

Regarding The Tax Burden Incurred By Voting Additional \$1,000,000 Road Bonds

I have heard some citizens raise objection against the \$1,000,000 road bond issue because of the heavy burden which same will inflict upon the tax-payers of Taylor County. Upon this phase of the question I submit the following data which will be enlightening to the man who will carefully consider same.

The County-wide tax in Taylor county at the present time is 77 cents per \$100.00 valuation. This tax is made up of the following items:

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| Interest and sinking funds on Court House Bonds | 05 |
| Taylor County Special Road and Bridge Bonds, (the \$350,000 issue) | 08 |
| General Fund | 25 |
| Road and Bridge purposes (a fund for County Commissioners' Lateral Roads) | 30 |
| Jury Fund | 07 |
| Permanent Improvement fund | 02 |
| County-wide Total | 77 |

Every penny of the above tax levy is spent in Taylor County. Every year the state sends in its rate which for 1927 will be 67 cents per one hundred dollars valuation. However, by County-wide tax is always meant the 77 cents above mentioned.

The power and duty under the state constitution is placed in the Commissioners' Court of each county to set the assessed valuations to be placed upon the property in the County each year for the year of 1927. I have worked with the Commissioners' Court of Taylor county, and I know of my own knowledge that no man's property was raised a single dollar in valuation, unless it was for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of his property with the assessment of his neighbor. There was not even a dollar general raise over the county. The general assessment which was made against farm property was about one sixth of the actual valuation. In other words, if a man owns a farm worth \$100 per acre he was assessed at about \$15.00 to \$18.00 per acre, depending upon the location and his improvements. Certainly this is very, very low. In the city of Abilene the assessment was about one fifth to one-sixth of the actual market value. The Commissioners' Court intentionally kept the valuations low and did not raise them, and here was the reason: Out of every \$100.00 valuation paid on, the state assesses and collects 67 cents in cash. Now, the Commissioners Court could have doubled every man's assessment in Taylor County, and the assessments would not have been unreasonable. In other words our valuation now being a little over twenty million, we could have doubled it and made the figure forty million. The county would have received twice as much road and bridge money, but the State would have also received 67 cents out of every one hundred dollars increased valuation. Every penny of the 77 cents above mentioned is spent in Taylor county, and every penny of the 30 cent levy to care for the one million dollar issue proposed will be spent in Taylor County, but not one penny of the 67 cents is spent directly in Taylor County, and I submit to the reasonable man which is better: to KEEP THE VALUATIONS LOW and MAKE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO SPEND IN TAYLOR COUNTY, or to DOUBLE THE VALUATIONS AND PAY 67c ON EVERY HUNDRED DOLLARS INTO THE STATE TREASURY? I ask the reasonable man to get a pencil and figure just what the Commissioners' Court is doing for him before he accuses them of burdening the people with taxes on the proposed one million dollar bond issue.

In this connection on August 17th, 1927, I received a letter from the Brown Crummer Company, of Dallas, Texas, and this company has financial statements from practically every county in the state of Texas. I now quote from this letter received from them in answer to an inquiry which I had made.

"We might say that almost all counties in the State assess their valuations at about 33 1/3 to 50 per cent of the actual valuations, and this applies particularly to counties of the size of Taylor County." (Taylor county assesses at about one-sixth of the actual valuation). I further quote from their letter:

"You will notice from these comparisons that Taylor County is considerably below the average in the amount of debt and even after the one million dollar proposed issue is voted Taylor County will still be below the average as compared with most counties of her size."

With this same letter this company

submitted to me a chart showing 17 progressive counties over the state of Texas having about the same valuation of Taylor County, to-wit: Around twenty million dollars. This chart which I now have in my office shows that the average county-wide tax in counties of about 20 million valuation runs from about one dollar to a dollar seventy-five cents per hundred dollars valuation, compared to Taylor County's 77 cents. Also that they assess their property at about one-third to one-half of its actual valuation in comparison to Taylor County's one-sixth assessment.

On May 10th, 1927, I secured a statement from Shackelford County, signed by the County Judge which I now have in my office, which shows a county-wide tax of \$1.77 per one hundred dollar valuation as compared with Taylor County's 77 cents. This same County has a special road bond tax of 52 cents per hundred dollar valuation, as compared with a 30cent special tax which Taylor County is now asking the people to vote, and adding the 30 cent tax, the county-wide tax in Taylor County will only be \$1.07 grand total.

I want to call the people's attention to the fact that when the \$350,000 issue was voted that it required a 20 cent levy per one hundred dollar valuation to care for the interest and sinking fund; that levy has now been reduced to 8 cents. So will the 30 cent levy be reduced. This year we have an increased valuation of about three million dollars. This valuation, if the county remains progressive, will increase, each year, and as the valuations increase, so can the Court reduce the levy per one hundred dollar valuation. This increase will come from increased building and business firms coming in.

I would call the farmers' attention to the fact that while his farm has been assessed at the same rate for the last five years in Taylor County, that Abilene and Precinct one has been growing and erecting buildings, and her assessment growing, and now Precinct One is paying about 70 per cent of the total taxes in Taylor county. I would call attention to the fact that a man who owns a farm worth \$100 per acre assessed at \$15.00 per acre, making a total of \$1500.00 rendered, under a 30 cent levy for the one million dollar issue would pay an additional total tax of \$4.50 per year. That this farm land, if it is now worth \$100.00 an acre, if located on a highway or a good lateral road leading into a highway, would immediately after the construction of the highway be worth from 25 per cent to 30 per cent more in cash on the market, and I submit to the property owners that it is worth an additional tax of \$4.50 per year.

The valuations have remained low so long in Taylor County that a great many people are working under the sad delusion that it will bankrupt the county to raise them another penny. I realize that the tax-payers must be protected, and I want to tell the people of Taylor County that the Commissioners' Court has been protecting the tax-payers of Taylor County in a way which makes other counties envious of the low rate in Taylor County. We can continue to protect them if they will give us our improvements by special levy like the 30 cent levy which is to be spent entirely in Taylor County. Instead of issuing warrants or increasing the valuations we are coming to the people with a bond issue, and asking them to allow us to let the valuations remain as they are by making a constitutional special levy. I want the people to consider the facts and the figures and to try to acquaint themselves as to what the court is already doing for them, and I will guarantee any doubtful man if he will come to my office, or to the County Treasury, or to the county auditor, and let us show him the actual figures and records of other counties that he will not leave this court house without endorsing the work of the Commissioners' Court or without endorsing the special 30 cent levy which we are now asking the people to vote.

Very respectfully submitted,
TOM K. EPLEN,
County Judge, Taylor County, Tex.

Little Miss Geneva Huddleston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Huddleston, had her tonsils removed at a local sanitarium one day this week, and is getting along nicely.

Mr. Doyle Garrett who has been attending the Cadet Aviation school at San Antonio for some time, returned to his home here last week.

MERKEL INVITED TO LINDBERGH CELEBRATION 26th

The Editor of The Merkel Mail has received a telegram from Mayor Thos. Hayden, Jr., of Abilene, which will be of interest to everybody in this city and surrounding community: The telegram is self explanatory, as follows:

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 19, 1927. Thos. Durham, Merkel, Tex.

May I have the honor of extending an invitation through the columns of your paper to the people of your community to visit Abilene Lindbergh Day, September 26th. We are making plans to give everybody an opportunity to see this most exemplary young man and distinguished citizen who will be here for two hours, ten to twelve o'clock.

THOS. HAYDEN, Jr., Mayor.

MERKEL SCHOOLS TO DISMISS SEP. 26, LINDBERGH DAY

On account of the fact that on next Monday, at Abilene, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the world's most heroic aviator will spend two hours while on his trip encircling the nation, and the further fact that this will be the opening day of the great West Texas Fair and school day at the fair, Supt. Irvin L. Jackson announces that the Merkel Public Schools will dismiss for that day in order that every boy and girl may have an opportunity of attending both the Lindbergh celebration and the opening of the West Texas Fair.

These combined, will without doubt be the biggest day ever celebrated by the people of West Texas, and it is but natural that every boy and girl will want to attend.

Supt. Jackson also stated that he hoped that every one who could would attend the Fair on this date, as there will be no one excused on any other date to attend the fair.

35th ANNUAL CONFEDERATE REUNION AT SAN ANGELO, OCTOBER 6-8

This paper is in receipt of a communication from Hon. T. A. Bledsoe, State Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans, announcing the annual meeting of the Confederate Veterans and sons of Confederate Veterans, to take place at San Angelo on October 6, 7 and 8.

Reduced rates are announced on all railroads for the benefit of any desiring to attend.

LOCAL BARBER BUILDING NEW STUCCO HOME

Mr. Dean Higgins, splendid citizen, and a member of the firm of McDonald & Higgins barber shop, has recently let the contract to Mr. Douglas for the erection of a beautiful, new four room and bath stucco home, to be located on the site of his former home in the South part of the city.

The new home will be modern throughout and when completed one of the nicest in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye are happy over the arrival at their home of a bouncing baby boy, born on Sept. 15.

GREAT CROWD HEARS J. FRANK NORRIS SPEAK

Notwithstanding the fact that there was but little or no publicity announcing the coming to this city of Dr. J. Frank Norris, of Fort Worth, and the further fact that there was some conflicting announcements concerning the hour of his address, a very large audience greeted Dr. Norris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Fort Worth, for his address here Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at the tabernacle.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, local pastor of the First Baptist Church, acted as Master of ceremonies and introduced the speaker, while Postmaster O. J. Adeock, member of the Church of Christ led in the song service, and Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist church offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Norris' address on "Fundamentalism Versus Modernism," one of the outstanding and burning issues among church people today, was pronounced by many who heard him as one of the grandest and most powerful addresses they had ever heard.

He appeared in the finest health and spoke eloquently and in clear, distinct tones, holding his audience in strictest attention throughout his one hour and a half address. There was not the slightest abuse toward any cause or person from Dr. Norris at any time, and there was every indication that he went away with many feeling more kindly toward him than heretofore, all because of his able address and the further fact that they had been able to see and hear the man of whom they had heard so much and knew so little.

The Badger Line

The prospects of this year's Badger football team look very bright. From twenty-five to thirty men are in uniform each afternoon for practice, which is more than have been coming out previous seasons.

We have one of the most able coaches in West Texas, and he is putting the men through a continual grind to get them in shape for one of the hardest schedules that the Badger team has ever had.

The following schedule is only tentative, and may be altered:
Sept. 23, Roby at Roby.
Oct. 7, Cisco at Cisco.
Oct. 14, Lorraine at Lorraine.
Oct. 21, Breckenridge at Breckenridge.

Oct. 28, Ballinger at Ballinger.
Nov. 4, Colorado at Colorado.
If we do not play Abilene at Abilene Sept. 30th we will probably have a game at home with Clyde.

There are only five letter men who have returned this year. They are Tolbert Proctor, end; Blanton McLean, full back; Max Roberts, right half; Wyatt Miller, tackle; Rex Roberts, center. The new men are James Collum, quarter; Paul Casseaux, guard; J. D. Ashby, end; Roy Propst, end; Max Swafford, guard; Sterling Sheppard, guard; Victor Smith, tackle; Forest Bridges, half; George West half; J. T. Darsey, tackle; Baylor Amason, tackle; J. E. Boaz, end; William Sheppard, end; F. J. McDonald, tackle.

Mr. Jay Causseaux, of Trent, has accepted a position with the Hamm Drug Company.

Says Autos Are Aids To Farmers

"One of the most hopeful signs in the agricultural situation is the fact revealed by recent statistics that rural registration of automobiles is increasing in the United States," says J. W. Frazier, sales manager of the Chrysler Sales Corporation. "The more our farmers have of all kinds of gas power, electric power and mechanical equipment the sooner they will leave behind them the troubles that have been making their lot so difficult."

The Chrysler official's comments were prompted by a farm paper's discussion of the views of a statistician who called on its editor and blamed automobiles for farm problems of the country.

The statistician argued like this: Automobiles and trucks, with some help from tractors, have decreased our horse population by 8,000,000 since 1900. This has shifted 24,000,000 acres which were formerly used to feed work stock, over to the production of human food. If only 15,000,000 of these acres are tillable land, that means, in terms of corn, 450,000,000 bushels which is more than our 1926 corn surplus, an excess that has been representing a goodly share of the farm problem.

"The statistician might have added that probably we would have no surplus crops but for tractor-plows and gas driven combines," continued Mr. Frazier. "But the editor raised the pertinent question whether the farmer today would be willing to exchange his car for a horse and buggy. Would any farmer step out from under his financial worries and other cares, by trading his speedy access to town, his riding and power machinery, his radio and the like, for dad's working tools and isolation?"

"The farmers must have more mechanical help, if they are to hold their own with the cities, where machinery steadily increases the worker's productive power, thereby giving him a large measure of good things for fewer working hours. If farmers are to share in this progress, they must adopt the same methods—they must similarly multiply their own productive power into larger and larger outputs."

"Farmers know this. They know that the old, simple ways will no longer serve. In the days of these there were few things for farmers to buy—few men producing anything except soil stuffs. Most of our population then farmed for a living.

"But now for every farmer there are at least three men engaged in other activities. Wherefore, every farmer must now feed and clothe three men in the industries, if he would have them all work for him—if he would have something of what they all produce—if, in other words, he would enjoy an American standard of living.

"That is the farm problem. The required increase of individual farm production has enlarged the aggregate output, temporarily depressing prices of some items and thus squeezing a few farmers off the land.

"But all farmers are better off—both those who continue farming and those who have been forced into other work—than they would be if all had remained on the land, dividing the total farm income among more homes, and each accordingly having less money to spend for city goods.

"It is a significant fact that last year there was a five per cent gain in rural registration of motor cars. It is also interesting to note that in terms of staple farm products, it costs the farmer from 11 per cent to 53 per cent less to pay for his automobile or truck today than it did in 1913. In other words the exchange value of wheat, hogs, wool, cotton, corn and cattle for motor vehicles is from 1 to 10 times greater today than in 1913. "More cars on the farms of the country means better times for agriculture."

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN IS CRITICALLY ILL

Mr. E. L. Ash, well known business man and citizen, is reported at this writing to be critically ill at his home on Oak street, having taken seriously sick Wednesday.

At noon Thursday we were informed that physicians report his condition very serious and recovery as doubtful.

Miss Thelma Deavers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers, Merkel, route two, has entered Simmons University for the term. She is a graduate of the 1927 class of the Merkel High School.

Boy Scouts To Honor Lindbergh

The Boy Scouts of Merkel and all cities in the seven counties that comprise the Chisholm Trail Area Council have been greatly honored by the committee in charge of the Lindbergh celebration September 26th.

Several hundred scouts will report to Executive Ed Shumway at Abilene at 8 o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 26th at the Kinsolving Landing field. A large percentage of these scouts will have charge of the parking of the thousands of cars. A few minutes before Lindbergh and the other part of WE land, the scouts will enter the landing field and be the first to greet the "Spirit of St. Louis."

Each scoutmaster in the seven counties of the Chisholm Trail Council has been asked to select three scouts who act as Honor Guard for the automobile which will convey Lindbergh through the streets of Abilene. An Honor Guard of Scouts will completely surround the car and in front of the official car will be a flag detail of Boy Scouts.

September 26th is also school children's day at the West Texas Fair and it is expected that every boy scout in West Texas will be in Abilene on that day. A large number of scouts are coming from Cisco, Ranger, Eastland and San Angelo.

Every boy scout that takes part in the Lindbergh celebration must be in complete uniform and Executive Ed Shumway announces that, unless the scout is in complete uniform, he will not be permitted to take part in the celebration.

Boy Scouts of America is the only boy organization that has been requested to take part in the Lindbergh Day celebrations.

CHAMPION COWBOY, COUSIN OF W. E. LOWE, LIVES IN ABILENE

Bob Crosby, crowned world's champion cowboy at the close of the Pendleton, Oregon, round-up Saturday, does not live in Kenna, New Mexico, as news dispatches stated, but has a nice new home at 1142 Amarillo street in Abilene.

Winning world's championships is nothing new for Bob Crosby, for in 1925 he carried off the honors of the Pendleton meet. In 1926, sacrificing a chance to win the trophy again, Bob competed in the Sesqui Centennial at Philadelphia.

The original Theodore Roosevelt trophy is held in trust at the Roosevelt hotel in New York, for the person winning the championship for three successive years.

In addition to the miniature Roosevelt trophy, Bob won a handcarved saddle valued at \$500, and a belt presented to them champion by the Police Gazette.

Originally a Texan, born in Midland Feb. 27, 1897, Bob went to Oklahoma with his parents while still a small boy. For several years Bob and his family lived on a ranch south of Kenna, New Mexico, until they located in Abilene.

Two mammoth silver loving cups filled with belt buckles, hat bands, and many other trophies complete the list. One of the cups was won at Phoenix, Arizona, rodeo this year and the other was presented to Crosby by the Detroit Knights Templar Commandery No. 1 at the 1925 Cheyenne rodeo.

Bob is expected to arrive in Abilene soon with his six-year old daughter, Roberta, and his two favorite horses, Pinon and Nickel.

Mr. Bob Crosby is a cousin of our local citizen and fellow townsman, Mr. W. E. Lowe.

100 MEN WANTED; APPLY AT C. OR GAS COMPANY

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, L. R. Thompson, has asked this paper to announce that 100 men are now needed by the Lone Star Gas Company for the building of their main line running from Abilene through Merkel to Sweetwater and Colorado.

Some time ago the Gas Company promised the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that they would use as much local labor as possible in their work through here, and are now ready to make that promise good. Those desiring work can either apply to Mr. Thompson or the Lone Star Gas Company's office located on Kent Street.

Mr. S. L. Bounds and wife and little daughter, Helen, of Dallas, were here first of this week for a visit with N. A. Dowell and family. Mr. Bounds and Mr. Dowell were boyhood friends at Royce City, Texas, fifty years ago. Mr. Dowell said.

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MERKEL SCHOOL NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL CLUB ORGANIZED

With Miss Christine Collins in charge, the High School Choral Club was organized last Thursday afternoon, Sept. 15th. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

- President, Bessie Westenhover; Secretary Treasurer, Euna Lee Gilmore; Reporter, Iris Garrett.

Miss Collins is to be director of the club, Miss Melba West, assistant Director; Mrs. E. Yates Brown, pianist; and Miss Iris Garrett assistant pianist.

The Club is planning to do many interesting things this year, and any one who fails to join it will have much regret for not having done so. The members decided to have white uniforms which will be procured later. Every girl in high school should want to be entitled to one of these uniforms so why not join now and be entitled to one? Those who do not join are going to miss a good time as well as the excellent training afforded. If you are at all interested in this club work, meet with us next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Grammar School building.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ATHLETIC CLUB

On Tuesday afternoon the girls of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades met to organize an athletic club.

The following officers were elected. Nell Durham, president. Gazelle Cook, Vice President. Edna Wilson, secretary and treasurer.

Maroon and white were adopted as the club colors. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in inter-scholastic activities.

A Junior pep squad was organized with Thelma Leach and Artilee Simmons as yell leaders.

The girls of this club expect to take a prominent part in all school activities.

BASKET BALL NOTES

On Monday afternoon of this week the Basket Ball girls of Merkel High School met and organized. Officers elected were Ruby Joe Higgins, captain; and Lola Shelton, Secretary.

We, the Basket Ball girls, feel that we are going to have a much better team this year than we have ever had before. We have much more material to select our team from this year than we had last year. We had twenty-three girls out for Basket Ball Monday afternoon. We are coming out this year with a greater determination than we have had before to have a real team.

We are delighted indeed to have this year as our coach Miss Jessie Rodden. We believe that she will be ready at any and all times to do her part for us.

We are going to do our best and we know that if we get the encouragement from high school and the town in general we will win. We can have a good team and it will mean much to you. Can we depend on you? Secretary.

JUNIOR NEWS

The Junior Class has enrolled thirty-three students several of which are new students of Merkel High school. We are very glad to have them with us and feel sure that they are going to do all they can to make our class a success.

One great encouragement we Juniors have this year is that we have a wonderful sponsor, Mrs. Young, who is full of pep and an all around good sport. We have proof of all of this because she was our sponsor half of last year and we hope to have her again in our senior year.

We have organized our class and have chosen our officers. They are: James Collum, president. Norma Shannon, secretary treasurer. Lola Shelton, social manager. Addie Fae Patterson, reporter.

FRESHMAN CLASS NOTES

The Freshman Class held a meeting last Friday afternoon in the study hall and elected class officers: Mattilou Largent, president. Joel Darsey, vice president. Willie D. Frady, Secretary treasurer. Louise Booth, reporter.

We intend to have the best class of the school this year.

Clarence Sharp, a member of the Freshman Class, was taken suddenly ill and was operated on Monday night but we are glad to hear he is getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent left first of the week for San Angelo to attend the "All West Texas Fair" held in that city this week. A part of the "Show Herd" of the Largent's Fine Herefords are on exhibition there during the Fair, in care of Mr. Roy Largent.

SOPHOMORE SAYINGS

Miss Mary Cleo Booth is the very efficient and capable supervisor of the Sophomore Class this school term. Miss Booth supervised the same students last year as she was then sponsor of the Freshman Class of '27.

The entire class was very glad to know that we were to have our former supervisor again this term, and we wish to thank Miss Booth for having chosen our class to sponsor, saying that she chose the Sophomores or none at all. We are expecting to lead the other classes this term, just as we did last term.

The following class officers were elected on Wednesday of last week, when a class meeting was held: J. T. Darsey, Jr., President; Forest Bridges, vice president; Missie Dye, secretary treasurer; Frances Frederickson, class reporter.

Our former president, J. T. Darsey, Jr., was again elected to that position. We all agree that there is no one of us more capable of presiding over the class than he, because he proved his capability last year by making us a wide-awake, enthusiastic president, and we are going to help J. T. to make our class what we know it can be—the foremost in the school.

Some six or eight of the boys of the class are participating in the football games, and a number of our girls are in the choral club and pep squad, therefore our class is well represented in all of the school activities.

We Wonder— If we acted last year as the Freshmen act this year.

If the ninth is as hard as the eighth grade was.

If the Fish look up to us as they should.

Why the Seniors are so hardboiled.

Why Miss Sloan can't be picked on.

What you will think of this, anyhow—

and why did we ever try to write such stuff.

LINDBERGH DINNER AT ABILENE 26th.

Dinner will be served "family style" in the basement of the First Methodist Church, Abilene, on Lindbergh Day from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m. for only 50 cents. Plenty of parking space and a nice place to rest. First Methodist Church, corner South Second and Butternut Streets.

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THIRD VOLUME OF "THE BADGER" BE PUBLISHED

The high school has decided to put out the third volume of "The Badger" the high school year book, which is to be sponsored by the Senior class. It is the ambition of the Senior Class to make this annual the best that has yet been published. To do this we must have the cooperation of the entire school and also of the business men of Merkel.

We expect to receive an advertisement from every business firm in Merkel. We must have your help in order to make this annual a success.

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

N. Y. P. S. Program

Meets at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25th. Subject, "God's Plan." Leader, Mrs. Bill Childress. Reading, God's love, Grace Walker. Reading, Jr. Goiteir. Song, Eula Mae Northcutt. Reading, Minnie Faye Montandon. Reading, Mrs. Addie Goiteir. Duct, "Why I Love Jesus", by Carlos and Nina Montandon. Benediction, Bro. Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sears, having moved to Abilene from their ranch near Menard, have ordered the address of their Merkel Mail changed to that city, route 4.

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29x4.40 Puritan 10.00 Saturday Special **8.25**

29x4.40 Hood 12.50 Saturday Special **10.50**

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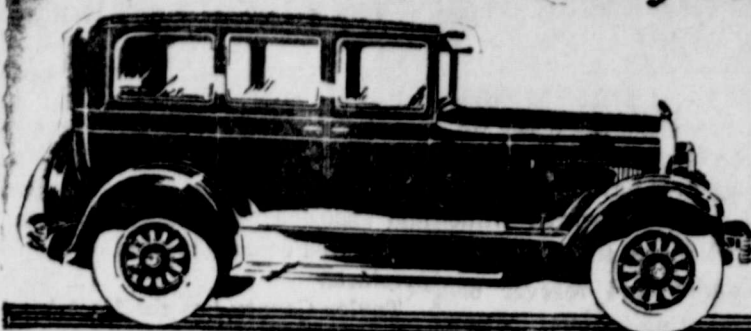
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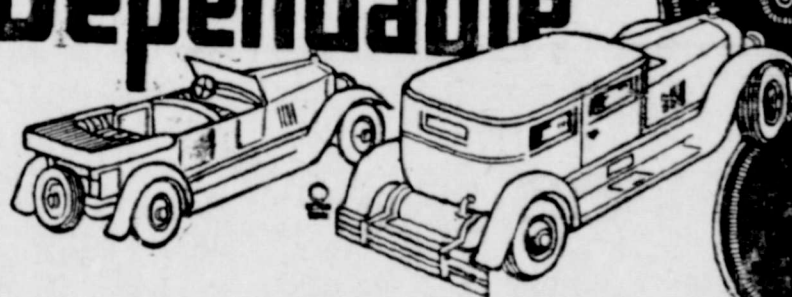
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There are four great lines to meet the four great divisions of the market—"52," "62," "72" and the Imperial "80." See them. Among them you are bound to find the car that exactly fits your needs—the car that actually provides that "extra something" at a price unbelievably low.

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Don't talk about people failing to do their duty to humanity and society until you have a record for doing something worth while yourself.

Some people spend considerable time and thought tending to the other fellow's business, when they can do so profitably to their own selfish interest.

A man who has to scheme and twist to keep popular in the public eye, is invariably a man who needs watching. It's the fellow who does things and never brags about it that the community appreciates. In fact, if a man actually does something worth while the public will know it and give him due credit for same.

Some people spend a lot of time talking about how little the other fellow is doing for humanity and society when they themselves have never been known to do anything worth while other than work hard to keep their own name popular and forever before an unsuspecting public. Some times it takes a long time for "Old John Public" to wake up to the unworthiness of such selfish creatures, but when the awakening comes there always is a mighty let down.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Some people are artists at making themselves popular by butting in so as to give them a seat on the front row, when in reality they are neither popular nor deserving of many honors bestowed upon them.

The Proposed Road Bonds

The County Commissioners have called an election to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$1,000,000. Seven hundred thousand dollars is to be used to complete the designated highways and \$300,000 for lateral roads to be distributed equally to each of the four precincts.

Taylor County has the least bonded indebtedness of any county of approximately the same wealth in the state. The valuation of farm lands in proportion to the cash value is less than most counties in the state and farm lands are and in the opinion of the Mail should be, assessed lower in proportion to value than other property. Precinct Number 1 will pay seventy per cent on seven hundred thousand dollars of the one million dollars. As a matter of cold, hard business judgment, can this part of the county afford to vote against the bonds? The only argument that can be presented against the proposed issue is the delay in the expenditure of the first issue. If we examine this argument it will urge the success of the proposed issue. If there had been no delay all of the 350,000 would have been spent in constructing highways without considering their permanency and with narrow bridges and dips. Every considerate man—unbiased by prejudice—is congratulating himself that cheap highways were not constructed. Had they been, they would have been worn out and we would have had some real argument against a further issue of bonds.

The new issue will require a tax of 30 cents per thousand the first year

which will be diminished each year. The highest assessed quarter sections in this precinct would pay no more than seven dollars and twenty-cents and practically all of it would pay less than four dollars and eighty cents, and this would decrease each year during the life of the bonds.

Judge Ely, whom every one regards as a thoroughly honorable man, assures us that the first contract that will be let is the 14 miles from Nolan County line through Merkel and east of Mulberry. There will be no delay in the construction of this fourteen miles. The road will be constructed some time whether the bonds carry or not—if not by a bond issue then by raising valuations—and in that event the state would get about two-thirds of the money. By a bond issue every dollar will be expended in Taylor County. Once values are raised they are rarely ever lowered. Since we have a resident member of the State Highway Commission and a man of the calibre of Judge Ely, since we have a friendly Governor—since precinct one pays seventy per cent of the bonds—since we will get a refund of a good part of the cost of paving four blocks of front street if the bonds are voted—since we are in favor of lower assessments when most of the money goes to the state—and since we spend all of a special bond issue in the county—since the additional tonnage that can be hauled over hard surfaced roads—and the saving of wear and tear on automobile tires will in any year more than offset the additional cost—is it not the part of wisdom and hard business judgement to favor the proposed issue.

LINDBERGH DINNER AT ABILENE 26th.

Dinner will be served "family style" in the basement of the First Methodist Church, Abilene, on Lindbergh Day from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m. for only 50 cents. Plenty of parking space and a nice place to rest. First Methodist Church, corner South Second and Butternut Streets. 1t

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Brazil, A Baptist opportunity.
 Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.
 1. Our Brazilian neighbors, Mildred Hamm.
 2. Brazil needs our help, Rubyjo Higgins.
 3. Brazil needs real Religion, Mary Ellen Ashby.
 4. A Continent to be cultivated, Ted McGehee.
 5. Resources untold, yet untouched, Yates Brown.
 6. What is the difference, if any? Mrs. Yates Brown.

Every one is asked to be present at the Senior B.Y.P.U. Sunday afternoon. This applies to all old members and also to every one else who would like to come. Would be glad to have you we would be glad to have any one regardless of their age. All the old members are urged to be present. If you have company bring them with you. If you have a date bring him with you; if he won't come tell him you are sorry but you have to go to B.Y.P.U. If you love your Lord like you should I think you will come and do your part. So come.

COMPETITION AND ADVERTISING BRING BUSINESS

That old saying that "Competition is the Life of Trade," together with the proper advertising, seems to have been proven true in the matter of bringing more cotton to Merkel this fall. The fact that competition in ginning prices, the price paid for cotton seed and the high prices paid for cotton in Merkel brought many bales to this city for ginning and market that otherwise never would have come to this city. And the fact that same was very widely advertised also played an important part in the matter. Every cotton buyer admits that these prices were the cause of many bales coming to our city, and of course the matter had to be advertised before the farmers knew about it.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Always Stiff and Achy?

Too Often This Warns of Sluggish Kidney Action.

LAME? Stiff? Achy? Sure right? Your kidneys are working right? Sluggish kidneys allow waste poisons to remain in the blood and are apt to make one languid, tired and achy, with often dull headaches, dizziness and nagging backache. That the kidneys are not acting right is often shown by scanty or burning secretions. If you have reason to believe your kidneys are acting sluggishly, use **Doan's Pills**. Doan's stimulate the kidneys and thus assist in eliminating waste impurities. Users everywhere endorse **Doan's**. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS
 60c
 Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
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Make an appointment today

"Should you die tomorrow, would you leave a good portrait for your family?"

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We have several good second-hand Oil Stoves which we must sell. If you are interested it will pay you to see us before buying. West Texas Utilities Company. tf

Mrs. B. A. Savage, of San Angelo, is here visiting Mrs. Ida Robbins, of the Tourist Hotel.

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

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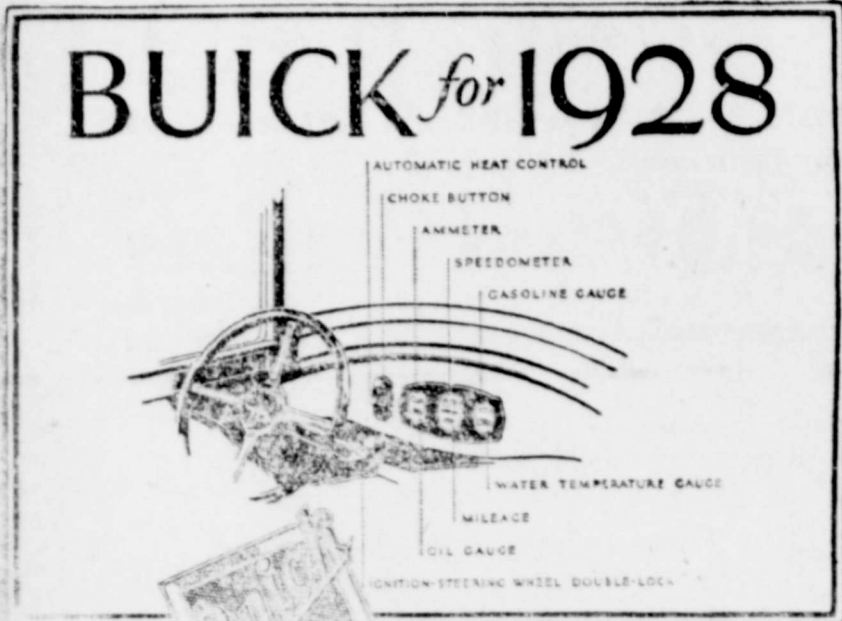
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 ALWAYS GOOD
 GOOD ALL WAYS
TRY A CAN
 You'll Like It!
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Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, was operated on at a local sanitarium Monday of this week for Appendicitis, and is reported as getting along splendidly at this time.

Special Price on Paint

During this month I can give you a special price on guaranteed paint at \$2.60 per gallon. Linseed oil \$1.05 per gallon. E. L. Wilson, phone No. 121. 1t

Messrs. Clesby and Comer Patterson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, also Messrs. Delbert Polly and Lester Tittle, left last Sunday for Arlington, where they will attend the North Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College this year.

Queen Theatre

Showing the Pick of all Pictures
SATURDAY Only
 YOUR FAVORITES!



Fred and Silver King score a gain in this riding, roping, fighting hurricane of a Western!

—Also—
WILLIAM DESMOND
 in that Wonder Serial
"Return of The Riddle Rider"
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 2-Reel Educational Comedy

EXTRA! EXTRA!
"THE LAST WORD"
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Monday and Tues.

You've always wanted a picture that's different—Now it's here!
DORIS KENYON and **LEWIS STONE** in
"The Blonde Saint"
 A Sinner finds his lost soul—and a Saint learns what her lips are for.
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Wednesday & Thu



with **ANTONIO MORENO**
 Great Comedy!
 Greater Romance!
 Greatest hit this famous star has ever made!
 Don't Miss the Wonderful Scenes in Venice—Canals—Gondolas—Reckless Carnival Crowds.

Same Prices 10c-25c
MATINEE EVERY DAY

MRS. LEN SUBLETT HOS-TESS AT FACULTY PARTY

On last Friday evening to honor the new members of the Merkel school faculty a reception and party was given by the faculty members who had taught one or more years in Merkel. The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett on Oak Street was chosen as the place for the reception and the entertaining rooms were prettily decorated with vases of cut flowers tastily placed. Mrs. Sublett gracefully received the guests at the door and introduced the new faculty members. Misses Bird, Coats, Pogue and West assisted Mrs. Sublett in a special way in entertaining the guests. The mode of entertainment for the evening was so varied as to offer plenty of amusement and yet be entertaining as well. Two contests furnished food for thought for a while and Mr. Jackson and Miss Altman proved the happy winners of the prizes offered. To vary the program, special musical numbers and readings were given by Mrs. Yates Brown and Misses Christine Collins and Lucy Tracy. Mind reading stunts by Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. Jackson led some to believe that perhaps they possessed some super-human powers but they finally revealed the trick which simplified the art.

Very amusing was Miss Rodden's interpretation of Paderewski at the piano and necessarily must be seen and heard to be appreciated. The guests were then invited to the large front porch for a bit of fresh air and were further entertained with a spelling match and pillow contest.

Returning to the entertaining rooms, Miss Tracy very sweetly read "It Takes a Heap O' Living," while Mrs. Brown played an accompaniment on the piano and Miss Collins hummed an old fashioned tune. The hostess and her assistants served a delicious refreshment plate of brick ice cream and wafers with pretty roses as plate favors. The following attended: Misses Martha Bird, Minnie Coats, Alzada Pogue, Melba West, Sidney Lee Altman, Julia Martin, Ouida Campbell, Mary Cleo Booth, Roberta Sloan, Jessie Rodden, Lucille Guitler, Vennie Heizer, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Messrs. Ralph Duke, R. O. Anderson, Messdames Sadler, Harry Cookston, John Camp, Yates Brown, M. E. Simpson, Messrs and Messdames I. L. Jackson, Len Sublett, Young, Herbert Patterson, Thomas Durham, Lige Gamble, and R. I. Grimes.

CONSTANCE TALMADGE HAS GAY NEW HIT IN "VENUS OF VENICE"

Constance Talmadge comes to the Queen for a two days run Wednesday and Thursday in "Venus of Venice," a rollicking story, in which Constance appears as an impulsive, mischievous little canal gypsy whose life is one of thievery among the gondolas of the Venice canals.

Diving into and swimming through the canals with the utmost abandon whenever occasion demands it, she has earned the sobriquet the "Water Rat." And it is one of her daredevil escapades that brings her into contact with an American artist in Venice—an acquaintance that is productive of more excitement, more thrills and greater joy than ever has been crowded into her life.

In the leading male role opposite Miss Talmadge, Antonio Moreno appears as the American artist. And the director is Marshall Neilan, past master in the creation of light comedy.

Included in the cast are Edward Martindel, in the role of an American journalist; Julianne Johnston, as the artist's fiancée; Michael Vavitch, Arthur Thalasso and others.

The Venetian settings including an elaborate network of canals that duplicate some of the best known waterways of the Italian City, are the work of William Cameron Menzies, art director of all Joseph M. Schenck enterprises.

Miss Mary, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack, has entered Simmons University for her second year.

Will have another car Hulls Saturday or Monday. Swafford. 1t

Some over-zealous citizen of Fort Worth recently reported to the Star-Telegram that Colonel Lindbergh would stop in Abilene only long enough to say "howdy" and re-fuel. The fact is he will be there two hours or more. Abilene will give him a reception unsurpassed by any city in the state. The Abilene Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated in putting one over the other cities of Texas in doing honor to the Eagle of the U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore returned this week from a very pleasant visit with their daughter, Miss Fannie Pearl at Groesbeck, Texas.

OIL STOVES

We have several good second-hand Oil Stoves which we must sell. If you are interested it will pay you to see us before buying. West Texas Utilities Company. 1t

Miss Aileen Childress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Childress, left last week for Waco, where she will be a student at Baylor University this year.

PIANO TUNING—If you wish to have an experienced tuner to care for your piano, phone Mrs. Yates Brown, No. 235. Robt. L. Wright, with State Factory Representative. 16t2p

Mrs. R. O. Anderson returned first of the week from Fort Worth, where she had been to place her daughter, Miss Flora Frances, in school at Texas Christian University.

Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, left last week for Fort Worth where he entered Texas Christian University for the school term. He is one among the 1927 graduates of Merkel High School to go to college.

The Methodist ladies will have cakes, pies and live chickens for sale Saturday at Hamilton-Case Grocery Store. 16t2

Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, left this week for Abilene to enter her second year at McMurtry College.

For Sale—Practically new 1927 Ford Sedan, equipped with extra tire, locked steering wheel and shades. Well worth the money. Apply at R. R. Adams Garage. 1t

Miss Autry Porter, after a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter, has returned to Simmons University where she will complete her work for an A.B. degree.

Methodist Missionary Society

At the meeting Monday afternoon the members of the Missionary Society enjoyed a splendid lesson from the study "New Paths for Old Purposes." For the meeting next Monday a program from the Missionary Voice is being prepared. The hour of meeting has been changed from 4 to 2 o'clock. All members please remember the change in time of meeting and bring a visitor or new member with you.

On last Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Judge W. W. Wheeler, at his residence, united in marriage Mr. H. M. Lindsey and Miss Marie Pressley in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Lindsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lindsey of the Nubia community, while Miss Pressley is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley of the White Church community. They will make their home near Nubia.

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 A Brand New thrill picture. We are the first theatre in Texas to run this picture, playing it a week ahead of release date.
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 Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Lasky Present
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 Plenty of Fun and Action!
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- TOKAY GRAPES**, per lb. 12 1/2c
- SPUDS**, per peck 45c
- SALT PORK**, nice and lean 19c
- FLOUR**, 48-lb sack Triumph \$2.00
- 24-lb. Sack of Triumph \$1.05
- LARD**, 16-lb Pail \$2.25
- 8-Pound Pail of Lard \$1.25
- SUGAR**, 25 lbs for \$1.85
- 10 POUNDS SUGAR For 85c
- SUNBRITE Cleanser**, each 5c
- IVORY SOAP FLAKES**, each 5c
- SOAPADE**, Each 5c
- HONEY**, 3-lb can 55c
- POST TOASTIES**, 2 for 25c
- MATCHES**, 7 boxes for 25c
- CATSUP**, Heinz large size 30c
- Small Size Heinz Catsup 20c
- COFFEE**, Breakfast Delight 3-lb. \$1.45
- COFFEE, Sam Houston, 3-lb can \$1.45
- COFFEE, Sam Houston, 1-lb. Can 50c
- COFFE, Border, 3-lb. Can \$1.35
- CAT FISH**—We have them—Also Oysters
- Round STEAK**, sweet and tender, lb. 25c
- LOIN STEAK**, per lb. 25c
- SAUSAGE**, especially good, lb. 25c
- PORK CHOPS**, nice and lean, lb. 30c
- BACON**, fancy northern sliced, lb. 35c
- HAMS** Armour Star half or whole lb 28c

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\$12.00 Round Trip

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Cisco Lobos vs. El Paso High School

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Get your cakes, pies and chicken from the Methodist ladies, Saturday at the Hamilton-Case Store. 16t2

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Blair Items

We have had a nice shower of rain and looks like might continue raining at this writing.

Farmers are in full sway of picking cotton. Some perhaps are half done.

The health of the community is moderate.

Mr. Sam Provine and daughter, Mrs. Harmon Doan, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall Provine, returned on Thursday from El Paso, Texas, after a ten days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Merkel spent last week-end with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Zuma, motored to Stith last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan have a fine new boy at their home, the little man has been christened Dean.

Mrs. Idabel Hughes and children and Mrs. Blanche Campbell visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel one day recently.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson and children, Mrs. Floyd Cogburn, of Merkel, visited Mrs. Laura Doan one day this week.

Mrs. Ladene Balew and baby from the Plains are this week guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and children, Dora Mae and J. L. Visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson Sunday.

Miss Edna Moore and Brother Arthur visited Mrs. Inez Mayfield on Sunday evening.

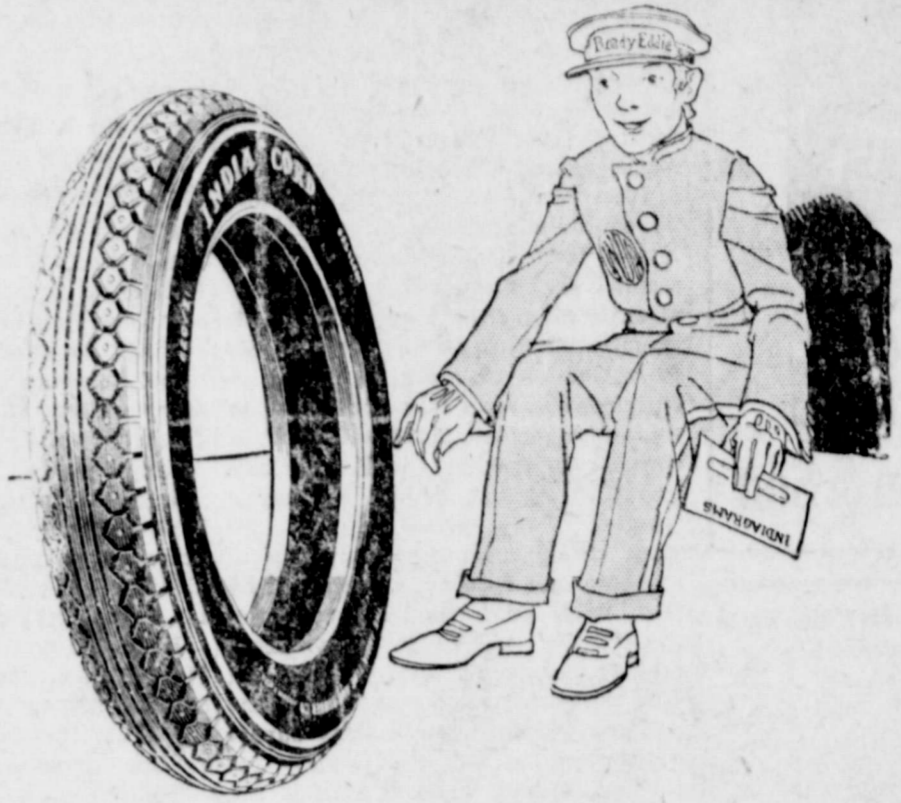
Mrs. Doan spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Cavett.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the good people of Merkel and surrounding country for their comfort and untiring aid rendered to us during the illness and death of our daughter and wife; words cannot express our appreciation for all the kindnesses rendered to us nor for the beautiful floral offerings. That God's richest blessings may rest and abide with all of you is the hope and prayer of each of us.

R. M. Surratt and Family.
J. B. Toombs. 1t

Miss Nina McAninch left Thursday for Canyon, Texas, where she will attend the Northwest Texas State Teachers College the coming term.



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CASH FOR USED CARS

I will pay highest cash price for used Fords and other light cars. Can use an unlimited supply of 24, 25, 26, and 27 model Fords. See E. E. LAM, P. O. Box 436, phone 420. Office over Philpott Florists Abilene, Texas. tf

If you have it in for a fellow, tell him about it. Don't be so low and mean as to go behind his back and use sneaking means of "getting even".

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A 25c classified ad often bring surprising results. tf

LINDBERGH DINNER AT ABILENE 26th.



Quick Meal Gas Ranges

Yes it is a pleasure for us to show you and tell you about our Quick Meal Gas Ranges; for in doing so we believe we are showing as good a Range as there is manufactured. And in regard to prices, we will both loose money, you as well as our selves, if you fail to see our stoves and get our prices.

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We are now piping houses for Gas. Our Plumber is an expcieneced man in this line of work, having had several years experioncc. We would be glad to connect your house up so you will be ready when the gas is turned in. See us and let us figure with you.

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Misses Mary Hughes and Doris and Tommy Durham departed last Sunday for Denton, where they will enter the College of Industrial Arts for the ensuing term. Miss Doris was a student at C. I. A. last year, hence will be a second year student there.

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Will have all regular services Sunday at the Methodist Church.

Some special features in the Sunday School Sunday and each member of the school will want to be on time. Special Missionary program at the opening period, given by our young people.

The new Sunday school year will begin with October and plans are being made for the proper observation of promotion day in the school.

At this time new classes are being formed, the older ones are being reorganized, and hence it is a good time for new members to join the school.

Our officers and teachers are trying to reach a high standard of efficiency for our school and we hope that all Merkel Methodists will cooperate with them. All Methodist inclined people of the community and friends of the Methodist Church can render a good service by joining the school and cooperating in the work. We invite the mto attend our school Sunday.

Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Subject at the morning hour "Business for Christ."

All Epworth Leagues meet at 6:30 p.m. Junior League for the children above eight years of age. Intermediate League for the young people.

W. R. McCarter.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We know everybody is busy, but the weather is pleasant, and we are being blessed with material blessing, why not show our gratitude to the Giver of all blessings by attending church Sunday. You help to raise the attendance of Sunday School. Bring some one with you. Wm. Elliott, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a.m. C. E. at 6:30 p.m. Evening service at 7:30. Strangers and visitors welcomed. R. A. Walker.

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Carl A. Collins, Minister.
Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sermon at 11 a. m., subject, "Lib-erality."
Communion at 12 M.
Sermon 7:45 p.m., subject, "Secret Sin."
Come, help us grow. You are never a stranger here but once.

Baptist Church

Sunday will be promotion day in our Sunday School and it is important that we have full attendance. Let there be full attendance of officers and teachers. This week the proclamation is sent out from the State Sunday School headquarters naming our school as the only "Advanced Standard School in Texas." In the periodicals of our denomination this fact will be heralded and many people will come to see our school at work. Let's stay on the job and show them a real working school.

The pastor will speak at both the morning and evening hours. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 p.m. with the evening preaching service at 7:30.

Monday evening at 7:30 our first workers meeting as an Advanced Standard School. Remember the first 30 minutes will be departmental meetings then a meeting of all workers together.

Come find a welcome.
Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Mrs. Earl Baze was hostess to the Idlewise Club at her home on Oak street Tuesday afternoon with a prettily planned party. Four beautifully appointed tables were arranged for Bridge. At the close of the games the hostess, assisted by Miss Dixie Howard, of Abilene, served a refreshing salad plate.

Those enjoying Mrs. Baze's hospitality are: Misses Dixie Howard, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Evelyn Hamm, Althea Boden and Lucy Tracy; Mesdames Cookston, Brackeen, Bill Brown, Warren Smith, Geo. White, Sie Hamm, Bill Haynes and Emmett Grimes.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughan are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter, born on Sept. 21st.

LINDBERGH DINNER AT ABILENE 26th.

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Methodist Missionary Society

Program for Womans Missionary Society for September 25th at 2 p.m. Hymn. Scripture lesson by Sister Smith.

Roll call, answered with items of missionary interest.

Talk by president, subject "Why." Paper, "The Woman's Club," by Mrs. Tom Largent.

Selected music, by members. Items from Bulletin and Council minutes, by Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Round table talk: What does the Missionary Society Mean to you, lead by Mrs. Durham. Committee.



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