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Merkel Mail Will Give Away a 1928 Chrysler

C. of C. NOTES

By L. R. THOMPSON, Secretary

SEVEN TO ONE

The bonds lacked but seven votes of carrying seven to one. The majority of those who voted against the issue did so because they were dissatisfied with the way in which the issue had been handled and for the reason that they did not believe the county had been getting full value received for the money expended—Very few of the fifty-four votes in Merkel who opposed the measure were opposed to the increased tax or hard surfaced highways. Their votes were a protest against spending public money without getting value received.

TRENT

We all take our hats off to Trent—Within less than a year she has built a water system, recovered completely from a disastrous fire, is being piped for gas, voted for the road bonds sixty-six to three and has in all things shown such a united spirit that we may expect to see her steadily grow and prosper.

NEW STATION

We must have a banquet or a barbecue or a celebration of some kind as soon as all of our improvements now under construction, are completed and invite Mr. Lancaster and other officials of the T. & P. to be present. We are confident that they will want a depot here to be in harmony with our streets and no urging will be necessary.

LATERAL ROADS

The seventy-five thousand dollars which this precinct will receive as its share for lateral roads will be available just as soon as the bonds are sold and a good portion of it should be spent in improving the road from Merkel to Dora. Perhaps no road leading out of Merkel accommodates so many people, and certainly no road leading into Merkel would bring us more trade.

The people of Blair and Nubia voted almost solidly for the road bonds and they are a unit in their desire to have this road graded, graveled and bridged. We are, of course, anxious that work be done on all the roads leading into town, but this particular road should have the special consideration of our Commissioner. If this road is improved and its maintenance insured, we will be assured of the trade of practically all of the people around Dora.

Our business and professional men should interest themselves at once in this project.

STREETS

Bill Clark and his crews are taking advantage of the fine weather and will soon finish their contracts for paving. These men understand their business and we will regret to have them leave us.

OAK STREET

A petition to pave Oak Street is being circulated and at the last report we have heard no objections—Trains usually stop so that passengers look down that street and it would be a fine advertisement for the town to have it paved. We are told that brick could be laid on a natural base and the cost would be greatly reduced thereby. With Oak Street paved a new depot would become a certainty and Merkel would indeed be the prettiest town of its size in West Texas.

HIGH ARMY OFFICERS PAY VISIT TO LOCAL ARMORY

Major Carmichael of the State Department accompanied by Captain Alpha Brummage of Abilene, of the regular army, were in the city this week in connection with the annual inventory of the local National Guard Unit.

They left Wednesday afternoon for Lubbock, Plainview, and Amarillo, where they will be engaged in like work for the next week or so.

Thomas A. Stamp, State Agent of the Peoria Life Insurance Company, with offices in Dallas spent part of the week in Merkel assisting L. R. Thompson in his agency work for that company. Mr. Stamp is a man of high ideals and is prominent in church and civic work in Dallas.

HORTON—WALDON

At the Methodist Parsonage on October 26th, Mr. Ford Horton and Miss Ethel Lee Waldon were united in marriage. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist church officiating.

Million Dollar Road Bond Issue Wins By Vote of 10 to 1

In the election throughout Taylor county held last Monday to determine whether or not Taylor county would issue bonds in the sum of \$700,000.00 to be used in building solid concrete highways across the county and the sum of \$300,000.00 for building lateral roads, making a total of a million dollars, the voters spoke out in no uncertain tones that they were not only favorable to good roads, but by a majority of ten to one made the fact known; thereby continuing to keep Taylor county in the fore-front of the progressive and wide-awake counties of the state. There was but slight opposition to the issue, and those expressing themselves so, were not really against good roads, but were sick and tired of delays and in some cases, what they felt to have been waste of public money heretofore expended.

The result showed the following totals: In the county, For the Bonds, 3,948; against the bonds 401. In most boxes the majorities were overwhelming and but four boxes failed to show majorities.

The vote over the county as given by the Abilene Morning News was as follows:

	For	Against
CITY OF ABILENE—		
Fire Station	342	10
Courthouse	218	27
Parish House	1,026	25
W. O. W. Hall	1,332	44
COUNTY BOXES—		
Merkel	354	53
View	40	9
Ovalo	72	22
Blair	25	5
Trent	66	3
Caps-Merkel	12	0
Caps-Abilene	29	4
Bradshaw	46	6
Potosi	34	22
Guion	25	8
Elmdale	13	7
Iberis	31	0
Tye-Abilene	34	0
Tye-Merkel	40	2
Nubia	19	5
Tuscola	70	61
Lawn	60	21
Buffalo Gap	23	29
Moro	9	10
Shep	3	8
Jim Ned	1	14
Hamby	24	6
TOTALS	3,948	401

M. H. S. CHORAL CLUB MAKES FIRST TRIP OF YEAR

On Tuesday evening of last week Mrs. S. M. N. Marrs, State Secretary for the P. T. A. Austin, shared honors with the Merkel High School Choral Club in an evenings entertainment at the Trent High School auditorium. Mrs. Marrs came under the auspices of the Trent Parent-Teachers Association and her talk was both inspirational and highly beneficial to that organization. The Choral Club in costume under the direction of Christine Collins with Mrs. Yates Brown as accompanist, gave three beautiful number and by request Miss Collins, assisted by Mrs. Brown sang two very appropriate songs. After the program an informal reception was held and delicious cake and fruit punch was served by the members of Local Parent-Teachers-Association.

Mr. S. H. Brown, of Clarksville, Texas, has accepted a position with the Merkel Mail as operator-printer; taking the place of Jack Durham who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Brown is not only a first-class printer, but an estimable and courteous gentleman. He and his wife at the present have apartments at the home of Mrs. H. C. Williams.

A letter to the Merkel Mail from Mrs. J. Hendricks, asking that the address of their paper be changed from Clint, Texas to El Paso, states that the cotton crop in this section is very fine this season, and that their four gins in the valley are all enjoying a big run this season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig returned this week from an extended trip to Illinois. Mr. Craig will be one of the drillers on the H. E. Farmer test to be started soon by Johnson and Gibson and Dyer Brothers.

County Agent Will Hold Terracing School Here Monday

Because the demand for terracing has become general over the entire country, it will be impossible for the county agent to serve every one who asks for his assistance this season. The period of this activity covers the winter months only after the crops have been harvested.

In order that this work may be done more generally and more effectively, I have planned to hold terracing schools in different sections of the county, and to have an engineer from A. & M. College to assist me whenever it is possible.

At the tabernacle beginning at 8 o'clock on October 31 at Merkel, and at 8 o'clock of November 1 at Tuscola, we will hold two terracing schools. M. R. Bentley, engineer from A. & M. College, and A. K. Short with the Federal Loan Bank, will be with us to assist in holding these two schools.

In the mornings we will give our time exclusively to the use of the farm level, instructing in the point to start in laying off the terrace line, and in how to terrace fields with uneven zig-zag surfaces. In the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, we will go to a farm and build terraces. At Merkel, the farm selected for the construction is owned by W. H. Harris, 3 miles north-east of Merkel. Those who own a farm level should bring it with them. This school will be without cost to the attendants.

Very sincerely,
J. R. MASTERSON, Co. Agent.

LOCAL YOUNG MAN WEDS OKLAHOMA GIRL

Quietly stealing away from home-folks and friends, a short time ago, Mr. G. W. (Bill) Brown, went to Oklahoma, where at Norman, he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Cozart, of Oklahoma City, on October 12. Rev. Louis L. Barton pronounced the words that made them man and wife.

Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, and has been reared in Merkel, and the bride had considerable acquaintances here, having visited friends and relatives here several times. This paper joins many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes to the happy and splendid young couple.

On account of the serious illness of relatives of Mrs. Brown she was unable to return to this city with her husband immediately after the wedding, but is expected soon.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Aunt Mollie Starkey was honored with a birthday dinner on her 80th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Hicks last Sunday.

Much to her surprise the house was crowded with kind people from Merkel and neighboring towns. Each brought a well-filled basket.

Mrs. S. M. Hunter baked the birthday cake which was a white loaf with white icing decorated with eighty pink candles.

Before dinner was served Mrs. Starkey was presented with a collection of gifts. One was a Wicker Rocker and Magazine Stand to match presented by the children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

The most enjoyable part of the amusement throughout the day was violin music furnished by Mrs. Starkey, with Mrs. Hicks at the piano. Aunt Mollie plays the violin as well if not better than she did 60 years ago.

Dinner was served to the following: Mrs. Mollie Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Mr. and Mrs. Adna Hutchins, S. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Mace Sublett, Sweetwater, Mr. Hedrick, Sweetwater, Mr. Burl Walker, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Osborn and children, Blair, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sublett, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks.

Everyone present wished Aunt Mollie many more happy birthdays.

Mr. C. E. Shannon of Fe. Worth and his son Perry of Dallas visited relatives here Sunday.

Move On To Pave Oak Street

A petition is being presented to the property owners owning property on Oak Street, one of the best residence streets in the city, asking them to agree to the paving of same. And early yesterday morning many had already signed the document, and others were expected to sign up when same was presented to them.

In fact, it seemed at this time that there would be but very few if any of the property owners who would not agree to the petition. The petition will be presented to the City Council for action if sufficient number of property owners sign for the paving. This would certainly be a fine move upon the part of the citizens of this, one of the best residence streets, and if the question succeeds will mean the immediate paving of other streets in the city. Let the good work go on.

State President to Address P. T. A. Here

Mrs. Jas. H. West, president of the local Parent Teacher's Association, announces that at the regular meeting of the Parent Teacher's Association on next Wednesday afternoon, at the Grammar School Auditorium, at 3 p. m., Mrs. C. E. Maddox, President of the State Organization, will be present and address the local meeting. The program for the afternoon meeting on that day is as follows:

America.
Invocation.
Address by Mrs. C. E. Maddox, State President.
Informal reception.

MAYFIELD—BOOTH

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Helen Booth and Mr. Robert Mayfield on October the eighth at Sweetwater came as a complete surprise to their many friends here. Miss Helen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth of this city and is a graduate of Merkel High School and at the time of her marriage was attending Simmons University at Abilene. Her happy disposition and many accomplishments made for her many friends who wish her every happiness.

Mr. Mayfield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mayfield, also of this place. An employe of G. F. West Co. for some time and a very popular member of the younger set.

The Mail extends congratulations to the happy couple.

MRS. MAYFIELD HONORED

Mrs. Robert Mayfield, bride-elect, was the happy honoree at a beautiful party given in the home of Miss Martha Bird with Mrs. Jack Smith and Misses Sallie and Inice Brown assisting hostesses. The bridal motif was stressed in the house decoration and table appointments. Games of Bridge were enjoyed until interrupted by the arrival of a young wedding party.

Little Miss Doris Clyde Miller attired as the bride entered on the arm of the groom who proved to be Master Malcolm Smith. They were met by the Reverend Robert Mires Rodden who officiated at the ceremony. Preceding the bride and groom were the flower girls, Misses Doris Jackson, and Leonard and Misses Doris Gay West and Bonnie Church were the bridesmaids. Iris Garrett played very softly the wedding march.

At the culmination of the ceremony the bridesmaids presented the honoree with their baskets filled with lovely gifts which were opened and admired.

The pink and white colors were reflected in the refreshments of Angel food squares with B-R-I-D-E spelled across the top, served with fruit punch to Mrs. Mayfield, Misses Iris Garrett, Fannie Belle Boaz, Mildred Hamm, Mona Margaret Jones, Elizabeth Harkrider, Martha Bird, Bessie Westinhover, Mesdames S. W. Johnson, Claud Young, Misses Inice and Sallie Brown Doris Jackson, Gay West Doris Clyde Miller, Leonard, Bonnie Church, Messrs Robert Rodden and Malcolm Smith.

Mrs. C. K. Russell and little daughter, Mary Jo returned from Dallas Saturday after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

\$1,000.00 Prize to Be Given Away to Ladies of Merkel and Surrounding Territory in Big Four Weeks Drive

W. L. Barbee, Pioneer Resident Passes Away Tuesday

The remains of W. L. Barbee, pioneer and well known resident of Merkel came in via the morning Sunshine Special, yesterday from El Paso, in which city his death occurred on the 25th, and funeral services will be held today (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted at the Church of Christ by Elder W. G. Cypert with burial immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Barbee had been in poor health for the past year or more, but his immediate death was hardly expected so suddenly by his friends and relatives. He had but recently made a third trip to El Paso seeking aid for his health which as stated above had been failing for the past few years, however his condition grew more critical, until the call came as above stated.

Deceased was a native of the state, was born November 10, 1858, was married first to Miss Sue Camp and to this union two children were born, and in 1889 this companion passed away, and in 1891 he was again married to Miss Joanna Corbin, and of which union eight children were born. He came to this community in 1882, and has made this city his home most of the time since.

He was one of the sturdy pioneers, who came to this country when the same was sparsely settled; only the cow man being in possession. He leaves to mourn his departure many good friends, besides his loving companion, nine children, all of whom are expected to be present for the last sad rites to be held here today and are as follows: Mrs. W. L. Barclay, Andrew Barbee, Mrs. Willie McCall, Mrs. Allen Eoff, Mrs. J. C. Paul, Mrs. Harry Kahrs, Miss Ina Faye Barbee, Miss Alma Barbee, and Donald Barbee.

FIVE YEAR OLD GIRL PASSES AWAY

On Tuesday morning October 25th Hazel Christine Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh departed this life. She was only sick about five days.

She was born May 5th, 1922 at Stith and departed this life at the age of 5 years and five months and 20 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure her father, mother 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Hazel Christine was the youngest and was greatly loved by all. She loved her Sunday School at Stith and always attended when possible. She will be missed but we cannot understand why she was taken away but we can console ourselves with the thought that she is with the Lord where there is no sin or temptation and where sorrow never comes and that we have the privilege of living for the Lord so as to meet our loved ones who have gone on before. To those that sorrow we would repeat Christ's words when he said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven." A Friend.

CLASSIFIED AD PAYS SAYS C. M. LARGENT

Mr. C. M. Largent, senior member of the firm, C. M. Largent & Sons, breeder and raiser of the world's finest Hereford cattle, and incidentally a staunch friend of this paper, recently carried a classified advertisement in the Mail for the sale of fine Jersey milk cows, and informs us that only one insertion was needed to sell the entire lot. In fact, Mr. Largent states he always gets good results from using our advertising columns.

It is a proven fact these days that it is cheaper and easier to use the local paper when you want to buy or sell any commodity.

The many friends of Mr. Herbert Patterson, splendid assistant-Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, will be glad to learn that he is back at his post of duty, after several days illness.

A new Chrysler Coach, fully equipped purchased from the Maverick Motor Company, at a cost of \$938.50, and other cash prizes to be given with a lavish hand among the ladies of Merkel and the surrounding territory in exchange for a few days pleasant work among their friends.

"A Merkel Mail in every home," this is our slogan and as a means to accomplish this end, the Merkel Mail offers the ladies of Merkel and surrounding territory either a Chrysler Coach, fully equipped or cash commission in exchange for their spare time during the next four weeks.

How can they do it? No doubt the question will be asked many times following this announcement, and we wish to state here and now that it is purely for "circulation".

This campaign is not a scheme to make money, in fact it is no scheme at all, but a straightforward business proposition put on for the purpose of gaining a country-wide circulation in a few weeks' time.

And now if you are one of those ambitious ladies who wish to present yourself with a Chrysler Coach, the first thing to do is to call at the Merkel Mail office and let us tell you all about it. An early start will be a great advantage in a short campaign of this kind.

Have you ever yearned for a motor car, to whisk you away to the land of pleasure over the smooth highways—to a place where you can forget your troubles.

Have you ever realized how much your earning power could be increased if you had a motor car to speed you over the country?

Probably you have, and if so, you have the chance of a life-time to have your wishes gratified.

The attractive manner in which the Chrysler Coach is awarded gives every candidate the same chance of winning regardless of where she lives.

To become a candidate in the campaign is easy. Elsewhere in this issue of the Mail there is a nomination blank. When this is signed and sent to the campaign manager, whose desk is in the office of the Mail it will count for 2,000 votes.

For the first subscription the candidate will receive 10,000 extra votes, allowed on the subscription. With more than 12,000 votes to their credit candidates will be well started on their way to the ownership of a new automobile or cash commission.

Because of the value and usefulness of the award, candidates are expected to enter not only from every section of Merkel, but from every town and hamlet in the surrounding territory.

EARLY START IS BENEFIT
The girl or woman who is first to enter in her section will have the advantage of having her candidacy becoming well-known.

After reading the details of the Mail's record-breaking offer elsewhere in this issue prospective candidates are urged to communicate with the campaign manager, who will give them the benefit of his long experience with advice and suggestions. Many persons will be surprised to learn how easy it is to win an automobile.

The campaign office will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., until further notice to accommodate those anxious to get an early start.

Send in your nomination today. You will not be sorry when you are riding around in your own car a few weeks hence.

This is the shortest campaign of its kind on record for the value of the prize offered. The Mail has secured the services of Mr. R. D. Wiley of Dallas to take charge of the campaign department. Mr. Wiley has conducted more newspaper campaigns than any other man in Texas and comes to us highly recommended. Any and all ladies who wish to share in this great prize offer are requested to call at the Merkel Mail office at once. First hand information and a complete working outfit will be furnished absolutely free.

Don't wait to see what your friends and neighbors are going to do about it, be the first to enter in your community.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the guest of Miss Christine Collins last week-end.

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking Commissioner October 10th, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans	\$129,087.36
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,639.00
Due From Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	3,210.58
Cash and U. S. Bonds	148,635.95
Bills of Exchange	208,103.62

AVAILABLE CASH 356,741.57
Total \$835,119.32

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00

DEPOSITS 691,736.13
Total \$835,119.32

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

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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| J. S. Swann, President | Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier |
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The Badger Weekly

The Badger Weekly is published each week and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are:

- Addie Fae Patterson, Ed-In-Chief.
Norma Shannon, Literary Editor.
Patsy Lewis, Society Editor.
Gladys Watts, Misc. Editor.
David Cannon, Humor Editor.
Paul Causseaux, Sport Editor.

Senior Reporters: Sterling Sheppard, John D. Coates, Rubyjo Higgins, and Fred Yandell.

Sophomore Reporters: J. T. Darsey, Frances Frederickson.

Freshmen Reporters: Louise Booth, Eris Ash, and Margaret Turner.

We were very shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Clarence Sharp. We all liked Clarence and his presence will be missed in many ways.

Throughout the school there is a feeling of sorrow for the loss of our friend and comrade. His family has our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

ANSON 63—MERKEL 0

The Anson Tigers fulfilled a desire for revenge last Friday when they swamped the Merkel Badgers 63 to 0.

The last time the two teams met the Badgers won by 7 to 6. McLean was easily the star of the game and made several nice runs. The Badgers tackle Breckenridge today.

AN INFORMAL DINNER

On Sunday, the 16th at noon, Missie Dye had several of her friends at an informal dinner. After a delicious dinner was enjoyed, the guests gathered on the lawn to make pictures.

Those present were: Misses Verna Tee Beasley, Louise Booth, Oleta Moore, Vera Ritchie, Ruby Lee Slater Norma Shannon and the hostess, Missie, J. E. Boaz, Sterling Sheppard, J. T. Darsey, J. D. Ashby, Lester Patterson, Milton Case and Paul Causseaux.

We wonder why Mildred Smith come to school so dolled up this morning. We also wonder what Frances Collins—Oh! I mean Mrs. Giles Thompson is doing over here.

Max Roberts says if you are not dignified you can stand in front of the school building and talk to a doctor.

Arnold wonders if Patsy rolls her own.

When Bernise was told his daily average in history was 94 he asked for a ruler. We wonder if he is a blockhead?

FRESHMEN PARTY GIVEN FOR SOPHOMORES

The Sophomores were very much surprised and delighted upon receiving invitations from the Freshmen Class to attend their party given at the home of Miss Vernon T. Beasley Saturday evening.

We wish to assure the Freshmen that we enjoyed the evening immensely and thank them for having planned such a pleasant surprise for us.

The Sophomore supervisor, Miss Mary Cleo Booth spent the week-end in Dallas attending the Fair.

Miss Sloan, the Freshman Sponsor, was on the sick list this week.

Miss Dorice Brown spent the week end at her home in the Noodle Dome community.

JUNIOR GIRLS' CLUB

The Junior Girls organized a club Tuesday afternoon and elected the following officers:

Sponsor, Mrs. J. Young, President, Norma Shannon; Sec-Treasurer, Mary Ellen Ashby; Reporter, Gladys Watts. The other members are: Euna Lee Gilmore, Addie Fae Patterson, Bernice Lasatter, Lois Suber, Esther Wozencraft, Patsy Lewis, Lola Shelton, Elsie Rfiche, Helen McCormick, Ima Gene Mangum, Gertrude Byrum, and Vivian Burger.

A name for the club has not yet been selected.

T.N.T.
Truth, Not Tact

Our reports were issued last week. Some of us got real pretty ones, being colored red to show the high rank of the bearer, but it seems that the ones receiving these were not very elated. As usual, the Seniors carried off the laurels by ranking highest in school. Notice that fact will you.

And that reminds us, if it is not about time this movement of student self-government, which was so enthusiastically sponsored and begun last year, but never took its first step. We hope to start a real one this year. How about it, you prominent students with high ideals and independent minds? **PUSH THIS ILL ITS OVER THE TOP!**

When this goes to press, the Wednesday's game with Abilene High is

yet in the future. The High School is in great spirits over the prospect of our first game at home. We're looking for great work from the Pop Squad. Next week we are going to play Clyde here and we hope the prayer of the coach will come true for once at least.

Miss Sloan is trying to reduce her weight but not the American History lessons.

At a recent faculty meeting when the teachers were turning in demerits, a name was called and a teacher said, "He's not in my class, but just give him 5 demerits for me." We'll not swear this is true but it's hearsay.

It is reported that a party of the Freshmen-Sophomore classes was disturbed (slightly) by the honest and polite efforts of certain Seniors. We are informed that the report is incorrect and that there were lower classmen in the fray also. The writers of this article have personally seen all members of the offensive side of this disturbance (it wasn't teasy to find who they were) and find that they are ready to make a public apology for their acts. It seems that the threats of those awful lower classmen, that prompted Mr. Jackson to place a ban on inter-class social gatherings. It is hoped that the lower-classmen will also offer an apology, as we can't live without our parties. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

The act of disturbing the party was very ungentlemanly and maybe it will not be repeated. The lower-classmen should be applauded for the sportsmanlike manner in which the menat-to-be-a-joke was received.

Miss Sloan—"William, You don't comprehend."
William—"No Mam, I didn't cop no hen."

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business October 10, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans, Time & Demand	\$227,731.19
Overdrafts	4,897.79
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers' Acceptances	\$ 30,344.86
Commercial Paper	81,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	117,050.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	257,636.71
Bills of Ex. (Cotton)	68,806.80
CASH AVAILABLE	\$555,338.37
Total	\$797,729.85

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,236.55
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$712,243.30
Total	\$797,729.85

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

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|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| J. T. Warren | G. F. West | Sam Butman, Sr. |
| Geo. L. Paxton | Booth Warren | |

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

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"Yes, Willard Mack is right, Luckies are best," says Paul Berlenbach

Popular pugilist tells his manager, Benedict Sterns, that Lucky Strikes are the finest cigarettes.



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You, too, will find that LUCKY STRIKES give the greatest pleasure—Mild and Mellow, the finest cigarettes you ever smoked. Made of the choicest tobaccos, properly aged and blended with great skill, and there is an extra process—"IT'S TOASTED"—no harshness, not a bit of bite.

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1/2 Ton Chassis Only \$395

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1-Ton Chassis Only \$495

1-Ton Truck Chassis with Cab \$610

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

The number of 1/2-Ton trucks in use today is far greater than that of any other capacities—for these are the units used by thousands upon thousands of retail merchants to meet the requirements of modern delivery service.

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Come in—and see for yourself what Chevrolet offers you in comparison with other haulage units.

Then you'll know why Chevrolet is the world's largest builder of gear-shift trucks—with undisputed leadership in both the Ton and 1/2-Ton fields!

Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

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All contestants not winning the prize and who remain active during the entire campaign will receive a cash commission of 10 per cent.

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All ladies who wish to enter the Big Campaign should call at the Merkel Mail office by 8 o'clock a. m. Monday morning—An early start will be "Worth While" in a short campaign of this kind.

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ONLY FOUR WEEKS IN WHICH TO WIN! SEND IN YOUR ENTRY BLANK NOW! TODAY! START VOTING TODAY!

How Subscriptions Count in Votes

Time	Price	Votes
One Year	\$ 1.50	2,000
Two Years	\$ 3.00	5,000
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Any woman residing in Merkel, or outside can share in this wonderful prize distribution by entering as a candidate in the Merkel Mail's Great Automobile Campaign. Once a candidate is entered the merry time of gathering votes begins. It's great fun to gather votes, and votes alone will decide the winner between now and November 26th.

It is not necessary to be a subscriber to the Merkel Mail to compete for the Chrysler Coach NOR DOES IT COST ONE CENT EITHER NOW OR LATER. The prize is free and will be given to the one securing the greatest number of votes between now and November 26th. Just a breezy, snappy race to the finish, with a rich reward awaiting the ambitious at the end. The campaign officially opens Monday, October 31st. Now, Today, make up your mind to win the beautiful Chrysler Coach. There are no obligations attached to entering. All you have to do is fill out the entry blank and send it in. Full details will be sent you by return mail.

This little blank may bring you wealth, happiness, luxury. Send it in TODAY! Jump-in—get an early start. This prize is for you. YOUR AMBITION WILL DETERMINE.

Read every word of this big announcement carefully—see how the prize will be awarded then send in your name, or that of a friend TODAY!

ENTRY BLANK

THE MERKEL MAIL BIG AUTOMOBILE CONTEST
Good for 2,000 Votes

Date _____

To Campaign Manager, Merkel Mail:
Please enter as a candidate in the Merkel Mail Campaign.

Name _____

Phone _____

This blank counts for 2,000 free votes. Only one nomination will be credited to a contestant. If so requested, the nominator's name will not be divulged. You may nominate yourself if you wish, by simply filling out the blank and sending same to the Campaign Manager.

FIRST SUBSCRIPTION COUPON

GOOD FOR 10,000 EXTRA VOTES

Accompanied by the nomination blank and your first subscription, this coupon will start you in the race for this magnificent prize with a total of more than 12,000 votes. This coupon may be used only once, and is valid only when accompanied by a subscription remittance.

Name of Subscriber _____

Address _____

Contestant's Name _____

FREE VOTES—Cash must accompany this coupon. When sent in with the Nomination Blank, it starts a candidate with over 12,000 votes.

RULES AND REGULATIONS—HOW TO ENTER

Fill out the entry blank with your name, or the name of the lady to be entered. Bring or mail the blank to the Campaign Manager and you will be credited with 2,000 votes as a starter.

Any woman, either married or single, may become a candidate in this campaign and is entitled to one nomination credit of 2,000 votes.

There is no obligations attached to entering this campaign and it costs absolutely nothing.

Attractive Features!
Don't Delay! Enter Today!
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EVERYBODY WINS!

Candidates living in the surrounding towns, and rural districts will have the same chance to win as those living in Merkel. Our motto will be a "Fair Deal To All."

Don't wait to see what your friends are going to do about it. ENTER NOW!

No candidate will be permitted to transfer votes to another after receiving credit for them.

Any questions or controversies that may arise are to be settled by the Campaign Manager and his decisions are to be final and conclusive.

No subscription for a period longer than ten years will be accepted.

The prize will be delivered to winner at Merkel, Texas, November 26th.

No employe of the Merkel Mail will be allowed to compete in this campaign, other than correspondents.

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A special bonus of 100,000 Extra Votes will be given with each \$30.00 worth of subscriptions turned in up to and including Saturday, November 12th. From November 13th to 22nd inclusive, 50,000 Extra Votes will be given with each \$30.00 turned in and the last days of the campaign no extra votes will be given.

For further information and a complete working outfit call at Campaign Headquarters, The Merkel Mail.



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Plenty of kind and courteous sales-people who will be glad to serve you and help you select the new things that you would like to have.

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Fall Coats

\$13.50 Value \$9.98
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Beautiful Hats
 At \$2.98

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We say without reserve, that this SALE has more honest-to-goodness feature BARGAINS than any SALE that has ever been witnessed in Merkel or the great trade territory, in it's columns. Below, we feature many BARGAINS that will be lower than the whole-sale prices today. This is not a quit-business SALE. It is only to raise money to meet our obligations with. We could give other reasons—but we need the money and you need the merchandise—Let's trade some. Here that reverberating sound that is shaking the entire town like a thunder clap. It's not a bolt from the blue, it's knock of OPPORTUNITY, which they say COMES ONLY ONCE IN A LIFETIME—and it's here NOW in no uncertain measure, the vibration has caused the prices to totter like an earthquake of ECONOMY. It has levelled former prices to Bed-Rock and effected an upheaval of Buying Benefits that will spell SAVINGS with a big "S" and VALUES with a big "V." This opportunity invites each and every person to come and inspect this great stock of High-Grade Merchandise at Rock-Bottom Prices.

STATEMENT

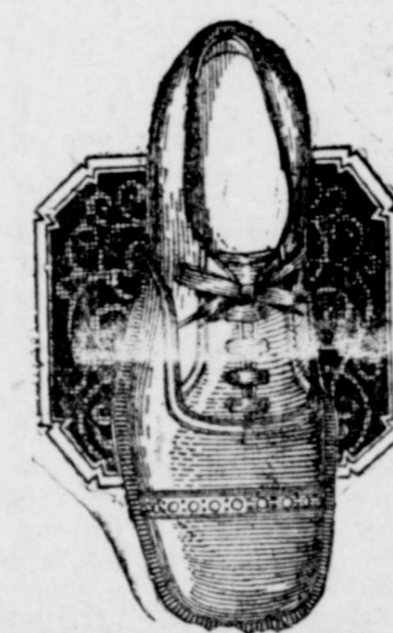
In putting on this Money-Raising Sale, I wish to state to the public that I have purchased large quantities of High-Grade Merchandise in case lots in order to get lower prices, so NOW is the proper time to offer these great BARGAIN PRICES in order to meet my obligations so I have employed D. F. WEATHERED, The Daring Price Maker to take charge of store and advertise and arrange stock for this SALE—so we can only quote you a few prices to give you an idea of the GREAT SAVINGS. Every article tagged with a RED TAG, so you will readily see The Red Tags Tell The Tale.—(Signed) MAX MELLENGER.

Sale Starts Thursday, Oct. 27th, 8 a. m.



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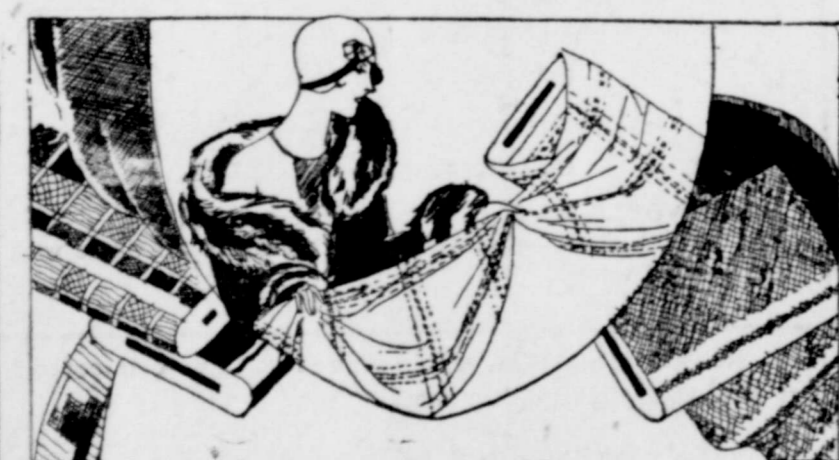


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 Patterns—1 Pair Pants Ex-
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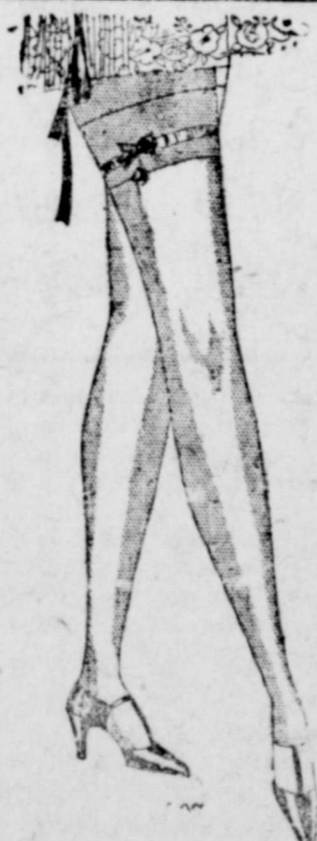
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 Beautiful Assorted CRETONNES
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1 Lot Ladies' Fine Silk Dress—\$5.95
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 1 Lot Ladies' Fine Silk Dress—\$9.95
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 1 Lot Ladies' House DRESSES 98c
 Beautiful Patterns—SALE



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 Assorted Colors—A
 Real Value 49c
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One Lot Ladies' HOSE
 Assorted Colors (Phoe-
 nix Brand) \$1.35 98c
 Grade—Special

ONE LOT

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 SWEATERS**
 Beautiful Pat-
 terns. \$3.75 Values \$2.98

Children's Cotton 98c
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 Max Mellinger's Dry Goods Store**



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 SALE



Men's Fine Silk Dress
 HOSE—Regular 75c 49c
 Men's Fine Silk Dress
 HOSE—Regular 50c 39c
 Men's Hose—Reg. 25c Value 19c
 Men's Hose—Reg. 20c Value 11c



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 Lined COATS \$2.98
 Good and Warm
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 our Dandy Overalls
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A big United Artists special show
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The world greets eagerly their screen debut. They come with their rollicking antics, their sure-fire "old plantation" sentiment and their brilliant screen qualities in a super-production of the comedy hit which they based on the immortal friendships of Topsy, Little Eva and Uncle Tom. **"TOPSY AND EVA'S HERE"**

PALACE THEATRE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCT. 28 and 29 Also News and Comedy

Travels and Travails

By Wilkes Filibuster Yarrwood and
Jeremiah Darius Camshaft

We ate breakfast and left the hotel for Jaurez. We were in high spirits as we neared the river. Crossing the river, we went up the street to the old market place. Most of the girls in the class got sick when they saw the way the food was kept there. We passed quickly through the market place and started down the street. Every time we passed a saloon we lost several members of the class.

Miss Bird led us into a curio store. Here, while the girls were examining all of the pretty urios, we gave them

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the ship and went to find Mr. Jackson and Beans. We looked inside every door we came to until we saw Mr. Jackson in a cafe. He was feeding a hungry slot-machine with quarters. We crowded around and watched. He dropped a quarter after quarter into the slot and nothing came out. Finally he became disgusted and lifted his hand high in the air and brought it down with a bang on top of the machine. There was a clinking sound and money began to pour forth from the machine. Quarters fell to the floor and rolled in every direction. Mr. Jackson and the rest of us began to scoop them up. Several small Mexican boys were scrambling around under our feet fighting for the money.

As soon as the excitement was over we got back on the street and started to hunt Beans. We finally found him in a small alley, rolling dice with a Mexican. Beans was perspiring freely and we could easily see at one glance that he was losing. The huge, swarthy Mexican was grinning broadly as he swept Beans' money into his pocket. Suddenly Beans reached forward and grasped the loose sleeve of

the Mexican's coat and two pairs of dice rolled out on the ground. The Mexican scrambled to his feet and made an effort to get away, but Beans sat down on him and held him tight until he had extracted his money from his pocket. Then he let him up and sent him off with a kick.

Following which, we went back to the curio store, where Rubjo and his were arguing over which of the handkerchiefs were the prettiest. We settled the argument peacefully and started back to the American side.

(To Be Continued)

LOST TO HEAVEN

Our dearest treasure in heaven rests. The most precious thing that we possessed. Our homes, worth a fortune. Our jewels worth almost as much. May be bought with more money. But the thing that we loved most, The one treasure of all treasures. Now has gone to await us in heaven. We shed our tears, we sigh and tremble.

But no amount of money can bring

That homing pigeon back. We have done so much for him. He, whom we called our own. We struggled and worked. Our hearts bleeding all the while. But our Father is firm. Our hearts are full, but we must await the coming of the dawn. Of God's celestial day.

By a Sophomore
**TO THE MEMORY OF
CLARENCE SHARP**

The death of Clarence Sharp which occurred October 16th was indeed a shock to both high school faculty and student body. School was dismissed Monday at 2:45 because of the funeral services which were held at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Parrack officiating. Clarence was a loyal and faithful student who had a host of friends who will miss him.

A notice should be given here that the girls of M. H. S. should be on their guards or they will suddenly marry a sophomore boy who is seeking a wife and says, "I will take the first one that accepts his offer." Who's going to be "Mrs. Case?"

The Speech-Arts-Class is going to put on a series of evening entertainments that M. H. S. be prepared for the merits of one-act plays soon and asks best dramatic work this year that Merkel has ever produced. Watch their smoke!!!

Miss Vera Walker, daughter of Rev. R. A. Walker, substituted for Miss Mary Cleo Booth Monday of last week.

Norma Shannon attended a birthday party given at the home of Mr. David Beasley Sunday, October 23.

CHORAL CLUB ON GRAMMER SCHOOL CHAPEL PROGRAM

The Choral Club rendered three interesting numbers on the program given by the Grammar School and faculty and student body on Friday of last week.

BUSINESS MEETING OF CHORAL CLUB CALLED

Miss Christine Collins, efficient director of the Choral Club called a special meeting Monday October 24 in the studio of Miss Tracy for the purpose of creating interest in a contest, closing Thursday of this week. The winners will be entertained by the opposing side.

NEW PUPILS

Willie Harris, who entered high school the first of this week has been classified as a sophomore.

Mary Lou Brown, who has been a student of the high school for two weeks has been classified as a senior.

MY HOME TOWN

"My home town is a place where my home is founded; where my business is situated; where my vote is cast; where my children are educated; where my neighbors dwell, and where my life is chiefly lived. It is the home spot for me. My town has the right to decide my civic loyalty. It supports me and I must support it. My town wants my citizenship, not partisanship; friendliness, not selfishness; co-operation, not dissension; sympathy, not criticism; my intelligent support, not indifference. My town supplies me with law and order, trade, friends, education, morals, recreation and the rights of a free born American. I should believe in my town and work for it."

NAZARENE CHURCH

We are back from District Assembly and will serve the local church here another year. We will be glad for the co-operation of our friends to help make it go. So be on hand for Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer-Meeting Thursday evening. We will preach on the Doctrine of our Church at 11 a. m. Come!
C. C. MONTANDOR, Pastor.

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In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Oct. 10, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$408,892.85
Total loans	\$408,892.85
Overdrafts, secured	\$287.41
Unsecured	\$4669.38
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$110,800.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	1,950.00
Furniture and fixtures	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	46,851.96
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	206,827.43
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	159.00
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	2,689.18
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$209,675.61
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located out side of city or town of reporting bank	1,020.88
Miscellaneous cash items	88.25
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$797,729.85

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$19,806.87
Reserved for	NONE
Less current expenses, paid	\$5,070.32
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S.	42,721.70
Cashiers checks outstanding	2,075.75
Total of Items 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	\$44,797.45
Demands Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	554,373.70
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	6,130.00
Dividends unpaid	NONE
Other Demand Deposits	8,494.52
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	\$568,998.22
Reserve, Items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34	\$568,998.22
Savings Deposits	88,447.63
State, County or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	NONE
Other time Deposits	NONE
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38	\$98,447.63
Total	\$797,729.85

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Oct. 1927.
Rosie Laney, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:-G. F. WEST,
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FLOUR—48lbs American Beauty	\$2.15
FLOUR—24lbs American Beauty	\$1.10
LARD—16lb Pail	\$2.30
Lard— 8lb Pail	\$1.30
TOMATOES—No. 2 Can, 11 cans	\$1.00
Per case	\$2.20
CORN—Best Grade, Per Can	.15
Per Case	\$3.50

SUGAR—25lb Sack	\$1.75—10lb sk. .75
SALT PORK—Nice and Lean, per lb.	.19
PINTO BEANS—3lbs for	.25
COFFEE—Morning Joy 3lb can	\$1.40
COFFEE—Morning Joy, 1lb can	.35
LETTUCE—Large Heads	.10
LARD—4lb Pail	.65
GRAPES, Tokays, Per pound	10

In our meats: nice, tender, young meat. Remember we put the "eat" in meat, and have always given you the best meats ever sold in Merkel, also the best prices.

Round STEAK, Sweet and Tender, lb	.25	PORK CHOPS, Nice and Lean, per lb	.30
Loin STEAK, None Better, per lb	.25	PORK SAUSAGE, Best in town per lb	.25

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs. W. F. Golladay and Mrs. Earl Thornton were hostesses to the Friendship Club and other guests at the home of Mrs. Golladay on Oak Street last Wednesday evening. The honor guest was Mrs. Arthur Clark who will

leave soon for San Diego, Cal., to make her future home.

The Hallowe'en idea was carried out in the decoration of the rooms; the lights were dimmed and witches and goblins were in evidence. The guests upon arrival were given gay Hallowe'en caps to wear which added

WEST COMPANY

are now showing

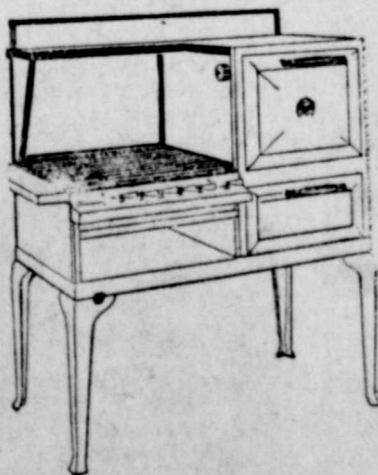
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color to the scene.

Then everyone was invited into the dining room. In the center of the table was a witches tent in which was found a small cedar chest full of handkerchiefs which was presented to Mrs. Clark.

Several games of progressive "42" were played and following which the guests enjoyed an interesting family tree contest. In this contest Mrs. Geo. Woodrum won the high prize a small vase which she presented to Mrs. Clark. The consolation prize went to Mrs. Nathan Wood. Mrs. Harry McCandless, accompanied by Mrs. Earl Thornton at the piano gave a musical reading.

Delightful refreshments, suggestive of Hallowe'en were served to the following club members and invited guests: Mesdames Luke Huddleston, I. L. Jackson, Nathan Wood Hamilton Beene, M. E. Simpson, Oscar Buford, Eli Case, A. A. McGehee, George Woodrum, Tyre Sublett, Harry McCandless, Chester Hutchinson, Sedberry, John West, Floyd Dowell, Bishop Hunter, Etsel Church, John Toombs, Lee Cox, R. R. Buford, Stanley King, Johnson, Herbert Patterson, Len Sublett, C. K. Russell, Arthur Clark, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Miss Annie Lou Russell and the hostess and Mrs. Earl Thornton.

Now You Tell One!

Sambo—"Hold my mule till I get up there, Skillet, and I will barbecue him and give you a piece.

Skillet—"Why Sambo, you look sick. Whats de matter with you?"

Sambo—"I is sick. De doctor told me what to do butt I didn't do it. He said to take one pill thee times a day, but rhat can't be done."

Skillet—"What do you raise on your farm, Sambo?"

Sambo—"We raised horses on our farm. And you know what? We found out that white horses eat more than black horses."

Skillet—"What! White horses eat more than black horses?"

Sambo—"Yeah, and the only reason we could figger out was that we had more whitet horses than we did black ones."

Skillet—"Whatt else did you raise on your farm, Sambo?"

Sambo—"We raised pigs on our farm"

Skillet—"Raised Pigs?"

Sambo—"No, we didn't altogether raise them. We bought them in June and sold them in March."

Skillet—"What did you pay for them Sambo—"A certain amount."

Skillet—"I know dat, but how much did you pay for them?"

Sambo—"Four dollars apiece."

Skillet—"How much did you sell them for in March?"

Sambo—"Four dollars apiece."

Skillet—"Boy, don'tt you know you can't make money at dat?"

Sambo—"We found dat out, too."

Skillet—"I'se going to tell thee people something about you."

Sambo—"Don't you do it, Boy, don'tt you do it."

Skillet—"Yes I is too. I caught Sambo pouring hot water down an old boiled eggs."

hen's throat to make her lay hard-Sambo—"He's right, people. But let caught him trying the same thing me tell you something on him; I with an old rooster."

Miss Booth—"Have you read proff?"

A Fish—"No, who wrote it?"

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If you have not seen us for Gas Plumbing, call and let us figure same.

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HARVEST OF BARGAINS! Come get your share of the harvest.

BROWN DRY GOODS CO.

Mr. H. P. Wilkins of Tulia, was a visitor here the first of the week. He reports fine crops on the plains this year.

Castle B. Ellis came in last week from Tyler, where he has been for several months attending Tyler Commercial College. Mr. Ellis is one of our finest boys and did fine work in this splendid college, coming away with several diplomas.

A 25c classified ad often bring surprising results.

A sitting now solves your most trying gift problems—gives ample time for careful workmanship.



True, it's early yet to buy the ready-made gifts that anyone may buy—but it's just time to prepare for that most personal of all gifts—your photograph.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 10th day of October 1927, published in the Merkel Mail, newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas on the 28th day of October 1927.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$408,733.86
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	7,510.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	12,793.40
Bonds, stocks and other securities	
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	49,150.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	6,639.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash on Hand	15,417.83
Due from approved reserve agents	83,349.47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	718.65
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,835.03
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	208,105.62
Other Resources	3,210.58
TOTAL	\$835,119.32

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	1,383.19
Individual Deposits subject to check	\$584,472.76
Time Certificates of Deposit	21,670.20
Public Funds on Deposit (City)	28,704.76
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	7,738.41
Bills Payable	70,000.00
Customer's Bonds Deposited for Safekeeping	49,150.00
TOTAL	\$835,119.32

State of Texas, County of Taylor:—We, J. S. Swann as president, and Herbert Patterson as assistant Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, President.
Herbert Patterson, Asst. Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October, A. D. 1927.
(SEAL) Willie Toombs, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
CORRECT ATTEST:
David Hendricks, R. O. Andrew, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Directors.

MERKEL BAPTISTS

All regular services Sunday with a welcome for visitors or strangers in every service. Increased attendance and interest marked all services last Sunday. Our special offering for missions and benevolence is coming in splendidly. It is hoped that every member of the church that loves the Lord will get in on the offering by Sunday as this is the last day for our offering to be counted in this convention year. The Lord said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." His last commandment to his disciples was to preach the gospel to all nations. How can any member of the church expect the Lord or the world to believe that he loves the Lord when he does nothing to carry out the last commandment of the Lord. Bring or send your offering to the church Sunday.

At the beginning of this convention our church voted to give \$2,000 to missions and benevolence this year. If every member will respond in a worthy way now we will be able to do the thing we proposed to do. The pastor will speak at both morning and evening services Sunday.

There is to be a meeting of our associational B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School convention at Elmdale Sunday afternoon. Let's go in a big crowd and get the banner and ask the next convention to come to Merkel.

Come find a place to worship and serve your Lord. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

No services at church Sunday on account of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Anson. Let's try to be at Anson in time for Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Rev. Fred S. Rodgers will preach at 11. Dr. Surface at 8 p. m.. Other parts of the program in the afternoon.

Let's have a good attendance from Merkel Church.—R. A. Walker, Pastor.

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FRONT STREET

MERKEL, TEXAS

Mr. Dave Anderson, of the Mt. Pleasant community, was in the city yesterday and stated that he was through gathering his cotton crop. He also said that the people of Mt. Pleasant certainly did appreciate the patronage and co-operation given them at their Box Supper on last Friday night.

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TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

We wish to thank the many people who are answering our invitations from time to time to be with us in our Bible study and Worship. One new class was started last Sunday at the ten o'clock hour and we are arranging to add another next Sunday. We are also making preparations to have trained teachers for all classes in the near future. Come, and bring your neighbor with you. Let us study God's Word together.

11 A. M.—Text, "Enoch Walked with God."—Communion at 12 M.—Young People's Service at 6:45 P. M.—Sermon at 7:30 P. M.—Text, "Do I now Persuade Men or God."—Midweek Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Carl A. Collins, Pastor.

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15. Manifold Heat Control for cold weather starting
16. Cellular Type Radiator
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18. Rubber Engine Mountings
19. 18-inch-Base Road Wheels
20. Balanced Front Wheels
21. Pivotal Steering
22. 4-wheel Hydraulic Brakes
23. High Carbon Steel Springs
24. Specially-designed Rear Axle for Balloon Tires
25. Levelizers on Front and Rear Springs
26. Indirectly Lighted Instrument Panel, with unique grouping of instruments
27. Fedco Theft-proof Numbering System
28. Electric Gasoline Gauge
29. Headlamp Control on Steering Wheel
30. Narrow Corner Pillars for Full Driving Vision
31. Adjustable Steering Wheel
32. Cadet Visor
33. Saddle Spring Seat Cushions
34. Fine Figured Mohair Upholstery
35. Rigid Type Curtains on Touring Car
36. Adjustable Front Seat in Touring Car
37. Low Center of Gravity
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39. Chrysler Smartness and Symmetry of Line
40. Attractive Color Combinations in Great Variety

Great New Chrysler "62" at \$1095 gives you more in performance, beauty, comfort, safety and long life than cars of other makes costing many hundreds of dollars more.

Impossible, you say! But a careful comparison of its features against features of sixes of other makes costing even up to \$2000 will speedily convince you!

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As a result in the "62" you get a combination of fine-car features which previously cost several hundred dollars more even in a Chrysler and which are still not available in any other make unless you pay very much more than \$1095.

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Great New "62" Prices—Touring Car, \$1095; Business Coupe, \$1125; 2-door Sedan, \$1145; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1175; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1245; 4-door Sedan, \$1245; Landa Sedan, \$1295; f. o. b. Detroit, subject to current Federal excise tax. Chrysler dealers are in a position to extend the convenience of time payments.

"Red-Head" High-Compression Engine—specially designed for use with high-compression gas, is standard equipment on the Roadster and is available at slight extra cost on all other models.

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Price Stands Comparison

Ford Roadster With Light Delivery Body

Dodge Touring New Paint-Good Rubber

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All Exceptional Values in Used Cars

Maverick Motor Company Used Car Lot in Rear

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WITH A CAST NOT TO BE BEAT—INCLUDING EDDIE CANTOR, CLARA BOW, LAWRENCE GRAY AND BILLIE DOVE
—NEWS and COMEDY—

Wednesday, one day only

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SALLY AND "POP"

Adorable circus kid and lovable circus faker. They take you through the sawdust ring and juggle their way straight into your hearts. You will love them both—"Pop" for his careless handling of the truth; Sally for her whimsies, whether she's in spangles of the tent or satins of the rich. When they're up they're high up; when they're down, still see nothing but silver linings in the clouds.

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4. Bill Haynes.

Expecting car Best McAlester COAL any day.
SWAFFORD, Phone 44, South Side.

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We are very thankful to Messrs. G. F. Turner and C. A. Hudson, both of the Stith community, for the renewal of their subscriptions to the Mail. Both these gentlemen stated that they liked the paper very much and could not get along without it.

Mrs. W. N. Hall, Worthy Matron of the local O. E. S. Chapter, is in Mineral Wells this week attending a meeting of the Grand Chapter.

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Yes, you will have no more trouble in driving up here for service, as the pavement is now finished on both sides so you may drive in either way.

We appreciate your patronage at all times and assure you that we make every effort to give you service that is so pleasing that you will want to come back. So drive in. You don't have to wait, we give you service NOW.

Don't forget we handle the well-known and popular tires and tubes—The GOOR-RICH—None Better. Only a trial is needed to convince you.

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PUTTING OVER THE BOND ISSUE

The big factor in putting over the recent million dollar bond issue in Taylor county was seemingly an easy matter, especially to one not particularly interested. And yet, there was lots of hard work done by various committees and organizations. All of which goes to prove that such organizations in this day of push and rush, are an absolute necessity—a business institution and investment to every town and community. During the campaign in our own community, no one worked harder and more zealously than Mr. L. R. Thompson, the wide-awake Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The people were not against good roads, but the "people" are busy and they wanted and were entitled to information and facts concerning the issue upon which they were to vote, and the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce spent much time and effort in properly presenting the issue to the voters. That is a part of the duties of a secretary of a Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Thompson did the work honestly, and efficiently, and is due much credit for the hard work and effort put forth.

Intermediate League Program

Subject—"How Big is Your World?"
Leader.

Scripture—Jonah 1:1-3; Romans 1:13-21.

Song and Prayer.

TALKS—

1. How Much Do We Know About the World—Victor Smith.

2. Should We Study Only the Needs of Other People, or Do They Have a Contribution to Make to Us?—W. A. Whiteley.

Do You Think of all Non-Christian Nations as "Heathens?" Is This Idea Correct?—Nadine Tippett.

4. Can America Be Called a Christian Nation? If Not, Why Not?—Mrs. Brown.

The Game
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Springs, Piston Rings, Gaskets, Spark Plugs, Lamps, Fan Belts, Ignition Parts, Battery Cables, Brake Lining, Rims

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For Friday and Saturday ONLY

Aluminum Percolator 98c

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Try a Classified Ad for Results

Avoid Excess Uric Acid!

To Be Well There Must Be Proper Kidney Action.

A STIFF, achy feeling is a common sign of sluggish kidneys and excess uric acid. One is apt to be tired and languid; nervous and depressed; suffer nagging backache, headaches and dizziness. A common warning of sluggish kidney action is scanty or burning secretions. Doan's Pills, by stimulating the activity of the kidneys, assist them to eliminate excess uric acid. If your kidneys are acting sluggishly, use Doan's. They have been recommended since 1885. Are endorsed the country over. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS 60c

Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
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THEIR LOSS YOUR GAIN

NEW FALL COATS—DRESSES

On account of a few warm days, manufacturers were forced to sacrifice New Fall Coats and Dresses far below Market Value.

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COATS

Beautiful Coats in all the wanted materials for Fall with Fur Collar and Cuffs
Colors—Tan, Brown, Black, Blue and Mixed Sport Models.

Sizes 10 to 44

Priced in Three Groups

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\$1.00 Grade RAYON SILK BLOOMERS

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in this remarkable event the Selection of Styles and Colors is equally as marvelous as the price.

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Red Hot Specials for Saturday and all next week

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A full stock of Winter Underware for
Men, Women and Children, priced right

Jones Dry Goods

IDLEWISE CLUB

One of the most colorful and enthusiastic social affairs of the season was the party given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Emmet Grimes, honoring club members and a number of guests.

Witches, owls, jack-o'-lanterns and

other Hallowe'en symbols created an effective atmosphere for merriment during the games of bridge.

At the tea hour the hostess passed a dainty refreshment plate displaying Hallowe'en symbols and colors.

Mesdames Anderson, Gambil, Cooks ton, Bill Brown, Roy Largent, R. I. Grimes, Tom Largent, George White,

Warren Smith, Tom Price, Bob Mayfield, Mat Dillingham, Sie Hamm, Charlie Jones, McFarland, and Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Alva Wheeler, Lucy Tracy, Boog Sears and Ruby Hamm enjoyed this delightful affair.

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We are prepared to show you the best line of Suits and Overcoats we have ever shown. Prices range from—

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Justen Boots \$11 and \$16.50
Stetson Hats \$8.00 to \$17.50

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ABILENE, TEXAS



With Tony, the wonder horse showing at the Queen Saturday, also last chapter of "Return of the Riddle Rider."

METHODIST CHURCH

All regular services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45 with classes and teachers for all of every age.

The officers and teachers of our school have had special training covering a period of years for their respective work.

Each book in the teachers course of study as provided from year to year by our Sunday School Board has been written by a specialist and represents the ripest scholarship of our time.

Our Teacher-Training Work is done only under competent official supervision, and a unit of credit is issued to an officer or teacher in our Sunday School is very meaningful. Some of credits, and others are receiving our teachers have a large number of them from time to time.

Men and women so minded to qualify themselves to teach at such cost in time and effort are worthy of cooperation. They are anxious to do good.

We hope every member of our school will be present next Sunday and on time. We invite people who may not be members of any school to attend ours Sunday.

Worship at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.. All Epworth Leagues meets at 6:15—one hour in advance of the preaching service.

Visitors and strangers are invited to attend at our services and are given a glad welcome.—W. R. McCarter, Pastor.

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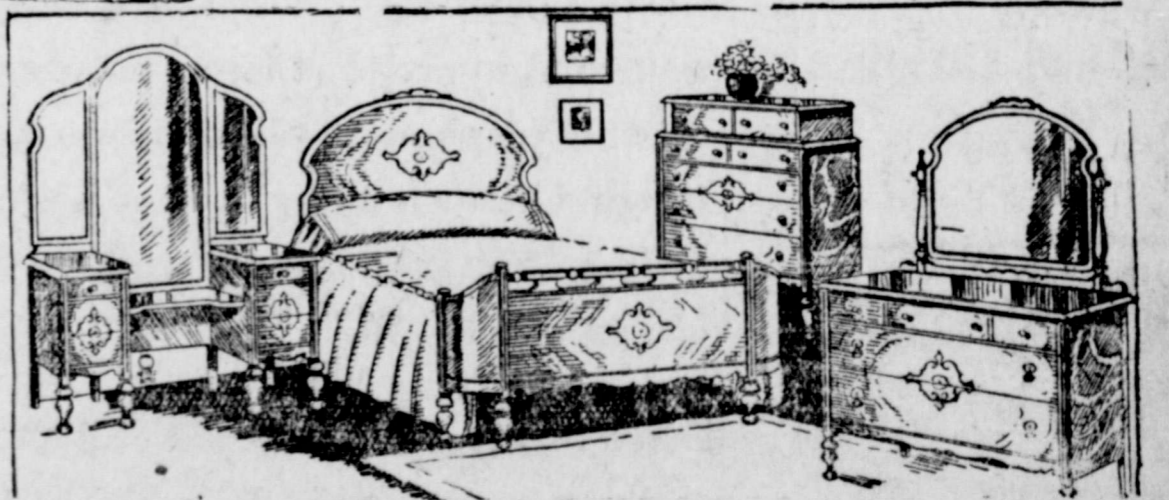
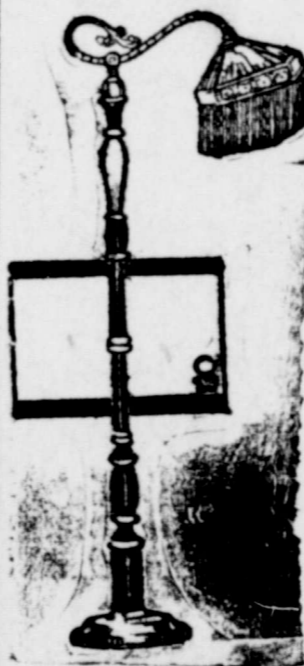


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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

Small brick business house in Merkel on paved street with water and gas connection. Possession Jan. 1st. Terms almost like rent. J. T. Warren, Merkel, Texas. tfn

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a 1926 model Chevrolet Touring Car, in good condition. Will have car in Merkel, Saturday, October 29. A. D. Wilson. ttn

FOR SALE—A few pieces of furniture at a Bargain. See it today or Saturday at B. A. CLARK'S, 710 Locust St. ttpd.

FOR SALE—1925 Ford Coupe, excellent condition. See F. Y. Gaither, ttn

FOR SALE—1923 Dodge Touring car. Half down and balance till fall. Good rubber and good running condition. Call Phone 904-F5. Otis Foster

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. Fresh Also two hogs. See G. H. Tucker, R 4 Merkel, Texas ttpd

TURKEYS—Mammoth Bronze Turkeys for sale. April hatch. Toms \$10.00. Pullets \$5.00. Mrs. F. M. Mullen, Route 1, Box 7, Merkel, Texas. 2tpd.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My home Would trade same as part payment on good farm. Tailor shop is also for sale. MRS. J. F. HODO. ttn

FOR SALE—205 acres of land three miles east of Merkel joining the Salt Branch school lots. 160 in cultivation. A bargain. See J. A. Jaynes, Merkel, route One. tf

You may send your child for meat with the assurance of receiving the same good quality as if you came for it yourself—if you send to Baker & Wheeler Market. tf

WANTED

WANTED—Good milk cow. See Mrs. Manscill or phone 205. ttpd.

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LOST—Down-twn Saturday, black suede purse, trimmed with silver. Contained about \$3.00. Finder please return to Mary Cleo Booth and receive reward. ttn

LOST—A child's Red Fur Cap, on Oak Street, Tuesday night. Return to Ocie's Cafe. Reward. ttpd

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While in France with the American Army I obtained a noted French prescription for the treatment of Rheumatism and Neuritis. I have given this to thousands with wonderful results. The prescription cost me nothing. I ask nothing for it. I will mail it if you will send me your address. A postal bill will be paid. Write today. PAUL G. GALE, D. O. M. S. 2, Brockton, Mass.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO. An Even Hundred Now! Seven years ago the electric lines of the West Texas Utilities Company served seven West Texas towns and cities. Today they serve a hundred. Seven years ago this company maintained and operated eighty-three miles of transmission lines. Today it has in operation fifteen hundred miles. Seven years ago this company had five thousand customers. Today it has forty-five thousand. Seven years ago the total capital invested in properties of this company was less than three millions of dollars. Today invested capital totals nearly thirty millions. Where except in that magic land of opportunity, WEST TEXAS, could such a record of progress have been made West Texas Utilities Company

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM Subject: "How Big is Your World?" Reader: Anna Lee Piles Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3; Romans 1:13-22. Talk No. 1—Mrs. Touchstone Page 98. Talk No. 2—Mrs. Tom Allday, Page 98. Talk No. 3—Joe Riney, Page 99. Talk No. 4—Imogene Hays, Page 99. Talk No. 7—Castle Ellis, Page 99. Business Benediction "Help Yourself" at the Palace Theater Friday night, on November 4, benefit of the local Boy Scout Troop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hughes, are happy over the arrival on the 26th of a bouncing baby boy. Mr. Hughes is a member of the popular firm, Brackett-Hughes Chevrolet Motor Co.



TELLING FORTUNES may be all right, but we'd sooner have ours told by a man who has MADE ONE than by some person who tells them. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, but who wants any birds anyhow? You'll not make a fortune, but you'll save real money if you buy Conoco Gas. and oils. These products possess a combination of power performance and satisfaction of service.

Everybody's No. 2 SERVICE STATION

CAKE AND CANDY SALE Radio Sunday School Class will sell cakes and candy Saturday at the Max Mellinger building at 11:30. We will also sell sandwiches and punch. Everyone is invited to eat with us.

"Help Yourself" at the Palace Theater Friday night, on November 4, benefit of the local Boy Scout Troop.

Check these items you want on our Harvest of Bargains circular. We have every article as advertised.

BROWN DRY GOODS CO. Mr. C. E. French, capitalist of Dallas, was here several days last week, visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce and family.

ABILENE FURNITURE STORE Everything in New and Used Furniture and Stoves Phone No. 80 R. A. GLENN, Proprietor 249 CHESTNUT STREET Free Delivery Beautiful Cane LIVING ROOM SUITE, high grade Jacquard upholstery, loose cushion, divan, rocker, chair and Davenport Table. Special Price \$125.00 Beautiful overstuffed LIVING ROOM SUITE, high grade Jacquard Upholstery, reversible cushion of wool tapestry, black welt trimmed, backs and sides covered with plain two-tone Velour, a beautiful suite in high grade furniture—A Real Value. Divan, wing chair, fireside chair \$135.00 Massive overstuffed LIVING ROOM SUITE with built-in Bed Feature, automatic coil spring felted mattress of cotton, two-tone Jacquard Upholstery, Wool Tapestry reversible cushions, black welt trimming, the most comfortable bed feature built in living room furniture—you can't match this value \$185.00 All the above suites are built on the very best of styles, with solid Birch Mahogany frames—Beautiful Finishes. Genuine Walnut, Five-ply, massive BEDROOM SUITE, six-drawer Vanity, best frenchplate mirrors, plain or decorated finishes—match this value \$98.50 (We have some wonderful values in cheap suites) Beautiful, Massive, Genuine Walnut DINING SUITE Burlwalnut-inlay trimmed, wool tapestry chairs, with hostess chair, mantle mirror to match, the very best Quality of merchandise and style. A \$265.00 Suite at a Special value of only \$165.00 Complete Rug Department! The greatest saving to be had. Congoleum, Yard Goods and Rugs, Linoleum, Yard Goods, Art Rugs, India Linoleum. Great Saving in High Grade Wain Rugs. Phonographs, all styles. Complete line of good used Furniture (No Junk). We have your style in the Simmons Beds and Day Beds. Soon to have Gas? Let us save you a nice sum on your range—see our line. Rockers, Sewing Machines, Used Furniture. SAVING, SERVICE, SATISFACTION, OUR MOTTO.

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Hey, You!! Why be scared of The Adolphus? We have rooms with bath at \$2.00 Coffee 5c The ADOLPHUS DALLAS, TEXAS

MOUNT PLEASANT BOX SUPPER

Friday night a very successful box supper was enjoyed by the people of Mount Pleasant. Donations of money and merchandise were given by the business men of Merkel. These were auctioned off first, and then the boxes were sold.

Excitement ran high throughout the entire evening. After the beauty contest, a social hour was enjoyed by everyone.

The proceeds from the supper were sufficient to finish paying for the Baptist Church.

The people of the community want to thank the business men of Merkel for the help and interest they manifested in the supper.—A. H. Barnes.

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Y. M. F. CLUB

The Y. M. F. Club was entertained by Mrs. Rolfe Wagner on the afternoon of October 6. Vases of rose-buds decorated the rooms.

An enjoyable evening of "42" ended and prizes went to Miss Opal Nichols, Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mrs. Billie Cobb. A salad plate, cakes and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames W. L. Johnson, Jr., Harry McCandless, Gilbert Boswell, Billie Cobb, Claude Dye, Herbert Patterson and Misses Opal Patterson and Opal Nichols of Abilene and the hostess.

Mrs. Claude Dye beautifully entertained the Y. M. F. ladies at her home, Thursday afternoon. The house was made lovely with roses and pot plants and Halloween Motifs decorated the interior. Games of "42" were enjoyed and Mrs. Harry McCandless won high-score and low went to Mrs. Jack Smith.

A delightful plate of chicken salad, and pimento cheese sandwiches, olives, sweet-pickles, potato-chips cherry-pie and whipped cream with iced-tea were served to: Mesdames Harry L. McCandless, Gilbert Boswell, Rolfe Wagner, Gerome Hutcherson, Billie Cobb, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Jack Smith, George Foster of Graham and the hostess.

RADIO CLASS MEETING

On last Thursday evening the Radio Class met in the home of Miss Sally Brown. After a short business session a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones sang, "At Peace With the World" and "All the World is Waiting for the Sunrise."

A salad course was served to the following:

Misses Doris and Hallie Pike, Lois Leslie, Mamie Coates, Opal Patterson, Anna Lou Russell, Elizabeth Harkrider, Eunice Richards, Gladys Milliken, Mona Margaret Jones and the hostess.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to those who in anyway extended their help and sympathy to us during the sickness and death of our little daughter, Hazel Christine. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

We especially want to mention the untiring efforts of Dr. Gardner and the nurses, Misses Kennedy and Hilliard.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh and family.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turner, on October 18, a seven and a half pound boy.

"Help Yourself," at the Palace Theater Friday night, on November 4, benefit of the local Boy Scout Troop.

Your Cows will like Alfalfa and Molasses Feed. Try It. Better than hay. SWAFFORD, Phone 44, South Side.

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

End of the Month Specials

Bragg Dry Goods Company

"The Store of Quality Merchandise at Cheaper Prices"

Because of late deliveries on some of our best shoes we find our stock too full for the end of October, therefore we offer our entire stock at a sacrifice for Friday and Saturday and all next week.

Extra Special



One lot of Ladies Selby Straps and Oxfords in medium and high heel priced from 6.95 to 7.50 go at—
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We have a very full stock of Men's and Boy's Oxfords, Dress and Work Shoes at big reductions.



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DUNCAN SISTERS IN "TOPSY AND EVA" AT PALACE FRIDAY

The Duncan Sisters, Rosetta and Vivian, make their screen debut in "Topsy and Eva," film version of their own musical comedy stage success, at the Palace Theatre. "Topsy and Eva" has become widely known through its engagements in twenty-three key cities during four years of continuous stage presentation. United Artists presents the first Duncan Sisters' film, which Del Lord directed from the continuity of Scott Darling. The film is based on the play by Catherine Chisholm Cushing.

A comedy filmed on a scale unusual for that type of picture, "Topsy and Eva" is a black and white study in laughter, possessing that colorful handful of characters which Harriett Beecher Stowe drew in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" but sending those characters through adventures that have never been imprisoned in the covers of a book. Noble Johnson is "Uncle Tom" and Gibson Gowland is "Simon Legree." Gowland was Von Stroheim's "McTeague" in "Greed." Nils Asther Swedish "find" of director Mauritz Stiller, makes his American screen debut as "George Shelby." Marjorie Daw Myrtle Ferguson and Henry Victor are also prominent in the cast.

In the film little "Eva" doesn't go to heaven for medical science has advanced since 1852. "Simon Legree" doesn't always have the best of things even if the "law is on his side." "Topsy" flees over snow, not cakes of ice, and her fiery steed has snowshoes to boot. Strange hands lead from mouldy mounds in graveyards to clutch at "Topsy's" ankles and "Uncle Tom" is a lovable fellow, who lets the little ones play "piggy-back" with him in the parlor.

The old South, "befo' de wa'" is strangely covered with snow in some scenes, while in others it is a land of great wooden houses fronted by massive, white, southern colonial pillars and spacious porticos. Lake Tahoe, Cal., Wilmington, Cal., San Pedro, Cal., and Hollywood, Cal., are the original places to which the Duncans repaired for filming of their initial screen venture. They managed to find snow-capped mountains, pre-Civil War cabins and a southern colonial mansion, all within fifty miles of Hollywood. Interiors were filmed at the United Artists Studio.

The story of "Topsy and Eva" parallels only in large, general terms the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" narrative. Topsy is auctioned off to little Eva for a nickel. Simon Legree is a money-lender who comes to fore-close a mortgage on Christmas Eve. Topsy is not chased by blood-hounds, but by a nice St. Bernard. There are numerous entertaining departures from the accepted facts of the legend, but the Duncans say it's all in fun and life is just one great big laugh. They admit that the original stage version of "Topsy and Eva" had 347 laughs. Audiences at the Palace Theatre will have to decide about the film. The motion picture story is virtually the same as that of the play, additions and not deletions being the only changes.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and consideration shown by our many friends during the late illness and death of our father and grand-father. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watt and family.

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