

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## Circulation Contest Fast Drawing To Close

### C. of C. NOTES

By L. R. THOMPSON, Secretary

#### PETITION TO PAVE OAK STREET

Some of the property owners on Oak Street are circulating a petition to pave that street and are meeting with very little opposition.

Passenger trains to the east, stop so that all passengers on them, have an excellent view of that street, and it is the principal thoroughfare leading to the business section from the south. If it were paved, it would be the prettiest street in the town, and the property along it would be the most valuable.

If a good majority of the property owners petition to have the paving done, it is reasonable to suppose that the minority will acquiesce in a movement that will have the recompense of added values and the manifestation of civic pride which cannot be measured in dollars.

#### PROVERBIAL FISHERMAN

In our day we have heard stories of fishermen, which, in our opinion were unjust reflections on men of that avocation. We may have to change our minds since two or three of them assured us that they would kill hogs the first cool spell and that we would be recipients of various and dandy edible portions of said swine. We would rather believe our thermometer was out of kilter and that the coal man had imposed upon us than to lose faith in a fisherman.

#### PIGGLY-WIGGLY

A musical comedy of that name was presented at the Palace Theater, Tuesday night, and it was by far, the best home-talent production we have ever witnessed. Every one in the cast deserves mention, but we are not expert in discerning folks in other than their usual attire and therefore cannot name all who took part.

The proceeds went to the benefit of the Cemetery Association.

#### PAVING COMPLETED

Tuesday, the last brick was laid, the asphalt applied and the streets opened for traffic. We suppose the contractors have their money and if they are as well pleased with the completion of the work, as we are with the work, we are all happy. This work gave employment to a number of local laborers, and brought to us a number of transient laborers whom we would be glad to have remain with us. Superintendent Clark made many warm friends while here—not alone for himself, but for the company he represents.

#### THE WHITE WAY

The West Texas Utilities Company has a force of men at work putting in the White Way, and we are informed by the local manager, Mat Dillingham, that all the material is now on the ground and the work will be speedily carried forward.

#### GAS INSTALLED

The writer of this column was separated from Ten Dollars by the Community Gas Company this, Thursday morning and as that company has a reputation of starting the service as soon as it collects your money, he expects to be warming his shins this evening, happy in the thought that the fuel is paid for for thirty days or more. With the installation of gas, we have every convenience of a city, with the added blessing of a more abundant supply of god water than any other town in West Texas.

#### IDLEWISE CLUB

The members of the Idlewise Club were most graciously entertained by Miss Ruby Hamm on their regular Club day, Tuesday of last week.

All party appointments characterized the approaching Thanksgiving holiday, for the tables were arranged for Bridge, while the gorgeous autumnal flowers and open fires combined to make the afternoon more cheerful for the guests. Miss Evelyn Hamm assisted her sister in receiving the guests and in serving a delicious salad plate when the games were finished. The guest list included Misses Venie Heizer, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Julia Martin, Mesdames F. C. McFarland, Matt Dillingham, Tom Price, Roy Largent, Sie Hamm, W. S. J. Brown, John Camp, Harry Cookson, Jack Durham, Emmett Grimes, Warren Smith and the Misses Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Weidenbach had as their guest this week, Mr. S. W. Copeland, brother of Mrs. Weidenbach who lives at McCamey.

### Rev. W. J. Mahew Is New Pastor Of Methodist Church

At the close of the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Big Springs, last Sunday evening, the name of Rev. W. J. Mahew, for the past two years, the successful and able pastor of the First Church at Crowell, was read out by the Bishop as pastor of the church at Merkel.

Rev. Mahew has only been a member of this conference for the past four years; having been transferred to same from the Central Texas Conference, where he held pastorates over some of the largest churches in the district. Since coming to this conference he has become one of the most popular and well liked ministers in the entire conference.

Rev. Mahew not only comes to our city recommended as an able and successful minister, but one who mixes well with the citizenship; always taking part in every move that has for its purpose the best interest of the city, and this paper joins the entire citizenship in extending to him and his good wife a royal welcome to our city.

Rev. Mahew will occupy the pulpit in his church at both the morning and evening hours next Sunday, and extends a hearty welcome to one and all to hear him.

Rev. W. R. McCarter, for the past two years the able and popular pastor here, was transferred to the pastorate vacated at Crowell, by Rev. Mahew, and with his wife, left Thursday for that city, where Brother McCarter will enter upon his duties as pastor of the Methodist church.

Rev. McCarter is indeed, an able minister, a popular pastor, and his church members and the entire citizenship regret very much his departure from our midst. During his work with the church in this city the past two years, a splendid growth and much progress has been recorded; and very greatly due to the efforts of Brother McCarter and his most estimable wife.

### H. E. Farmer Test Down 500 Feet

The test on the H. E. Farmer farm in the white church community, recently started by the Gilbert Johnson and Dyer Brothers, is progressing nicely and was reported to have reached a depth of 500 feet Wednesday night.

Mr. Albert Dyer, well-known and popular driller, contractor, in the city today, stated that the test would go right along to completion of the contract which calls for a test of 3,000 feet unless gas or oil in paying quantities are found at a lesser depth. It is said that the geological formations on the test are looking good at this time. The test will be watched with eagerness.

#### AT THE NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

I will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. And although the Church house is being remodeled, we will try to have room for our services. Come for Sunday school at 10 a. m. also, W. G. Cypert, Pastor.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Lets have a good attendance on time. Wm. Elliott, Supt. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. C. E. at 6:15 p. m. We will suspend our evening service and attend the service at the Methodist Church to hear the new Pastor.

#### R. A. Walker, Pastor.

#### APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation to the Merkel Methodists for their co-operation with us in the Lord's Work and to all our friends for their kindness to us.

W. R. and Mrs. McCarter.

Messrs T. J. Melton and son, T. R. and T. O. Lackey and Jim Moore, were informed left this week for a deer hunting trip to South Texas.

### Simmons Cowboys Play Howard Payne On Turkey Day

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 17.—Preparations are being made to accommodate 12,000 people at the annual Turkey Day grudge battle here on November 24 between the Simmons University Cowboys and the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets. An added attraction for the occasion will be the annual homecoming for the thousands of West Texas alumni and ex-students of Simmons University. The visiting exes will be given a free turkey dinner at the new cafeteria recently constructed on the university campus.

The Thanksgiving game between Simmons and Howard Payne has been an annual affair for several years. Last year the Cowboys defeated the Yellow-Jackets at Brownwood and thus won the Texas Conference championship. This year, the championship will likely be determined at this game, and the husky West Texas youngsters who make up the two teams promise a lively scrap on that occasion.

Gilbert Sandefer, athletic manager for Simmons University states that 1,000 reserved tickets have been placed on sale and the rapid rate at which they are going indicate a record attendance. Two years ago the attendance at the game here reached above the 8,000 mark.

### Union Church Services Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24

Following the custom of past years Merkel is to have a Thanksgiving service.

The service this year will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 7:15 P. M. Thursday, November 24th with Rev. W. J. Mahew, pastor of the Methodist Church to preach the sermon.

Special music and singing for the service to be furnished by the choirs of the various churches of the town under the direction of Miss Christine Collins. This service is town-wide and it is hoped that all the people of every denomination and of no denomination will participate in the service.

It is fitting that every citizen of the land should join in this national Thanksgiving Day and together with the rank and file of the people, join in giving thanks to the Lord for His Blessings on us during this good year.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HONORS PRESIDENT

Mrs. W. R. McCarter was the happy honoree of a lovely party given in the home of Mrs. Oscar Bufford with Mesdames R. R. Bufford and S. M. Hunter assistant hostesses.

This party came as a farewell tribute to Mrs. McCarter who was teacher of the class and who this week leaves for Crowell to make her home. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers in every available space also victrola selections helped to make the afternoon especially pleasant for the guests. Mrs. L. R. Thompson graciously toasted the honoree and presented her with a lovely and useful gift from the class.

Mrs. McCarter charmingly responded after which a prayer opened the regular class meeting by Mrs. Swafford. A Bible lesson in the form of questions, was then enjoyed by the entire class. A contest was the next feature of entertainment and the prize a beautiful linen luncheon set, won by Mrs. Tom Allday was presented to the honoree. The hostesses then passed a most delicious salad plate to Mrs. McCarter, Busby, Richardson, Thompson, Stanford, Case, Hicks, Toombs, Brackeen, Sears, Sublett, Church, Allday, Patterson, Iddings, Harold, Bufford, Swafford and the hostesses.

We regret very much to learn that Mr. A. R. Booth, one of our popular grocermen, has been quite sick for some time. We join many friends in the sincere hope that he will soon be up and about again; regaining his former good health permanently.

Mr. R. O. Johnson, of Wheeler county was here recently for a visit with his brother, Mr. J. M. Johnson whom he had not seen for thirty years

### Anniversary Service At Baptist Church

Sunday marks the beginning of the ninth year since the present pastor started his ministry in Merkel. It is true he was away about two years but looking back over the years, we remember the beginning of our work together. In the service Sunday we will not dwell at length on the past but will face the future. Should we care to review the past, there are some notable achievements that might be reviewed.

When we compare our church with the church of a decade ago we are reminded of the expression of Jacob as he returned to the land of his fathers after a sojourn of some years in Padanaram where he thanked the Lord and said: "I am not worthy of the least of all mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands." Gen. 32:10. But as our older Brethren used to say in their prayers that we could well repeat for having heard them so often, "Past Blessings have only sufficed for the past necessities and we are the same needy creatures we have ever been." How we feel the need of his blessings in our own hearts and on our own work.

All regular services as usual.

The pastor will speak both hours. The subject for the 11 a. m. hour is "Facing the Future," at 7 p. m. "The Spirit Filled Life."

A warm welcome for all who come. If you are a stranger or a visitor in town or if you do not have a church home in Merkel, come to the services Sunday.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

#### ROBINSON-LATIMOR

Miss Fern Robinson and Mr. Odie Latimor were married at the Baptist parsonage in the presence of a few friends at 5 p. m. on November 12th.

These are popular young people of the Nubia community and have many friends to wish them a long and happy married life. Pastor Parrack pronounced the words that bound them together in happy wedlock.

### New Residences to Be Erected Soon In Hanes-Moody Ad.

Merkel has had a steady growth in the residence section of the city the past year, quite a number of nice residences having been erected, and mostly by home-owners, making for permanency and a continued development. The residence section is spreading out, and new additions are being developed.

The Hanes-Moody Addition is one of the new residence sections, owned by Mr. John S. Hughes, who reports the sale the past week of four residence lots. Messrs J. M. and W. F. Dunn, new grocery men in Merkel, purchased three lots and will build two nice five-room homes. One home will be rushed to completion as quick as possible for immediate occupancy and then the other built. Mr. Shelton bought one lot between the Dunn property and the W. I. Crane place, and expects to build in the near future. Mr. Crane recently moved into the new five-room home which he purchased from Mr. Hughes.

#### GINNING NOTICE

Beginning next week, all gins of Merkel will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, by agreement of all the undersigned gins, until further notice. There will be no one at any of the gins on Thanksgiving Day to buy cotton.

Farm Bureau Gin.  
Sam Swann Gin  
Guitar Gin  
South Side Gin  
Planters Gin Co.  
Hamm Gin

Mr. A. W. Costephens, for several months the genial and hustling manager of the Palace Theater, has turned the management of same over to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Smith, and will go to Sweetwater where he will be associated in another line of business. Mr. Costephens is a fine young man, and we regret to lose him.

### Abilene and Cisco Clash for District Honors Fri., Nov. 25

The annual football classic of West Texas will be staged here on Friday, November 25, when the Abilene High School Eagles clash with the Big Dam Lobos of Cisco High. This game will be the Class A final for the Southern half of West Texas, and in the opinion of many, it will select the champion of all West Texas and probably determine the team destined to enter the State Finals. It will bring together, two of the most colorful teams of the State, each determined to win.

Never have two teams met with the dope more even. Each team has amassed an enormous number of points in their games this season and each team has held its opponents to pitifully small scores. Both teams have scored nearly five hundred points during the season. Each machine has run rough shod over all opposition. Their comparative scores against teams both have played, indicate that the Lobos and Eagles are evenly matched. For instance, Abilene defeated Ranger 33 0. Cisco won over the Bull Dogs by a score of 22-0. On the other hand, the while Abilene was able to down Breckenridge on 32-7. Ranger was undoubtedly much stronger when they played Cisco than when Abilene played them. And Breckenridge developed much greater strength before they played the Eagles. Coach Shotwell of Breckenridge formerly coached Abilene and no doubt the Breckenridge boys played hard to win for their coach. This indicates equality of strength of the Eagles and Lobos.

The game in Abilene will be worth going a long way to see for it will be a spectators game. There is no likelihood of the battle being a dead lock between defensive teams unable to score. There should be much scoring because both teams are offensive machines. Both backfields are fleet and proficient with the forward pass and end runs. Eddieman, barrel bodied Lobo full back, is a line runner who puts power in the Cisco scoring machine. He will meet his match in Smith, the towering Eagle full back. Both men will have strong linemen to open holes for their plunges. Esco Walter of Abilene, and "Chittie" Little of Cisco are amazingly fleet and sensational in a broken field. The passing game of Pippen and Keyes of Cisco and Walter and Salked of Abilene is remarkable for high school teams. Sellers of Abilene is an all round back field ace. There should be many thrilling runs. Both teams being full of "dynamite" it will be a battle until the last gun ends the game.

Unusual features are planned to enliven the contest. Both schools will have uniformed Pep squads of one hundred girls. Brass bands will add Pep to the cheering on both sides. An enormous crowd is expected to view this last big game of West Texas and Abilene is preparing ample accommodations for all who come. This will likely be the last chance for fans of this section to see a big game because both Amarillo and Cleburne who look like winners in their sections have played in both Abilene and Cisco since the Lobos or Eagles have visited them. Wichita Falls, who meets Amarillo in the Northern section has also played in Abilene since Abilene went there. Go to this game and root for your favorite to carry the banner of West Texas.

#### MISS FRANCIS ANDERSON HONORED AT T. C. U.

Fort Worth, Nov. 17.—Miss Francis Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Merkel, is a member of the "Frogettes," an organization for Freshmen girls in Jarvis Hall girls' dormitory at Texas Christian University.

The purpose of the organization is to foster social occasions for dormitory girls and to render any service possible in the dormitory for the fresh man class at large.

Officers for the organization are as follows: Miss Nell Russell, Ballinger, president; Miss Pauline Richardson, Dallas, secretary; Miss Thelma Hampton, Dallas, treasurer; and Miss Peggy Kipping, Houston, news reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of Dallas visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mrs. Ruby Faye Johnson takes slight lead this week with Miss Winnie Brown and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore almost tied for second place. Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Miss Mae Melton and Mrs. M. D. Fowler running in order named are only a few votes behind, and the next count is likely to find anyone in the lead.

Tuesday night, November 22 is the last chance for extra votes and as the count stands today only a few subscriptions would put any candidate in the race at the top of the list

With several of the leading candidates so closely grouped in their race for the Chrysler Coach, it would be hard indeed for anyone to make a guess as to who is to be the winner. In fact any candidate in the race can win if she will.

While subscriptions for the Mail have been pouring in by the hundreds the last few days there are still many people in Merkel and surrounding territory who will no doubt, be glad to subscribe for the "home paper" during this campaign. Let's give them all a chance.

#### NOW OR NEVER

These are the big days—the most important days of the campaign, for it is during these final days that the candidates will put forth their utmost efforts with the result that they will secure a total of subscriptions and votes that they did not think possible, and it is this extra effort that will decide the future ownership of the Chrysler Coach.

Candidates who have been going at the work, "hammer and tongs" fashion since the campaign started and have reasons to feel that they are among the leaders, will now put a bit more vim into their work, if that is possible, and will add many thousands to their vote total before the campaign closes. Those candidates who have not accomplished the results they are capable of, seeing the end so near will go into the task with a spirit of firm determination, and some of those who are well down on the list may find themselves in good position to win the prize.

Now for the final efforts of the candidates—the effort that will determine their right to the wonderful prize offered. Every candidate is urged to work and work hard during these last, all-important decisive days. There's a Chrysler Coach worth \$938.50 at stake. Your friends are looking to you—you promised yourself and them that you would win. And YOU MUST WIN!

When you drive around the streets in your own Chrysler Coach, won by utilizing your spare time, you will find yourself the center of an admiring group, all of them eager to hear the story of your success. If you should lose through your failure to do your very best right up to the end you will find it difficult to get anyone to stop and listen to your excuses.

A few more laps and the course will have been run. Only a short time remains in which to choose between success, and failure, victory and defeat. Don't overlook a single opportunity this period affords. Think and plan constantly for the means of success. Figure ways to win, and always remember that your adversaries, as keen and resourceful as yourself, are racking some very acute brain for the same purpose.

It means something to win in a competition of this kind. It is a demonstration of capacity that is extraordinary. It proves a winning personality. It sometimes proves up to you in your bogus friends and reveals the true ones. It always tests your mettle and measures your own strength. The time to succeed is, when the others, "Discouraged, show traces of tire.

The battle is fought on the home stretch, And won 'twixt the flag and the wire."

#### BOX SUPPER AT SALT BRANCH TONIGHT

There will be a Box Supper at the Salt Branch School tonight, Friday, November 18, to which the public is cordially invited. The supper is given for the benefit of the school and the public is cordially invited to come and take part.

Besides enjoying the occasion, you will have the pleasure of helping in a worthy cause.

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

# THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$429,087.26
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	208,105.62
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>356,741.57</b>
Total	\$835,119.32

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>691,736.13</b>
Total	\$835,119.32

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

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## COLONEL HEZIKIAH JONES IS IN TOWN

Comes Here To Visit His Granddaughter And Her Husband; Discusses Business Institutions Of The City

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Our city has as visitor this week, Col. Hezekiah Jones of Duncanville, Ga., who came to visit his granddaughter, who was before her marriage, one of the county's most popular young school teachers. When she wrote the folks back home that she had given her heart into the keeping of one of our popular and prosperous young farmer-stockmen of this county, Col Jones decided to come and have a look at the new addition to the family and if he decided that the young man came up to the family standard, he would set the young couple up in housekeeping.

Arriving on the evening train, Col. Jones was conducted to the Hotel, where he registered to await the coming of the newlyweds, who had gone for a short honeymoon trip.

After breakfast, he went for a walk about town. We must go to the:

**WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.** and arrange for wiring the new house as well as for the installation of an electric cook stove, vacuum sweeper, and an iron and other conveniences provided by this company and installed. They put the know how into their work and when you place an order with them for any installation you know the work will be properly done, and that the price will not be out of line. They also carry in stock several designs in light fixtures and if we do not find exactly what we want in this stock, they will get anything needed in short order and make a mighty reasonable price on the entire bill.

Before we go further, I must go to **THE FARMERS STATE BANK** and form some connections, for I must arrange to have my checks cashed to me a letter of introduction to this bank and told me something of the high standing of this institution, at home and abroad. With ample capital to take care of the needs of their customers, backed by the officials of the highest character and mature experience in banking. It is easily one of the most important business institutions in the city.

I move we all go down to the **GRIMES-SMITH DRUG STORE** and get a cold drink and while there I must get a prescription filled. My home doctor always warns me to have my prescriptions filled by a pharmacist of the highest qualification, for that makes it sure you will get the best results from the medicine. This drug store carries a complete stock of drugs and medicines and never allows substitutions in filling prescriptions. Their prescription department is in charge of a most careful and accurate pharmacist and a customer can feel sure of no mistake in compounding prescriptions.

As we came up the street, I saw an old friend: **DR. H. P. HULSEY**, Chiropractor, and I must call on him while here. He is one of the most skillful and successful practitioners. I have ever known and the people for whom he has practiced his profession are loud in their praise of him. He is so careful and scientific in his work, and so reasonable in his charges that he always has a long list of patients who depend upon him to look after their health and keep them properly adjusted physically.

Another important place to visit is **THE OASIS FILLING STATION** where they handle nothing but the best of everything, give you full measure and good treatment. The fact is, that Mr. G. W. Snodgrass, the manager, gives his customers so much free service that they often feel that he should be paid extra, and certainly they all appreciate him and are boosters for his business. His place is conveniently located and he is always there ready to serve his customers, whether it is to supply gas and oils, accessories and extras, or give them free service for their cars.

You folks haven't had time to examine your clothes since you returned, but you can depend it all needs cleaning and pressing. You had better send it down to the **MODERN DRY CLEANERS** Dry Cleaning and Pressing plant at once, for the longer it remains wrinkled and soiled the more the materials will be damaged. These dry cleaners will soon have it looking like new and restored to its fresh color and there will be no gasoline or coal smell about it. They have the machinery and equipment to do such work right. They also take orders for made-to-measure clothes and we had better look through their samples for our Spring outfits and get our orders in right away.

We will now call on the **W. O. BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY** and get insurance on the house. It is well to have the insurance written as soon as the material is on the ground for the building, and then if a cigarette is accidentally dropped into a pile of shavings and the material is burned before the house is completed the insurance company bears the loss. This agency is noted for looking after the interests of the customers and writes the policy that just fits the requirements. They represent some of the oldest and strongest companies in the business and it has been well said that they really write insurance that insures.

Mr. Boney also makes Farm and Ranch and City property loans.

One thing I intend to insist on right now, and that is that Maud is not to attempt to do the family washing. There is no need for her doing such drudgery and certainly no economy in it, when you can get such excellent laundry service as is provided by the **ABILENE LAUNDRY**, J. E. Harris, Representative. The machinery and equipment is the most approved for the protection and preservation of garments and materials. It is really economy to have all the family washing done by this laundry, for they do the very best class of work and give careful attention to the most delicate fabrics. Better get a bunch of laundry lists and phone for the Laundry representative to take a standing order to come for your laundry every week or twice a week.

Now, said the jolly old gentleman, let's go to the Studio and have our pictures made in a group, as a permanent record of our meeting here today. Mr. **RODDEN** makes the best grade of pictures and enlargements, as well as develops kodak films in the most satisfactory manner. I want you folks to get a kodak at once and make pictures of your home surroundings and vacation trips. All you have to do is push the button and then Mr. Rodden develops them.

It is absolutely necessary for us to go to the **BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY** Dry Goods Store and provide ourselves with new things to wear. This store carries a large stock of goods and every department is full of the best styles and all are priced moderately. A store like this is a great advantage to a town, for it is not necessary for the people here to go or send away for merchandise in this line since this store carries everything

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business October 10, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$227,731.19
Overdrafts	4,897.79
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Bank 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
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$555,338.37</b>
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
Discounts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$712,243.30</b>
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

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they want in the Dry Goods line, and makes special orders for quick delivery whenever a customer happens to want some article or some shade or quality of goods not in stock. Their goods are dependable and their prices are right, and beginning Thursday, November 17th, Bragg Dry Goods Co. are opening their Big Fall Sale—called the SALE OF THE SEASON, and believe me, they are going to sell merchandise cheaper than any Mail Order house—Come see for yourself.

You folks need a new car and I am going to start you out by purchasing a good one for you—one in which you can take pride. I see there is a Chevrolet Agency here and I know that wherever you find a Chevrolet car you find value and lots of it. In my country, this is by far, the most popular car with all the people. It lasts well and the upkeep is extremely light and these are mighty important things to consider when you go to buy a car. I have owned two of this make and when the one I now have needs replacing with a new one I am going to buy another just like it. **THE BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.** has a right to feel that they have done their customers a real service in recommending one of these cars.

Another reason why you should buy a Chevrolet from them is that they maintain one of the most up-to-date and fully equipped shops in West Texas. This, together with trained Chevrolet mechanics and a stock of Genuine Chevrolet parts assures the purchaser the best of service that can be had anywhere. We were surprised to see the modern equipment and shop maintained by this firm. It is as good as the best. **MCDONALD AND WATTS** carries a full stock of groceries and country produce and can supply anything wanted at prices that will compare favorably with those made elsewhere. This house proves its appreciation of the patronage by giving the best service as well as supplying the best grade of groceries. They also buy cream and this line of business is decidedly helpful to the town and country. The cream station insures the farmers and dairy cow owners a market for cream and milk at all times, at the top price and the fact that cash is paid for the products makes another very attractive feature. Diversification of farming is helped by this house buying country produce of all

You should make the acquaintance kinds.

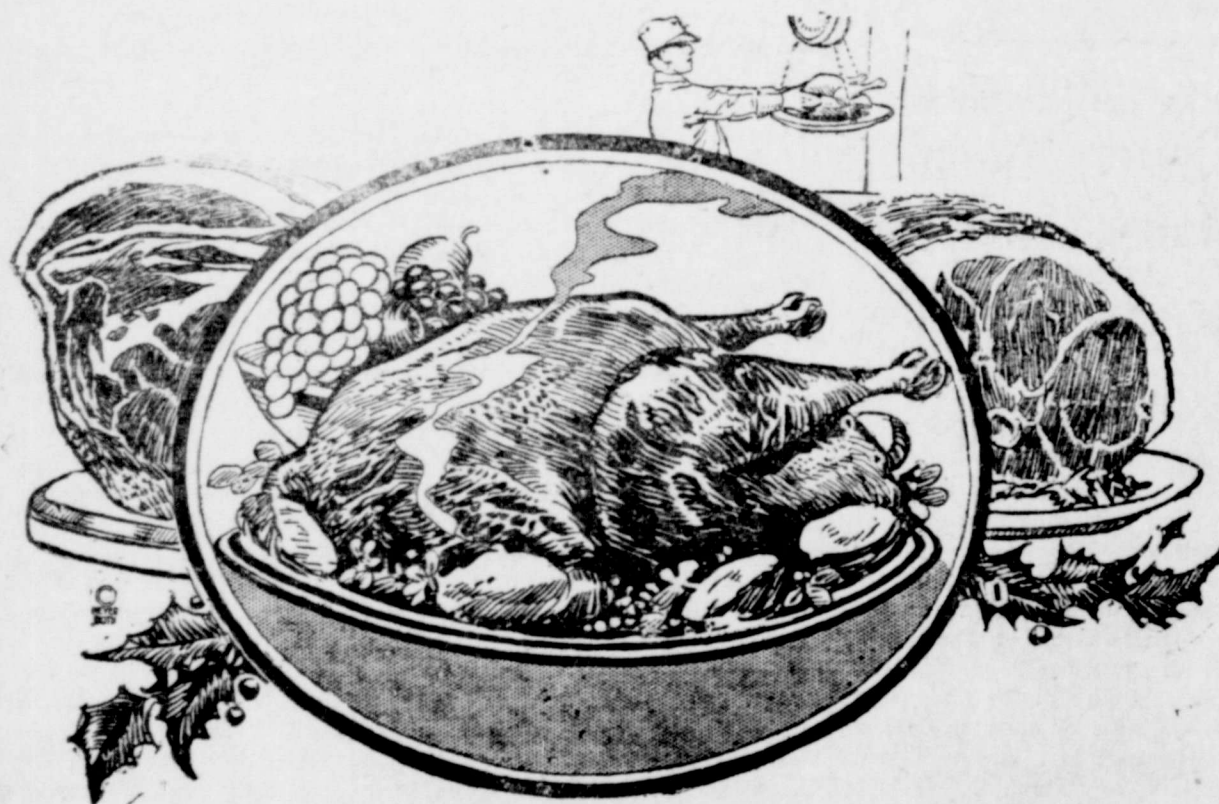
of a grocer before you go any further for this is one of the most important business men of the community. Your comfort and health and often life itself is dependent upon the kind of groceries you consume.

**DUNN BROTHERS** have recently purchased the City Market and Grocery and they are live wires, believe me. They handle everything in the way of edibles and buy the farmers produce, as well as supplying fresh meat kept in first class condition in a large and well iced refrigerator. They guarantee everything they sell and those who know the Dunn boys know their guarantee is worth 100 cents on the dollar. Their store has already established a reputation for selling nothing but the best of everything. They are prepared to supply dressed Turkeys and Chickens and everything else for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Better get your orders in for dressed poultry and anything else in the grocery line for Thanksgiving Dinner.

**THE SWANN GIN** gives the best possible service to its patrons and he a strong influence in bringing business to Merkel, for many farm bring their cotton here because of excellent service and splendid output made by this gin. The management is progressive and enterprising and is ever ready to give assistance and support to the movements that are calculated to benefit the town and country. Mr. Sam Swann the owner, has been of great help to the farmers by giving them advice and information in the matter of securing a good market for their products as well as giving them the best of service in his gin. Buys remnant cotton, and cotton seed, also sells seed for planting, and gives any amount in the round bale.

Now let us go to the **MERKEL MAIL** office and subscribe for the paper. Every citizen should subscribe for his local paper, for that is the only way in which one can keep posted on matters of vital importance to all citizens. This office is especially well equipped to do printing of every kind and the prices are in every case, just right. The people of the community and county certainly should and do appreciate this splendid paper and printing plant and those in charge.

See the Live Model in our window Saturday. Brown D. G. Co.



THE DELICIOUS, TEMPTING ODOR OF TURKEY OR CHICKEN MAKES THE THANKSGIVING DINNER

The pleasure of anticipation and the joy of realization are both to be had with one of our DRESSED FOWLS or good, juicy cut of our FRESH MEATS.

You can get everything necessary for your Thanksgiving Dinner at this store. All the ingredients necessary for the dressing. Then you'll want some of our nice Vegetables and Fruits and Staples.

**DUNN BROS. GROCERY & MARKET**

# THANKSGIVING SALE

## at JONES DRY GOODS

### Commencing FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

We are going to sell good reliable merchandise at prices that will defy all competition. Just at the beginning of cold weather we are going to sell winter goods cheaper than you are accustomed to buying them at clean up sales late in the winter.

<b>YARD WIDE BROWN DOMESTIC</b> SALE PRICE <b>10<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>32-INCH DRESS GINGHAM</b> SALE PRICE <b>10<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>9-4 UNBLEACHED SHEETING</b> SALE PRICE <b>29<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>HOPE BLEACHED DOMESTIC WORTH 20<sup>c</sup></b> SALE PRICE <b>15<sup>c</sup></b>
<b>35C FEATHER TICK</b> SALE PRICE <b>29<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>YARD WIDE ENGLISH PRINTS</b> SALE PRICE <b>25<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>ALL 25C GINGHAM AND PERCAL</b> SALE PRICE <b>19<sup>c</sup></b>	
<b>A GOOD WEIGHT GRAY BLANKET 68X76</b> SALE PRICE THE PAIR <b>\$1.59</b>	<b>A GOOD HEAVY WEIGHT BLUE WORK SHIRT</b> SALE PRICE <b>69<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>MEN'S HAWK BRAND OVERALLS AND JUMPERS</b> SALE PRICE <b>\$1.49</b>	
<b>MEN'S STONEWALL OVERALLS</b> SALE PRICE <b>95<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>ONE LOT MEN'S WINTER UNION SUITS</b> SALE PRICE <b>79<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>MEN'S HEAVY FLEECE LINED UNIONSUITS</b> SALE PRICE <b>\$1.19</b>	<b>STETSON HATS REDUCED</b> All \$7.50 Hats, Sale Price 6.75 All \$8.00 Hats, Sale Price \$7.25 All \$9.00 Hats, Sale Price \$7.95 All \$10.00 Hats, Sale Price \$8.95 All \$11.50 Hats, Sale Price \$9.75
<b>MEN'S OVERCOATS</b> Any Coat in the House Values up to \$17.50 <b>\$10</b>	<b>YARD WIDE CRE-TONNES WORTH 25C</b> SALE PRICE <b>17½<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>YARD WIDE CHALLIES</b> SALE PRICE <b>15<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>MEN'S AND BOY'S DRESS SHIRTS</b> All \$2.50 Shirts ..... \$1.98 All \$2.25 Shirts ..... \$1.89 All \$2.00 Shirts ..... \$1.69 All \$1.75 Shirts ..... \$1.45 All \$1.50 Shirts ..... \$1.29 All \$1.25 Shirts ..... .98 All \$1.00 Shirts ..... .89

Big Reductions On All Ready-to Wear and Millinery

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# Dry Goods Company



## Your Chance

A supreme effort to reduce our stocks to the lowest bargain broom is going to sweep everything before it. Not a thing has been spared in the radical reduction. Each tag is written a price that is fair, and we want to make it a real bargain. We will have the next few days, this Clearance merchandising, is a real bargain at prices usually not attainable.



Ladies' and Children's Coats

The very newest and best that money can buy—and they are all just what you need for the Fall and Winter Season—Priced to fit your purse and the savings are wonderfully large—See our prices and you won't go wrong.

One Lot of Ladies' and Misses' Coats in Plaids and Plain Cloths. All Sizes and going for only—

**\$12.95**

One Lot of Children's Coats. Sizes 3 to 6 and formerly sold as high as \$6.95—Going during this sale for

**\$3.95**

One Lot of Children's Coats. Values to \$10.75—Going For—

**\$4.95**

One Rack Full of Ladies' and Misses' Coats, Dresses and Suits. Some are new and some were carried over from last season.—Your Choice

**\$4.95**



LADIES' AND MISSES DRESSES

Bragg Dry Goods Co. have always been noted for the wonderful values and styles in their dresses—and let us say right here, that we are giving better values than ever before in new seasonable merchandise—Come see for yourself.

ONE GROUP OF LADIES' SILK DRESSES

Every one a New Fall Creation and formerly sold from \$16.75 to \$22.75

GOING FOR ONLY \$12.95

ONE LOT OF LADIES' GINGHAM DRESSES

AND NELLY DON APRONS

GOING FOR ONLY 98c

One table of odds and ends Dresses and a few coats for ONLY 98c EACH

### OUR BIGGEST AND BEST SALE!

Thursday, Nov. 17th, heralds the event of the most remarkable merchandise moment we have ever announced to the public of Merkel. It establishes an epoch in price-concession and enables every family in this city as well as surrounding cities regardless of their requirements or the limitations of their purse to know and enjoy the great conveniences and advantages which this store can bring. Everyone will buy wisely who buys in quantity—such values happen a-long too rarely.

If the purchase of the finest merchandise at a full thirty-five to fifty per cent off means anything to you, then consider this sale, as your made to order opportunity. It's an event of arousing interest to families who appreciate the best in quality at far lower costs than are usually possible.

Whether you attend good sales or not, make this one an exception. You will never regret it. You have the surprise of you life in store for you.

This is a sale of super-values—values that eclipse all the others that we have ever offered. Perhaps the very merchandise you regretfully passed by is here now at a reduced price. Please remember that aristocrats of our stock have been materially reduced in price to a clear-away of every piece of merchandise that we have. Exquisite quality available at remarkable economy. This advertisement tells in part only of the many values that are to be offered.

#### REAL PRICES

Men's 75c Fancy Silk Hose	39c
Going for only	
One Lot of 25c English Prints, Per Yard	19c
36 Inch Percale Pretty Patterns, Per Yard	14c
7 Spools of Cotton Sewing Thread	25c
Ladies' Winter Weight Union Suits, Val. to \$1.50, Going for	69c
Good, Heavy Double Blankets, Per Pair	\$1.98
Good, Heavy, Quilted Comfort	\$1.79



### OUR PIECE GOODS DEPARTMENT

Is absolutely running over with merchandise that is the best that money can buy and every piece of it was bought when cotton was cheap—but during this sale it all goes at prices you will like to pay.

Best Grade 9-4 Bleached Sheetting, Yd. 32c

32 Inch Dress Gingham and Shirting in many pretty Patterns. This is a real Value. Per Yd. 12 1/2c

Good Quality 36 Inch Brown Domestic. Going 75c

10 yards for 12c

Extra Heavy Brown Domestic, Yard 12c

Best Grade 9-4 unbleached Sheetting, yd. 29c

One Lot of Cotton Checks and Dress Gingham 75c

10 Yards for 75c

One Lot 54 Inch all-Wool Dress Goods. While they last, for only, per yd. 49c

36 In. Drapery Cretonne. Special, yd. 16c

BUY

AND

SAVE!



At real cheap SALE-PRICES—buy when you can save

ONE LOT OF MEN'S SOLID L GOING FOR

**\$1.95 P**

ONE LOT OF MEN'S DRESS in Black and Tan f

ONE LOT OF BOY'S SHO GOING FOR \$

One Special Group of Ladies' Silk to the top, Chiffon HOSE for

ONLY 89c PAIR

One Lot Ladies' \$2.00 Ironclad Silk HOSE 98c



### THURSDAY

HAM! HAM!

When the doors open at 9 A. M.—Thursday Morning, we are going to sell four dozen Hams for 50c each. With purchase of 50c or more of other merchandise. Come early and get a HAM for 50c.

### HELP WANTED!

We are going to need 20 Extra Salespeople—and we want to get one from each of the following towns: Abilene, Trent, Anson, Tye, Blair and Noodle. Only those with experience need apply. Wednesday—1 P. M.

### FRIDAY

Fifty Dollars worth of Merchandise given away Friday Morning doors open. You don't have to get in on this but miss it!

**\$50.00**

### STORE CLOSURE

Our store will be closed all day Friday that an army of salespeople mendous stock for quick is prices in reach of all Morning at 9 o'clock.

## THANKSGIVING EXCURSION

### TO EL PASO

the big excursion of the year

# \$12<sup>00</sup> ROUND TRIP

SPEND THREE FULL DAYS IN EL PASO. VISIT JAUREZ, JUST ACROSS THE RIVER.

Leave Merkel 5:00 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.

### SPECIAL TRAIN

Standard and Tourist Sleepers, Chair Cars and Diner  
ARRIVE EL PASO 8-00 A. M. THANKSGIVING DAY

...RETURNING...

Leave El Paso Saturday, November 26th, 9-00 P. M.  
MAKE YOUR PULLMAN RESERVATION EARLY



J. C. CHILDRESS  
Ticket Agent

### FOUR SPEED TRANSMISSION ON CHEVROLET TRUCK

In order to enlarge the field of service of the trucks manufactured by the Chevrolet Motor Company, Sidney Corbett, Manager of the Commercial Car Division, today announced that a four speed transmission is now available for all Chevrolet one-ton types.

This new transmission, Mr. Corbett said, will provide 107 per cent greater application of engine power than the regularly equipped three speed transmission, and is particularly adapted to such work as pulling out of plowed fields, sand pits, and similar heavy duty service. Provision also is made on it, Mr. Corbett said, for a power take-off so that power from the engine may be applied to various devices such as hydraulic hoists, pressure units for sprayers, pumps, etc.

"Gear reductions in the three higher speeds of the new transmission," he said, "are approximately the same as in the standard three-speed transmission, the extra fourth speed providing for a reduction 107 per cent greater than in the standard transmission. The new type operates and shifts the same as the standard, except for the auxiliary attachment to the shift lever which throws the 4th speed into gear."

"The new product was developed by Chevrolet engineers and perfected on General Motors proving grounds. It is available through the Chevrolet dealer organization at a cost of \$65 installed."

### BLAIR ITEMS

The Federations of this county met with the Blair I. O. O. F. Lodge Thursday evening. After the business session, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the assembled guests.

Mrs. Chalmer Patterson and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, for the past ten days, left for her home in Lubbock Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and daughter, Edna, returned from an ex-

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AND GET ANOTHER ITEM JUST  
LIKE IT FOR 1 CENT

Now is your chance to stock up on  
Medicine, Toilet Water, Stationery,  
Candy and Rubber Goods.

REMEMBER XMAS IS NEAR

---All Sale Items Strictly Cash---

Next THURSDAY, FRIDAY and  
SATURDAY

## HAMM DRUG CO.

The *Rexall* Store

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. Ask your Druggist for "Over the Top" Tonic. There is lots of news in the Classified.

## The Abilene Army Store

AT ABILENE

WELCOMES ALL ITS OLD CUSTOMERS  
AS WELL AS NEW CUSTOMERS FROM  
THE MERKEL TERRITORY

We have a larger Stock and better  
Stock than we have ever had before.

### EXTRA SPECIALS

Four Buckle ARCTICS .....	\$1.50
Wool SOCKS, 3 pr. For .....	\$1.00
(Genuine Army)	
Used Army HALTERS .....	.65
New Army SHOES, 10 to 12's .....	\$1.95
New RAINCOATS .....	\$1.00
Corduroy Breeches (Button Leg) .....	\$3.45
Army Khaki BREECHES .....	.75
Army HOBBLIES .....	.50

### LEATHER SHOP

Our Leather Shop is equipped to make or repair anything in the Leather Line. Bring your Saddle in for repairs. Also Shoes, Harness, Leather Coats, Etc.

### SHOES AND BOOTEEES

We feature "RED WING" and "ORIGINAL" Chip-pewa Bootees and Shoes.

## The Abilene Army Store

1064 S. Second

I. O. O. F. Bldg.

tended visit in Seymour, Baylor county, Saturday.

Mrs. Bessie Moore and son, Kenneth Clyde of Semour, Texas are visiting Mrs. Moore's parents Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks.

Mrs. Ora Mayfield, who has been in the sanitarium for the past week is now convalescing.

Miss Ruby Blackburn was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Earnest Meek Sunday.

Durwood, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dunn, who was kicked by a mule recently is improving nicely.

Mrs. Ransome Meeks spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Rosson of Trent.

Miss Alta Clurk dined with Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and children motored to Trent Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Little and daughters, Iva Mae and Catherine were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell Sunday.

The wedding bells have been chiming in this community recently.

Mr. Riley Jones and Miss Vergie Moore were married Wednesday evening. Miss Vergie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeb Moore and her popularity has won a host of friends for her.

Mr. Manly Barnes and Miss Lola Brown were married on November 5. Miss Lola is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Brown.

### HEBRON NEWS

Practically all the farmers in this community have completed picking cotton.

Rev. Tatum of Merkel was a guest of Mr. Parnell's Sunday and partook of Sunday dinner with the family.

Several people from the Kale community attended church at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter Lena Lee of Blair visited A. J. Parnell and family Sunday.

Rev. Tatum filled his regular appointment at Hebron Sunday.

Paul Parnell spent Sunday with Leo Harris.

Mr. Blackwell's group rendered a

night.

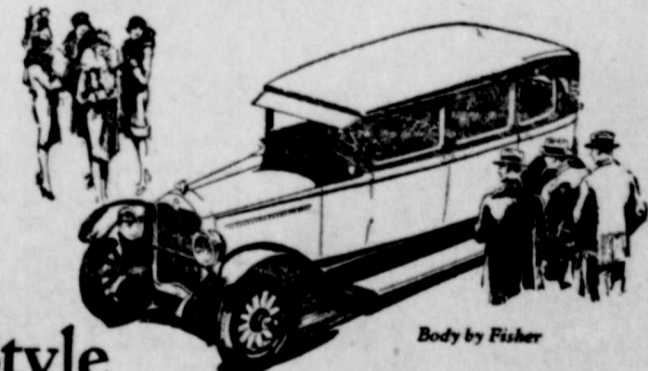
Mr. and Mrs. William Parnell of Merkel visited at the home of A. J. Parnell Sunday evening.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

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

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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, Inlaid Linoleum, Great Saving in High Grade Wool 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 gas range—see our line. Rockers, Sewing Machines, Used Pianos.

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All Mechanical Work Guaranteed  
Good Work at Absolutely Lowest Prices

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Noted Star of the Stage

writes:

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*Blanche Ring*



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### RACE OF SLAVES IN CHINA FREED AFTER 550 YEARS

"Lazy Men" Tribe, Descendants of Mongol Conquerors, Are Given Full Citizenship.

Peking.—After being held in bondage for 550 years, the descendants of the Mongols who conquered China in the Fourteenth century and who have been kept in a state of virtual slavery ever since in Chekiang province, south of Shanghai, have been freed by formal edict of Gen. Chiang Kaishek.

From the year 900 to 1127 the Sung dynasty ruled China undisturbed. Then, at the time of the Crusades in Europe, when Russia also was being overrun by Mongol tribes, the Mongols descended from the north and west upon China.

After a long period of civil war and chaos the Mongols founded the Yuan dynasty, with Peking as their capital, in the year 1280. This dynasty lasted less than a century, being superseded in 1368 by the Ming dynasty, which in turn was overthrown by the Manchus in 1644, the latter holding the throne until the republic was founded in 1911.

When the Mongol dynasty collapsed in 1368 and the Imperial Yuan family retreated northwestward to Urga, about 30,000 Mongol garrison troops in Chekiang province were cut off. An imperial edict issued by the first Ming emperor made these Mongols all slaves and, though they have not been subject to personal sale for some hundreds of years, they have been harshly oppressed for five and a half centuries.

For 500 years these marooned Mongols have been officially listed as an "inferior race." They have been debarred from taking part in civil service examinations and have not been permitted to hold public office.

So strong has been the prejudice against them that not a single case of intermarriage with a Chinese has been recorded. In occupations they have been limited to chair bearers, rickshaw pullers, firemen, barbers and shoemakers.

Today these Mongols number about 20,000 at Ning-Po, where they are nicknamed "lazy men"; 200,000 live at Chu-Chow and Wen-Chow, where they are called "cheap men," and others distributed throughout the province number 130,000 more and are known as "the nine degenerate families."

Under the new mandate all trades and professions are thrown open to these Mongols; their children may be educated with Chinese children (when and if the war lords release any revenue for educational purposes), and the ban against intermarriage is officially abolished.

#### Vast Industry That

#### Had Small Beginning

When James Hitty, an obscure inventor, sold a newfangled contrivance to the owner of a mining store in Coalton, Ohio, in the early eighties, the transaction formed the foundation for a business whose sales today run far into the millions. When punched forcibly, the device registered on a strip of paper the amounts of cash sales. It could not have cost more than \$20 to make and the price was \$100. The mining store was steadily losing money, yet the Patterson brothers, who owned it, bought two of the devices, because the salesman recommended it as a good thief-catcher. During the next year, without any apparent increase in turnover, the business made a profit of \$12,000. One of the brothers was the late John H. Patterson. After three years had passed, at a time when the contrivance seemed an assured failure, he bought control of the manufacturing business for \$6,500 and renamed it the National Cash Register company.—Silas Bent in Century Magazine.

#### British Coal Abundant

For her size, Great Britain has more and better coal than any other country in the world. The coal seams, lying one below another to an unknown depth, not infrequently cropping out at the surface, are proof that tropical conditions once prevailed in the latitude of these islands. The district which is now Great Britain was connected in primeval times with the continent, and the coal of England doubtless runs under the channel and the southern part of the North sea, continuing in the coal fields of northern France, Belgium and Flanders.

#### What is a Diuretic?

One Can't Feel Well When Kidneys Act Sluggishly.

THE part played by the kidneys and their importance to bodily health should be clearly understood. Sluggish kidneys do not thoroughly cleanse the blood of poisonous wastes. Such impurities are apt to make one dull, tired and achy with often a nagging headache, drowsy headaches and dizziness. A common warning of imperfect kidney action is scanty or burning excretions. Doan's Pills aid the kidneys in their eliminative work. 50,000 users have publicly recommended Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

**DOAN'S PILLS** 60c  
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys  
Foster-McLellan Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N.Y.

### WHEN I WAS TWENTY-ONE

BY JOSEPH KAYE

AT 21—James Montgomery Flagg Was Studying Art.

AT ABOUT this age I was an art student and a short time later I became an illustrator for the St. Nicholas Magazine.

And it was St. Nicholas that first published my drawings.

I had always made drawings—from the age of two—of everything imaginable, from cows to blood-lusty Zulus; these were mildly discouraged by my parents, but they nevertheless dated and pigeon-holed them in a sideboard drawer.

When I was about twelve I took a batch of drawings in to St. Nicholas, and Tudor Jenks, the editor, showed a kindly interest in me and them; and as he knew a lot about drawing he helped me. He selected about ten of the cartload I laid on his desk and made me redraw them, after which he published them on a full-page of the magazine. I received my first professional payment for them—ten dollars—in cash.

I walked dizzily home.—James Montgomery Flagg.

TODAY—James Montgomery Flagg is a famous illustrator and portrait painter whose work is known to every magazine reader in the English-speaking world, and in some parts of the world which are not English-speaking. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

## SAWS

By Viola Brothers Shore

#### FOR THE GOOSE—

GET in your fine work with a man as soon as possible. Even the early bird has got to catch the worm before he turns.

You don't have to throw out the ice box just because you got ants.

Once you break the thread of friendship, even if you join it again, you got a knot.

#### FOR THE GANDER—

Formerly a woman'd marry almost any man but on'y kiss one she really cared about. Nowadays a woman'll kiss almost any man, but on'y marry one she really cares about.

If you can kiss a woman easy, don't blame it entirely on your irresistibility.

## COSTS YOU NOTHING PAYS YOU BEST

Our office is maintained to serve you, without cost, in all insurance matters. Our policies are written to protect you fully and pay you most in cases of loss.

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Come in—and see the beautiful Chevrolet models. You'll find quality you have always associated with the highest priced automobiles—and you'll find that Chevrolet ownership is always economical . . . even when the family has more than one automobile!

#### AT THESE LOW PRICES

The Touring or Roadster	\$525	The Sport Cabriolet	\$715
The Coach	595	The Imperial Landau	745
The Coupe	625	1/2-Ton Truck (Chassis Only)	395
The 4-Door Sedan	695	1-Ton Truck (Chassis Only)	495

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## WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

West Texas Utilities Company has rendered a service of the kind that has given entire satisfaction. Many thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements and no expense is spared in maintaining the service and keeping it up to the highest standards of efficiency.

Under the able supervision of trained executives, the West Texas Utilities Company has proven its worth to this section of the state. More and better equipment is added when necessary, and this is done in order to keep the service up to the very highest standards at all times. Electric power has become an important factor in community development. The West Texas Utilities Company conceives it to be a duty of paramount importance, not only to do more than keep abreast of this section of the state but to keep far enough ahead in the realization of its potential possibilities. Even during the lean years of the not far distant past service facilities in this section were provided far ahead of profitable demand.

In a business so large as that of the electric company, many problems arise that call for immediate solution. In a region such as that served by

The West Texas Utilities Company the rapidity and scope of community development depends to a great degree upon the ability and willingness of the Electric Company to keep itself in constant readiness not only to meet such problems, but to anticipate them. To carry out this purpose of providing for future demand, and realizing the rapidly growing population of this section, the West Texas Utilities Company spares no pains or expense in keeping its plant up to the very best in every detail.

The West Texas Utilities Company has a deep sense of their civic responsibilities. The principle activities of the past have been but briefly reviewed, but our readers may feel assured that this company and its management will leave no stone unturned in keeping eternally at the problems of bettering its service as each day passes, and will be found working unstintingly for the advancement of the communities and towns it serves.

## JOE ELLIS-JEWELRY

Located at 178 Cypress Street, Phone 198, in Abilene, Texas, operates the really leading jewelry establishment in this city. Their stock is replete in every particular with real values

Joe Ellis, jewelry, has one of the finest lines of first quality diamonds, watches, clocks, silverware and novelties carried by any like concern in this section. There is a jewelry gift at this store for every age and every preference, and every purpose. Remarkable it is what splendid things can be had at a trifling cost, for not all of their jewelry is expensive, though all are lasting and enduring and beautiful.

This attractive store has kept pace with the march of progress in this vicinity as an organization that prizes as its heritage their many friends and customers through their policy of fair and honest dealings, and they assure their patrons of the past, present and future that when they make a purchase of any article in their store they will serve them just as faithfully at all times.

The conservative purchaser of pre-

sents should consider the many advantages offered by this concern. Through the varied assortments of "gifts that last" something she or he would be proud of today, tomorrow, and through the future years, for we can safely say that anything purchased of Joe Ellis you will surely be proud of, for quality is always paramount in the dealings with their many customers.

Christmas time is in the offing. You are going to be anticipating those things so necessary to go in the make-up of a pleasant Christmas time for your loved ones. Joe Ellis, jewelry, will have a splendid array of Christmas gifts that will be lasting of memory, and something that will please the one you love. In this review we are glad to present the qualifications of this reputable firm for your consideration and suggest that if it is jewelry, it is the Joe Ellis Store.

## BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY

One of the outstanding firms in the development of Abilene and the Abilene Section, has been identified with the steady growth of this community at all times. Its management has through service rendered, builded up a wonderful clientele. A general line of Furniture, wholesale and retail. This company supplies Abilene and West Texas through its chain of stores, with the highest class of furniture at a remarkably low price. Located at 330 Pine Street. Telephone No. 32.

Identified with the best interests of Abilene and Taylor county as a whole is the Barrow Furniture Company of this city, their stock consisting of a complete line as well as a high grade stock of furniture.

Organized many years ago and under the efficient direction of Mr. Barrow, who is a recognized authority on furniture problems, this company has enjoyed a wonderful growth since its inception. One of the most complete stocks of its kind is the proud statement of the management, and the very best quality merchandise in all lines is an outstanding factor in the conduct of this establishment.

The experience Mr. Barrow has attained in the furniture business has fitted him to cope with every prob-

lem presented in the question of furniture. This experience he passes on to his customers in the line of selection of any article they may need for the home or farm.

Courtesy and fair dealings has ever been paramount in the conduct of the business, and anything you may desire at this popular store, you may be assured that it is backed by the personal guarantee of the management.

In this review, we are glad to present the qualifications of the Barrow Furniture Company, and state that the management is a booster for the town and community and is ever for any proposition that tends to its further development.

Remember in Abilene, it is the Barrow Furniture Company.

Population 1927, approximately 30,000; 1920, 10,274; 1910, 9,204; 1900, 3,411.

Simmons University, Abilene Christian College, McMurry College, Draughn's and National Business College, St. Joseph's Academy, and Nurse's Training School. Combined enrollment 4,276 students.

36 buildings either completed or under construction devoted to school work, valued at \$2,332,046.

26 church organizations with over \$1,000,000.00 invested in property.

Two first-class modern hospitals with combined capacity of 105 beds. One state hospital for epileptics, 1,000 patients.

Million dollar water supply system, now being augmented by further investment of \$500,000. Potential capacity of seventeen billion gallons. Modern purification plant in connection.

\$100,000 whiteway lighting system. Over 32 miles of paved streets with several miles to be constructed immediately.

Natural gas for domestic and commercial uses. Electric street railway

and bus service. Three railroads: Texas and Pacific; Wichita Valley, and Abilene Southern. Fourteen passenger trains daily.

The West Texas Fair, a large and important regional exposition. Mid-summer automobile races on July 4.

Headquarters of West Texas Utilities Company, an eighteen million dollar concern serving 71 West Texas communities with public utilities.

75 jobbing houses and 55 factories. Trade territory with a radius of over 85 miles in which are approximately one million people. Output of Abilene factories exceeds \$5,000,000.00 annually. 500 traveling men make Abilene their headquarters.

New City Hall, four fire stations and municipal auditorium, all built recently. Total investment of all new buildings for use of municipal departments over \$325,000.

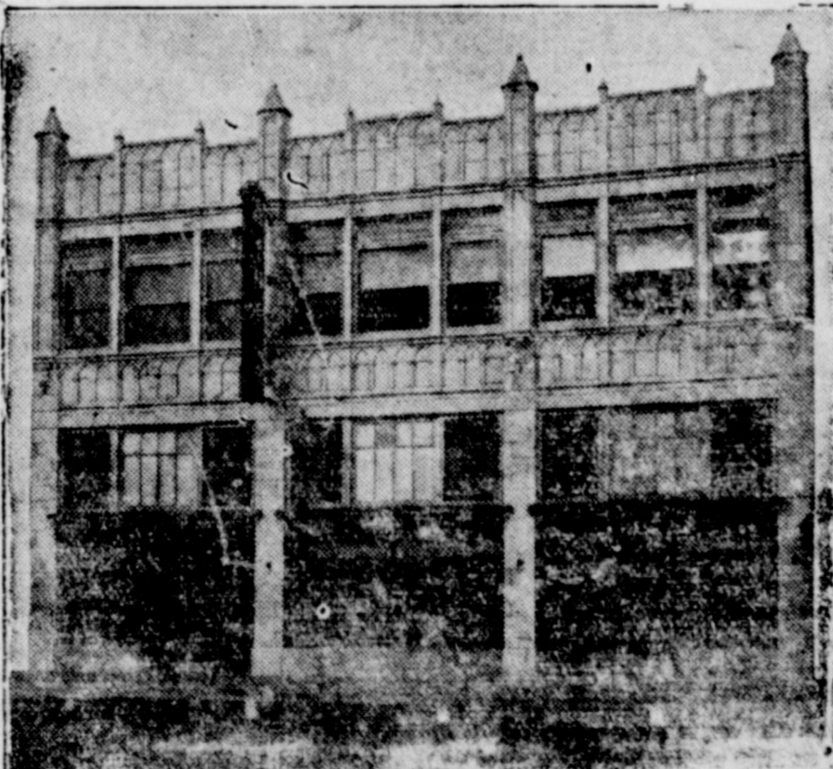
Approximately 400 retail establishments operating in Abilene, 40 oil companies maintaining offices in the city.



THE HILTON HOTEL, ABILENE, TEXAS

## MINTER DRY GOODS COMPANY

"Abilene's Progressive Store." Located at 224 Pine St., Telephone No. 2, is Abilene's Progressive Store. It is under the efficient management of Mr. Minter. This store, since its inception many years ago, has grown in popularity and patronage and is now recognized as one of the leading stores of its kind in this section of the West. Handles a general line of dry goods, ladies and gent's ready-to-wear, etc.



Established 28 years ago and under the management, and we might add, efficiently so, the firm of Minter has grown by leaps and bounds, and according to the management this phenomenal success has been founded on the fact that only quality merchandise has been handled, and coupled with the very best of service rendered at all times.

Recognized as the store of high quality, excellent values and low prices, the management is to be commended on the rapid growth experienced by this firm. When starting a firm, one works untiringly until he has accomplished his objective, that of one of the highest class stores of its kind in this section, they are certainly to be commended. And that is just what Minter Dry Goods Company has done.

They have realized their ambition—that of owning a store that any community can well be proud of.

One of the main objects in merchandising in any line is to that end whereby the owners can please their patrons as well as giving them the highest quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices consistent with good merchandising. This is a broad statement, but it certainly applies to Minter's firm, and if you are in need of anything in their line, you will certainly be treated with the utmost courtesy and receive the same attention on any purchase, whether it be large or small.

Call and meet Mr. Minter; you'll like him and also the line he handles, and will also find him a booster for Abilene, first, last and all the time.

## MIMS AT ABILENE WILL BE WEST TEXAS FINEST STORE



When the Mims Dry Goods Company complete their new home, January 1st, in the New Mims Building, now being erected at North Third and Cypress Streets, they will have the finest store, not only in Abilene, but in all West Texas.

Many new departments will be added to this wide-awake, up-to-date store, and they will occupy four times as much space as the present store.

The inside of the store will be the finest equipped in West Texas and each customer will receive three times as efficient service as the Mims Store has been able to give before.

There is not a store in the entire State of Texas that has show windows any finer than in the new Mims store.

Mr. Ernest M. Mims says that service to the public has been uppermost in his mind in planning and equipping the new store.

Of course, the fine quality of merchandise will be kept up in the new store just like it has always been done in the old store for quality is never sacrificed in the Mims Store. They never buy "seconds" nor inferior merchandise at any price.

The new Mims store will be four times as large as the old and their buying power—which is already large will be much larger than ever, so all prices will be even lower than ever before.

The new store will continue to sell for cash without exception which means enormous savings to customers.

## PERRY SHOE COMPANY

Located at 233 Pine Street. Phone 516, handles a wonderful assortment of the very latest styles in Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes and Hosiery. Under the management of Mr. Perry, who is fully cognizant of the needs of the people, consequently building a wonderful patronage. Service and quality is always paramount in the conduct of the business.

In a review of the better conditions prevailing in this section at this time there is no institution more worthy and deserving of commendable mention than the above named firm—The Perry Shoe Company.

Carried in the big stock of the Perry Store is one of the most splendid arrays of choice merchandise ever presented to the people of this section. The very latest styles are ever paramount and when one buys at Perrys they immediately know that they have been accorded a quality merchandise and style that is absolutely unsurpassed.

Another important feature in the conduct of this establishment lies in the fact of their buying power. The fact that they do a huge volume of business during the year, enables them to buy in large quantities, and as everyone knows, quantity buying

creates savings, thereby they can pass these savings on to their customers. This feature alone has made this shoe company many customers and friends who at all times go to Perry's when they buy shoes and hose.

The merchandise handled by the Perry Shoe Company is of the very highest quality. Not only is the stock complete in every detail, but the quality is always kept to the very highest standards. In fact, everything you buy at Perry's is always quality paramount.

In this review we are glad to be able to present the qualifications of this well-known firm, assuring our readers that at the Perry Shoe Company you will be accorded a service and courtesy that will make you want to call again and again. They are deserving of your patronage any time you need anything in their line.

## THE MODERN BEAUTY SHOP

Located at 1133 North Second Street, Phone No. 2626, and under the management of Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Thorpe, has grown in popularity until at the present time this is recognized as one of the leading beauty shops in this section. Only experienced operators are employed. Phone 2626 for appointment.

Under the able direction of Lena Smith Sullivan and Erma Lee Thorpe the above establishment, since its inception, has grown by leaps and bounds, in both popularity and patronage. In an interview, with these ladies, they stated that they felt this wonderful patronage was duly merited, in that they always insisted that their operators do their work well and do everything possible to please their clients, and to give the most careful attention and consideration to their wants and needs. "We feel that this has been done, and it shall be our earnest endeavor and desire to keep up the practice of service and quality work and our slogan shall always be, 'our customers must be pleased.'" The work done at the Modern Beau-

ty Shop includes all kinds of permanent waves, the Fredric and Eugene systems being used, marcelling, shampoos, scalp treatments, facials, etc. In fact, the very latest methods are used in the beautification of milady, and great care is exercised to prevent any injury to the hair, scalp, or skin.

To the people of the Merkel section we say, if you are contemplating a beauty parlor, and you have never been a patron of the Modern, we say pay a visit there the next time you are in Abilene. You will find such wonderful service and courtesy that you will be so rapt that the next time you think of a beauty parlor it will be the Modern.

Located in the Hilton Hotel Block, and under the management of Mrs. C. L. Harvey, is one of Abilene's newest style centers, and where milady may choose from unlimited stocks and styles, and at prices that are really astounding in the values represented. Nothing but nationally advertised merchandise is handled and is a place where your business will be appreciated.

This well-known ladies' shoppe is one of the most exclusive and up-to-date stores of its kind in Taylor county, handling at all times, the latest patterns in smart frocks, including everything in underfineries, pleasing to the eye, and of which is represented a wide variety from which to select. The management of this store has won praise from many ladies of this section due to the extreme high quality of the lines as represented and for the service and courtesy accorded. At this store, there is nothing more important to "Milady" than a new dress, which of course must be the very latest in style and pattern. It has been, since the inception of this store, a policy with the management to offer only the very best, as they are not in a position to do otherwise, for their reputation for quality is always paramount in the conduct of the business.

### THE ABILENE BROOM COMPANY

One of the really reputable establishments of its kind in this section, manufacturers of a high grade product that is rapidly gaining more prestige as each day passes. Located at 425 Sycamore Street, and a cordial invitation is extended to you to visit their plant at any time. Phone 565.

In a review of this nature, both development and good will, we are glad to be able to present the qualifications and merits of this firm—of the outstanding factors in the development of this section of the state. In this we mean, that by their high quality products, and the feature being that they make only the very best, and at prices that are really reasonable in the sale of their merchandise, you will readily see and realize that our statements are true regarding this firm.

The Abilene Broom Company is a home enterprise. The old saying, "Spend your money with home people by buying home-made products," is certainly true of this worthy institution, so if you have never used the products as manufactured by the

Abilene Broom Company, go immediately to your favorite store and say, "I want a broom that was manufactured by the Abilene Broom Company, for it is my home factory."

The management and the entire personnel of the Abilene Broom Company are eternal boosters for Taylor county. They are ever for and in line with any move that tends to further development of this section, and it is with pleasure that we are able to present them for your consideration and commend their worthy products for your use.

Remember, the Abilene Broom Co. is for Taylor County in its entirety—they are for you—patronize them by calling for Abilene Brooms. You will be highly pleased with their products we assure you that.

### DRYDEN-BRATTON MARBLE WORKS

Located at 742 Walnut Street, Phone Number 920 is one of the essential industries of Taylor county. The most efficient workmen are employed, and the very best quality is included in the output of this recognized establishment. We work for those who love and do not forget.

In this review of the progress of Taylor county as a whole, giving also a general historical and development review of the various enterprises, the Dryden-Bratton Marble Works comes in for commendable mention.

This is one of the most delicate subjects we can possibly mention, but it is one of careful consideration of anyone who might be interested.

A monument of stone, commemorating the memory of departed one is a silent attest in itself. At some time in the future we will lose a loved one.

What more can be done or said, than the erection of a suitable tablet to the memory of a departed loved one that will live on forever and ever? At the Dryden-Bratton Marble Works only the highest class work is done. Theirs consists of an equipment that is unsurpassed in efficiency, and any design that you might select can be made to suit your particular fancy.

The Dryden-Bratton Marble Works is one of the oldest establishments of Abilene.

They have served the people of this section well and faithfully for many years and in this review, showing the rapid development of Taylor county as a whole we are glad to have identified with us this reputable firm, assuring you that at the Dryden-Bratton Marble Works you will obtain a service, courtesy, and quality at all times. Drop them a line or call them on the phone whenever you need their service.

### DAVID S. CASTLE COMPANY

#### Architects & Engineers

Located at 701-704 Alexander Building, Phone 371, is one of the most prominent architectural firms in this section, and enjoys an ever increasing business in this territory.

It has been truly said, "The more you practice what you know, the more you shall know what to practice."

The rapid advancement of West Texas has made it necessary for the David S. Castle Co. to have been constructed to meet the varied demands of this great "Empire of the West."

Architecture, like all professions, advances to meet every increasing need and it is only by careful thought and study and a thorough knowledge of the past that one can see into the future and visualize the building of beauty and service.

With a highly trained staff of experienced Architects and Engineers,

this company is able to offer to the prospective builders of this territory, a service which is commended by all who have availed themselves of it, and recognized by others engaged in the same profession as having reached that pinnacle which commands the respect of all.

We are pleased in this development review to compliment the David S. Castle Co. on their well merited success, attained in this territory.

Leading firms and individuals from their respective communities have availed themselves of this company's excellent services and we assure our readers that at their offices they will receive a service of the highest character.

### THE BIG FOUR MOTOR COMPANY

Located at 1157 South 1st. St., Telephone No. 1931, local dealers for the famous sleeve-valve Willys-Knight, and Whippet Motor Cars, with which every motorist is well acquainted. A cordial invitation is extended anyone interested to visit the show rooms of this company.

There is no need to go into lengthy details about the famous Willys-Knight motor cars, with its famous sleeve valve, eliminating the painstaking details and expenses of valve grinding, this car has proven its popularity in an inestimable value to thousands of lovers of fine motor cars. There is not a car on the market today within the price range that will give its owner better service and longevity than the Willys-Knight. You may ask the question, "Why is the writer so enthusiastic over the Willys-Knight?" Simply because we are writing from our experiences with this wonderful car. The writer purchased his first Willys-Knight car several years ago. In his rounds over the roughest conditioned roads our car performed perfectly, never missing a lick, and at times we thought the motor had stopped, so quiet was the performance. The motor improved with use, a slogan adopted by the company, is certainly in conformity with the performance with the Willys-Knight, and to the writer the Willys is the one and only car. But let your purchase be your guide, and if you once ride in a Willys-Knight there will be no other car for you. With the exception of the sleeve-valve features, the same can be said of the Whippet line. The little Whippet car, that little boy with lots of pep is rapidly gaining hold of the motoring public. In its infancy the Whippet suddenly became popular and incorporated in its production, the finest works of art of the engineers improved day by day, the material in this excellent little car. If you have never had the pleasure of riding in a Whippet drop by and ask for a demonstration which will be cheerfully given. The local dealers desire to meet you and explain in detail the products they handle—the famous Willys-Knight and the Overland-Whippet.

### HALL MUSIC COMPANY

Located at 258 Pine Street, Phone 586, are dealers in "Everything in Music," featuring the celebrated Panatrop Line of machines, a Brunswick product. Is one of the largest establishments of its kind in this section of the State. Mr. W. J. Young is manager.

"A home without music is devoid of happiness." This is certainly a true phrase, and in this it is timely to suggest the above named institution, in that they handle everything in the musical line, and on their easy terms there is no need to worry about a musical instrument of some kind, for here you can secure it and with a guaranteed assurance of supreme high quality.

In this review of the better conditions prevailing in this section at this time and setting forth the qualifications of the various establishments of Abilene, we would not eliminate such a reputable establishment as the Hall Music Company. Theirs is one of the outstanding factors in the music line. The goods carried by them represent the highest quality money can buy, and although this is an outstanding fact, the prices they have placed on their merchandise are extremely reasonable. You can buy any instrument

you might want, too, on reasonable credit terms, and enjoy your purchase while you are paying for it.

One of the big features in the radio and talking machine line is the Brunswick Panatrop. If you have never heard this wonderful machine our advice is to drop in at any time and be accorded a demonstration of its merits. You will be pleased, we assure you.

There is no need for us to go into details of the many lines carried in stock by the Hall Music Company, but suffice it to say their stock is complete in every detail, as the slogan adopted by this company, carried out, they handle "everything in Music."

We are glad to have this institution represented in this development and good will section, and heartily commend them for your consideration, with the assurance that here you will be accorded a service and courtesy that is unsurpassed.

### ROBERT AND ST. JOHN MOTOR COMPANY

Located at 468 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas. Telephone number 2847. Chrysler Dealers have attained a high standard of efficiency in the sale and service of this popular car. Made in models 70-80. This truly efficient car has made wonderful strides in the automobile industry until now it is an outstanding factor in the advance of automobile selection.

A visit to the plant of the Robert and St. John Motor Company of Abilene will justify your interest in motor car industry. If you have seen the older models of the Chrysler, and when you step then gaze at the beautiful lines of the Chrysler, you know you are never models, you will marvel at the rapid strides made in the manufacture of this truly popular car. Gear-ufacture.

The territory represented in the road, and at from speeds varying from 50 to 80 miles an hour, you will enjoy the thrill you get when you ride in a Chrysler.

This car has gained a reputation for quality. When asked why the popularity of the Chrysler car, the man-of the car to produce as recommended reply: "Standardized Quality would be cheerfully given at any price." In this, he means that only time.

A service department is also maintained in the construction of this sturdy automobile, and standardized in any parts can be secured in quick time article, no matter how small it may when they are needed. Only experts will make it a popular piece of merchandise.

One of the truly notable features of the Chrysler Automobile lies in the fact that it has grown by leaps and bounds in sales and production. When you are interested in a car jumped from twenty-seventh place in point of production and sales in 1924 to fourth place in 1927. This has before you buy.

### SHELTON MOTOR COMPANY

Located on South First and Elm Streets, Telephone 2233, is recognized as one of the leading automobile agencies in this section of West Texas. Is local dealer for the Buick Motor Car, and maintains one of the most modern service departments in all West Texas, devoted strictly to Buick.

Among the leading automobile agencies, there are those who show the spirit of progress and a high state of efficiency in the sale and service of their particular cars. Particularly among these is the Shelton Motor Company, dealers in the justly famous "Valve-in-Head" Buick Motor Car. Buick cars are made in all sizes to meet every demand of the exacting motoring public. The Buick organization has in its employ the world's greatest engineers who are working at all times to make the Buick the greatest car built today. Due to this fact the Buick today is firmly established in the minds of the people who believe in good cars.

What is true of the famous "Valve in Head" motor is also true of the multiple disc clutch. This clutch provides smooth starting without the usual "grabbing" effect. Its rear axle with its distinctive third member, its spring construction and the newly designed steering gear also comes in for worthy mention. Buick is a staple organization, possessing mechanical equipment and manufacturing facilities, the technical and experimental resources and trained man-power that have produced a uniformly good car, for twenty-five years, economical in price and truly efficient. A demonstration will convince you of the above features, and will show you that the next car you own will naturally be a Buick. You can't go wrong in this selection, and after you have driven a Buick you will come to the conclusion that as the slogan goes "When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them." Drop in at the Shelton Motor Company and find out for yourself. They have been selling and servicing Buicks for ten years.

### THE WARD CLOTHING COMPANY

Located at 216 Pine Street, is one of the leading clothing establishments in Taylor county. Handles a complete line of the highest quality men's wear, featuring the well known Adler Collegian and Churchill Clothing for men. A visit to this store will apprise you of this fact, and your patronage will be sincerely appreciated.

The Ward Clothing Company is one of the really reputable establishments of Abilene. Under the efficient direction of Mr. Ward, this store has grown by leaps and bounds, and in popularity until at the present time the Ward Clothing Company is recognized for its true worth to the community.

The merchandise handled by this store, which includes everything in the furnishings line for men, is of excellent quality and extremely low prices. The well known brand of Adler Collegian and Churchill is one of their big features, and so high is the quality of these particular lines the Ward Clothing Company is enjoying a nice business in this section of the country.

It is not necessary in this review, to attempt to enumerate the many items carried in the stock of the Ward

Clothing Company, but we will say, if it is for men, this well known firm has it. Mr. Ward, in expressing his appreciation for the wonderful patronage accorded his store during the past said: "We believe in courtesy at all times; quality merchandise at prices that mean savings to our customers, and a satisfied patron at all times. We are truly appreciative for the wonderful patronage we have been accorded, and we will say that at any time we can be of any service whatsoever to our West Taylor county friends, they have only to command."

In this review we are glad to have this reputable establishment identified with us. We are glad to speak these words of commendation for them and assure you that at the Ward Clothing Company, they will bend every effort to please you in any way.

### THE GUARANTY ABSTRACT COMPANY

Established in 1890 and located at 124½ Pine St. in Abilene, Texas, is one of the leading Abstract Firms in this section of the state, and is under the direction of men who are well versed in all details of this comprehensive service.

The Guaranty Abstract Company has attained a well merited reputation as being one of the most efficient and well versed organizations in this field of endeavor in this section of the state.

In the first days of settlement of all communities, the question of title to property always caused a certain amount of confusion, while this county has had its innings of bad titles on all classes of property, today this has all been done away with by having in our midst modern abstract makers, and the Guaranty Abstract Company of Abilene, is no exception for they have, from the days of the earliest settlers down to the present time, kept their books posted right up to the minute. Therefore they can furnish complete abstracts on short notice, making it easy for the examiner.

With access to all this scientific information and data at hand, the conservative buyer of today can, upon application, get all the data and information on the various tracts and properties in Taylor county. There is no detail that is not given the most careful consideration, while the history of their business operations shows that they are always accurate in every detail. Anyone desiring to purchase property in Taylor county cannot consult a more reliable authority upon the abstract of their property for their proposed purchase than this reliable firm, which is one of the foremost establishments of this character in the state. In making this review of the onward progress of Taylor county, we wish to commend the Guaranty Abstract Company of Abilene to our readers, concluding with this statement: The personnel of this organization is composed of men who are real boosters, and they are always found in line with anything that pertains to the further growth of Taylor county as a whole.

No Throat Irritation - No Cough.

DOAN'S 60c  
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys  
Foster-McMurray Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N.Y.

QUALITY AT LOW COST



## C. M. PRESLEY, JEWELER

Of Abilene, Texas, located at 209 Pine Street, handles a full line of jewelry of the better class. Has been doing business for many years and enjoys a wonderful patronage in the West Taylor county communities, all of which he is truly appreciative. Service and quality merchandise are watchwords with this popular establishment.

"Jewelry, the gift that lasts." This has been a popular slogan with the jewelry craft for many years past. This is particularly appealing to the people—those who purchase jewelry for loved ones or friends, for they always like to select gifts that are appealing, gifts that really are of such quality that they will be a lasting memory from the donor to the recipient.

In this, we can truthfully state, that the jewelry, as handled by this popular establishment is of the kind that lasts, and so well has this fact become impressed on the minds of the people of this section that Mr. Presley does enjoy a nice patronage from this community.

"In the conduct of my business," said Mr. Presley, "one must keep continually on the lookout for the changes, in styles, just as in the clothing on any other merchandising lines. This

store is always on the alert for the latest styles in the proper kinds of jewelry, and we are glad to state that our stock is always kept strictly up-to-the-minute."

Christmas is only a few weeks distant. It is now time when the people are thinking of the things that their loved ones or friends would most appreciate. We cannot think of a more suitable gift than an alluring piece of jewelry, and no better place can be found than at the store of Mr. Presley. He has a varied assortment from which to choose and at prices that are extremely reasonable, and in this review, development and good will, we are glad to commend this gentleman and his store to your consideration, assuring you that your patronage is sincerely appreciated, and that you will always receive values for the money spent with him.

## GRANGER FLORAL COMPANY

Located at 1204 Ambles Street, Phone 1876; Granger Florist Shop, located at 1227 North Second Street, Phone 2874, maintains one of the highest class floral establishments in this section of the State. No matter what the occasion, Wedding, Ball or Funeral, this popular floral concern furnishes flowers that will carry your message of love and affection. "Say It With Flowers."

In making this review of the onward progress of Taylor county as a whole, setting forth the qualifications of the various establishments, there is none more worthy and deserving of mention than the above named institution—The Granger Floral Company.

At all times in their greenhouses and floral shops the air is laden with exquisite fragrance which delights the scent and makes this one of the most delightful places to visit, for here will be found an assortment of every variety of flowers that bloom the year round.

It may be truly said that no florist in this section can compare with them in this line of endeavor, as this branch of business is made a specialty with them and they have justly gained a well merited name for being among the most expert and artistic designers of floral emblems and

decorations in this section.

This concern has made improvements until today they have an enterprise that cities many times larger than Abilene might justly feel proud. They have attractive greenhouses where they grow all their own plants and a visit to their two places will be appreciated at any time by the management.

No matter how large the order or how quickly it must be dispatched, you will be accorded a service at the Granger Floral Company that will be highly pleasing, and so well will you like the quality of their products that the next time you think of flowers, your thoughts will naturally turn to the Granger Floral Company.

In this review we are glad to have this reputable concern identified with us, and bespeak for them continued growth and prosperity as each day passes.

## GRISSOM'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Located at 206 Cypress Street, is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Taylor county. Handling a general line of Dry Goods and Clothing, all of the highest quality and at reasonable prices. This popular firm has been identified with the rapid growth of Taylor county, and is always in line for any progressive feature pertaining to its future development.

In this review, pertaining to the historical as well as the development and good will feature of Taylor county, there is, in all possibility no citizen or business man that has been more actively identified with Taylor county's growth than the above mentioned firm.

This store, having its inception many years ago, immediately began a policy of fair dealing to its customer, a fact that has become known throughout the country, and one that has lent power to its wonderful patronage and large following of friends and customers.

The stock of this store, which includes many of the known, standard nationally advertised lines of merchandise, is kept up to the highest standard at all times. It is not necessary in this review to attempt to enumerate the many items carried in stock in this large store. Nevertheless

if it is for any member of the family you will find it at Grissom's Department Store, for theirs is a most complete stock in every detail.

In discussing the details in the conduct of this store, the management said: "We believe in the highest quality merchandise and the lowest possible prices consistent with good merchandising. We believe in volume sales and a small margin of profit, and by this means we know we have made a wide circle of friends and customers who have been extremely loyal to us during these many years. We shall at all times, strive to present the very best quality with the very lowest possible values, believing that we will at all times keep the good will of our patrons."

In this review we are sincerely pleased to present this reputable firm assuring our readers that here they will be treated fairly and squarely.

## LYDIA P. HUDSON-CHIROPRACTOR

Located in Abilene, Texas in the Citizens National Bank Building; Office Phone 377, Residence 511, calls made to your home day or night. "How does Chiropractic differ from other methods?" It consists entirely of adjusting the moveable segments of the spinal column to normal position. Once tried—always used.

Lydia P. Hudson is a Palmer method graduate, and has had adequate training to practice her profession and this has readily been realized by the people of this section, as her patients not only come from Abilene, but she enjoys a practice that extends for a radius of many miles.

The aid and relief rendered at this office can be easily established by inquiry from some of the patients that have been permanently relieved. We say that Chiropractic is unique and distinct from any other method.

Chiropractic will get you well if you judge on its own merits, for the great drugless health science of Chiropractic concerns itself with the adjusting of the working mechanism of the body.

Chiropractic will get you well if you are sick, but its greatest service is keeping you well so you won't get sick. So if you have never visited this

well know Chiropractor, we say to you, go to her offices in the Citizen's National Bank Building and have a consultation with her, and if for any reason she cannot help you, she will at once tell you so. And as a consequence, and having received the advice, you will know there is a vast difference in what some fellow has told you, or you've heard by some one not acquainted with this great science.

Mrs. Hudson is ably equipped to analyze your disease through scientific methods, there are troubles located which cannot be done except through these means.

In this review of the better conditions prevailing in Taylor county as a whole we are glad to have identified with us this reputable Chiropractor, and we can heartily recommend her to you if you are in need of her services, with the assurance that here you will be accorded the utmost in service and courtesy.

## THE CRYSTAL CAFE

Located at 152 Pine Street, Phone 2913, is really the "Better Place to Eat." Is under the efficient management of a man who understands the cafe business and believes in giving his patrons the very best the market affords. Service, quality and sanitation are watchwords at the Crystal. The place to eat when you are in Abilene.

"The Better Place to Eat." This takes in a wide range in the statement, but from all we can gather the management means just what he says when he makes the above statement, for in that he means sanitation, the best the market affords, courtesy, service and prices that are within the bounds of reason.

A visit to the Crystal Cafe will satisfy the most skeptical mind that it is really a better place to eat. The foods are handled in a most careful and sanitary manner, thereby eliminating any possibility of getting hold of something that is inferior. This fact makes everything Superior. The prices are extremely reasonable too, and the service one obtains here makes you want to repeat the performance again and again when you are hungry, for you know you can get

your appetite appeased at the Crystal Cafe.

The management has been in the cafe business for many years and he knows what it takes to please his customers, and he spares no efforts in serving the best in foods, the result of which has caused his business to grow by leaps and bounds until now it is recognized as the statement just made, "The Better Place to Eat."

When in Abilene on your shopping tour, and the time comes to partake of a meal or short order, drive by the Crystal, where there are tables for ladies and ladies' rest room, and enjoy the wonderful service and foods you will obtain at this popular eating place—The Crystal Cafe.

We are glad to present this worthy institution for your consideration and recommend them to you when you are in Abilene.

## ED. S. HUGHES MOTOR COMPANY

Dealers in Taylor County for Studebaker Motor Cars. Truly representative of the very highest quality. A cordial invitation is extended the people of this section to visit their display rooms at any time where courteous attendants will be glad to show you the superior qualities of the Studebaker line. Salesrooms located at 931 South First Street.

Among the leading Automobile Agencies in Taylor county, there is none more deserving of mention than the above named agency, who are dealers in Taylor county for the truly reputable Studebaker line of motor cars. This is a car that is really in a class to itself, being one of the oldest products on the market today.

There is no need to go into minute details as to the quality of this standard make of car. Suffice it to say, it is truly representative of its manufacture, and due to this fact the Studebaker is firmly established in the minds of the American public today.

Studebaker is a stable organization possessing the mechanical equipment and manufacturing facilities to turn out a truly meritorious automobile. The technical and experimental resources and the trained man-power

have peculiarly fitted them to cope with any problem that might arise whereby they can better their product.

The line as carried by the Ed. S. Hughes Company is complete in every detail. They have excellent showrooms and courteous salesmen to explain in detail their product, and they always consider it a pleasure to have you call and ask for a demonstration which will at all times be cheerfully given.

As in all cases of community development the entire personnel of the Ed. S. Hughes Motor Company is, at all times, identified with any movement that tends to a better town and county, and in this review of the better conditions prevailing at this time, we are glad to present this reputable establishment for your consideration.

## G. L. JENNINGS MOTOR COMPANY

Dealers in Taylor county for the Oldsmobile Motor Cars, truly representative of the very best quality. A cordial invitation is extended the people of this section to visit their display show-rooms at any time they are in this city. Located at 342 Oak Street. Phone No. 742.

Among the leading automobile agencies of Taylor county there is none more deserving of worthy mention in the motor car industry than the above named agency, who are dealers in Taylor county for the truly reputable automobile—the Oldsmobile. This car is really in a class by itself, being a General Motors product, there is no need in going into minute details as to the quality of this standard make car. Suffice it to say it is truly representative of its manufacture, and due to this fact the Oldsmobile is firmly established in the minds of the American public today.

Oldsmobile is a staple organization. Possessing the mechanical equipment and manufacturing facilities to turn out a truly meritorious automobile, the technical and experimental resources and the trained man-power

have peculiarly fitted them to cope with any problem that might arise whereby they can better their product.

The line as carried by the G. L. Jennings Motor Company is complete in every detail. They have excellent showrooms and courteous salesmen who are ever ready to take care of your every wish and accord you a demonstration at any time of this truly representative and standard make of car.

The manager of this company is eager to meet you at any time whether you are in the market for a car or not. A demonstration is awaiting you courteous salesmen and attendants are glad to show you the extreme high qualities of this car. The Oldsmobile is awaiting you. Call at their showrooms at any time; you will be welcome, we assure you.

## C. C. TATE DRY GOODS COMPANY

Located at 104 Chestnut Street, Telephone No. 267 Abilene, Texas. Every department in this store is replete with real values in the highest class merchandise. Something for every member of the family at prices that are particularly appealing. Their stupendous sale is now on, and a cordial invitation is extended the people of this section to partake of this big event.

The C. C. Tate Dry Goods Company has an offering in every department of featured values to offer to their many customers—values that are particularly appealing—values that have caused this store to assume a leadership in bargains in Abilene.

The merchandise carried by this store is of extreme high quality and at prices that are really surprising, and cause you to remark, "How can they do it?" There is but one answer to this question. The proprietors of this store comb the markets; they are always on the lookout for those needed things, and they insist that they be of the highest quality, low in price and therefore they buy in big lots, save the excess, and these savings, they pass on to the customer, a fact that has made them a wide following of friends and customers.

The stock as carried by the Tate

Store is complete in every detail, including dry goods of known quality, ladies' and men's ready-to-wear, shoes, hose, and in fact, everything you may expect to find in a store of this kind. You can find anything for any member of the family here.

To our readers in West Taylor county, we wish to state that the BIG SALE has been inaugurated at the Tate Store. It is now in full swing and if you really wish to see a wonderful array of genuine bargains, pay a visit to this store when you make your next trip to Abilene. You will be surprised at the huge savings created on every purchase, and it will pay you to make the trip especially for the BIG SALE. You will be welcome at Mr. Tate's store, we assure you, and the quality merchandise and extremely low prices will be more than appealing.

## ABILENE LAUNDRY COMPANY

Located at 301-303 Mesquite Street, Abilene, Phone Number 107, is one of the leading establishments of its kind in this section of the state. Is under the direction of C. W. Clark and Hill P. Simmons, who are well experienced in this line of business. Is enjoying a large and growing business over this territory.

The Abilene Laundry Co. is one of the best equipped industries in this section of the state and does an extensive business and the reputation for work of general excellence is spreading far and wide over this trade territory. At the Abilene Laundry Company they are always glad to have you visit their plant and will show you through their place, as this is one of the most extensive industries of this section and is deserving of your consideration.

They take care of their customers, and in addition to their regular finished work, they operate a rough-dry department where the entire family washing can be sent and returned on short notice, and the work is turned out in such manner that you will be more than pleased if you will give it a trial. The most delicate fabrics are handled as carefully as they would be in your own home.

The work is excellent and the prices reasonable, and the business of this institution is reaching out more and more as each day passes.

The rapid increase in the business is due to the more than ordinary ability and the conduct of the affairs of this institution, and in this historical and development feature we wish to refer our readers to this progressive and well-known establishment, and to suggest as regards to laundry, they can do no better than trust their work to the care of this modern plant. The management is among the best known business men of the city, who always take an interest for any public improvements that will mean a better and bigger community. We take pleasure in this review to commend the Abilene Laundry Co., and its management to your consideration, with the assurance that you will be treated fairly and squarely in every particular.

ment is always on the alert for changing styles, and when a new fea-

in need of anything in their line. You will be pleased, we assure you.

in the gift gods line, carried by this store. Suffice it to say, their stock is

vice and courtesy that will be highly pleasing in every particular.

## MUTUAL MOTOR COMPANY

Located at Third and Oak Streets, are dealers in Taylor county for the well known and popular Nash Motor Cars. Is one of the real automobile establishments of Abilene, and are at all times identified with the spirit of progress. A demonstration will be cheerfully accorded at any time. Phone 764.

In presenting this review, development and good will, we are glad to commend the above motor company to the consideration of our readers—The Mutual Motor Company, Taylor county dealers for the justly popular and commendable Nash motor cars and products.

In presenting the merits of the above well-known product, there is no need to go into lengthy details as to its qualifications. They are too well known to make that a necessity, for once an owner of a Nash, your next choice will say, "I want another Nash."

The Nash Motor Car is a product of the Nash factory. That is one point that goes over big with the motoring public, in that a larger percentage of their product is from the output of the Nash factory.

The Nash is indeed, a popular car. There is no question of its stability,

its performance, its quality materials, its lasting qualities, and its beautiful lines and its smooth riding qualities. A demonstration will prove all these statements and the attendants at the Mutual Motor Company will gladly accord a demonstration of their product at any time you may call, for theirs is a product they are eager to show you, for once you ride in a Nash—well, nothing but a Nash will do.

In this review, we are glad to have identified with us this reputable establishment. The entire personnel is wholeheartedly for Taylor county, and there is never a proposition presented but what they are for it if it means development. Remember, if you are interested in motor cars—cars of real quality—do not make a purchase until you have seen and ridden in a Nash.

## McLEMORE-BASS DRUG COMPANY

Starting in business in Abilene in 1925, are now operating a chain of three up-to-date stores in this city. Handle a complete line of the highest quality drugs and sundries, toilet articles, gift goods, novelties, etc. Stores located at 253 Pine Street; 154 Chestnut Street; 1046 North First Street. "If you can get it any where, you can get it here."

There is probably no drug firm in Abilene that has enjoyed a more phenomenal growth since its inception in 1925 than the McLemore-Bass Drug Company, who are operating three of the highest class drug establishments in this city. Three stores that are completely stocked in every detail with the highest class drug lines obtainable, the very best quality sundries and prescription departments that are excelled by no other establishment of its kind in West Texas. In this particular department, eight registered pharmacists are employed and all are men of years of experience in their vocation. In addition to this, there are employed at the McLemore-Bass Drug Company store, twenty people. This represents a nice pay-roll, and that this concern is identified with the future growth of this section, there is

no question of a doubt, for as to their popularity, the people of this section know that if "they can get it anywhere, they can get it at a McLemore Bass Drug Store."

In connection with the approaching Yuletide, it is timely to suggest that the above establishments have in stock, complete lines of Christmas toilet articles, stationery, etc. Now is the time to begin thinking of these things, so when you are ready to make your purchases, think of the McLemore-Bass Drug Company, where quality and service reign supreme. We are glad to have this reputable establishment identified with us in this section, and bespeak for them, continued growth in the pursuit of their endeavor. Remember, in Abilene, it is the McLemore-Bass Drug Company.

## BANNER ICE CREAM COMPANY

This well-known establishment is deserving of more than passing mention in this review of the onward progress of this section, as they are perhaps, the largest producers of quality products of the nature as manufactured by them in this section of the state.

The ice cream factory for the production of quality ice cream is a model, sanitary establishment, everything kept strictly in line with the highest sanitation in every respect. Every ounce of the raw materials used in the manufacture of their ice cream is thoroughly tested for purity, the milk used in the ice cream product being given the most rigid test for bacteria. This fact alone, insures the consumer of high quality products and this has built a reputation that is surpassed by no other institution of its kind in the South.

In commenting on their business for the past season, the management desires through these columns to ex-

press their sincere thanks and appreciation for this patronage. "Without such loyalty of our friends this patronage would not have been possible. We know ours is a quality product, and this fact has been attested to by the large volume of business we have done during the past season. We are truly thankful for this, and we are glad we can use this means of expressing this appreciation."

In this review, we are glad to present this meritorious institution to the consideration of our readers, and further state that when you go into a drug store, confectionery, or other place where these delicacies are served, insist that it be a product of the Banner Ice Cream Company. Where, quality always comes first, and a product of which you are assured of extreme sanitation in every particular.

Keep Taylor county money in Taylor county by using Banner Products. 14th Butternut Street. Phone 2363, 2362.

Located at 1426 Butternut Street, Phone No. 2363 has been supplying the people of this section with the very highest quality products for many years. Does a wonderful business in Taylor county as a whole, and this is attributed to the high standing and esteem in which their products are held.



NO OTHER ILLUSTRATION—NO COUGH.

## HARVEY HAYS DRUG COMPANY

"The Drug Store of Service." Located at 1070 North First Street, is one of the biggest chains of drug stores in this section. Under the management of Mr. Harvey Hays, has grown in popularity and patronage until at the present time this concern has become recognized as an outstanding factor in this section's rapid development. Harvey Hays is a community booster, remember that.



HARVEY HAYS  
Abilene, Texas.

Pres. Abilene Retail Druggists' Assn.

In this review of the better conditions prevailing in this section at this time, there is no establishment more deserving of mention than this company and the owner, Mr. Harvey Hays.

The personnel and this store forms an important combination in the development of Abilene and this section of Taylor county, and this store and its owner have been instrumental in

the further growth of Taylor county as a whole.

Fair treatment and the utmost courtesy have built a wonderful business for the Harvey Hays Drug Company that is not only a reflection of credit to the community, but a pride to the owners.

Carried in his large stock is only the very highest quality drugs and drug sundries. The prescription department is in charge of a registered pharmacist and only the very best of drugs are used in the compounding of prescriptions.

Their fountain service is unexcelled only the highest quality syrups and fruit juices being used in the mixing of drinks and here one may be assured of the very best service and attention.

Besides the general line of drugs carried by the Harvey Hays Drug Company they also handle the finest assortment of candies and confections, stationery, cigars, tobacco, etc. In fact, one may obtain the very best in this high class drug establishment.

As in all cases of further development and progress, the proprietor, Mr. Harvey Hays is always found in line and in this review of the better conditions in the Abilene territory we are more than glad to be able to present the reputable stores of Harvey Hays, where your patronage will be appreciated at all times.

## ABILENE TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE

Located in the Grace Hotel Building, and under

the management of Mr. Geo. A. Pearce, are dealers in Royal Typewriters, Remington Cash Registers, Sunstrand Adding Machines Rebuilt Underwood and L. S. Smith Typewriters. Also do general repair work on all makes of the above machines. Telephone 217.

In a review of this nature, setting forth the qualifications of the various establishments of Abilene, we are glad to present for your consideration, The Abilene Typewriter Exchange, of which Mr. Geo. A. Pearce is manager.

Carried in the large stock of the above enterprise, and one of the main features is the Royal Typewriter. There is no need to go into length detail as to the qualifications of this typewriter, for everyone knows it is a standard make, excellent in quality, smooth in performance and reasonable in price, and you can buy them on easy terms too. A demonstration will be gladly given—just phone 217, that's all. Another feature carried in stock is the Remington Cash Register. The Remington is no new product on the market. It is the output of a standard manufacturer, and has proven its reliability to thousands of satisfied users.

The same can be said of the Sunstrand Adding Machine, another of the machines carried by the Abilene

Typewriter Exchange. This is one of the most sturdy machines on the market, it is made in all sizes and styles and is extremely reasonable in price.

In addition to the above features, Mr. Pearce carries in stock at all times, rebuilt Underwoods and L. S. Smith Typewriters, does repair work on all makes of machines, and if you so desire, he will accord you easy terms on any make of machine you may wish to purchase. He is sincerely appreciative of the business accorded him in this section and stated that at any time in the future, you needed anything in the lines carried by his firm, a telephone call or a line from you, will bring a courteous salesman, who will be glad to explain the merits of the products carried by him. Remember, in Abilene, it is the Abilene Typewriter Exchange, where your business is sincerely appreciated, and where quality, service and courtesy are always paramount.

## THE ACORN STORES INC.

Located at 151 Pine Street, Telephone 507, Abilene, Texas, has shown a phenomenal growth in supplying the needs of the family. Carries in stock, everything included in a high class department store, and at prices that really mean big savings.

In a review of this kind, setting forth in a development and good will manner, the qualifications of the various establishments of Abilene, we are glad to have identified with us such a reputable establishment as the Acorn Store, Incorporated, for a concern of this kind is highly instrumental in any form of development, in that a purchase at this store means savings on any and every item.

The Acorn Stores, is a chain store system. In many of the important cities of the state you will see the familiar sign and trade mark, and when one notes this, he immediately knows that here, "I can save money."

Carried in the large stock at the local Acorn Store is everything in dry goods, ladies' and men's wear, notions, hosiery, and in fact, everything anyone might expect to find in a big establishment of this kind. The prices—yes, reasonable in every degree, and in this we might state that due to the

chain store system of operation, their large volume buying power, enables them to create savings on every purchase made by them, thereby this creates a saving on every purchase for their customers.

To the people of the Merkel section, we will say that your business will be sincerely appreciated at the Acorn Store. Here you will be greeted by courteous clerks who are anxious and ever ready to see that your wants are filled. Here, you may purchase everything for every member of the family and the savings you will experience will more than pay you for the trouble and trip. Next time you are in Abilene, include the Acorn Store in your shopping itinerary, for you will not only be able to obtain the best quality merchandise, but will be accorded a service and courtesy that is truly pleasing. Remember the Acorn Store when in Abilene.

## CLARENCE SAUNDERS' "Sole Owner of My Name"

Located at 936 North Second Street, has builded a wonderful business during their tenure of operation. They handle only the very best on the market, and the saving created on your every purchase has made an enviable reputation for this store.

Growing from obscurity, until at the present time, representing a huge chain of stores, scattered over a wide area of Texas, Clarence Saunders is now a national word with grocery shoppers. Opening their store under the Clarence Saunders system of grocery merchandising, this establishment is enjoying a wonderful patronage. In discussing methods used and the reason of better goods for less money, the management explained the many points of advantage derived by trading at a Clarence Saunders Store.

The operating cost of a Clarence Saunders Store is lower than any heretofore known method of grocery merchandising. This savings in operation is passed on to the customer, affording prices which are savings that cannot be obtained elsewhere.

The hanging price tags name the prices and you select what you want. The housewife may choose what she wants at a Clarence Saunders Store without the usual argument being introduced to try and get her to buy. She helps herself, she saves money, as all goods are one price to all. Every one is treated alike at a Clarence

Saunders Store. Another point that goes over big with the buying public lies in this fact: It is a known fact that the larger quantity one buys, the lower the cost. Therein lies the secret of how Clarence Saunders sells high grade groceries for less.

Another and concluding point which we think forcible and convincing why you should buy at a Clarence Saunders Store. They are convenient; they stock only nationally advertised goods you get what you want—no substitutes. Consequently, no shop worn commodities. The uniform way of shelving stock and keeping shelves well-stocked enables you to quickly and easily make your selection without interference.

The management, in this review, wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the people of the Merkel community who have so liberally patronized the Clarence Saunders Store. Your patronage is highly appreciated, and the writer can assure you that the utmost in service, courtesy and quality merchandise will be accorded you at all times. Remember the Clarence Saunders Store on your shopping tours when in Abilene.

## ABILENE TIRE COMPANY

Located at 1101 South First Street, Abilene, Texas are distributors for the well and favorably known Miller Tires. Once a user of Millers, you will always be a user, for they are of the highest quality, and extremely reasonable in price. Their sales extend over a wide section of this territory.

There are many ways of keeping down the expense of operating an automobile and one of them is watching your tires closely. Some owners think that as soon as the casings show the least sign of wear, it is dangerous to use it longer, hence they are always complaining about the high cost of driving.

It has been proven that Miller, "Geared to the Road" Tires purchased from this establishment will save automobile owners many hundreds of dollars. Only experienced men are found here, men who know the tire business, and who themselves are thoroughly "sold" on Miller tires. They can explain in detail the many merits of Miller Tires, and they back up their argument with concrete facts.

The Miller Tire is a standard product, and they are sold at prices that are extremely reasonable. The fact of the long life of the Miller Tire makes it an extremely cheap tire as

far as price is concerned, for on Millers, you get greater mileage and a service that is equalled by few and surpassed by none.

If you have never used a Miller, now is your chance. There is a Miller store in your midst—The Abilene Tire Company, located on the street "right on the way into Abilene." Men in charge, are eager to convince you of the high quality of their product—men who know good tires when they see them, and men who will tell you the truth in every instance.

In addition to explaining the merits of the Miller Tires, we are also glad to state that the entire personnel of the Abilene Tire Company is wholeheartedly for the development of Taylor county in its entirety, and in this review we are glad to be able to present the qualifications of this firm and state when you need tires, no matter how large the order, let it be Millers. You'll never regret it, we assure you.

## WALKER-SMITH GROCERY COMPANY

Located at Second and Mesquite Streets, Abilene, Texas, is one of the leading wholesale grocery establishments in this section of West Texas. Supplies the retail trade with metropolitan service at all times, and is truly appreciative of the wonderful patronage accorded them.

Because of the great volume of business, transacted through this extensive trade territory to the retail merchants of this section and the high quality products that are handled by this firm, has gained for them a reputation that has spread for many miles around in this part of the state—a prestige as an excellent market for the retailers that could not be gained in any other way.

The Walker-Smith Company has brought thousands of dollars to this section every year through the trade channels presided over by them, and in addition to this feature—a great asset to the community—many local people are employed by this large concern.

The fact that their trade territory extends over adjoining territory to this city brings new faces, new business and added prosperity to Abilene and Taylor county. The products they handle are standard brands, such as are found in all the leading stores everywhere. That is the reason why this firm is one of the outstanding factors in the development of the community they serve, and one that will be

lasting in its effect. In this review, setting forth the development and good will of the qualifications of the various establishments of Taylor county, are glad to have identified with this reputable establishment, and bespeak for them, a continued prosperity and patronage that will be surpassed by no other in this line of endeavor.

One of the particular features of the Walker-Smith Company lies in the fact that they buy all their raw products in this territory for the manufacture of their celebrated Pecan Valley Panut Butter. They are also importers and roasters of Pecan Valley Coffee, which is handled by all the grocers in this section.

The Abilene house is under the management of Mr. Clyde D. Echols, who is well known to all the business men of Merkel, having traveled in this territory for several years.

They are wholeheartedly identified with any proposition that mans building—remember that.

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Furn. Millers Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N.Y.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

### "M" SYSTEM GROCERY & MARKET

Location—222 Chestnut Street, are dealers in high grade groceries and meats, and conducts an establishment that is a credit to Abilene and Taylor county, and is recognized for its true worth to this section of the county. This store really "Saves the Nation," a slogan that has become popular with grocery shoppers. Phone 77.

Established, oh, not so long ago, in Abilene, but long enough that in which time it has become one of the leading grocery establishments of this city. The "M" System Grocery and Market has grown in popularity and prestige until at the present time—well, when one thinks of groceries and meats, their thoughts naturally turn to the "M" System, for here they know that quality is paramount, savings are greatest, and that courtesy in their line of endeavor is one of the essentials that has aided in the rapid growth of their business.

Many people from the westernmost section of Taylor county visit in Abilene; many people do a great portion of their shopping in Abilene; many people realize that Abilene is a great shopping center of the West; many people are coming to the realization day by day, that "System" stores are saving thousands of dollars for them, and that the "M" System Stores are doing their part in "Saving for the Nation."

The stock, as carried by the local "M" System Store, is complete in every detail. Cleanliness and sanitation are two of the important features in the conduct of an "M" System Store. Stock is kept up to the highest standards of efficiency, and when you purchase an item, no matter how small or large, you know you are getting QUALITY.

In this review, we are glad to have identified with us, this well known establishment. They are wholeheartedly for Taylor county. They believe in progress. They believe that the best is none too good for their customers, and with this in view, we cannot predict other than prosperity for the "M" System Store, and we cannot but commend them to you when you are in need of quality groceries and meats, and a place where you can really save on every purchase. Call on them when in Abilene, and ascertain whether or not our statements are borne out with facts.

### KRAUSS DRY GOODS COMPANY

Located at 233-241 Chestnut Street, is one of the really reputable establishments of Taylor county. The entire personnel of this popular store, in addition to carrying a complete stock of high grade merchandise, are real workers for the further progress of Taylor county as a whole, and are sincerely appreciative of your patronage. Phone 185

One of the pleasurable visits to Abilene at any time is not really a completed pleasure, especially in your shopping tours, until you have made a call at the above establishment—The Krauss Dry Goods Company, one of the commendable institutions of the city.

Established many years ago, the Krauss organization has been truly instrumental and of great assistance in furthering those projects so necessary to the growth of the community. Held in the highest esteem by their many friends and customers, this institution has enjoyed and is experiencing a rapid growth, and in our minds, this is due, not only to the extreme high quality merchandise they handle, but to the outstanding personality of the members of the firm.

Carried in the large stock is included the standard brands, and of highest quality dry goods, clothing for men, women and children, shoes, hats, etc., and in fact, most anything one would expect to find in a department store of this kind. "Everything for every member of the family," might easily apply to this store, for, "they have it." The management said, "By operat-

ing a chain of stores in West Texas, and being close to the buying public, we can save them enormous amounts, through quantity buying and with a small overhead expense, on merchandise most wanted in this section. Our policy is worth more than a lazy dollar."

Visit us during our Anniversary Sale now in progress.

In speaking of the growth of his establishment, Mr. Walkow, the manager, said: "There is nothing we can say or do, that would adequately express the sincere appreciation felt by us, for the wonderful patronage and the loyalty of our friends, and we will add further, that, we shall always try to show that appreciation by according our customers a service, courtesy, and quality merchandise that will surpass any former efforts."

In this review, from a development and good will standpoint, and setting forth the qualifications of the various mercantile establishments of Abilene, we are glad to be able to commend this reputable firm to the consideration of our readers, assuring them that at all times they will be treated fairly and squarely at the Krauss Dry Goods Company.

### NANCE-WEBB-HAMILTON PLUMBING AND HEATING COMPANY

Who are located at 341 Chestnut Street, Phone 873 are expert heating and sanitary engineers who have kept abreast of the times. They are prepared to furnish all kinds of equipment for the people of this section and at prices that are reasonable in every degree.

Metropolitan service of the highest type is offered the people of this section by the Nance-Webb-Hamilton Plumbing and Heating Company.

No matter what problems you have in the heating and plumbing line, all you will have to do is consult with them and they will be able to solve it to your satisfaction and advantage.

Efficient by reason of the knowledge that comes from having mastered all the intricate technical problems of their profession and supreme in the prestige that comes from the use of the finest materials and highest class workmen, has builded an extensive patronage for this firm in this section of Taylor county and for this fact the Nance-Webb-Hamilton Company are held in the highest regard by their many friends and customers. At their establishment one will find the most modern line of plumbing and heating fixtures and appliances in this section of the state. The management is always on the alert for changing styles, and when a new fea-

ture comes out they think would please a patron, they immediately get it, for they believe in pleasing their customers at all times.

On January 1st. they will be in their new home at 341 Chestnut Street and will have one of the best display rooms in West Texas. Will have everything in the latest designs, in the new colored enamel ware.

All of the other features of the plumbing and heating line are handled by them and every detail is given the most painstaking care. Honest and straightforward in their business policies, they are among the most prominent in the business world, and we can say in this concluding paragraph that if you are thinking of plumbing and heating and all the accessories thereto, you will make no mistake by letting the Nance-Webb-Hamilton Co. figure your job, for here, courtesy, service, quality, and reasonable rates reign supreme. Remember them when in need of anything in their line. You will be pleased, we assure you.

### THE CREST STORE

Located on Chestnut Street, in Abilene, Texas, is one of this city's most up-to-date variety stores. This firm, with its tremendous volume buying power, is enabled and does create big savings on your every purchase. The manager of the local store is Mr. Hill.

In this review, development and good will, and setting forth the qualifications of the various mercantile establishments of Abilene, there is no institution more deserving of commendation than the Crest Store, a variety store of wide repute.

In this we are safe in saying, that this popular variety store is one that is fully recognized in Abilene, not only for the quality merchandise carried by them, but for the public spirit of its management. The Crest Store is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Taylor county, and the management has thoroughly convinced the people of this section that the entire personnel of this store is wholeheartedly for the development and further progress of the community in which the business is operated.

Carried in the stock of the Crest Store, are such items as shelf hardware, chinaware, aluminum ware, all kinds of novelty goods, and for that matter, everything coming under the head of "racket goods." In fact, at the Crest Store one may almost completely furnish the home insofar as dining room and kitchen ware is concerned.

The business of the Crest Store has shown a phenomenal growth since its

inception in Abilene. There is but one answer to this point and this lies in the fact that only the best quality merchandise is handled and the prices presented, represent big savings on every purchase. This in a great way, is due to the fact that they are enabled to buy in big lots, and these savings, they pass on to their customers.

We are glad to call particular attention to the fact that the Crest Store, one of the most popular of its kind in this section, is the logical headquarters in Abilene for Christmas Gift Goods, including one of the largest stocks of toys in Taylor county. Here, one may completely outfit their anticipations for Christmas time, and at prices that represent huge savings on every purchase. Remember, when you are shopping in Abilene, and are making your Christmas purchases, include the Crest Store on your list, for you can get anything you want in the Christmas line at this popular store.

In this review of the better conditions prevailing in this section, we are glad to have identified with us, such a reputable enterprise as the Crest Store, and commend them heartily to the public at any time they need anything carried in their many lines.

### THE ABILENE COTTON OIL COMPANY

One of the really outstanding factors in the development of this section of Taylor county. Is operated by men who know the cotton oil business, and are worthy of your patronage. At all times pay the highest market prices for cotton seed, and sell their products at the lowest margin of profit.

One of the real institutions in Taylor county is the Abilene Cotton Oil Company. Organized about two years ago, when this section was experiencing a rapid growth, the Abilene Cotton Oil Company continued in the path of progress, ever being identified with anything that would bring the Taylor county territory up to the very highest standards in the agricultural line.

The Abilene mill is under the efficient management of Mr. Maben and they at all times, strive to better the service, watching closely the operation of the mill, pays strict attention to marketing conditions at all times, cooperates with those from whom he buys his products.

Not only this, but they are eager to co-operate with the farmer and offer him any suggestion that might revert to his benefit. They are always devising means whereby they can aid their customers, as well as serve them with the highest quality products, offering them at all times

special inducements whereby it will be to their benefit.

In this review of the better conditions prevailing at this time the management wishes to extend his sincere thanks for the wonderful co-operation accorded the mill during the past season. Without this co-operation success would not have been possible, and for this spirit, the Abilene Cotton Oil Company and the entire personnel wish to extend sincere thanks.

An added feature in the conduct of the Abilene Cotton Oil Company, lies in the fact that they have with them, a live stock specialist, a graduate in animal husbandry from A. & M. College, who is eager at all times to be of assistance to the farmers, dairymen and feeders in getting the best results from their farm products. His services are free to anyone who is interested, so if you desire to better your feeding problems, get in touch with the Abilene Cotton Oil Company manufacturers of ACO-Acme Products.

### THE FAIR STORE

Located at 957 North Third Street, handles a complete line of novelty and art goods—gifts of the better class—Ready-to-Wear and Millinery, and the extreme high quality of their products has builded a wonderful business for them. Now is the time to begin to think of gift goods and at this store you can certainly find just what you want.

In this review, both development and good will, this section would not be complete without the mention of this reputable establishment, for as Christmas times approach, the thoughts of the people turn to those things that will make suitable gifts, and in this we can certainly commend for your consideration, The Fair Store the location of which is given in the above caption, as being a really suitable place from which to secure the articles you need and want.

In addition to the complete line of gift goods carried by this firm, one may find here also a complete stock of high grade, ready-to-wear, millinery, upon which, very special prices are being made. Also, a complete line of engraved personal greeting-cards—mighty nice for Christmas times. In fact, if it is for "milady" you can obtain it here and at prices that will please you.

It is useless for the writer to even attempt to enumerate the many items in the gift goods line, carried by this store. Suffice it to say, their stock is

complete in every detail, being composed of art goods, novelties of all kinds, all useful articles and gifts that will be sincerely appreciated by the recipient.

One might think, that, at a gift shop, those items would be expensive. This is not true, for all their stock is not high priced, this being a shop where the most conservative purchaser may buy their needs and at prices that are within the reach of all.

The ladies who conduct this store, Miss Isophene Tober and Mrs. Allie M. Erwin, have had wide experience in the operation of a store of this kind. They know the needs of the people, just what selection would best please, and they do all in their power in assisting in making selections for their customers. In this review, we are glad to present the qualifications of this store and its proprietors, and state, that if it is anything in the lines represented by them, they will appreciate your patronage and accord you a service and courtesy that will be highly pleasing in every particular.

### WE THANK YOU

To those merchants and enterprisers of Abilene who so wholeheartedly co-operated with us in the compilation and successful propagation of the Special Development and Good Will Section of the Merkel Mail, we thank you.

Your spirit and acquiescence was wonderful. We were accorded the utmost courtesy wherever we called, and although some did not "come in" on the feature, we have no ill feelings toward you.

To those who are identified in this feature, we cannot but wish for you continued success in the pursuit of your endeavors. You are all wholeheartedly and co-operatively for Taylor county; you are for Merkel; we appreciate that fact, too, and to the readers of the Merkel Mail we feel no hesitancy in commending the en-

terprises identified in this section to your consideration, saying in conclusion that at any of these establishments, you will be accorded a courtesy and hearty welcome that you will appreciate.

C. N. NOBLE,  
In Charge of Feature.

LOST OR STOLEN—one "Sparton Chimes" horn off of car in Trent or on highway between Merkel and Trent, Tuesday, November 8th. Reward for return to Merkel Mail office or information leading to recovery of same.

WANTED—Man with car to sell complete line quality Auto Tires and Tubes. Exclusive territory. Experience not necessary. Salary \$300.00 per month. MILESTONE RUBBER COMPANY East Liverpool, Ohio. ltpd.

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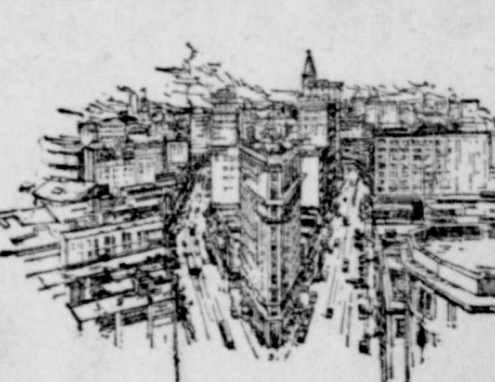
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TRENT, TEXAS

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# ONLY 8 MORE DAYS

The Merkel Mail's Big Circulation Campaign Will Positively Close On **SATURDAY, NOV. 26th.**

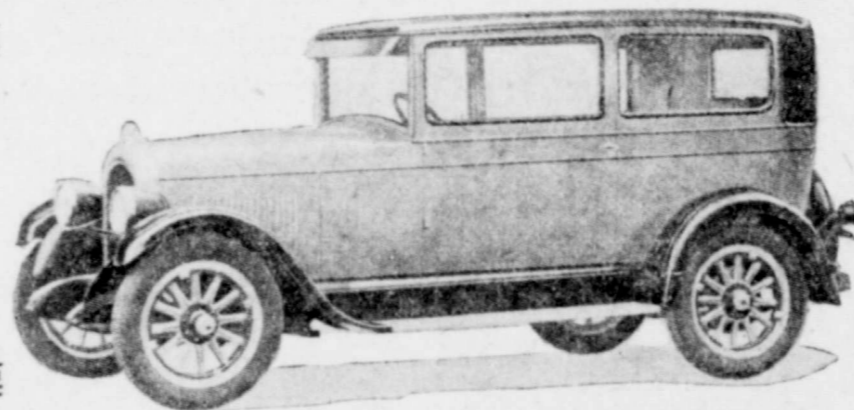
**YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR EXTRA VOTES**

50,000 Extra Votes will be given with each \$30.00 turned in up to and including Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. This is your last chance for extra votes.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME

## First Grand Prize

### 1928 Model Chrysler Coach, Value \$938.50



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**THIS IS THE SHORTEST CAMPAIGN OF THE KIND ON RECORD**

**“HEY FOLKS”**

## **NOW! TO-DAY**

Subscribe for your own “Home Town” paper and help some lady to win this

**BEAUTIFUL and VALUABLE PRIZE**

## Candidates! Don't Slow Up Now

### **DON'T BE A QUITTER**

Regardless of your standing in the line up this week, only a few hours work may put you in the lead, as the votes stood Wednesday night only A FEW subscriptions would put any one in the lead.

## Who will win the Chrysler Coach??

Matinee Each  
Afternoon

# The Big Parade Is Here

Matinee Each  
Afternoon

## PALACE TODAY AND SATURDAY

### THE MERKEL MAIL

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

#### TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

All services were well attended last Sunday. There were many new faces among us and we were very glad to see them all. We hope to see them again. Our work is growing more and more active along all lines. Dont miss an opportunity to enjoy these services with us.

Bible Study at 10:00 a. m.  
Sermon at 11:00 a. m.  
Subject, "Faithfulness."  
Communion at 12 noon.  
Song Service, 3:00 p. m.  
Young Peoples' Service at 6:45  
Sermon at 7:30 p. m., Subject, "The Name."

Midweek Bible Study Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. Subject for discussion, "Love."

#### SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: "The Blessings We Often Forget."  
Leader, Mrs. Tom Allday.  
Scripture: (Psalm 105; 1 Thes. 1 2-4)  
Part 1—"Health"—Floyd Dowell.  
Part 2—"Household Commodities"—Joe Riney.  
Part 3—"Protection"—Coralee Hulse.  
Part 4—"Education"—Tom Allday.  
Part 5—"Friends"—Anna Lou Russell.  
Part 6—"Recognition of Womanhood"—Mrs. Touchstone.  
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and see this remarkable gas range for small homes. Here is a gas range built especially for the small kitchen—designed to give maximum efficiency—perfect baking and cooking—yet occupying a minimum amount of space.

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#### Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Give Thanks unto Jehovah."  
2 "A Girl Who Was Not Grateful."  
—Bertie Mae Leslie.  
3 "A Man Who Wanted More Than He Had."  
(1) Blanche Denney.  
(2) Thelma Patterson  
(3) Wanda Owens.  
(4) Jackie Slater  
(5) Sarah Sheppard.  
(6) Hollis Huddleston.  
4 "A Girl Who Was Thankful in the Midst of Trouble."—Margaret Miller.  
5 "My Prayer."—Harry Boaz.  
6 "Whom to Thank for Good Things"—Kathleen Harmon.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston has recently traded his home in the south part of the city for the home on Oak street known as the R. L. Bland home, and moved to same this week. This is one of the best homes in the city, located on one of the best streets and Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston will be happily domiciled in same.

**FOR SALE**—Columbian Wyandotte Cockerels from W. A. Watles prize winning strain. Priced \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00. L. C. Williams, Merkel, R. Five.

**HOGS FOR SALE**—60 head of shoats, 20 high grade sows, heavy with pigs. This is your opportunity to get your next year's pigs and a hog to kill this winter. Sam Butman. 18-2tp.

### Vinol Helps Nervous, Run-down Man

"Before taking Vinol, I was run-down, nervous and irritable. Now, I feel like another person."—R. McCoy. Vinol is a simple strengthening iron and cod liver compound in use for over 25 years for sickly, nervous women, run-down men and weak children. The very FIRST week you take Vinol, you begin to feel stronger, eat and sleep better. Merkel Drug Co.

Try a Classified adv in the Mail

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the subscription to the Mail of Mr. Thomas R. Blair, 1346 East Maddox Street, Fort Worth. Mr. Blair is a son of Mrs. J. S. Blair of this city, and is in the employ of the Railway Mail Service.

**LOST**—Between Clear Fork, Stith and Merkel Federal 29-440 Spare Tire. Reward for return to T. H. Williamson, Trent, Texas or the Merkel Mail. 181tp.

**Fancy Dressmaking**  
Special Attention to Children's and Tailored Clothes  
**Mrs. Rolfe Wagner**  
Herbert Patterson's Residence.  
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## FOOTBALL

The Classic of The West  
**ABILENE vs. BIG DAM LOBOES**  
OF CISCO

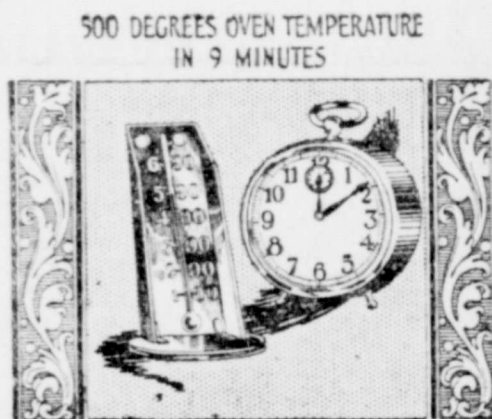
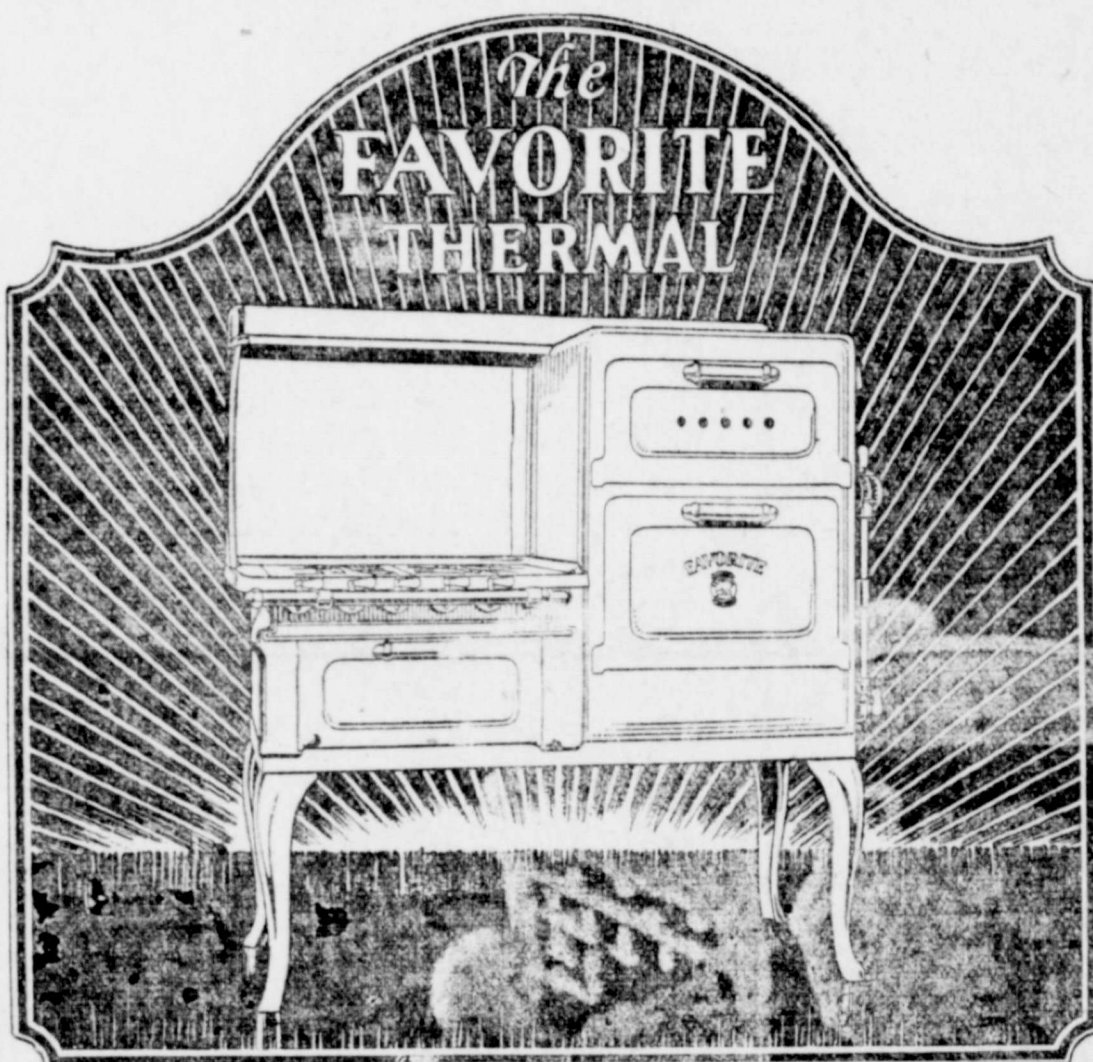
This game will determine the Class A. District Championship of the southern half of Texas. Both teams are undefeated and determined to carry the West Texas banner into the state finals.

**sensational Running, Brilliant Passing**  
and terrific line plunging with defensive work will feature this game. Scores in last three games: Abilene 19 Cisco 7, Abilene 3 Cisco 6, Abilene 3 Cisco 7.

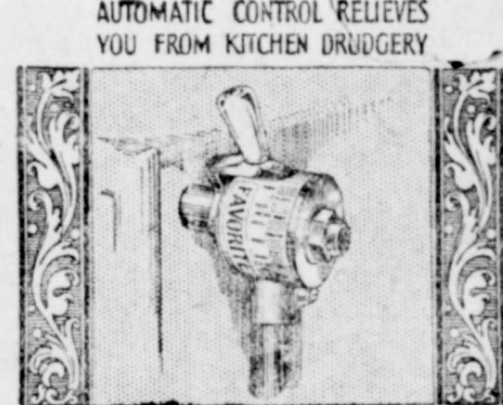
Who will win this year when the teams meet in

**ABILENE**  
Friday, Nov. 25, Don't Miss It

# GAS NOW In MAINS!



500 DEGREES OVEN TEMPERATURE IN 9 MINUTES



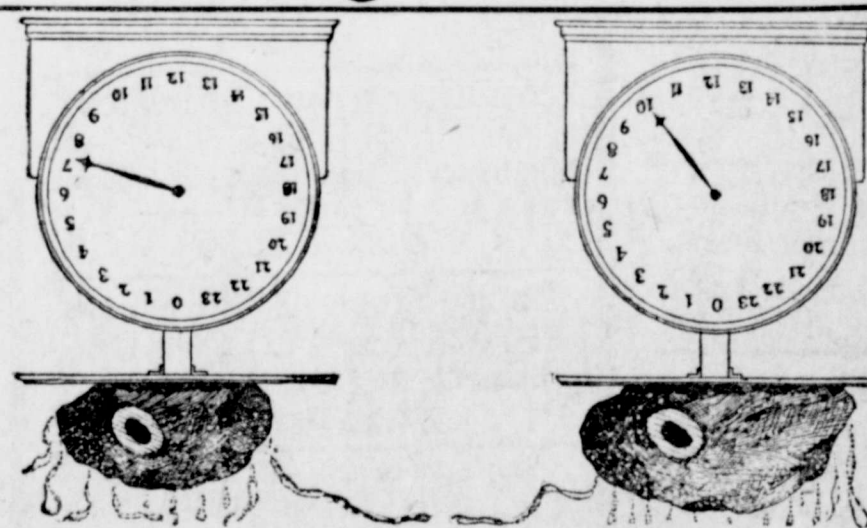
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## Proclaimed America's Most Beautiful Gas Range Equipped with the fastest Baking Oven

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The new Favorite Gas Range with Thermal Oven heats to 500 degrees in 9 minutes and maintains any degree temperature on half the gas required by ordinary range. See how the oven heat Regulator governs the flow of gas to the burner so the exact temperature desired is always maintained in the oven. Come to our store and see the baking actually being done by time and temperature. Select your Favorite Range today; priced from the cheapest that's good to the finest made.



**HOW MUCH HEAT ACTUALLY REACHES YOUR TABLE?**  
The roast you bought for Sunday's dinner—how much of it actually went onto your table to be served? A 10 pound roast, prepared in an ordinary oven will come out weighing about seven pounds.

**FAVORITE THERMAL COOKING SAVES 20 to 40 PERCENT IN FOOD**

A ten pound roast will come out of a Favorite Thermal Oven weighing at least nine pounds. You can figure for yourself the saving in food alone that this range will accomplish. Come to our store and we will demonstrate just how this range cooks by time and temperature, automatically, and how the delicious flavor remains in the food cooked.

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**"SORROWS OF SATAN"**

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**"Where Is My Wander-  
 ing Boy Tonight"**

FEATURING

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 Mary Carr

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 dow Saturday. Brown D. G. Co.

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 Cane Syrup. None better. At Bob  
 Martin Grocery Co. 181t.

Mrs. C. L. Bridges, of Breckenridge  
 is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brid-  
 ges at Stith this week.

All work receives very prompt at-  
 tention, and returned as quickly as  
 good work will permit. Cash Tailor  
 Shop. 181t.

Mr. S. O. Patton, who for the past  
 year has been residing on R. One,  
 Trent, asks that the address of his  
 Merkel Mail be changed to Merkel, R.  
 Five.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson was a guest of  
 her daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Mims,  
 Abilene last week and was an in-  
 vited guest at a breakfast given in hon-  
 or of Dr. Dorothy Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins, Mr.  
 and Mrs. W. D. Butler and Mr. and  
 Mrs. T. T. Earthman, spent the day  
 November 11th in the home of Mr.  
 and Mrs. W. C. Lee. They report a  
 most enjoyable visit and a most boun-  
 tiful and delicious noon day luncheon.

Our good friend, A. A. Lindsey, re-  
 siding in the Nubia Community, was  
 in the city recently and said that he  
 had already gathered 41 bales of cot-  
 ton this year and would get about  
 three more. Mr. Lindsey is a good cit-  
 izen and one of our best farmers.

### Baseball's Origin

Baseball was known in various  
 forms in the East for years before  
 it received organized recognition, but  
 its birthplace is a matter of dispute.  
 Philadelphia takes the credit as far  
 back as 1833, and New York claims  
 that its Washington club, organized  
 in 1843, was the first exponent of the  
 actual game. Baseball as a national  
 game really came into existence in  
 1858, with the formation of a National  
 Association of Baseball Players, in-  
 cluding the clubs of New York and  
 vicinity.

### Bagpipes in Spain

Specimens of bagpipes are found on  
 old Spanish manuscripts. In the  
 beautiful volume of the "Canticas de  
 Santa Maria," which was made in the  
 Thirteenth century of King Alfonso  
 the Wise, there are 51 separate fig-  
 ures of musicians. These form an  
 introduction to the canticles. There  
 are three pipers among them with  
 bagpipes. Another Spanish manu-  
 script of the end of the Fifteenth cen-  
 tury, illustrated by a Flemish artist  
 for Queen Isabella, shows many mu-  
 sical instruments, among which are  
 bagpipes.

### Relic of Indian Art

A relief of the old Mathura school  
 of Indian art is in the possession of  
 the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It  
 consists of a thin slab of red sand-  
 stone, carved on both sides. It is a  
 pediment decorated with a repeating  
 ornament of three varieties, the same  
 on each side of the slab, and was  
 probably part of the main or only  
 entrance to a temple which may have  
 been entirely of stone, but more likely  
 of brick except for the doorway.

## Road Bonds To Be Sold In Near Future

Half of Fund to be Used on Lat-  
 erals. Sealed Bids to be Open-  
 ed Nov. 29; Judge Eplen  
 Expects Bonds to Bring  
 Premium

Seventy-five of the leading bond  
 buying houses of the nation are being  
 advised that Taylor county will re-  
 ceive sealed bids November 29 on the  
 first issue of highway bonds out of  
 the million dollar issue voted in Octo-  
 ber. The commissioners court will  
 sell only \$600,000 at the November  
 sitting, because, said Judge Tom K.  
 Eplen last night, it is not likely that  
 more than \$600,000 will be spent on  
 the highways of the county next year.

Of the amount to be sold November  
 29, the court will set aside \$300,000  
 for the construction of lateral roads.  
 \$75,000 to each of the four precincts.  
*Record Price Expected.*

"I think," Judge Eplen told the  
 Morning News, "that these bonds will  
 sell for a better price than any county  
 issue has sold in this section of the  
 state for ten years, for the reason  
 that Taylor county's total bonded debt  
 including the \$1,000,000 voted in Octo-  
 ber, is only \$1,186,962, whereas our  
 assessed property valuation is \$22,  
 692,735. Our actual valuation is \$140,  
 000,000, and our tax rate is only 77  
 cents excluding the new highway bond  
 tax which will probably run about 30  
 cents additional. On top of that, the  
 bond market is at a peak. Good issues  
 are being eagerly sought, and ours is  
 of the very best rating. I think I am  
 safe in saying that Taylor county  
 bonds will be deemed by these pros-  
 pective buyers a more desirable pur-  
 chase than those of any other West  
 Texas county, because of the factors  
 I have mentioned."

"These bonds will be offered on  
 sealed bids only. Every bidder has  
 exactly the same chance, and every  
 bid must be accompanied by a certi-  
 fied check for \$12,000, and the bidder  
 must agree that the proceeds of the  
 check shall be retained by Taylor  
 county as liquidated damages should  
 he fail to take up or pay for the bonds  
 in accordance with the terms of his  
 proposal—that is to say, of course,  
 if his is the accepted bid."

Give your favorite candidate your  
 subscription to the Merkel Mail today  
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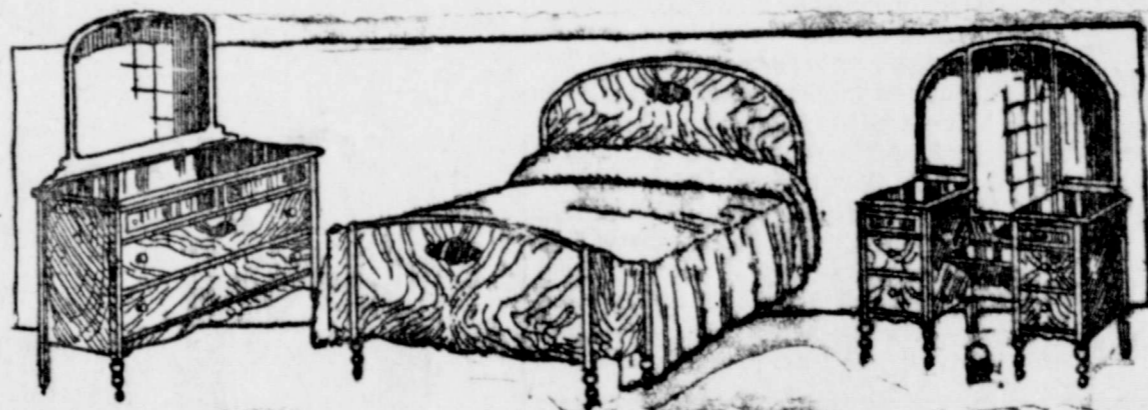
# MELLINGER'S BIG MONEY RAISING SALE The Dry Goods Event Of The Season

And the greatest money saving sale ever recorded  
 in behalf of the people of Merkel and surrounding  
 community is still in progress. A sale in which ev-  
 erything in the store is marked down in plain fig-  
 ures---not a thing reserved. And our sacrifice is  
 your gain. In ordinary times you always save mon-  
 ey on your purchases here, but at this sale you can  
 buy goods cheaper than they can be bought in the  
 great wholesale centers. There are bargains in ev-  
 ery department.

**COME--LOOK FOR YOURSELF**

# Max Mellinger

# AUCTION SALE!



Buy this beautiful Bedroom Suit at your own price. It costs  
 you nothing to bid. Just drop in and write your bid and drop in  
 box. The highest bid gets the suit. See the Suit in our show  
 window. Look it over and see what you will give for it.



**Don't Fail to See Our Line of  
 Gas Stoves. Get Our Prices  
 Before You Buy.**

Cleanliness comes first in cooking. You wouldn't think of cooking without clean  
 pots and pans, clean hands, clean foodstuffs. Naturally, you want a clean stove.

The WHITE STAR solves the cleaning problem. The White Star is not only easy to clean, but stays clean longer for it has first grade  
 Porcelain throughout, even to the grates and burners. We install your stove free. We allow you a good price for your old stove.

# Barrow Furniture Company

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 the business you have given us.

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 care of your wants for your  
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**EVEREADY PRESTONE**  
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**Power of Love**  
Once when John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle were discussing the literature of their day, the latter said to his companion: "Can you tell me why it is that works on subjects of vital interest to the race, splendidly written by men of profound scholarship, command scarcely sufficient sale to pay the cost of publishing; while trashy novels, false to history, false to philosophy and false to the facts of human experience, and altogether lacking in literary merit, will sell by scores of thousands?"  
After a short pause, Ruskin replied: "There is but one explanation of that fact, but the explanation is all-sufficient; the novel has love in it and the other has not."—Scribner's Magazine.

**Good Idea**  
Coperscope had arrived home tired and hungry, but the beds had not been made and neither was there the faintest sign of any dinner. Presently he surprised his wife reading a novel in the drawing-room.  
"Do you mean to say that dinner isn't ready?" he asked, with dangerous calm. "Very well, I'm going back to town to dine at the Criterion."  
"Just wait five minutes," replied his wife, throwing aside her book.  
"Will it be ready then?" he queried hopefully.  
"No," was the cheerful answer; "but I'll come with you."

### ANOTHER FAITHFUL MAN GONE HOME

On November 11th at 4 p. m., all that was mortal of Brother E. C. P. Ross was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

Brother Ross was born January 22, 1857, having passed the allotted time of three score and ten years. Early in life he made a profession of faith in the Lord and had been a faithful servant of the Lord for many years. Some fifteen years ago he joined the Missionary Baptist church at DeSoto in Dallas county, Texas where his membership remained till he answered the call to "Come Up Higher." His devotion to the Lord was so great that his companion asks that Paul's last recorded words be read at the funeral. They are given here that you may see how the ones who knew him best felt about him. "I have fought a good fight I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." How beautiful must have been his Christian spirit for his companion of many years to feel that these words would fit his case as they did the case of Paul.

In spite of the fact that the funeral was held on a holiday with many people away for the day, there was a good

number of friends and neighbors present. They brought many flowers plucked and prepared by their own hands with which the grave was covered.

Brother Ross was married March 2, 1897 to Miss Josephine Wilson and theirs had been a happy married life. She is left behind to mourn his departure, but to rejoice in the hope of a meeting in a land where neither death nor sorrow will ever come.

Besides his widow, he leaves a brother, Mr. E. E. Ross of Dallas and a sister Mrs. Ella Eads of Talcott, W. Virginia. Also a host of other relatives

as well as many friends who mourn his loss. Of recent years his failing health had kept him from active service but he was loyal and true to the end. All the friends of the family join in heart-felt sympathy with the bereaved widow. His brother was here for the funeral and his widow has gone for a visit with the brother for some days.  
Like the full ripe grain, he has been gathered into the garner of the Lord of the Harvest. Of his case we may speak as did the Holy Spirit through John in Revelation, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord

from henceforth; Yea sayeth the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."  
Ira L. Parrack.

Rev. Russell Pike, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pike, and who has been the pastor of one of the Methodist churches at Borger, was here the first of the week accompanied by his wife. He has been assigned to the pastorate of the Borger church again for the second year.

Miss Sidney Lee Altman returned to her home in Abilene last week-end.

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### JONES-SMITH

Mr. E. A. Jones and Miss Mildred Smith were happily married Sunday November 6, by Rev. Parrack at the home of the grooms sister Mrs. Orb. Stanford.

Only the immediate family and a few friends were present at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith, well-known in Merkel society. She was a graduate

of Merkel High School, having graduated last year, and was at the time of her marriage, attending Draughons Business College.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones of Blair, and is a prosperous farmer. The young couple are at home on Rose and Travis St.

Messrs Paul Stanford, V. B. and George Sublett, left the first of the week for South Texas, where they will spend some time deer hunting.

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- Parades, pageantry and masques on the grounds, Dallas Day, Tuesday, October 11. Free.
- Daily contests by the Aviation Cadets of America in the assembling of an aeroplane. Free.
- Horse Shows Sunday afternoons, October 16 and 23, with special exhibitions between classes.
- Demonstrations of the methods of distributing boll weevil poison over cotton fields by aeroplane. Free.
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### Intermediate League Program

- Subject: "What are the Best Ways to be Thankful."
- Leader: Nadine Tippett.
- Scripture—Mark 12:29-32.
- Song—Prayer.
- 1 "Thankfulness for the Goodness of God."—Ps. 100:105—Ethel Hamilton.
- 2 "A Thankful Life."—Ps. 116:12
- 3 "The Source of Good."—James 1:17-27—Matilou Largent.
- 4 "Prayer and Thanksgiving."—Phil. 4:6—Milton Case.
- 5 "Daniel's Thankfulness."—Dan 2:23—Eleanor Mae Hamilton.
- 6 "Christian Brotherhood."—James 2:14-26—Lynn McSpadden.
- 7 "Sharing With Others."—Mark 12:29-34—W. A. Whitely.
- Business.
- League Benediction.
- Sunday ends the league contest. Everyone be present.

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### GINNING NOTICE!

Beginning next week, all gins of Merkel will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, by agreement of all the undersigned gins, until further notice. There will be no one at any of the gins on Thanksgiving day to buy cotton.

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- South Side Gin
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