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Frank E. Smith For County Attorney

The Mail is this week authorized to place in our announcement column the name of Mr. Frank E. Smith, present incumbent, as a candidate for the office of County Attorney.

Mr. Smith has served in this capacity for the past several years and is therefore too well and favorably known to need further introduction or commendation from us. However, he has performed the affairs of the office of county attorney in an honorable, faithful and painstaking manner, always alert and diligent in the enforcement of the laws of the state and county. And while he is a hard prosecutor, ever standing for the enforcement of all laws, he is one of the cleverest and most accommodating among our county officials.

Should the voters of Taylor county see fit to re-elect him to this office again, Mr. Smith promises to continue his very best efforts to perform the duties of the office, in a manner that will be pleasing to all good, law-abiding citizens, and he believes that with his past experience in this position he will be able to render even greater and better service in the future.

This paper would, therefore, urge that the voters give his claims careful and due consideration before casting their vote for this office next July.

Work Begun On New City Hall

Work has begun recently on the new city hall and Fire Station, the foundation for which is now completed, and which will soon be rushed to completion. When completed all Merkel will be justly proud of this municipal building.

It will house the fire station on the ground floor and offices for the city administration on the upper floor, providing adequate space for the City Secretary's office, marshal's office, etc.

ARE YOU A SPORT OR A SPORTSMAN?

Are you a sport, or are you a sportsman?

A sport is loud and smart (so 'tis said); a sportsman is quiet when he should be, and boosts for the community good.

A sport razzes the referee; but a sportsman accepts his decisions manly.

With a sport, the other side is always wrong; a sportsman is fair to himself and his opponents.

A sport has no place in Merkel; a sportsman boosts the best Merkel spirit.

Which are you?



"That must mean me"

SURE THAT MEANS YOU! WHY NOT YOU!

Our attendance is increasing every Sunday at Sunday school. But we want over 300 present next Sunday morning. And if you'll follow the above suggestion we'll have it. May we count on you?

Large congregations last Sunday at preaching services, but there was room for more. Let's break all past records next Sunday.

May we also suggest to some of our membership that we also have preaching services at night, at 7:15.

We are to have with us next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a party of Sunday School experts, headed by our Conference Superintendent, Bro. B. L. Nance. Be sure to attend. L. W. Cox, S. S. Supt. W. J. Mayhew Pastor.

We are glad to report to his many friends that Mr. Elmer Adcock, eldest son of Postmaster and Mrs. Q. J. Adcock, who for the past ten days has been very sick, is now improving nicely.

Baptist Sunday School Applies For Advanced Standard

Every one of the eight departments having met the requirements to make them standard departments our Sunday School has again applied for the "Advanced Standard." We held this standard last year, ours was one of three in the Southern Baptist Convention. No Texas Sunday School has ever been able to hold this high standard for two consecutive years and only one other Sunday School in Texas ever held it. The Sunday school at Gorman, Texas, was granted the award of this standard in 1917 but has never held it since.

On Sunday Mr. Walter Jackson, former Superintendent of our Sunday School but now recognized as one of the best Sunday School specialists in the South, will be with us as a representative of the Nashville office to check up on our work and see if we are to hold this high standard for this year. It is exceedingly important that every one be in attendance Sunday. It is hoped that we will not have to substitute officers or teachers in any of the departments. The pastor and superintendent are counting on four hundred Sunday. This will be a little over our enrollment but surely on a day like Sunday we can count on a few visitors. We urge all friends not in other Sunday Schools to come Sunday and help make up the four hundred.

It is expected that members of the home department will come Sunday if they can come at all. Also every baby on the cradle roll. Generally we do not urge the home department members to come nor do we urge the cradle roll babies, except those three years old, but Sunday is a special day and every one is urged to come. Come and bring the whole family together with the visitors and ask your neighbors to come also.

Mr. Jackson will stay over through the 11 o'clock service and will bring an address at that time on things that will be of interest to everybody. We invite not only friends in Merkel but will be delighted to have many visitors from surrounding communities come and see us at work next Sunday. We are counting on 50 men in the Business Men's Bible Class and if the other Men's class beats us we will have over a hundred men besides those that work in other departments. Men don't send your children to Sunday school but bring them. It is far better to bring your children than to send them. Let us urge you to come next Sunday whether you ever expect to come any more or not. It may be if you come once you will like it well enough to come again. At least come Sunday and see.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

AN OLD TIMER WRITES

Chandler, Tex. Jan. 14. To The Merkel Mail.

There have been so many of my old friends that have died, and fearing you would think that I was dead, will write you. There are a few men there now that were there when I landed in Merkel the 12th day of November, 1886. George Richie, Jim Casey, Sam Butman, Demere, Charley Brown, James Tucker and the Campbell boys were living there then. I am living in the free state of Vanzant, get my mail in Henderson and do business in Smith, get my reading through Merkel Mail in Taylor county. So you see I should be well informed especially in regard to Texas. There is not so much difference in Texas as to farming. A farmer here will start to his field with his wheelless cultivator under his arm—some people call them Georgia stock—will go from 4 to 6 times to the row, well of course they can not cultivate very much land. Out there a man to harness and unharness five or six horses of course he can't do much.

Henry Porter passed here last week and wanted me to go back with him any way as far as Terrell, but I did not wish to go there voluntarily. Terrell or Huntsville either one is becoming very popular lately. This is a fine place to be during this cold weather; there is so much good wood that has never been burned.

J. W. H. Martin.

Mr. G. A. Wheeler, formerly of Blair, but now residing at Colorado, was in the city yesterday on business and dropped in to have the Merkel Mail sent to him there for the next year.

Mr. Pence Buys Palace Theatre

We are informed that a deal has this week been consummated whereby Mr. Thos. A. Pence, recently in the picture show business at Roby, buys from George Smith the Palace Theatre, the former to take charge next Monday morning.

For the past year Mr. Smith has been connected with the Palace, and lately in charge as manager, and this paper is proud to say for him that he has made the Palace one of the popular show houses of this section of the country and was building same up as the days came and went, always bringing to our city good, clean pictures, and it is with regret that he retires from the business in this city.

Mr. Pence, who comes here from Roby, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence of this city, and for a number of years prior to going to Roby was connected with the R. & R. Theatre Corporation, and therefore is an experienced and capable show man. He not only comes to our city highly recommended as a capable show man, but an excellent gentleman as well, and this paper feels sure that he will keep the Palace up to its former standard of excellency and enjoy a fair share of the business in this city. He is a believer in newspaper advertising and has contracted for a regular space in the Mail for advertising his weekly programs. Watch for it.

Willie Joe Largent Selected Judge For National Show

Willie Joe Largent of Merkel is leaving this week for Denver, where he will judge the Hereford cattle at National Western Stock Show at that place. This is rather a singular honor for anyone so young as Mr. Largent, who is barely in his thirties. However, he has been handling the best cattle in the country ever since he was a child and is probably better fitted to judge one of the most important shows in the Nation than any other man that can be named. His accepted ability, coupled with the fact that his herd has won more premiums than any other exhibitor in the United States during the past year, and these under his immediate hand, would indicate that those breeders whose cattle must pass under his critical eye at this big show can feel assured of having had the judgment of a super expert. Texas can well feel proud of Willie Joe Largent, who is probably the youngest judge that has ever been called to judge one of the national shows.—Ft. Worth Weekly Livestock Reporter.

RILEY D. WHITE DEAD

No doubt the many friends and relatives of Riley D. White will be made sad to learn of his death, which occurred at San Angelo, Texas, Wednesday, the 11th. The cause of his death was given as appendicitis.

WILL PREACH AT CROSS ROADS

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach next Sunday at the Cross Roads Church of Christ, which is located one mile south of Nubia. Every one is cordially invited to hear him there.

State and National Politics Warmin' Up

That Texas is in for one of the hottest political campaigns, if not the hottest and most bitter, ever experienced, is indicated by a number of incidents, happenings and announcements, following the Jackson Day Dinner in Washington, D. C. last week, when Houston, Texas, was selected as the meeting place of the next Democratic National Convention which will be held there beginning on June 26th.

The linking with Governor Dan Moody's name as a possible candidate for vice-president along with that of Al Smith as candidate on the Democratic ticket for president, started the ball rolling. And this week comes the announcement that Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, present incumbent in Congress from this district, is a candidate for the United States Senate; opposing Hon. Earl B. Mayfield, present incumbent in that office. Hon. O. B. Colquitt, former Governor of this State has also thrown his hat in the ring along with that of Hon. Alvin Owsley, National Commander of the American Legion.

For Mr. Blanton's place comes the announcement of Hon. R. Q. Lee of Cisco. Also the daily press of the state quote Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene as stating that he may resign from the Highway commission to enter the race for Congress. And Walter Woodward, state senator from Coleman may be a contestant for the able firey Tom Blanton's seat in the United States Congress. Mr. Blanton's announcement follows:

"I shall be a candidate for the United States senate. This government must be wrested from the control of plunderers and be restored to the people with honest and economical administration. Only in the senate may plundering be effectively stopped. All exploiters of public funds and governmental favoritism are not in the Republican party alone. Some operate in all parties and need constant checking.

"There must be established a real partnership between the federal government and all the people. At an early date I will submit my platform to the people and as soon as we finish our work in passing the appropriation bills I will begin an active campaign of Texas, from every part of which I have been promised loyal support.

"I am in the race regardless of who may enter it."

Choral Club to Appear at Palace

On Thursday and Friday evenings of next week the High School Choral Club will make its initial appearance in a campaign for funds to go to Fort Worth to the Chamber of Commerce Convention in June. "A Night in Spain" will be presented and the club will be assisted by the High School Orchestra and boys glee club. Spanish costumes will be a feature of the program but the new white knitted uniforms will be worn for the first time in the last number.

This paper is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Frank Burton, Tupelo, Miss., asking that we change the address of her Merkel Mail from Shannon, Mississippi, to Tupelo, Mrs. Burton states that her brother, Mr. Bill Leopard is sending the Mail to her and that she likes the paper very much, for which statement we are very thankful.



W. E. Beasley For County Clerk Again

In the announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Mr. W. E. Beasley, as a candidate for County Clerk of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

Mr. Beasley, having served in the position he seeks for the past several years, has perhaps become one of the best and most widely known among our county officers. That he has served the county faithfully and honestly is a universal and well known fact. In fact his is one of the neatest and best kept offices in the court house, and for efficient and courteous service he seems to have no superiors. He is always willing to take time and pains to look into any matter for any person having business with his office, whether he be rich or poor, well known or a stranger. In fact, his work is said to show that the records and proceedings of Taylor county and the court thereof, are kept in excellent and satisfactory manner.

He promises if again elected your County Clerk, to continue to perform the duties of the office in the same honest, faithful and accommodating manner, and this paper would ask that you give his claims fair and due consideration when casting your vote for County Clerk next July.

Merkel Garage Changes Hands

We are informed that a deal was consummated this week whereby Mr. W. W. Wallis of Lubbock, and his son, Tom G. Wallis, of this city, have purchased from Messrs. Ross Ferrier and H. L. Propst, the Merkel Garage, and that the Messrs. Wallis have already assumed the management of the business.

The Senior Mr. Wallace who comes to this city from Lubbock, comes most excellently recommended, while the Junior member of the firm, Mr. Tom Wallis, who is a first class auto mechanic, has been a citizen here for some time, and is liked and held in high esteem by all who know him.

Read their announcement of the purchase of this business in this paper.

OLD TIMER VISITS THIS CITY

Mr. Ed. Vickers, a traveling man, who makes his home in El Paso, was here one day this week, and while here paid this office a pleasant visit. Mr. Vickers states that he was a citizen of Merkel for about twelve years, leaving here about thirty years ago. He said he was Postmaster here for four years during the administration of Cleveland's second term. He also said he noted many changes and improvements in Merkel since his departure.

Mr. E. E. Leslie, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lois, returned Wednesday from Dallas, where they had been to attend the funeral services of a nephew of Mr. Leslie, Horace Dennis, nine years old, who was fatally burned while burning corn stalks in his father's field on Saturday. He was immediately rushed to St. Paul's Sanitarium where he died on Sunday at 12 o'clock. The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dible Dennis of Farmers Branch.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson returned Tuesday evening from Fort Worth, where she visited her daughter, Miss Flora Frances, who is a student at Texas Christian University.

Boy Scout Heads Meet in Abilene

The editor of this paper in company with Herbert Patterson and L. R. Thompson, attended the annual meeting of the Chisholm Trail Boy Scouts at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene, last Tuesday.

There were about thirty representatives present from the different towns in the seven counties included in this area and all were enthusiastic in their praise of the work accomplished during the past year and optimistic in believing that the business men throughout the area will become so impressed with the great work being done and possible to be done by this organization that they will liberally support it with their funds and give it a portion of their time and attention. Our boys are dynamo of energy which they are collecting all the time and if it is not properly directed we need not be astounded if they go wrong.

Scout craft in itself is a good liberal education and if parents will take the pains to inform themselves as to its objectives they will become its enthusiastic supporters.

C. M. Caldwell was re-elected head of the organization. Mr. Caldwell has given liberally of his time and means, has kept the area organization free of debt, and has been an inspiration to those in active charge.

There were four vice-presidents elected and we do not recall all of the names but among them was our fellow townsman L. R. Thompson and Colonel Penick of Stamford.

We were informed that the Abilene Chamber of Commerce sponsored our entertainment and we certainly enjoyed a sumptuous meal at the Hilton and a fine fellowship with the assembled delegates.

We mention in closing that Ed Shumway was re-elected Scout Executive by a unanimous vote.

WARREN NEWS

There is lots of moving taking place in this community, some of our old neighbors are moving away while others are new comers. We welcome them.

The party given by Misses Helen and Artie McCormick was attended and enjoyed by a large crowd on Saturday night.

Mrs. E. H. Jones spent Sunday evening with Mrs. H. C. Chancey.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Higgins spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones.

Mrs. Horton visited her daughter, Mrs. Zebbie Sumpter, on Sunday.

Miss Minnie Ethel Cannon visited Warren school on Wednesday.

The party at Miss Minnie Ethel Cannon's was enjoyed by the young people on Wednesday night, although only a small crowd attended on account of cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and Mrs. V. L. Jones spent Monday in Sweetwater on business.

Mrs. E. H. Jones spent Thursday with Mrs. Florence Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Higgins have moved to the home of Mr. Guy McClain.

Mr. James Patterson has erected a new bungalow on his place southwest of Warren school house, where the old one burned about two months ago. This new house is occupied by Mr. Landum and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker visited relatives in Merkel Sunday.

Miss Azilene Sumpter, a visitor of Miss Lena Maye Chancey on Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. Luther Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitman visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Sumpter on Wednesday.

Mrs. I. W. Manscill is spending the week with Mr. Zebbie Sumpter.

Messrs. E. H. Jones, R. V. Jones, Luther Higgins and H. C. Chancey spent Sunday in Abilene.

Mrs. Zebbie Sumpter visited her mother, Mrs. Horton, Wednesday.

Mr. S. T. Coleman, of Abilene, was over last week for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Holloway.

Messrs. Dee Grimes and Jim Toombs rendered a service to their country by doing jury service in Abilene this week.

Try a Classified adv in the Mail



STATEMENT of CONDITION

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business Dec. 31, 1927.

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$322,835.77
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	10,459.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	7,892.91
U. S. Bonds	\$ 47,650.00
Commercial Paper	70,127.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	174,437.92
Cash & Exchange	115,250.68
AVAILABLE CASH	\$407,465.60
Total	\$788,094.19

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	26,183.07
Bills Payable	50,000.00
Discounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$661,911.12
Total	\$788,094.19

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

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THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS
 By H. IRVING KING

FRECKLES AND STONES

AMONG the many current superstitions discovered by the American Folk-Lore society is a cure for freckles which runs as follows: Count your freckles. Then take as many pebbles as you have freckles and place the pebbles in a paper and throw the package away. He who picks up the package of pebbles gets your freckles. This is in entire accordance with that form of sympathetic magic practiced by primitive man known as the magic of transference. By counting the freckles and counting the pebbles to the same number you associate the two in idea and thus associate them in reality. Now when the package of pebbles has been thrown away they still retain the association, are in fact, as in idea, the same thing as your freckles. The man who picks the pebbles up, therefore, picks up your freckles—they are transferred to him by the magic of contact. Your freckles are yours no longer, but become his by contagious magic. Modern science regards contagion as being produced by a contact of matter. Primitive magic regarded contagion as also being produced by the contact of ideas.

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What Does Your Child Want to Know ?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



WILL THE EARTH ALWAYS TURN AROUND AT THE SAME SPEED?
 The tides—the pull of other stars. Our very wise men say, With make our speed now slower.

FROM NUMBERS, B. C., TO THE U. S. CENSUS

First Counting of Noses Was Done by Moses.

Washington.—All Turkey stayed at home one Friday recently while 50,000 officials took the first census of the Ottoman empire.

"Turkey has made up for tardiness by asking questions far more thorough than appear in the famous first census of history," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names every male by their polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel."

"Thus spoke the Lord to Moses, and Moses, with Aaron's assistance, collected the figures for the first census report, which may be found in practically every home and hotel room. It is appropriately entitled 'Numbers,' the fourth book of the Bible.

"By its breadth of scope the census William of Normandy ordered for his new kingdom of England, resembles modern surveys. He commanded his minions in 1085 A. D. to record every lord and peasant, every acre, every ox, every mill, every manor, every weir and every plow, the value thereof—and this is forward looking—the natural resources, woods, fields and streams capable of development and revenue. The report to William the Conqueror became the Domesday Book, unreadable today except by scholars, yet protected in the public record office at London as one of the most precious possessions of England.

Russia's First Count in 1897.
 "The United States, although a newcomer in the ranks of civilization, was one of the first nations to establish the modern periodic census. Sweden took the lead before our first census in 1790, but England, France and Prussia did not see the necessity of regular counting of noses until ten or twenty years later. Russia took no census until 1897.

"Deeply religious settlers of America nearly upset our first census when they harked back to another less fortunate Bible census. 'Satan stood up against Israel,' our ancestors pointed out to the marshals, 'and provoked David to number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan.' What happened? 'God was displeased; therefore he smote Israel. The Lord sent pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel 70,000 men.'

"Fears that our first census would bring similar destruction upon the nation did not materialize, so the marshals delivered their reports to President Washington within nine months for all the original states, except Vermont, Rhode Island and South Carolina. Vermont and Rhode Island entered the Union later. The marshal of South Carolina found workers scarce at \$1 per 150 heads counted.

"Today a visitor at the census bureau may see the names of famous Americans and the answers given to the first census takers' simple questionnaires. John Hancock's family consisted of two 'free white males of sixteen and upward,' three white females, seven other persons (servants no doubt) and no slaves. Progress in 70 years presents a contrast with data for Abraham Lincoln collected in 1890: 'Age, fifty-one, married, lawyer, value of real estate \$5,000—personal estate \$12,000, Kentucky, place of birth.'

"From one census every ten years the census bureau has increased to 104 censuses, in addition to many special surveys such as that made to supply data to congress for immigration quotas. One census collected every week shows the number of babies born. Using these figures the bureau sets up its large calculator at an exhibit and every 20 seconds announces to the world that the millions of Americans has been increased, for example, by baby No. 118,972,331.

Statistics About Buying.
 "Not content with counting men, women and children, where they work, whether they are in school and if so, how long; not satisfied with tabulating the value of wheat grown and tons of manganese ore dug out of the ground; not resting even with summing up the business of hats and hammocks, shoes and sulphuric acid manufactured in the United States, the census bureau proposes to 'complete the picture.' To finish the portrait in figures of the whole United States, it is necessary, they say, to have a census of distribution. That means an accounting of what is sold to the housewife over the grocery, drug and meat counters, and of what the wholesaler sells to the retailer.

"Recently the census bureau released its first experimental distribution survey for which Baltimore served as a laboratory specimen. The weavers of figures found that in Baltimore 283 people are required to support one neighborhood grocery; that Baltimoreans spend \$456.72 per year in stores; that the department stores take the most; that Baltimore spends more on automobiles than on furnishing its homes and that in the average family purchasing budget food requires 31 per cent, clothing 29 per cent and the family automobile comes next with 9 per cent. The same survey has been extended to ten other cities; Chicago, Atlanta, Denver, Fargo, N. D.; Kansas City, Providence, San Francisco, Seattle, Springfield, Ill., and Syracuse, N. Y. Some day it will be extended to the whole nation."

STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31st, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$199,245.57
Overdrafts	2,200.30
Warrants, Ind. School Dist.	1,415.78
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Banker's Acceptances	\$ 73,524.00
Commercial Paper	161,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,150.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	88,318.34
Cash & Sight Exchange	123,743.99
CASH AVAILABLE	\$563,236.41
Total	\$775,110.56

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	33,860.59
Dividend Unpaid	3,000.00
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	\$681,999.97
Total	\$775,110.56

STATE OF TEXAS } 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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Ink Blot Spelt Ruin for Engineering Firm

A big British engineering firm put in a bid for building a great bridge for a foreign government. The head of the business spent six months in getting out plans. His bid was accepted, the material bought in great quantities, men engaged, and machinery built.

A time limit was set for the commencement and finish of the bridge, and one day the chief was sitting at his desk perfecting his plans and making sure of the smallest details, when he accidentally upset an inkpot and drowned his most important papers in a black sea.

In a fever of anxiety he tried to reconstruct his plans from stray notes. It was impossible, and he then cabled the foreign government begging for more time. This was refused and the contract repudiated. The loss drove the firm into bankruptcy.

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 That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for everybody

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 30x3 1/2—29x4.40
 and larger Balloon Sizes
Maverick Motor Co.

PALACE

-FRIDAY ONLY- "BEN-HUR"

LAST DAY! If you haven't seen this wonderful picture do not let this last day get by you.

-SATURDAY ONLY- "WOLF FANGS" with Thunder the dog
 The drama of a dog's devotion. A Lew Seiter production.

Special Notice!

BEGINNING SATURDAY, JAN. 21 WE START ONE OF THE BEST SERIALS EVER MADE—

"HAWK OF THE HILL"

with ALLENE RAY and WALTER MILLER
 Frontier Days in the Rocky Mountains. News & Comedy.

ALL CHILDREN WITH PARENTS ADMITTED FREE
 SATURDAY MATINEE AND NIGHT.
 NEWS and COMEDY

TY HONORING THE MISSES HAMM

Lucy Tracy and Vennie were entertained in honor of Misses Hamm and Evelyn Hamm on Tuesday afternoon in the spacious home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald. The entertaining rooms had as their only decoration, stately cut roses in pink and white, setting the color scheme for the afternoon. Tables arranged for games of progressive 42 and Bridge, carried tallies in Bridal decorations, score pads in sympathetic design and nut baskets displaying cupid and his shaft of silver hearts. The games progressed happily around the honorees for several hours. Then Miss Mildred Hamm delighted the guests with two beautiful piano numbers. Misses Nell Durham and Willie Evelyn Boaz then entered, grotesquely garbed and gave a very humorous version of "We're on our Honeymoon". At the culmination of this number Miss Tracy hurried to quiet a commotion at the door in the form of Moses, a little colored boy, impersonated by Betty Lou Grimes, who insisted that his mother had sent them Hamm girls their wash. He was finally allowed to come in and his washing was found to be lovely and useful gifts for the brides-to-be. Misses Heizer and Tracy served a most dainty refreshment of frosted grapejuice and sandwiches, with appropriate plate favors, to Misses Evelyn, Ruby and Mildred Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Melba West, Julia Martin, Bill Swann, Willie Evelyn Boaz and Nell Durham, and Mesdames Frank Hamm, Bill Sheppard, Earl Baze, Bill Haynes, F. C. McFarland, Kirby Beckett, Tom Price, Matt Dillingham, Harry Cookston, W. S. J. Brown, Warren Smith, Roy Largent, Johnnie Camp, Jack Durham, Sie Hamm, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Dee Grimes, Holland Teaff, E. M. McDonald, Geo. White, Emmette Grimes.

USED TIRES

and Tubes

Maverick Motor Co.

NEW GOODS ARRIVING

We have been to market and have made purchase of many lines of Piece Goods, Notions, and Ladies and Mens Wear. If you have not already made our new store a visit, we cordially extend to you an invitation. Our policy is strictly cash, therefore—

CASH MAKES THE PRICE LOWER

BOSTON BARGAIN STORE

One of the Federated Chain

THRILLING STORY OF "WOLF DOG" TO BE SHOWN HERE

"Wolf Fangs," another thrilling and colorful story of the adventures of a dog starring "Thunder" the wonder dog discovered by Fox Films last year opens at the Palace Saturday. The picture, according to all advance reports is a scintillating gem set against the gorgeous background of Mt. Baker National Park in Oregon, one of the newest, but one of the most picturesque of the National Forest Reserves.

Charles Morton and Caryl Lincoln, who play the human leads are said to give exceptionally good performances, while that veteran actor James Gordon acquires himself as usual as does Frank Rice. Lew Seiler directed the story which is based on an original by Elizabeth Pickett and Seton L. Miller.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results.

LOONEY W. TITLE

Looney W. Tittle son of Mrs. M. E. Campbell, answered the roll call on the other shore on January 4th, and has joined the ranks of the faithful in that better land. Looney, as he was called by a great host of friends, was born Oct. 4, 1894, making the span of his earthly career 33 years and 3 months.

When the United States entered the world war Looney together with thousands of others answered the call of his country and entered the service. He went across and saw service at the front where he was exposed to all trials of trench warfare. He returned to this country at the close of the war but was never well again. His mother is just as much entitled to wear a gold star today as any mother who gave up her son during the war.

We are glad to tell of another enlistment of Looney. Before the war, and while but a youth he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and enlisted in the army of the Living God

and made a good soldier of the Cross for the balance of his life. As a lad he was converted and joined the Baptist church at Mt. Pleasant just south of Merkel. His membership continued there until some nine years ago when he moved to Merkel. He has led an exemplary Christian life during all these years. Even during his long illness he maintained that patient cheerful spirit. His mother was with him the last days in El Paso, and heard the testimony of a great host of friends that he had made there. They all spoke of his clean life and his cheerful disposition. Some had thought because he was always so jolly that he had not thought of the more serious things, but he told his mother that all was well and that he had no fears or apprehensions of the future. He even manifested a joy that he was going home.

We think of him today not as dead, but at home with Jesus. Of course his body is yonder in the grave awaiting the resurrection day but that happy, cheerful spirit is yonder in the better land where no sorrow or sickness will ever come. Over in that land where no war will ever come to take loved ones away. Over there where peace, love and joy reign and where the Lord himself sees that nothing mars the eternal bliss of that glad clime.

It is true that it is hard to give up our loved ones, but it is a comfort to know that they have gone to the better world and to know that Jesus will bring them back some day and call forth their bodies from the grave even as he did the body of Lazarus, only their bodies will be glorified and made immortal and fitted for that glorious city He is preparing for their eternal home. May this home-going turn all our hearts more and more toward that better land and its wonderful Ruler even our Blessed Saviour.

Ira L. Parrack, his pastor.

Expecting car soft hulls, the kind your cow likes. Swafford, phone 44.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Ostrich Classified as an Error of Nature

The full-grown ostrich sometimes weighs more than 300 pounds and is as much as nine feet high, writes Martin Johnson in the Saturday Evening Post. His most marked characteristic is the fact that he has only two toes—the third and fourth—on each foot.

In South America there is another large bird—the rhea—which is also called an ostrich. This bird can be distinguished from the true ostrich by its having three toes instead of two. According to the biologists the original ostrich had five toes. However, the modern bird can probably run faster with the two it has now than could his ancestors with five.

Arabian legend has it that the ostrich is the result of a union between the camel and a dodo bird. Certainly it inherited some of the worst characteristics of both. Its awkward shape, the uselessness of its wings, its seeming lack of pleasure in life, all indicate that it is one of nature's errors.

The only weapon at the command of the ostrich is its foot. The terrific downward stroke of its huge toe driven by a muscular thigh the thickness of a leg of mutton is easily the equal of the kick of a full-grown horse. A blow from it will break a rib or the backbone of any ordinary animal. In addition to the force of the blow, the sharp claw can tear skin and flesh like a military saber.

Powers of Endurance in Wild Creatures

Dogs and wild animals of the same family are remarkable for their quickness and staying power in running. Wolves will travel 60 miles in a night. Nansen saw arctic foxes on the ice nearly 500 miles from land, and found their tracks in the snow on the parallel of 85 degrees north.

Esquimo dogs can travel 45 miles in five hours, according to Hayes, who relates that he drove his dog team seven miles in half an hour. A Siberian dog on good ice will draw about 80 pounds; our ordinary dogs at full speed run at the rate of from 33 to 49 feet per second; setters and pointers can travel about 18½ to 21 7-10 miles per hour, and can maintain this speed for two or even three hours.

Foxhounds are very fast, and in a recent trail one of them beat a thoroughbred horse, covering four miles in six minutes and a half. Greyhounds can run at the rate of 59 to 75 feet per second.

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"SCOT FREE"

THIS expression, meaning to "get away with something" to escape without paying a penalty, is a remnant of medieval days.

"Scot" is a perversion of the Anglo-Saxon "sceat," which meant "to pay." And in the days when our language was still in the making each man had to pay to his immediate superior his "lot" or tribute. Hence the old legal term "scot and lot."

If a man chanced by fortune's favor to get off without paying his tribute, he was said to be going "scot free." And the expression, altered as it is in meaning, has come down to our day.

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Trade among Friends

No matter what some folks say to the contrary, there certainly is a lot of sentiment in business. Friendship, for instance, makes more satisfactory sales than all the cleverness and argument in the world.

You like to trade at a certain store—not because its counters are arranged in a scientific way, but because the folks who serve you are always friendly and helpful.

Just that very thing—FRIENDLY SERVICE—is the power that draws people together into communities like this, where everybody can enjoy the many benefits of neighborly cooperation.

And FRIENDLY SERVICE is the sentimental reason why you find it very much to your advantage to trade with our advertisers—to buy where you feel at home, where your friends will see that you are well satisfied.

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We have just received a car of the finest flour ever brought to this city—

"KIMBELL'S BEST"

every sack guaranteed to be good and to satisfy

and with it a big line of **Chicken and Dairy Feeds**, such as **Egg Mash, Dairy Sweet Feed** makes hens lay more eggs and cows give more cream, and that means more money to you.

Also we have a large shipment of **Fresh Vegetables**, infact we have everything usually found in a first class grocery and market.

We are testing cream every day, and pay the highest market price for same.

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HORN NEWS

The farmers were all glad to see the nice little rain Tuesday which will help them to start plowing.

On last Monday morning this community was thrown into quite a little excitement when it was learned that there was several cases of diptheria around here. Quite a number went to the doctor for vaccination.

We are all glad to learn that Mrs. N. E. Horn is recovering from a spell of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Benningfield spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Benningfield.

Mrs. May Peterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso, Messrs. Theodore and Sam Dauglas visited at Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington's Sunday.

Mrs. May Peterson and son, Otis, are visiting her son south of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hatfield spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goza.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hatfield visited her parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Goza.

Miss Anna Mae Mize spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Nellie Peterson.

A 25c classified ad often bring surprising results. **tf**

NOTICE

TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY PROPERTY ABUTTING UPON THE HEREINBELOW MENTIONED PORTIONS OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, AND TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN ANY SUCH PROPERTY:

The Governing Body of the City of Merkel has ordered that the hereinbelow mentioned streets be improved by raising, grading and filling same, and installing concrete curbs and gutters, and paving with 3 Inch Vertical Fibre Brick on natural foundation, together with incidentals and appurtenances, and contract has been made and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements. Estimate of the cost of such improvements for each such portion of street or highway has been prepared.

The portions of streets or highways so to be improved, together with the estimated cost of the improvements for each such portion of street or highway, and the amount or amounts per front foot proposed to be assessed against the abutting property and owners thereof on each such portion, are as follows; to-wit:

On Oak Street, from 2 feet South of the most Southerly rail of the Texas & Pacific's South passing track to the North property line of Calvert Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 8; estimated cost of the improvements is \$30,969.56; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Oak Street, from the North line of Calvert Street to the South line of Coomb Street, known and des-

ignated as District or Unit No. 9; estimated cost of the improvements is \$12,656.85; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Austin Street, from the West property line of Oak Street to the West property line of Ash Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 10; estimated cost of the improvements is \$12,163.79; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Austin Street, from the West line of Ash Street to the West property line of West Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 11; Estimated cost of the improvements is \$9,812.88; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Locust Street, from the South property line of Travis Street to the South property line of Baker Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 12; estimated cost of the improvements is \$16,983.75; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Baker Street, from the West line of Oak Street to the East line of Locust Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 13; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$3,457.87; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On South Front Street, from its intersection with the West Property Line of Oak Street to its intersection with the West Property Line of Locust Street, known and designated as Unit No. 14; estimated cost of the improvements is \$3,883.53; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Locust Street from its intersection with the South Property Line of South Front Street to its intersection with the South Property Line of Travis Street, known and designated as Unit No. 15; estimated cost of the improvements is \$4,235.07; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curbs is \$4.70; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

A hearing will be given and held by and before the Governing Body of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 30th day of January, 1928, at 3:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Secretary's Office in the city of Merkel, Texas, to all owning or claiming any property abutting upon said portions of streets and highways, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such property. At said time and place all owning or claiming any such abutting property, or any interest therein, shall be and appear, and will be fully heard concerning said improvements, the cost thereof, the amounts to be assessed therefor, the benefits to the respective parcels of abutting property by means of the improvements on the portion of street or highway upon which the property abuts, and

concerning the regularity, validity, and sufficiency of the contract for, and all proceedings relating to such improvements and proposed assessments therefor, and concerning any matter as to which they are entitled to hearing under the law in force in the City and under the proceedings of the City with reference to said matters. Following such hearing, assessments will be levied against abutting property and the owners thereof, and such assessments, when levied, shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property, and a first and prior lien upon the property as provided by the law in force in the city and under which the proceedings are taken, being the Act passed at the First Called Session of the 40th Legislature of the State of Texas, now known as Chapter 106 of the Acts of said Session.

The improvements on each said portion of street or highway constitute an entirely separate and distinct Unit of improvement, all to the same extent as if entirely separate and distinct proceedings had been taken with reference to the improvements and assessments therefor in connection with improvements on each such portion of street or highway, and the assessments against the property abutting upon any unit shall be and are in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance relating to or connected with the improvements in other units.

Of all said matters and things, all owning or claiming any such property, or any interest therein, as well as all others in anywise interested or affected, will take notice.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, this the 2nd day of January, 1928.

PAULINE JOHNSON,
 City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas. 1313

TEACHERS PICNIC

On Friday evening of last week the faculty met at the High School, preparatory to going on a picnic. The familiar camp site on Mulberry Creek was decided upon where the fire was soon started and a real supper in the open was begun. This spread was very much enjoyed by Messers and Mesdames I. L. Jackson, Johnnie Camp, L. C. Sublett, Bob Young, and Misses Sloan, Bird, Campbell, Booth, West, Guitar, Rodden and Mr. Ralph Duke.

Every phase of childhood is worth a picture record.



Photographs of the children never grow up

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular services Sunday beginning with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Attendance last Sunday was very good. It is possible to make it better. Visitors are always welcome.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
 Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. R. A. Walker.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends for their sympathy and kindness during the illness and death of our son and brother, Looney W. Tittle. We are very thankful for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. M. E. Campbell and children.

Mrs. Housewife--

It is time to begin your spring sewing. We carry a complete line of accessories, laces, bias tapes, elastic buttons, snaps, thread, etc., and we sell them for less. Make out your list --we will be glad to serve you.

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A little more giving and a little less greed;
A little more smile and a little less frown;
A little less kicking a man when he's down;
A little more "we", and a little less "I";
A little more laughs and a little less cry;
A little more flowers on the pathway of life,
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.

WE THANK YOU

Upon retiring from the management of the Palace Theatre it is my desire to sincerely thank the people of this community for your generous patronage and good will during my term as manager. We have endeavored at all times to give the best possible show, and believe the public realizes this. Mr. Pence, who succeeds me, is an experienced show man and will carry out all my contracts for good pictures, and I would like to solicit your continued patronage of the Palace during his management.

GEORGE A. SMITH.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "How a Highway was made through the Sea."

1. Introduction, by Kathleen Harmon.
2. The tenth Plague, by Margaret Miller.
3. The Israelites Leave Egypt, by Harry Boaz.
4. Pharaoh Decides to bring his slaves back, by Ruth Davis.
5. he Israelites lack Faith, by Ora Derrick.
6. God saves his people, by Thelma Matthews.
7. God destroys their enemies, by Hale Derstine.

FIGHTS 18 YEARS TO GET RID OF GAS

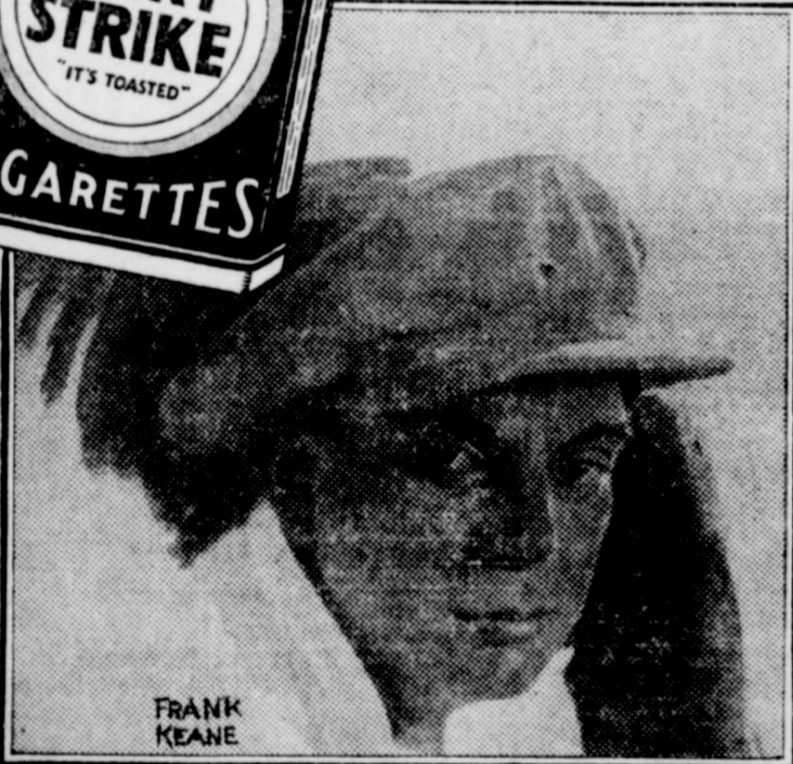
"I had stomach trouble for 18 years. Since taking Adlerika I feel better than for years and have not been bothered with gas."—L. A. Hampton.

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Louisville, Ky.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS Political

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MISS BELLE WELLBORN
FOR County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
FOR Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
FOR Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES
FOR Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
FOR Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
FOR County Attorney:
FRANK E. SMITH
FOR County School Supt.:
M. A. WILLIAMS

Precinct Announcements
FOR Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
JOHN J. TOOMBS
FOR Public Weigher:
THOS. A. BEARDEN

JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED

On last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Earl Thornton, a Missionary Society for the young people was organized. Officers were elected, then plans were started for the future work of the organization. It is intended to do a good work and of course should have the cooperation of all the young people especially of the Methodist church. It is planned to meet every Tuesday at four o'clock. After the business was attended to, a social hour was enjoyed. A delicious plate of sandwiches and cakes and hot chocolate were served to the following: Misses Anna Lou Russell, Gladys Milliken, Mesdames Harry McCandless, Rolfe Wagner, Claude Dye, W. L. Johnson and the hostess. As each one departed they declared they would endeavor to do their part. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Men Like Coffee Beans?

Life standardizes us. We are like so many coffee beans—the same size, the same color, the same smell. Creatures of convention! The very buttons that hold our clothes together are sewed where they are by the dictates of convention. Every article of dress is prescribed by fashion and custom; we eat what we do for the same reason, we get up in the morning, comb our hair, go to our offices, or cook breakfast, wash dishes, and perform the thousand and one things that make up our daily lives, because convention so decides. Some fortunate ones succeed in pursuing more or less independent existences, but the whole tendency of our American life is to make us do the same thing, say the same thing, and think the same thing. —Charles G. Norris in Plain Talk Magazine.

Just Another Container

In "Up the Years From Bloomsbury," the actor, George Arliss, tells of meeting in Boston a delighted old lady, Mrs. Bell, who was then eighty-four. "I met her at many gatherings. No dinner party in which she was included was ever dull. She generally kept everyone in peals of laughter and I never heard her repeat herself. She lived in a small house with a small back garden. For a time she kept a pig in the yard and when asked why on earth she kept it, she said: "Well, we must have something to put things in."

Going Too Far

A city magnate the other day summoned his manager. "Look here, Robinson," said he. "You'll have to talk to that new fellow, Jones, you took on as shorthand typist." "Why, what's the matter with him?" said Robinson. "I know he stutters rather badly, but you said—" "I said I didn't mind that, but look at this." The magnate held out a letter which read: "In reference to yours of the eighth ult." Then he continued: "Stuttering on the typewriter I simply won't stand." —London Daily Chronicle.

Watkins Products

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Bring me your cream and get your supply of
GROCERIES and WATKINS PRODUCTS

C. E. CONNER GROCERY

On Front Street.

Methodist Missionary Society

The Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist church had a very splendid meeting Monday afternoon. After the devotional, a discussion from the text book "New Paths for Old Purposes," was used for the afternoon program. A few items of business were also discussed. Mrs. Earl Thornton, superintendent of young people, reported the organization of a young womens missionary

society for the young women of the church and that they would meet on Tuesday afternoons at the church. The zone leader announced a zone meeting at Capps on January 25th. On next Monday there will be another lesson from the study book and the fifth Monday will be used for a social meeting and voice program. The pastor was present at the meeting Monday and made an appreciated talk. There were 14 present.

Chrysler PRICES

Effective January 10, 1928

New Chrysler "52"

- Two-door Sedan \$670
- Coupe 670
- Roadster 670
- Touring 695
- Four-door Sedan 720
- DeLuxe Coupe . 720
- DeLuxe Sedan . 790

Great New Chrysler "62"

- Business Coupe \$1065
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- Touring 1095
- Two-door Sedan 1095
- Coupe (with rumble seat) 1145
- Four-door Sedan 1175
- Landau Sedan . 1235

Illustrious New Chrysler "72"

- Two Pass. Coupe \$1545 (with rumble seat)
- Royal Sedan . . 1595
- Sport Roadster . 1595 (with rumble seat)
- Four-Pass. Coupe 1595
- Town Sedan . . 1695
- Convertible Coupe 1745 (with rumble seat)
- Crown Sedan . . 1795

New 112 H.P. Imperial "80"

- Roadster \$2795 (with rumble seat)
- Five-Pass. Sedan 2945
- Town Sedan . . 2995
- Seven-Pass. Sedan 3075
- Sedan Limousine 3495

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ings which only Chrysler Standardized Quality can provide. You will then instantly recognize why Chrysler cars — by the most astounding price savings which result from a huge and rapidly growing public demand — are today more than ever the most marvelous motor car values in their respective price groups.

All Chrysler Models—"52," "62," "72" and New 112 h. p. Imperial "80," in the new chromatic color combinations—on display at the Auto Show and in all dealers' salesrooms.

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Apple Tree's Monument

Because it is the parent tree of a variety and, although sixty-three years old, is still producing fruit, an apple tree at Peru, Iowa, has been honored by a monument. Last year the tree yielded more than five bushels of sound apples, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Tree surgeons are credited with keeping it alive. Periodically the decayed wood of its trunk is removed and concrete filling applied, while most of the lower part has been rebuilt with steel members. The branches are kept pruned so that the roots will not become exhausted in supplying nourishment to useless twigs and leaves. A pioneer orchardist is said to have set out a tree of Bellflower variety in his garden in 1864.

Breed Songsters

A recent visitor to the curiously breeding region of Germany reports shoemakers and tailors as the largest breeders of the feathered songsters. Despite the rising demand for canaries and the increased breeding activity in Germany as a result of the use of bird cages in America for decorative effects, these trades have maintained their leadership over farmers, peasants, housewives and other tradesmen, all of whom breed canaries as a sideline. German shoemakers and tailors carry on their work in their homes and are able to be with their birds all hours of the day.

Counted Out

Jaqueline Spencer, was told by her old-fashioned grandfather, who once followed the sea, that she must walk to school herself every morning on her two legs and must rely on nobody else—that to bank on being offered a lift in the motors of neighbors and acquaintances was a cheap and unbecoming policy for a Spencer. "Rely on nobody else," finished the old man, an expert at weekday preaching. "I can rely on two people," quoth Jaqueline. "Who?" "On God and myself." "What about your parents?" asked he, fishing. "Oh, they're 'else.'"

Schools in Old Prisons

School is being held in old Spanish fortresses as the first step in Americanization processes being carried on by the United States in Porto Rico. Cells where once prisoners paced to and fro now contain desks. Many of the classes are conducted behind barred windows and heavily grated doors, installed more than 400 years ago, and the somber walls are decorated with modern blackboards. American officers are learning to speak Spanish and Porto Ricans, who are also enrolled in the Sixty-fifth infantry regiment at San Juan are learning the English language. The schools are maintained in El Morro and San Cristobal fortresses.

Court of Honor For Local Scouts

A court of honor for the local Boy Scouts will be held at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, at which time various honors, merit badges, etc., will be bestowed upon worthy members of the local Scout organization. The general public is cordially invited, and all those connected with the organization are especially urged to attend.

The following local citizens have kindly consented to serve on a merit badge examining committee, each one having his special line of work.

Tom Price, electricity; Jack Durham, printing; J. T. Darsey, handicraft; B. M. Black, carpentry and craft work in wood; A. B. Rose, aviation; L. R. Thompson, civics and agriculture; John L. Camp, athletics and physical development; Booth Warren, cycling; O. R. Rodden, photography; Dr. R. I. Grimes, public and personal health; Armstrong, Dr. M., first aid; W. L. Diltz, bookkeeping; Owen Ellis, pathfinding; Ross Ferrier, automobiling; Jack Anderson, swimming; Carlton Dennis, fire-

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ADOLPHE MENJOU SAYS "SERVICE FOR LADIES" HIS BEST PICTURE

According to Adolphe Menjou, his latest Paramount production "Service for Ladies" which comes to the Queen Theatre next Monday for a two day engagement, is the best vehicle he has had in his entire stellar career.

Menjou states this frankly and confidently.

"I believe this to be the best picture I have ever done," he declares, "because it is absolutely human and basic. It is true to life and true to human nature."

Menjou's comment has its interesting side, for, strange as it may seem, the severest critic of his own work is, in most instances, the star himself. This is a fact that has been noted

time and time again. In innumerable instances when, as will happen in any line of endeavor, a star's picture has not measured up to the standard of previous productions, the star has been among the first to so proclaim it. And contrarily, when such a star as Menjou proclaims a film the best he has done, it opens up interesting avenues of conjecture.

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Verlaine, the French poet, once sold a sonnet to Gil Blas Illustré. He took a cab to the offices of the paper to collect the money. It was one cent a line. Sixteen cents. Not that there are sixteen lines in a sonnet in Paris, but that the title and signature were paid for.

On another occasion he sold a poem to Art et Critique for 5 francs, money down. Next day he returned to the editor and complained that he had been given a bad five-franc piece. The editor instantly gave him a fresh one, and then discreetly demanded the bad coin.

"Monsieur," said Verlaine, departing, "I have passed it; but I assure you I had considerable difficulty in doing so."

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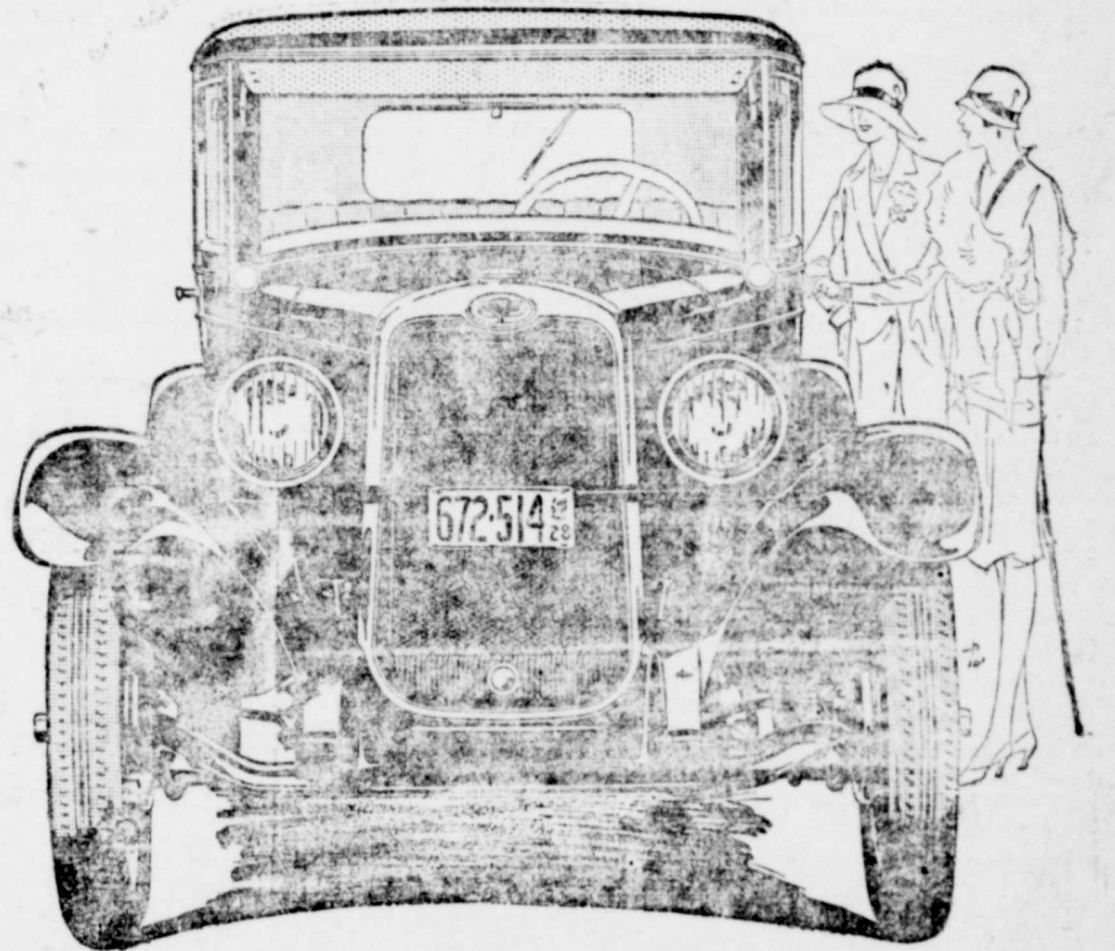
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A MAN worries about leavin' his money in the hands of a woman; a woman about leavin' her children in the hands of a man.

A friendship between two people might be so close a piece of paper couldn't get between. Unless it was stamped Silver Certificate Payable to Bearer on Demand.

When love flies outta the winder a lotta other things comes in the door.

FOR THE GANDER

No use tryin' to sell oysters to a man that just got a bad one.

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Part 1. Our Life Stories.
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b. Joash, Benjamin Sheppard.
c. Esther, Juanita Harmon.
d. Timothy, Willie Evelyn Boaz.

Part 2. Christian Education today.
a. What Baptists are doing for Christian education, Oleta Moore.
b. What our Christian schools teach, Vernie Derrick.

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF THE MISSES HAMM IS ANNOUNCED

Mesdames Sie Hamm and F. C. McFarland were joint hostesses at games Monday afternoon entertaining in the lovely new home of Mrs. Henry West.

The Daisy was the motif predominant, throughout the house decoration and party appointments of yellow and white.

Games of Bridge and 42 were happily progressing when strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Melba West reached the guests and all attention was centered on little Miss Bettye Booth Beckett, who entered dressed as a daisy, carrying a huge arm basket of shasta daisies and daintily presented each guest with one of the favored flowers, attached to each stem was a tiny message:

Evelyn and Byers "soon" Ruby and Guy

Not the age old adage "Daisies won't tell," this time Daisies "did" tell, of the approaching marriage of Miss Ruby Hamm to Mr. Guy Darsey, and Miss Evelyn Hamm to Mr. Byers Petty. Miss Christine Collins very softly sang "Sweet Bunch of Daisies," while the announcements were being distributed, then Misses Melba West and Christine Collins sang "I Love You Truly," and "We Together," in lovely harmony. Plates of beautiful daisies moulded of cream with angel food squares and olives were passed to Misses Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Julia Martin, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Melba West, Bill Swann, Vennie Heizer and Mesdames Frank Hamm, Tom Durham, Warren Smith, Harry Cookston, Jack Durham, Tom Price, Yates Brown, Roy Largent, Bill Brown, Matt Dillingham, Emmett Grimes, George White, Johnnie Camp, Bill Shepard, Earl Baze, Kirby Beckett, Bill Haynes, S. D. Johnson, Fred Groene, Lige Gamble, Henry West and the hostesses, Sie Hamm and Frank McFarland.

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