER-TOOMBS

Mr. Joe Risinger of Big Spring, Texas, and Miss Mabel Toombs of Merkel, were united in marriage in Abilene on last Wednesday, July 20th, Rev. J. O. Haymes, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Abilene, pronouncing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Risinger left last Monday for Big Spring, where they will make their home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toombs and has many admiring friends in Merkel. Hearty congratulations and good wishes are extended this young couple by their friends in Merkel.

CARD OF THANKS

We are so grateful to you, our dear friends, for your many deeds of kindness and tender words of sympathy during the illness and at the time of the death of our dear wife and mother. We think we could hardly have borne the grief had you not shared it with us the way you did. You were so kind, gentle, loving and willing to help. We can never forget you.

We thank Dr. Chas. F. Williams for the able way he assisted us in caring for our dear one. We feel that had it not been for his able services we would have lost her most a year ago. In our hearts is room to keep you all, so long as we live. May God bless you. T. G. FERGUSON, Minnie and Jesse Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson. It

BANKS TO CLOSE NEXT MONDAY; ELECTION DAY

Next Monday, August 1, being a state-wide election day, we the undersigned banks, will close our doors for the entire day. May our friends and customers take notice of this announcement and make their arrangements in accordance that no inconvenience may be felt.

FARMERS STATE BANK

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown and Warren Smith are expected home today from an extended vacation trip to El Paso, Alpine and points in New Mexico, including a visit to the Carlsbad Cavern.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vinson and son, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. I. H. Vinson, and brother Burton, of Henderson (Rusk County) are visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. John Burfiend, north of the city.

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Ordinance Determining To Assess a Part of The Cost of Improving a Portion of North Front Street and Oak Street in The City of Merkel, Texas, Against Abutting Property and the Owners, Thereof, Adopting Engineer's Rolls, Providing For Notice of Hearing and Hearing, and Declaring an Emergency.

NOTICE—By making publication of the hereinafter set out ordinance, notice is given of all matters and facts therein contained, which said ordinance is as follows, to-wit:

WHEREAS, by ordinance passed on the 25th day of July, 1927, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, ordered that sundry streets in said city be improved by raising, grading, and filling same, and paving with 2 1/2 inch Vertical Fibre Brick on 5 inch Concrete Base, with concrete curbs and gutters, together with all incidental and appurtenances as provided in the plans and specifications referred to in the contract hereinafter mentioned, the said streets so ordered improved being as follows, to-wit:

NORTH FRONT STREET, from the West property line of Runnels street to the East property line of Lamar Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 6.

OAK STREET, from 2 feet north of the north rail of the north track of the T. & P. Railway Company to 10 feet south of the south property line of North Front Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 7.

WHEREAS, contract was let and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements, and the City Engineer has prepared and filed rolls or statements concerning the improvements and assessments therefor in each unit, and same has been examined and all errors found thereon by the City Council corrected; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to assess a portion of the cost of such improvements against the owners of the property abutting thereon and against such abutting property:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: THAT,

I.

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, does hereby determine to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements on said portions of streets, against abutting property thereon, and against the owners of such property, said assessments to be levied in exercise of the powers granted by Articles 1086 to 1096, both-inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, heretofore adopted by the City.

II.

Said rolls or statements, as corrected, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved.

III.

The proportion of the cost in each district or unit to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof shall, in accordance with the proceedings concerning such improvements, be apportioned among the respective parcels of property abutting upon the improvements, in accordance with the front foot plan or rule, provided, that if the application of this rule shall in the opinion of the City Council result in particular cases in injustice or inequality, or in assessments in excess of special benefits to the property in the enhanced value thereof by means of the improvements in the particular district or unit upon which the property abuts, then the City Council shall adopt such rule in each district or unit as shall effect a substantial equality between the parcels of property abutting upon such district or unit and the owners thereof, considering benefits received and burdens imposed, and provided further that in no case shall any assessments be levied against any abutting property or the owners thereof for any part of the cost of improvements in excess of the special benefits in the enhanced value of such property by means of the improvements in the district or unit upon which such property abuts, as ascertained at the hearing herein provided for, each district or unit being considered as a separate and independent unit of improvement, and the omission of any improvements in any district or unit shall in no wise affect or impair assessments levied, and the omission of improvements in front of any property exempt by law from the benefit of special assessments shall in no wise affect or impair the validity of assessments. Assessments when levied shall be and constitute the first enforceable lien and claim on the property against which such assessments are levied, superior to all other liens and claims, except state, county and municipal taxes, and shall also be a personal liability and charge against the real and true owner thereof. The description of the parcels and tracts of the abutting property, the several amounts proposed to be assessed against such parcels of property, and the owners thereof, the total estimated cost of the improvements in each district, the total amount proposed to be assessed against each parcel of property and other matters and things as shown on said rolls or statements, being as follows, to-wit:

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT for NORTH FRONT STREET from THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF RUNNELS STREET TO THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF LAMAR STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 6.

No.	Name	Lot	Block	Addition	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	15	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
2.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	14	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
3.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	13	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
4.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	12	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
5.	Jno. Bell Est.	11	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
6.	E. E. Leslie	10	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
7.	Jno. Bell Est.	9	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
8.	Jno. Bell Est.	8	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
9.	W. J. Fulwiler	7	21	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
10.	W. J. Fulwiler	S44' of 4,5&6	21	Original Town	75	463.89	30.00	493.89
11.	H. L. Propst & Ross Ferrier	15	20	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
12.	H. L. Propst & Ross Ferrier	14	20	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
13.	W. F. Jones	13	20	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
14.	E. L. Turner	12	20	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
15.	W. S. Telford	11&W8' of 10	20	Original Town	33	204.11	13.20	217.31
16.	A. B. Patterson	E17' of 10&W4' of 9	20	Original Town	21	129.89	8.40	138.29
17.	A. B. Patterson	E21' of 9	20	Original Town	21	129.89	8.40	138.29
18.	W. O. Boney	8	20	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
19.	J. W. Wheeler	7	20	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
20.	J. T. Warren	S80 of 4,5&6	20	Original Town	75	463.89	30.00	493.89
21.	Geo. F. West	15	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
22.	Geo. F. West	14	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
23.	Geo. F. West	13	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
24.	Geo. F. West	12	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
25.	Geo. F. West	11	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
26.	C. T. Derrick	10	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
27.	Mrs. A. A. Baker	9	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
28.	Mrs. A. A. Baker	8	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
29.	Mrs. A. A. Baker	7	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
30.	W. T. Daniel	6	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
31.	W. T. Daniel	5	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
32.	J. N. McNay	4	19	Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
33.	T. & P. Ry. Co.	Abutting Right of Way	1140		7,051.10	79.80	7,130.90	
					2040	\$12,617.78	\$439.80	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb (North Side).....					\$0.40	Amount Total Property Owners.....		\$13,057.58
Rate per lineal foot for Curb (South Side).....					0.07	Amount City's Part.....		4,205.92
Rate per front foot for other improvements.....					\$0.18518	TOTAL COST.....		\$17,263.50

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT for OAK STREET from 2 FEET NORTH of the NORTH RAIL of the NORTH TRACK of the T. & P. R. R. CO. TO 10 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 7.

No.	Name	Lot	Block	Addition	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	Texas & Pacific Ry. Co.			Abutting Right of Way	55	456.85	22.00	478.85
2.	Texas & Pacific Ry Co.			Abutting Right of Way	55	456.85	22.00	478.85
					110	913.70	44.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb.....					\$0.40	Amount Total Property Owners.....		\$857.70
Rate per front foot for other improvements.....					\$8.30645	Amount City's Part.....		304.58
						TOTAL COST.....		\$1,162.28

IV.

A hearing shall be given by and before the governing body of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1927, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the City Hall of Merkel, Texas, in the regular council meeting room, to the owners of the respective parcels of property, and to all others in any wise interested, whether they be named herein or not, all of whom are hereby notified to be and appear at the time and place herein named and fixed, and hearing shall be continued from time to time and from day to day, if necessary, until all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard shall have been fully and fairly heard, and at which hearing any mistakes, irregularities, or invalidities in any of the proceedings with reference to the making of said improvements or assessments therefor may be corrected, and the benefits by means of the said improvements, and the amounts of the assessments, and the apportionment of the cost of the said improvements and all other matters and things shall be determined, and the real and true owners of the property abutting upon the said streets to be improved, and any and all others in any wise interested, their agents and attorneys, shall be and appear at said hearing at said time and place and present and make any protests or objections, which they or any of them may have as to the said improvements, as to the benefits therefrom, as to the cost thereof, as to the amounts of such assessments, or as to any mistakes, irregularity or invalidity in any proceeding with reference to said assessments, such improvements or the contract therefor, and as to any other matter or thing in any wise connected, either with the said improvements, contract or proceedings, and after all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, either in person or by agents, attorneys or representatives have been fully and fairly heard, the said hearing shall be closed and assessments will by ordinance and in accordance with the law and the proceedings of the city be levied against the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, whether such owners be named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not. At such hearing anyone in any wise interested or affected may subpoena witnesses and introduce evidence, and has the right to appear and to be heard.

V.

Assessments against abutting property and the owners shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien on the property against which assessments are levied, and shall be due and payable in six equal installments, due respectively on or before ten days, one, two, three, four, and five years, after completion and acceptance of the improvements upon which the particular property abuts, and said assessments shall bear interest from the date of such completion and acceptance and until paid at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually, provided, any owner shall have the right to pay any installment at any time before maturity by paying principal with interest accrued to date of payment; provided, further that if default be made in the payment of any installment promptly as the same matures, then the entire assessment upon which such default is made shall, at the option of the contractor, or its assigns, be and become immediately due and payable and shall be collectable together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection, if incurred.

VI.

The improvements in each said District or Unit constitute an entirely separate, distinct and independent unit, and the proposed assessments for the improvements in each Unit are in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance in connection with any other unit, all to the same extent and as full as if entirely separate and independent contracts had been made for each Unit and separate proceedings had, separate hearings and separate notices thereof ordered.

VII.

The City Secretary of the City of Merkel is directed to give notice to the owners of property abutting upon the said portions of streets named to be improved and to all others interested, of the time, place, and purpose of such hearing, and of all matters and things, by causing a substantial copy of this ordinance to be published at least three times in newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Merkel, Texas, the first of which publications shall be made at least ten days before the date for such hearing, and by such publication all owners of property abutting upon said portions of said streets, whether named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not, as well as all others in any wise interested therein or to be affected thereby, shall be and are duly notified, and no error or mistake in the name of any property owner, or in the description of any property, in the amount of any proposed assessment, shall in anywise affect or invalidate such notice or any assessment levied pursuant thereto, and the real true owners of such abutting property shall be and are by such notice duly and fully notified. The City Secretary is further directed, but not required, to give further notice of such hearing by causing a substantial copy of such published notice to be mailed to each owner of property abutting upon such portions of said streets, but all such notices by mail shall be only cumulative of such notice by advertisement, and publication, and said notice by advertisement and publication shall in all cases be sufficient and binding whether or not any other kind or character of notice be given.

VIII.

The present condition of said portions of said streets endangered health and it is necessary that the improvement thereof be proceeded with at once, and while the weather will permit, and such facts constitute and create an emergency and an urgent public necessity requiring that the rules and provisions providing for ordinances to be read more than one time or at more than one meeting be suspended, and requiring that this ordinance be passed as and take effect as an emergency measure, and such rules and provisions are accordingly suspended and this ordinance is passed as and shall take effect as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and approved this 25th day of July, 1927.

H. C. WEST, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.
 ATTEST: PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.
 DONE BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS.
 PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner returned
Wednesday from a very pleasant
vacation trip to Glenn Rose. Mr.
Conner reports Glenn Rose one of the
finest places to go for a vacation
trip. He says he and Mrs. Conner re-
turned feeling much improved in
health. During his absence Mr. Cyrus
Pee and John S. Hughes were in
charge of his grocery store here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart of La-
mesa and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Chris-
topher of Dallas have been visiting
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H.
Christopher and other relatives.

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BAPTIST MEETING AT SALT
BRANCH CLOSSES SUNDAY

Rev. Willis Taylor, pastor of the
Salt Branch Baptist church was in
this office Wednesday and reported
that the meeting now in progress at
his church will close this Sunday
night. Rev. Houston Scott of Abilene
has been preaching the old time gospel
in its mighty power and people
are responding. Good interest is be-
ing manifest in each service. A special
invitation is extended the general
public to attend and assist in bring-
ing this meeting to a successful close.

PENTECOSTAL MEETING
STARTS AUGUST 19th
AT THE TABERNACLE

The announcement is made that on
August 19, the Pentecostal revival
will begin at the Tabernacle in Mer-
kel, and continue until August 28th,
conducted by Elder Penn Griffith of
Comanche, Texas, but a former resi-
dent of Merkel.

Evangelist Hornsby, of Brownwood,
will do the preaching with services
at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bell and family
of Munday and Miss Cleo Armstrong,
visited in the H. A. Mullen home in
the Hebron community recently.

Mr. John Sears and daughter, Miss
Johnnie, have just returned from
Whiteright where they have been vis-
iting friends and relatives for the
past week.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Fresh milk cow. For
particulars see Mrs. E. L. Gordon,
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STRAYED-About the 15th of April,
2 small 2-year old horse mules, bay
and black. One 3-year old bay mare
mule strayed about the 1st of June.
Notify H. R. Horton, 7 miles north
of Merkel. Route 1. 29t2

LOST-A ladies brown, leather purse
in Merkel. Finder please return to
Merkel Mail. Purse contains about 2
dollars in small change and a string
of pearls. Reward. 1t

EXIDE BATTERIES PROVE
THEIR WORTH AGAIN

"The recent trans-atlantic flight of
Commander Byrd in quest of scien-
tific data regarding weather and fly-
ing conditions has again proved," says
Mr. S. M. Hunter, the local Exide
dealer, "the superiority of storage
batteries for the operation of radio
equipment under severe and unusual
conditions."

"Further evidence was given as
proof of the valuable and important
role that radio, with the aid of stor-
age batteries, will play in the develop-
ment of trans-oceanic flight, when
Lts. Maitland and Hegenberger in
their Army plane spanned the wide
Pacific in their flight to Honolulu.

"As Commander Byrd's flight was
purely a search for scientific infor-
mation he was able to equip the giant
Fokker monoplane "America" with
complete radio receiving and broad-
casting apparatus, including Exide
batteries.

"Severe storms were encountered in
mid-ocean; and throughout practical-
ly the entire trip, Byrd was forced
to fly his plane through blinding fogs,
the greatest obstacle to trans-oceanic
flight. It was while flying blindly
through these fogs that radio proved
its greatest value. With it, Byrd was
able to keep in almost constant com-
munication with the outside world.
By radio messages to ships he was
able to hold his course through the
fog.

"Incidentally, the S.O.S. radio dis-
tress signal which Byrd flashed in his
vain attempt to prevent a disastrous
landing, was the first message of its
kind ever sent from a distressed air-
plane. The radio and storage batter-
ies stuck to their job until the end of
the flight. 1t

MERKEL VISITOR IS
HONORED AT PARTY

Miss Lola Dennis of Merkel was
the honoree at a lovely party given
Friday evening by Miss Mabel Roach
at her home on Ambler avenue. Sum-
mer flowers in vases gave floral
charm to the living room where tables
were placed for bridge. Top score for
the men went to Otis Moore and for
the girls to Jack Matthews.

The hostess served a refreshment
plate of cherry topped ice cream, and
cake, to Misses Lola Dennis, Nina
Roberts, Jack Mathews, Lois Norton,
Lelah Welsh, Bonnie Christian, Cleone
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Our Fifth Sunday Singing at
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your books and dinner if you sing or
play the piano. Will try to start at
10 o'clock. We give Mrs. Earthman
a special invitation to attend.
Respectfully, T. H. SPEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher of
Abilene, who have been visiting their
daughters, Mesdames Len Sublett, B.
A. Clark, Earl Thornton and Harry
McCandless for several days, will
leave today for Los Angeles, Califor-
nia, where they will spend the winter
the guests of their son, Mr. C. E.
Christopher.

OLD FASHIONED BRUSH
ARBOR MEETING
BEGINS AT BUTMAN

Mr. Sam Butman, Jr., writes in
asking the Mail to announce the be-
ginning on next Sunday of an "Old
Fashioned Brush Arbor Revival Meet-
ing," near Butman school house, to
last some ten days. Plans have been
made for a great revival, and the
public in general throughout this sec-
tion, is cordially invited to attend
and take part in the meeting.

Mr. W. R. Hampton is building a
new and modern five-room stucco re-
sidence just west of his home, which
when completed will be one of the
nicest and most modern homes in the
city. The new home will be for rent
when finished. It is located just south
and adjoining Mr. Hampton's home
place.

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We have the fan
to satisfy your
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the remainder
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all of next week
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the price on
every fan in our
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Do not fail to
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MRS. T. G. FERGUSON WAS A RESIDENT OF MERKEL 22 YEARS

The death angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson on Wednesday morning about 2:20 o'clock July 20th, 1927, and took away the wife and mother, Mrs. Ferguson. She had been ill a great deal for some years, but had lingered for the past year many times, it seemed, near death's door. She had suffered at times a great deal during the past year, but her last hours were spent with very little or no suffering and her going was peaceful and without a struggle.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt, and was born June 15, 1868, in Tennessee. Having lost her mother when she was a very small girl, she was reared by her grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Adcock. They came to Texas in 1873 and finally to Bell County, where Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson were married on January 27th, 1889. After some years in Bell County, they moved to Pottsville, Hamilton County, where they lived until 1905 when they moved to Merkel, where they have lived all the time since.

She was known, loved and respected by a large circle of friends. She became a member of the Church of Christ in 1898 and has lived a true and devoted Christian life thru those nearly thirty years. She was a loving and devoted wife and a gentle, patient and kind mother. She leaves a husband, two daughters and a son of her immediate family, besides a host of other near kin and close friends, to mourn her going. But we feel that she has gone to that upper and better world where there's no more suffering, pain nor sorrow.

The out-of-town folks who came to attend her funeral were: Mrs. J. W. Brown and two daughters of Toyah, Texas; Messrs. Billie and Leonard Ferguson of Pottsville, Texas; R. A. Adcock of Gustine, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferguson of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Abernathy of San Angelo, Texas.

(By One Who Loved Her.)

Mr. O. M. Sharp, for many years a valuable employ in one of the largest Fort Worth banking institutions, is here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.



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ENTRANTS IN EASTERWOOD, TEXAS-CHINA, FLIGHT



In the picture shown above will be found a likeness of Lt. Jesse Easterood in uniform, lower right-center. Centered above, his brother, W. E. Easterwood, Jr., donor of the \$25,000 Prize to Hong Kong Flight Prize. Surrounding these are entrants in the flight and contenders for the prize. Prize was offered in memory of Jesse Easterwood, who was killed while flying at Panama Canal Zone.

"ARIZONA BOUND" ACCLAIMED AN ABSORBING WESTERN DRAMA

Gary Cooper, Paramount's new Western star, may be said to have "arrived"—very pleasingly and very definitely. His first starring picture, "Arizona Bound," showing at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday, reveals Cooper as a tall, rangy young man who is a finished actor, as well as a rider of exceptional grace and skill.

Frankly, it is quite likely that Gary Cooper will cause many a feminine heart to flutter, and that he will soon become established as a prime favorite in western productions. "Arizona Bound" tells an absorbing story of a series of exciting events in a small mining town, when a shipment of gold sent out by the stage coach excites the cupidity of two rival gangs of bandits, and suspicion for the robbery is deliberately directed toward Cooper, a careless, irresponsible young fellow who finally makes things interesting for the whole countryside.

The star's horse, which is shown as his constant companion throughout the picture, is worthy of a special word of praise. The animal, named "Flash," is a beauty, and is an accomplished actor as well. In fact he leaps, at one bound, into that small corral of famous screen horses which has hitherto held only Tony, Rex and Silver King.

If "Arizona Bound" is a fair sample of the photoplays in which Paramount will present the new star, their success seems already to be assured. In addition to the pleasing personality of Cooper, the story is full of action and suspense, the scenic backgrounds are especially beautiful, the direction

is in the hands of John Waters, famous director of Zane Grey stories, and the supporting cast, headed by the delectable Betty Jewel, and the highly amusing El Brendel, is altogether competent.

BLAIR ITEMS

The Methodist Revival closed with ten conversions and ten additions. The revival was conducted by Bro. Ledger of Sedan, Texas, and was assisted by Bro. Williams, the pastor.

Bro. Ledger and wife and son and daughter of Sedan have been the guests of Bro. and Sister Williams.

Misses Grace Tate and Lucille Welch of Buffalo Gap, Texas were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook and son Simmons, and daughter Miss Ollie, of Palestine were last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mrs. Abb Harris and daughter, little Francis, visited Mrs. Hugh Campbell Thursday.

Misses Celia and Eulin Dimple accompanied by their parents spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and family returned from Baylor County Saturday after a week's visit with their son, Mr. Clyde Moore and family and other relatives at that place.

Misses Bernice Owen, Jessie Clinton and Noma Deighbors were guests of Mrs. Della Doan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson Tuesday.

Mr. Earl Hughes and family and Mrs. Momy Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Sublett, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Christopher of California, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel, spent Friday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

The Baptist revival will start Sunday night. Every one is invited to come and help us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale returned this week from a pleasant and extended visit with friends and relatives at Mineral Wells and Glenn Rose, Texas.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Partridge, all of Abilene, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Partridge of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm have just returned from spending a few days vacation in Christoval, one of the pleasant outing spots in West Texas.

W. O. Boney and family left last week for a vacation trip to the Panhandle and West Texas points. They will visit relatives at Pampa, Texas on their trip.

NOT EASY TO GET SHINE IN FRANCE

Bootsblacks Not Familiar Sight on Streets.

Paris.—"Shine, sir!" Don't expect to hear in Paris the cry familiar outside railroad depots back home. But even at that you don't have to walk around the streets of the French capital with rusty footwear. No, it is no use thinking that all you tourists have to do is to place your shoes outside the door of your hotel room, as you will find in the guidebook advices. The half awakened chambermaid or night watchman will merely wipe off the dust, slap about one centime's worth of polish on the shoes, and let it go at that.

You won't find shoeblacks at every corner as you do in New York or Chicago, but you can find a few if you know where to go. There are not many, half a dozen or so in the whole city. When you get off the train at the Gare St. Lazare you can have your shoes shined right in the station or in a hidden arcade across the street. With a tip it will cost you about two francs, or eight cents in real money.

Then there are two worthy "commissioners," or public messengers, who sleep half the day on little stools on the two corners of the Boulevard des Italiens where it runs east from the Place de l'Opera. If you can wake up one of them when they are not busy carrying a bunch of flowers to a blonde or ringing a bell somewhere to awaken a late riser, you can have the job done under the eyes of half of Parisian Paris which never misses a chance to watch the antics of "those crazy Americans."

If you understand some of their argot you will at the same time learn what they think of people who spend money getting their shoes shined and then tell France she must pay her

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

THE SIXTH SENSE

A FAMOUS artist had three pupils. The first worked hard and long, earnestly endeavoring to reproduce a copy of one of his master's paintings. In spite of all his efforts he did not achieve success. He was only a copyist, an imitator. The second pupil endeavored to attain success by studying the technique of his art. He listened to great lectures, he read all the literature he could find upon the subject of his art. There was not a great art gallery that he did not visit. He could easily identify the works of the masters. He was splendidly educated in the science of his subject, but he never learned to paint. He could rise no higher than a third-rate artist. The third pupil did all that the other two achieved, but went one step further. He daily sought for opportunities when he could associate with his master and teacher. He studied every movement of his brush. He worked with him long enough to have caught his spirit. He was rewarded by being able to paint with the same skill because he painted with the same spirit. The spirit of the teacher reproduced itself in the works of the pupil.

The person who succeeds in life is the one who can interpret to others the spirit of his task. It is true in the commercial world as it is true in the world of the arts and sciences, that the man who would rise in the ranks of toilers is he who is more than a mere imitator or an abstract idealist. To convince another of the salability of an article of merchandise one must have for sale something more than the article itself. He must impart that invisible "something" that convinces and impels, and persuades the name "to be written on the dotted line." This invisible something might be called the sixth sense for through it there is disclosed to another what is impossible through any of the other five senses. The elements which made up personality are invincible. The person who does not give himself through his works fails. The unreal—imitation and pretense—is shuffled off in the struggle. It can go just so far and no further. It can never reach the summit heights of success. Only the REAL can do that.

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Making both ends meet sometimes is a serious proposition, and that may be the reason why families are getting smaller and smaller. It sort of makes a man feel glad that he was born, because if he wasn't, the chances are that he wouldn't be. You're taking no chances when equipping your car with India Tires. Extra mileage at no greater cost with even greater riding comfort is their boast.

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Mr. T. W. Whitman's family of Rockwall are visiting their nephew, Mr. J. O. Joplin and family north of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford returned this week from their vacation trip which carried them to Fort Worth and other points south and east.

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

Messrs. Earl and Dewey Thomas and Hoyle Malone are spending this week in Arkansas, visiting friends and relatives.

Queen Theatre

Showing the Pick of all Pictures

FRIDAY Only

Art Acord

Assisted by his wonder horse and dog in

"THE SET UP"

Here's the boy who's never happier than when riding the rickety back of a rarin' bronc and the amazing intelligence of his horse and dog will thrill you as never before. Also—

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