

Highway Paving Contract For West Section To Be Let

Bids To Be Opened On Feb. 21; Section Runs Through Merkel and Trent

Bids for construction of concrete paving on approximately 13 miles of state highway No. 1, the Bankhead, in western Taylor county will be opened at Austin February 21 by the state highway commission, according to advices received by the Abilene Daily Reporter from Mr. W. J. Van London, resident engineer.

The section involved is that extending from Nolan county eastward through Trent and Merkel to a point two miles east of Mulberry creek. The Bates type of paving, costing around \$25,500 per mile, on other sections of Taylor county highways, will be used on the west section.

With letting of the job in the western part of the county a total of 29 miles of paving in the county will be either completed or under way. The McClung Construction Company, which built the 5.85 mile section of No. 1 east from Abilene to Callahan county, is now laying concrete on the south section of No. 30, from Tuscola to the Runnels county line, a distance of 10.5 miles. The five-mile strip from Runnels county north through Bradshaw to Guion has been finished and construction is now being done north from Guion toward Ovalo and Tuscola.

The county's share of the cost of paving state highways is paid from proceeds of two bond issues, and for \$350,000 voted in 1923 and one for \$1,000,000 approved by the voters late in 1927.

Bridge construction on the section of No. 1 from Abilene west to the east end of the section soon to be paved, will be finished in 30 to 40 days, it is indicated. Dirt and drainage work on that section is practically done, the dirt contractor having but a few more days of work to do when all bridges are completed. With completion of the section next move in the county's highway improvement program will be letting of contract for paving the section just west of town—thus closing the last unpaved gap in No. 1 across Taylor county.

WHY NOT A LUNCHEON CLUB?

That adequate provision should be made for the free and unbiased exchange of thoughts and ideas pertaining to community development and civic pride, should be a thing firmly and rightfully sought for by every loyal citizen who is endowed with first, love of civilization, self-preservation.

No set of people or community can maintain the proper relationship one to another or hold the highest regard for his home town or keep the necessary desire for the development at the public interests without an occasional coming together for the exchange of plans and purposes. We may unassumingly give to such an organization a lion's share of the credit for such a portion at whatever good things may have chanced to come our way. Shall we at this time kill the goose that laid the golden egg or shall we rather hold fast to that which is good, showing ourselves to be faithful and true citizens, willing at all times to do that which is our duty as thankful recipients of all the blessings that come to a people who dwell in harmony and respect for their fellow townsman.

How may we know what is our duty and what we may do that will result in the most profit? By supporting and attending an organization that has for its purpose the furthering of a friendly spirit among its people, a healthy and substantial growth of the community that supports it, helping the weak, encouraging the strong, showing no spirit of favoritism, but an honest desire to be of service and do those things that will be of real benefit to all people whom you serve. How can these things be done unless we are to get together and express our needs and desires? They cannot be efficient by individual effort, but by effort we shall be able to do a great good. What do you think over and let's begin at what may be done.

Ward Colling, of Abilene, her aunt, Mrs. B. T. week.

Phillips Co. To Drill Joe Winter No. 5

Joe Winter, on whose farm the discovery well in the Noodle Creek field was brought in on September 6, 1926, was in the city one day this week, and while Joe has seemed to have been in high spirits socially and financially since the discovery of oil on his 320 acre farm a year and a half ago, he seemed a little over jolly and optimistic, and it was all because of the fact that the Pomroy No. 1 recently drilled by the Phillips Company and pronounced good for 200 barrels, was located just north of his farm, and further because of the fact that the Phillips Company had already begun preparations for drilling an offset to the Pomroy on his place, which will be No. 5. There are already three producing wells, with No. 4 rig located on the top of the high hill to the southeast of the discovery.

Last year the Phillips Petroleum Company took a surface lease on Joe's farm, and the same lay idle from cultivation, but this year they decided not to use the surface lease, and consequently Joe decided that the wells were not producing as heavily as at first, and the price of oil having decreased so much since the discovery, he might just as well amuse himself by cultivating the farm, and so he had already broke all the land preparatory to his year's work. And no sooner had he finished his plowing when the Pomroy well became a producer, and now the oil company is planning to drill him a well about the middle of the north edge of the field, with the establishment of a whole battery of tanks right in the middle of same. This paper is going to predict that if the Joe Winter No. 5 is a good producer, and the price of oil makes a rise, Joe's farming interests will soon come to an abrupt and permanent end. Not that Joe don't want to work, but that there wouldn't be any room for farming on account of the many additional wells that would be drilled.

Rainwater For Re-election in Jones Co.

We are this week authorized to place in the announcement column of this paper, the name of Mr. W. T. Rainwater, as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, Jones County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Rainwater's excellent service during his incumbency in this position, brought him in close touch and acquaintance with practically every voter in the precinct, makes it wholly unnecessary for us to make extensive mention of his candidacy, but suffice it to say that his service has been quite satisfactory to his many friends and the public in general, and he feels quite sure that with his past experience in this position he will be re-elected to better qualified to serve his constituents than ever before. And he promises to continue to give his entire time and attention to the duties of the office in the future as has been his practice in the past.

He states that he has been careful and diligent to serve the whole district with equal interest, giving each and every community their share of more and better roads. Mr. Rainwater feels that there is now in his precinct three times as much good roads as there was when he entered the office.

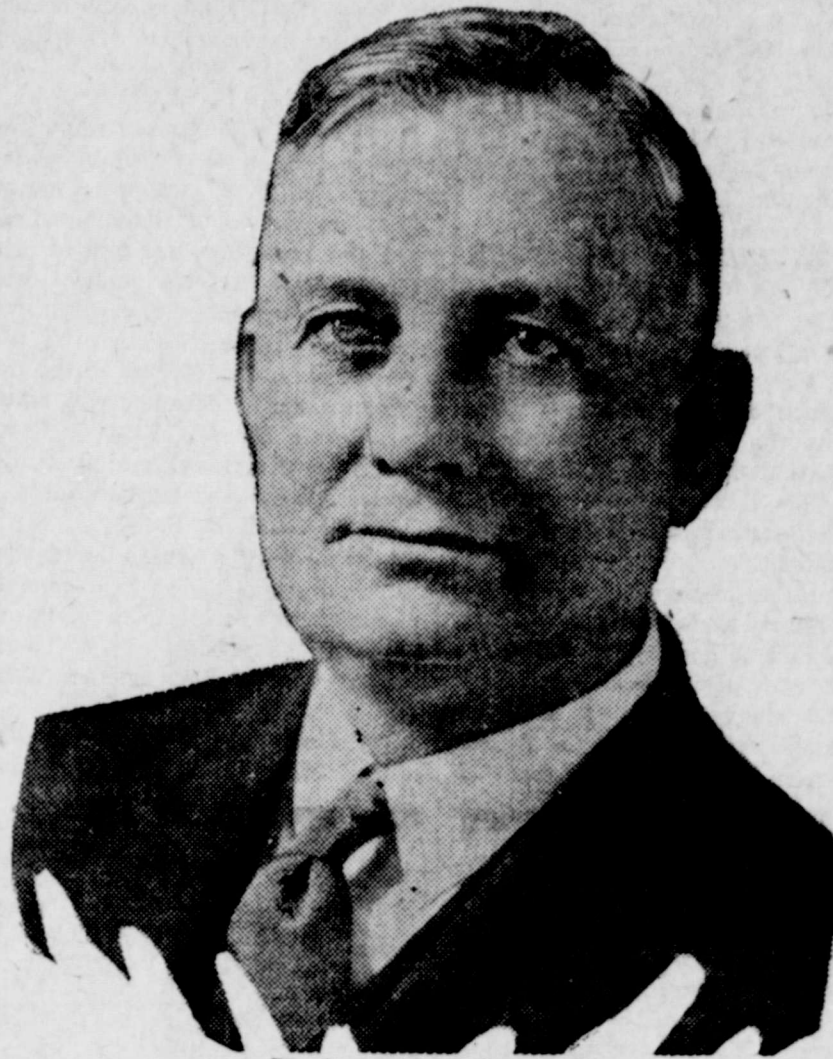
This paper would ask that the many readers of this paper in Jones County give his claims careful and due consideration when voting for commissioner in precinct No. 4, Jones County, next July.

Merkel-Stith Road Gets New Topping

County Commissioner P. A. Diltz is doing a mighty fine piece of road work this week, having the Merkel-Stith road re-topped with gravel. This road was gravelled a few years ago and was one of the best gravelled roads ever built in this section, and the placing of the second topping of gravel will more than double the substantial value of same.

W. H. Frazier, who so ably supervised the graveling of the road the first time, is in charge of the work again, and that means that the work will not only be done right, but honestly.

Announces For Blanton's Seat



R. Q. LEE, OF CISCO

R. Q. Lee of Cisco Announces For Congressman

R. Q. Lee of Cisco has definitely announced his candidacy for congress from the seventeenth district. This decision was reached by Mr. Lee this week after careful consideration and he is now preparing his platform and plans at an early date to announce his views.

Mr. Lee was reared on his father's farm in North Mississippi, coming to Texas with his father in 1886. After spending one year in school, he entered the employment of The W. H. Taylor Dry Goods Company of Fort Worth and worked for this company four years, advancing from a roustabout clerk to a department manager and director of the company.

Having heard the call of the West, it was in July, 1891, that he went to Caddo, Stephens County, twenty miles from a railroad and opened a small general merchandise business. By hard work and rigid economy his business prospered from the beginning until he built up one of the largest inland mercantile businesses in this state.

Having faith in the future of that section of West Texas he invested his savings from his mercantile business in ranch land near the east line of Stephens County, stocking his pastures with a good grade of cattle.

His ranch adventure prospered as had his mercantile business. Mr. Lee served the Caddo section as school trustee, deacon in his church and was known county wide as a wide awake, energetic community builder.

In 1913, Mr. Lee moved with his family to Cisco where he has since lived. He had not resided in Cisco long until he was elected school trustee, a bank director and still a little later president of the Cisco Banking Company and has served that institution as its president up to the present time.

When the oil boom came to Breckenridge in 1928, it found that county without a railroad. An effort was made to get one of the trunk line roads operating in this section to build a line to Breckenridge, but this did not seem to appeal to them.

It was then that the business men of Cisco drafted Mr. Lee to organize a company and build a line from Cisco to Breckenridge. After some hesitation, Mr. Lee agreed to undertake the task and as a result he built one of the best short line railroads in the country.

He personally supervised the construction of this road and after its completion, operated it until the road was sold to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company in March, 1927.

Before selling the Cisco & Northwestern to the Texas & Pacific, Mr. Lee realizing that Throckmorton County had been trying for forty years to get a railroad, but for some reason had failed, then undertook to promote an extension of the Cisco & Northwestern from Breckenridge to Woodson and Throckmorton, a distance of forty miles.

He at once took maps of that splendid section to Washington and presented them to the Interstate Commerce Commission and with but little hesitation on the part of that tribunal he was granted a permit to build the extension and in his sale of the Cisco & Northwestern to the Texas & Pacific, that road agreed to carry out this contract.

This new line has been under construction since August, 1927, and will be completed to Woodson by March 1st, and to Throckmorton by July 1, 1928, in time to move the Throckmorton County grain crop this coming season.

Mr. Lee's friends think that one of the greatest works he has accomplished was his memorable diversification farming campaign in 1925 and 1926 while president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The good results of this effort are visible throughout West Texas today and the good he did can hardly be estimated. It should be said that he never presented an expense account to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for any of his trips and that he paid his own traveling expenses during the campaign on many of them. He is now operating his model farm and demonstrating the practicability of the farming program advocated in this campaign.

Having spent the greater part of his life on the farm and in a country store, and having been a life-long student of the agricultural needs of the South, he feels a keen interest in agriculture.

His friends feel that there are few men in the country better fitted than he is to represent the seventeenth district in congress and that he can do some work for the development of the country and he is beginning his campaign with the same earnestness which has characterized all his other activities.

Al Olson Of Station W.B.A.P. to Entertain At Grammar School

Friday evening (tonight) at the Grammar School auditorium, Mr. Olson is giving the people of Merkel one of his highly entertaining radio programs first hand. He is being sent out by the courtesy of station W. B. A. P. of the Star-Telegram, and the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Exposition.

His program will consist of songs, piano and guitar numbers. He needs no recommendation to the radio listeners who often tune-in on W.B.A.P.

He is coming under the auspices of the Merkel High School Choral Club, and a small admission charge will be made of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for school children. About 200 only can be cared for, so come early to avoid disappointment. The time is 7:30, place Grammar school building.

Conditions Indicate Much Oil Development Near Merkel

Information from officials in position to know indicates that considerable additional oil development in the Merkel territory and that adjacent to the Noodle Creek field. It is reliably reported that the old rig on the E. Howell, original Atlantic No. 1, has been skidded to the northwest several hundred feet, and a test will be started there soon.

It is also expected that the Midwest Oil Company, holding the lease on the Grandma Phillips land, adjacent to the Pomroy, will soon start an offset on her land, which, if a producer, will give Joe Winter an offset and the sixth well on his land.

Since the Phillips pipe line from Trent to Noodle Dome is being extended from that field to the Smith well, four miles north, other and more extensive operation is expected around this new producer.

It is also reported that drilling is going ahead on the Lattimer and the Farmer tests some ten miles to the south of Merkel, the Latimer said to be drilling at around 2,900 and the latter at around 2,220, having just passed the big saltwater strata usually found at about this depth in the Noodle Creek field. The well on the Henslee farm is reported shut down at this time, having almost, if not completed the contract depth.

Merkel To Meet Draughton's Five Here Saturday

The Merkel High School Basketball Five will stage a fight against the fast team from Draughton's next Saturday evening at three o'clock. The game will be played on the high school court.

The Draughton five is one of the best in Abilene and is composed of former high school stars. Under the management of Pratt, assistant coach at McMurray, they have developed into a good team as evidenced by their recent victory over Merkel on an Abilene court. During this game the Merkel team was beaten in the first half but rallied and outplayed the opponents during the latter half. A good game is expected and a large crowd should be on hand.

For Commissioner In Jones County

In the announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Mr. W. C. Baker, of Anson, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, precinct No. 4, Jones County, Texas.

Mr. Baker announces subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries next July. And he is too well and favorably known in Jones county to need commendation from this writer. Several years ago, Mr. Baker, who has been a citizen of Jones county for 27 years, served the people of that precinct as Commissioner, and his splendid record as such is an open book to every one who was a citizen of the county at that time. He promises, if elected, to give his entire time and attention to the duties of this office, and believes that with his former experience he is more capable and will be able to render his constituents even better service than was his past record. He also promises fair and careful consideration to the interests of every part of his district and the entire county as well.

This paper would ask that our many readers in Jones County give his claims due and fair consideration when casting their ballot for County Commissioner in that precinct next July.

MIDLAND BUTCHERS BUY FINE HEREFORDS CALVES FROM MR. J. T. WARREN

Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city, who raised fine Hereford cattle for the pleasure and profit received therefrom, this week shipped about 50 head of fat Hereford calves which he sold to some Midland butchers. He did not give out the price received, but it was no doubt very satisfactory, for this was one of the most beautiful bunch of calves ever seen.

Merkel Meets Potosi For County Title 15th

The Merkel High School basketball team will meet the fast Potosi high school team on Wednesday evening, February the 15th, at Abilene in a game which will decide the County championship for this year. The game will be played at the gymnasium of the Abilene Christian College, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Judging from the records of the two teams the event will be about evenly matched. Potosi has been eliminating all contenders with alarming regularity. Last week they defeated a fast team from Buffalo Gap leaving only Merkel between them and the championship. Merkel is having a series of ups and downs in their non conference games, beating some good teams and losing to weaker ones. One night they defeated the first team of Abilene High school, only to lose to their second team the next night.

Be that as it may, it is certain that there will be a real basketball game in Abilene that night and many local people are planning to see it. Word comes from Potosi that they will be there strong and will have enough people to use one side of the gymnasium. Their game with Buffalo Gap last Saturday in the Simmons Gym. they were about five hundred strong and this is a more important game.

The winner of this contest will go to Colorado Friday the 17th to enter the finals which decides the district championship. Colorado, Stamford Abilene, and other towns will be represented at this meet. If Merkel should win over Potosi they will have a chance at the district title. The winner of the district meet will go to Austin to engage in the contest which will decide the state championship.

Hertz Rent Car Co. Buys New 'Chevys'

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 9.—Wholesale replacement of former Chevrolet models with the new 1928 line is now under way by the Hertz Driveurself Corporation, one of the largest fleet users of passenger automobiles in the world, which controls the operation of automobile rental stations in more than 300 representative cities in the United States and Canada, according to advices received here from Chas. W. Litsey, operating vice-president and general manager of the Hertz organization, with headquarters at Chicago.

"Replacement of old models with new ones is a regular periodical event with us, made possible by the extreme popularity of our Chevrolets," said Mr. Litsey. "This means that they are almost constantly on the road, and as a result they pile up a tremendous mileage total at the end of a year. In addition, their low initial cost and economy of operation enable us to pay out in Hertz mileage our full investment within twelve months, despite the fact that our Chevrolet rental rates are lower than on any other make of car in our service."

"During 1928 practically all former Chevrolet models will be replaced with the 'Bigger and Better' line in order that full advantage of the added features in the new car may be available for Hertz patrons. More than 3,000 Chevrolets are now in use by Hertz stations, and this number will be considerably augmented during the year because of the insistent calls for this make of car."

"We have used Chevrolets in the Hertz organization consistently since our inception. They make up approximately one-fourth the total number of cars in our service."

"The Hertz rental stations now have on hand the complete line of Chevrolet passenger models to meet the demands of our customers. The sport cabriolet and the coupe are overwhelming favorites among business and professional people. The rear deck passenger or luggage compartment on this type of car is a big part in their selection."

"Our organization was immensely impressed with the many points of advantage of the 'Bigger and Better' Chevrolet line over the 1927 car, and we feel assured that a substantial growth in our 1928 business will be effected by reason of the country-wide enthusiasm which I understand the new car is commanding."

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
Dediscouunts	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$661,911.12
Total	\$788,094.19

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

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—M. H. S.—
SAMUEL JOHNSON, "AS SEEN BY MAJOR HOPPLE"

Being at the present time a truthful person, I could not ask my reader to take this too seriously. Another thing which detracts from its value as far as the truth is concerned is the fact that Major Hopple told it to me. This last statement explains the fact that there will be numerous falterations.

The said Major was in an extremely good humor as he started to relate this tale and no doubt was serious in his belief of it. However, I doubt very seriously his veracity. The missus, as he called her, had just departed for town in quest of food for her boarders, and I was anxious for him to begin his narration. Inhaling deep draughts of smoke from his cigar he started in on the most peculiar tale I have ever heard or hope to hear.

"Mrs. Harkness," he began slowly, "was the social lionness of London during the height of Samuel Johnson's career. My uncle with whom I resided was a dear friend of the above mentioned lady and was therefore, invited to all of the social functions which were under her supervision. My chance soon came." This, he said with energy, and I sensed that he was coming to an interesting part. "Arriving at our destination that night, we found that the noble Johnson had not arrived. We had not long to wait however, for in a few minutes there came to our ears these sounds of the slamming of heavy doors. In came Johnson and to this day I have never seen so slouchy a person. A scorching wig lay to one side of his head was the first thing which caught my attention. A huge and dirty coat he wore as if it were a bunch of rags and a vest on which remained a portion of his breakfast or maybe many of his meals before. Such a face no other man could have had and lived. Johnson's feet were enormous and this no doubt signified his kindness to other poor people. Ignoring the hostess he rushed across the room and gulped down five or six glasses of wine, all the while smacking his lips. Apparently satisfied with his drink, he rushed to the dining room where he demanded food and more food. Nothing we said seemed to worry him and nothing seemed to make him ashamed. He ignored us completely. After eating to his heart's content he entered the drawing room and began telling experiences among which were this one:"

Here the major chuckled and puffed his cigar. "It seemed," he went on, "that there were two Irishmen, Pat and Mike, who - - - - -
 "Amos!" came Mrs. Hoople's voice. "If you're not up stairs in thirty seconds I'll come after you." The major went. To this day I don't remember how the wife came in without our seeing her but maybe we were absorbed too deeply in the narrative; who knows?"

—M. H. S.—
THE DAILY GOOD TURN
 (By Boy Scouts of America, troop No. 20.)

On last Thursday evening about 15 of the local scouts hiked with scoutmaster Herbert Patterson and assistant S. M. Duke to Mulberry where they enjoyed cooking supper and had a great outing.

On next Thursday evening there will be held in Merkel a "Father and Son Banquet." This will be the scouts and their dads. All boys in Merkel over 12 years of age are urged to join the scouts now because they are going to have lots of fun this year. More than ever before, you'd better join.

—M. H. S.—
A BIRTHDAY DINNER

On last Tuesday evening, Feb. 7th, Miss Alice Reed entertained a few of her friends with a wonderful Birthday dinner. About 7:30 the guests were served a delicious plate consisting of chicken and dressing, potato salad, creamed peas, pickles and cranberry sauce, and a delightful dish of ice cream, peaches and cake.

Before the plate was served the hostess lighted the candles on the birthday cake and after letting them burn for a few minutes, blew them out, blowing all of them out except six at one breath, which indicated that it would be six more years of good single life. After the guests finished eating they were each given a picture puzzle to solve, the prize

which was awarded to Miss Norma Shannon, for having patched the puzzle together first, was a free ticket to the picture show.

When the puzzles were solved the guests were escorted by the hostesses to the Palace Theatre, where they enjoyed a good show. Those who had the privilege of attending this wonderful dinner and theatre party were: Misses Norma Shannon, Rebba Demere, Una Lea Gilmore, Lola Shelton, Hazel Leslie, Addie Fae Patterson and the hostess, Miss Alice Reed.

—M. H. S.—
H. D. F. CLUB

Beryl and Odell Hunter were hostesses to the H. D. F. Club Friday evening, Feb. 3rd, at their home on Oak street. Games of flinch were enjoyed and great fun was had in popping popcorn. Victrola music was enjoyed throughout the evening. A refreshment plate consisting of nut cake and punch was served to the following members: Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Vernie Derrick, Frances Frederickson, Ethel Hamilton, and the hostesses, Beryl and Odell Hunter.

—M. H. S.—

We were very sorry to learn that Mrs. Young was called to Greenville Saturday night owing to the death of her husband's father. Mrs. Young therefore was not here to teach Monday.

Miss Una Lea Gilmore was the guest of Miss Lola Shelton Tuesday night.

Miss Alice Reed had as her guest Tuesday night, Miss Addie Faye Patterson.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET FOR BOY SCOUTS THURSDAY EVENING

A father and son banquet for the special entertainment and edification of members of the local boy scout organization and their fathers, will be held next Thursday evening, February 16, at seven o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, with Mesdames Chas. Jones and F. C. McFarland as joint hostesses.

A special program is being arranged for the occasion and several out-of-town speakers are expected to appear. A vocal solo by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, a talk by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Abilene, scout song by Ed Shumway, reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, and a talk on scout work by Mr. Ed Shumway, Scout Executive of Abilene, are numbers on the program.

All the boy scouts and their fathers are urged to attend, and are requested to notify the hostesses whether they expect to attend as soon as conveniently possible so that preparations for the dinner may be carried out with order.

This will be a very fine occasion, and surely every father will take it upon himself to accompany his scout son, especially those who would like to know and understand more about the scout movement. You will learn more of the workings and purpose of the organization.

JAMES CRUZE'S "THE COVERED WAGON" COMING TO TOWN AGAIN

A magnificent epic of the early west is James Cruze's latest Paramount production "The Covered Wagon" which is due to make a triumphant return to the Queen next Monday and Tuesday. This picturization of Emerson Hough's novel has proved itself one of the greatest photoplays ever seen on the screen.

The features embraced in "The Covered Wagon" are many and varied and include among others, the start of 350 covered wagons from Westport Landing (now Kansas City) in 1848. The terrors of fording flooded rivers, prairie fires and the like are depicted with great realism. A buffalo hunt is one of the most exciting scenes. Old Fort Bridger, with a night attack and fight by day with Indians, is shown. The dividing of the trails to Oregon and California at old Fort Hall, a touch of the gold fever in California, magnificent mountain shots with the establishment of one of the first homesteads in Oregon—these are all incidents in a picture that fairly bristles with big scenes.

Such historical characters as Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and Bill Jackson, scouts and typical western characters, are portrayed in Paramount's screen version of the novel, which is conceded to be one of the most notable achievements of the present decade.

Lewis Stone is featured with Billie Dove and Lloyd Hughes at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday next week in "An Affair of the Follies." Al Rockett produced the picture for First National, with Lewis Stone in the role of a millionaire broker and theatre patron; Miss Dove as a chorus girl who retired to marry a penniless clerk, played by Lloyd Hughes.

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Merkel, Texas

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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	\$ 73,524.08
Commercial Paper	161,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,150.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	88,318.24
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

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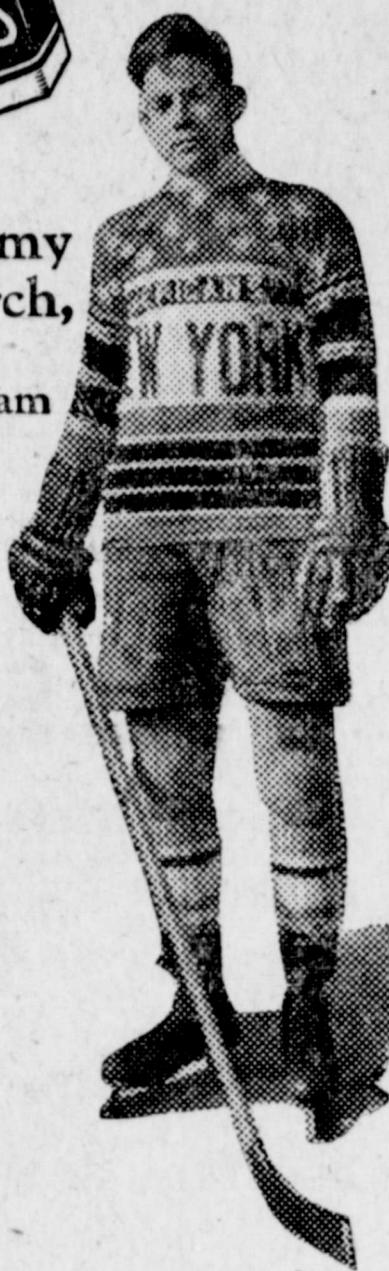
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Mrs. E. N. Brown is in San Angelo visiting her daughter, Mrs. V. P. Tippet.

Lincoln's Birthday

The 119th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12 recalls afresh the greatness of our first martyred President, whose memory is revered by North and South alike even as that of the peerless Southern chieftain, Lee.

While it is futile to speculate concerning what might have been, it is safe to say that had Lincoln been permitted to live until the end of his second term, much of the bitterness engendered during reconstruction days would have been avoided. His attitude throughout the Civil War was summed up in one single phase of his second inaugural address: "With malice toward none; with charity for all."

Lincoln was opposed to slavery on principle, but his plan was to abolish it gradually, and compensate slave-owners as slaves were set free. He proposed such a plan as early as 1849 when a Congressman, and renewed the proposal as President in 1862, after the war had been in progress nearly a year. Congress passed a resolution offering the plan, but without result except in the District of Columbia.

Throughout the war Lincoln's chief aim was to preserve the Union intact, the slavery question being secondary in his mind as was evidenced by his famous reply to Greeley wherein he said:

"My paramount object is to save the Union, and not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and, if I could do it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that."

Now, after more than 65 years, there are few in any part of the United States who will not concede that a united nation without slavery is best. It is well for America and for the world that on February 12, 1809, such a man as Abraham Lincoln was born.

CLOSING NOTICE

Beginning Monday, February 13, and until further notice, the undersigned barber shops of Merkel will close promptly at 6:00 o'clock p.m. each day except Saturdays 1tp
McDonald & Higgins Barber Shop
Palace Barber Shop.
Petty & Buford Barber Shop.
Jones & Lackey Barber Shop.

For Hoover Men Only

Supporters of Herbert Hoover for president may take whatever comfort they can from a prediction by one Ed Bodin, an alleged seer of Plainfield, N. J., who gives some reasons for his forecast that Hoover will certainly be elected. This is how it is figured out:

The year is 1928, a number divisible by 8. The last figure, 8, is also the year's "destiny number," which divided into the remaining figures 192 gives 24, and 2 times 4 is 8. All of which should be plain enough.

Now, the 8th letter of the alphabet is H, so during the year the H's will be prominent. Already we have seen the front page largely monopolized by Houston, Havana, Hearst, Heflin, Hickman and Hotelling, not to mention Henry, the flivver king.

Consider that Herbert Hoover has two of the potent H's as his initials, and you have your answer.

Even if the idea doesn't work out, Mr. Bodin may express his disgust in one short word beginning with H.

ORDINANCE NO. 33

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ETC.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

SECTION 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to Park any motor vehicle on the Rail road Right-of-way on Oak street; provided, however, that vehicles may park for the purpose of receiving and discharging freight and passengers.

Section 2. That hereafter, it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to enter North Front Street from any lateral street at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour.

Section 3. That hereafter, it shall be unlawful to make "U" Turns at the intersection of Elm and Edwards streets.

Section No. 4. That hereafter all motor vehicles shall be parked on the right hand side of the street at the curb at an angle of 45 degrees and between the markers.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or operating a motor vehicle to park same behind any other motor vehicle legally parked.

Section 6. Any person, violating any of the above ordinances shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than Twenty-five Dollars.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.

Passed 6th day of Feb. 1928.

H. C. WEST, Mayor.

Attest: Pauline Johnson, City Secretary.

Have car Cannel Coal on track. Expecting car good soft hulls any day. J. M. Garrett, Coal & Feed. 1tp

RHEUMATISM

While in France with the American Army I obtained a noted French prescription for the treatment of Rheumatism and Neuritis. I have given this to thousands with wonderful results. The prescription cost me nothing. I ask nothing for it. I will mail it to you if you will send me your address. A postal will bring it. Write today. PAUL CASE, Dept. S312, Brockton, Mass. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our dear friends for the kindnesses shown us during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. Though weeping for our loved one we rejoice to know we have so many dear sympathizing friends. We thank you for the flowers, for every kind word or deed. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one.

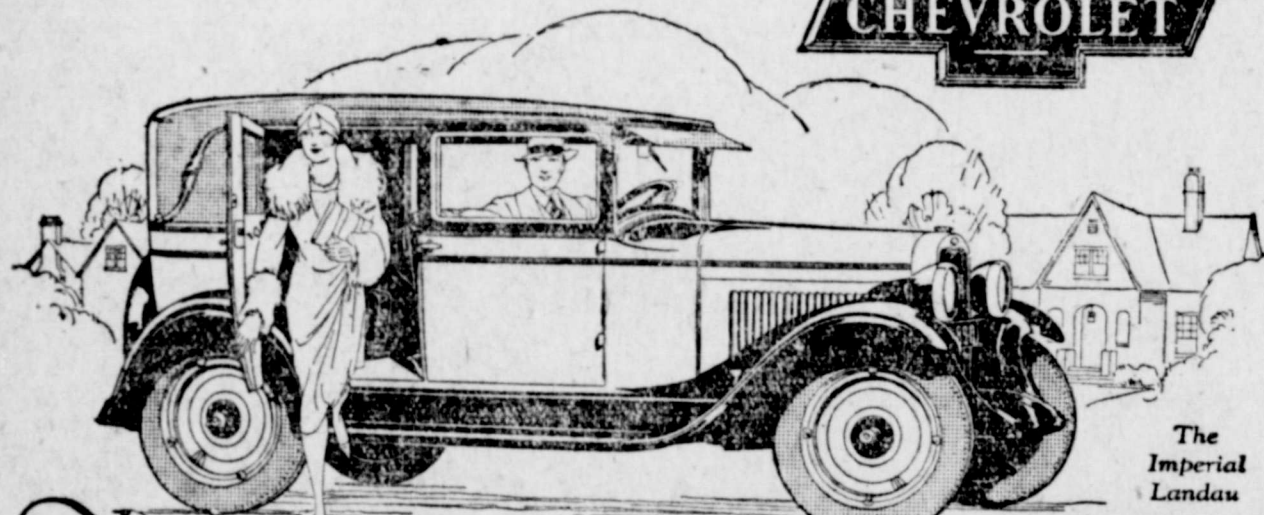
Mrs. Emmett Perkins and children, mother, brothers and sisters. 1tp

IN HER MEMORY

Little Betty Ruth Montandon, baby daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Montandon, died on February 4th of a complication of diseases and was buried in the Merkel cemetery on the same date. All that loving hands could do was done but God saw fit to call her home. She was 16 months, 15 days old. Rev. Atterberry, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Abilene officiated at the burial service.

The clouds hang heavy, the mist is thick but amid it all we see a gleam of light, a ray of hope, and realize if we walk in the pathway of duty, if we work til the close of the days there will be joys awaiting us when we've gone the last mile of the way we expect to meet our darling on the hilltops of glory, where no crepe will hang on the door, no disappointments there. We can only say thy will be done. Mother.

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CLOSING NOTICE

The undersigned banks of Merkel will be closed all day Monday, February 13th, on account of Lincoln's birthday; and Wednesday, February 22nd, Washington's birthday. No business will be transacted on these days, and all customers are respectfully asked to take notice, and we trust there will be no inconvenience.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK. THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

No expense or leaders is why I have cut prices every day in the week. Couldn't wait on the customers with only one day. W. F. Hamblet. 1t

This paper is pleased to acknowledge from Mr. Lutie E. Sanders, at Sacramento, California, the sum of \$2.00 for the Merkel Mail for the next year. Lutie, as he was familiarly known among his many friends here, was for many years in the cafe business in Merkel. We thank you.

Would you wish a nice saving on your Grocery Bill for 1928? If so start today with—

CLARENCE SAUNDERS

Supt. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson spent last Sunday with relatives in De Leon, Texas.

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He's a ridin', ropin', fightin' fool in this exciting drama of the vivid west!

EXTRA! EXTRA!!

You've read the story, now see—"Whispering Smith Rides" The Greatest Serial ever filmed.

—and—

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SATURDAY Only

Smiling Hoot's Here! 2 Great Shows in One



A quick action, high-powered Gibson and the only Hoot doing his stuff in a ridin' riot at a real rodeo.

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See the greatest serial ever filmed—

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MONDAY and TUESDAY Still the Greatest Picture of All Times!

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LEWIS STONE and

LLOYD HUGHES in



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NOT ALWAYS THE CASE
"The man who makes the world
laugh must be able to laugh himself,"
is the words of a prominent attorney
of California.

While the statement has a great
deal of truth in it, it is not always
the case that those who make people
laugh can laugh themselves.

The history of stage and screen,
the lives of famous humorists, the
private lives of circus clowns and
others are often full of tragedy.
Many a comedy stunt has been play-
ed in front of a heartache.

Life is not all roses for one whose
business it is to make people laugh.
It is often a burden to unloosen the
burdens of others. But the show goes
right on and people laugh. The audi-
ence is innocent of the lately received
telegram of sorrow, or domestic mis-
fortunes, of financial worries, of phys-
ical ailments. The ability, under such
circumstances, to go "right on with
the show," if not art, is at least for-
titude under strain of human emotion.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE
Girl: "Could you fix me a dose of
castor oil so the oil won't taste?"
Druggist: "Certainly. Won't you
have a glass of soda water while
waiting?"

Girl: "Oh, thank you." (And drinks
the soda.)
Druggist: "Anything else for you,
Miss?"

Girl: "No, just the oil."
Druggist: "But you just drank it."
Girl: "Oh, dear. I wanted it for
my mother."

W. B. Parrack and family of Floy-
dada, Texas, were here the past week-
end visiting his grandparents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. B. Parrack, and uncle
Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

**PARTY FOR MOTHERS
AT GOODMAN SCHOOL**

Students of the Domestic Science
class of Goodman school were hostess-
es at a party honoring the mothers
of the students last Thursday after-
noon, February 2, at the school build-
ing. Misses Summerhill and Salyer
are teachers of the domestic science
class, and the following are members:
Misses Edna Tiner, Velma Rutledge,
Anna, Ruth and Opal Williams, Earle-
ne Fielder, and Alma Cooper. A
delicious dinner consisting of fried
chicken, cream gravy, peas, potatoes,
salad, lettuce, tomatoes etc. was pre-
pared by the students and served to
the following mothers: Mesdames
Cooper, Fielder, Brown, Phillips,
Tiner, Barnes, Rutledge, Campbell
and Seago.

BOX SUPPER AT BLAIR

There will be a Box Supper at the
Blair Baptist Church Friday night,
Feb. 10th. Everybody is cordially in-
vited to come and bring a box. The
prettiest girl gets the cake, so come
and help your best girl win.

HOME TOWN HELPS

To be a manufacturer and distrib-
utor of faith is about the greatest
work one can do. There is no finer
profession than one which compels us
to build faith into the minds of men.
In business, faith is needed quite as
much as money.

When we give a man our confi-
dence, when we believe in him, when
we express our faith in him and his
work, we make easier all his tasks
and lighten his load, and remove or
help remove the greatest obstacle on
his road to success.

Believe, then, in yourself, your
merchants, your community, your
neighbors, your work, your own ulti-
mate attainment of more complete
happiness. It is only the farmer who
faithfully plants seeds in the spring
who reaps a harvest in the autumn.

Keep faith in your town; work for
its advancement, and your reward
will come in a great work done by
great men.

Mrs. Willie Addington, of Breck-
enridge, spent the past week-end here
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F.
Hamblet, and many friends.

Blair Items

Uncle John Neighbors has been on
the sick list the past week.

Miss Pauline Pinckley, teacher at
Mt Pleasant, spent the week-end with
her sister, Miss Ruth.

Mr. Crutch Scott of Sweetwater
dined with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan
Sunday.

Miss Fairy Orr and brother, Mr.
Burnett, were the guests of Miss
Ruby Bayless Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey and Lit-
tle grandson, C. E. Lackey, of Mer-
kel, Mrs. Boyce Balew and daughter
Bettie Joe, Mrs. J. A. Bayless and
children, Bro. and Sister Brown and
family, Bro. Owens of Abilene, dined
with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell
Sunday.

Misses Willie Mae and Alma Meeks
left for an extended visit with their
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim
Horton of Southland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey
spent Sunday with their parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Ransom Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer were
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil
Doan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek motored
to Tye Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and
family spent Sunday with Mr. and
Mrs. Artist Cook of Butman.

Mrs. Pearl Sandfin, of Lawn, Tex-
as, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira
Cavatt, this week.

Frances, little daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. A. B. Harris, is on the sick list
this week.

Dora Doings

W. G. Oliver made a business trip
to Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sanders of
Cottonwood visited in our neighbor-
hood Monday.

F. A. Magee has been on the sick
list the last few days.

Laura and Earl Wallis have re-
turned from a visit to Austin and
Southern points. They report a fine
time while gone.

Mrs. H. Phillips and daughter, Dot,
were shopping in Sweetwater Friday.

W. F. Hardy was called to Clyde
Thursday to attend the funeral of
Russell Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallon visit-
ed her father and mother at Iberis
Friday.

At the tournament held at Mary-
neal the Dora boys brought home the
loving cup. The girls won over Was-
tella, but lost to Champion. That
makes us feel blue but there is an-
other time coming, girls.

Nolan Care of Wingate was calling
in our city Sunday evening.

Miss Novice Whitaker of Butman
school visited home folks Saturday
and Sunday.

Miss Lillie Richardson has return-
ed to Sweetwater after a few days
visit with her niece, Mrs. Edgar El-
liott.

Butman News

We had a little rain here Sunday
night which was appreciated by those
who haven't got season enough to
break land on.

Some few are through breaking
and everybody will be through in a-
bout two more weeks.

Health of this community is ood
except most everybody has had bad
colds of late.

Bro. Lowrey filled his regular ap-
pointment at the Nubia church Sat-
urday night and Bro. Owen preached
Sunday to a large crowd which was
enjoyed by all.

Mrs. G. M. Reeves and baby daugh-
ter from the White Church commu-
nity spent Saturday night with Mr.
and Mrs. A. I. Cook.

Those attending the birthday din-
ner at Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook's
Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest
Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Reeves
and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. M.
Blackburn and daughter, Miss Ruby
Blackburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl
Hughes and children, J. Ward, Mary
Louise and Carleen, from Blair. The
occasion was the 5th birthday of little
Mary Louise Cook, and was enjoyed
by all. Smiling Sam.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means to thank our
friends for their kindness to us dur-
ing the sickness and death of our
darling baby Betty Ruth. Every kind
word, every prayer, every flower
helps to make our burdens easier to
bear. May God bless each one, and to
the following doctors who did their
best, Drs. Armstrong, Gardner, Grimes,
Sadler, Hulsey, and the nurse,
Mrs. Burns, we offer our thanks.

Rev. C. C. Montandon and family,
Grandfather and grandmother Tay-
lor.

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CLARENCE SAUNDERS

**NON-SHATTERABLE GLASS
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One feature of the new Ford car
which is little known to the public is
the non-shatterable glass windshield,
according to members of the local
Ford agency. This glass has been
used heretofore only in the high
priced cars and then only as special
equipment, it is stated. The new form
of glass can be broken but does not
split or shatter and eliminates the
danger of cuts from broken glass in
accidents, it is claimed.

COMPERE ITEMS

The health of this community is
very good at present, although Grand
ma Spurgin has been sick but is much
better at this writing.

There was a large crowd at the
party at Mrs. Ola Spurgin's last Fri-
day night and all reported a good
time.

There will be a party at Mr. and
Mrs. Wiley Outlaw's this coming Fri-
day night. Every one is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout visited
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin Jr., Sun-
day afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Jr.,
are the proud parents of a fine eight
and one-half pound baby boy which
arrived January 31st.

Mrs. Allred visited at Mrs. E. C.
Tarvin's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bond and fam-
ily visited at Mr. and Mrs. Chester
Bond's of White Church community
Sunday.

Mr. Ray Keener and Mr. Everette
Stout of Hawley community spent
Saturday night with Mr. G. W. Stout.

Miss Lavern Bond spent Sunday
with Miss Lenora Wilburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout and
baby spent Saturday night and Sun-
day with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chancey are
the proud parents of a bouncing baby
boy which arrived February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blount of J.X.L.
community were Gorman visitors the
latter part of last week and the first
part of this week.

Mrs. Beulah Cunningham was on
the sick list last week but is much
better at this writing.

Mr. Henry Teaff and family of
Hamlin were Merkel visitors Satur-
day.

We appreciate your business, large
or small, and endeavor to merit your
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ous service and quality meats. Beker
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nounce to the people of Mer-
kel and surrounding country
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and you will receive good,
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We are very grateful to Mr. W. F. Hamblet, local groceryman, for two subscriptions to the Merkel Mail, which he sends to his daughters, Miss Venona Hamblet at Dallas, and Mrs. Eunice Lyles at Tula, Mississippi.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
Political**

For Congress, 17th District:
R. Q. LEE, of Cisco.
FOR District Clerk:
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 Judge:
TOM K. EPLEN
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
JONES COUNTY OFFICES
FOR Commissioner (Precinct No. 4):
W. C. BAKER
W. T. RAINWATER (re-election)

Junior League Program
1. Prayer by superintendent.
2. Leader, Imogene Middleton.
3. Song No. 199.
4. Scripture Lessons:
Matthew 20:20-21, Lois Whiteley.
Matthew 20:25-28, Francis Marie Church.
Proverbs 25:6, Kennedy Whiteley.
Hebrews 10:7, Wanda Hunter.
Luke 6:31, Nell Hughes.
James 4:10, Jeannette Hayes.
Matthew 18:4, Florene Rider.
5. Song 210; 6. Song 208.
7. "Story of Abraham Lincoln," by Odell Hunter.
8. "Story of Joseph," by Bessielea Church.
10. League Benediction.
9. Piano Solo by Alice Church.

JUNIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM
Subject: "How my church does its work."
1. Introduction by Sarah Sheppard.
2. The Pastor's work, by Horace Boney.
3. The work of the Deacons, by Jackie Slater.
4. The church clerk, by J. W. Adcock.
5. The church treasurer, by Dot Swafford.
6. The Sunday School by Johna Jones.
7. The Womans Missionary Society, by Roger Derrick.
8. The B.Y.P.U., by Thelma Patterson.
9. The mission of our church, by Carlton King.

**MARINE FIRESTONE UN-
SEEN MYSTERY SHOW
COMING TO PALACE**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Palace theatre is presenting a vaudeville show along with a good picture drama. You will be entertained by real Hawaiian dancing girls and Hawaiian steel guitar music. Then the girl who walks the ladder made of steel swords, walking it bare footed. You will see the undestructable girl placed in the box and 22 steel swords passed through the box. Where is the girl at the time the swords are in the box? Then comes the Riley's in singing, yodeling and novelty dances. You will see and hear little Miss Pearl Forrester sing late song hits that you will like and she will buck dance all choruses.

Prof. Firestone, the trick artist will keep you guessing with his big illusions and snappy tricks. Then comes the feature, Madame Marine, the Crystal Gazer, the one who knows all—sees all—and tells all. She will call you by name and tell you what question you are asking. She will tell you about love, marriage, divorce business.

The picture for Friday at the Palace will be "The Show-off," a new Paramount comedy, offering an interesting problem for discussion.

For Saturday's picture Tim McCoy will appear in Metro Goldwyn Mayer film "Foreign Devils." The cast includes Claire Windsor as the feature feminine lead, and others. The picture is based on a Peter B. Kyne story of China.

Motion pictures, like race horses, pullman cars and chorus girls, get their frequently strange names from many strange sources. Frank Tuttle's latest Paramount film "Love 'em and Leave 'em," coming to the Palace on Wednesday and Thursday, got its title from a play of the same name by George Abbott and John V. A. Weaver.

Next Monday and Tuesday Aileen Pringle, whose reputation for the screen portrayal of sophisticated roles is world-wide, will be seen in a new light with the showing of "Body and Soul," a Metro Goldwyn Mayer picture.

BAPTIST CHURCH

All regular services Sunday and through the week.

Last Sunday was a good day in all our services. The old folks' service Sunday morning was well attended and many were the expressions of appreciation of the message from the 80-year old veteran of the cross, Rev. J. B. Parrack. Sunday night service was evangelistic. There were two professions and these together with two who had been received earlier were baptized in the Wednesday evening service.

Sunday morning pastor Parrack will speak on "Baptists and the Future". Sunday evening at 7:30 our choir will give a musical program. This will take the place of the regular evening preaching service and will be enjoyed by all who can be in the service.

At the B.Y.P.U. service at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Ewell Bone, who sang so well in our Fifth Sunday Service will sing several selections. So come early and enjoy the whole evening of sacred music.

The public is invited to any or all these services.
Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mrs. Bill Sheppard were joint hostesses to members of the Thursday Club and friends at a Valentine Party on Thursday afternoon. All party appointments stressed the Valentine motif on tables arranged for games of 42 and at tea time. Mesdames Sheppard and Anderson served lovely Red Hearts moulded of cream, and angel food to Misses Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Mesdames L. L. Lindsey, Bob McDonald, E. M. McDonald Charlie Jones, W. J. Largent, Nathan Wood, Byers Petty, H. L. Propst, Charlie Russell, L. B. Scott, Bob Hicks, Earl Lassiter, Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Ross Ferrier, Ollie Dye, T. E. Collins, Claude Comegys and Tom Largent.

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Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.
Jesus teaches by stories, Mildred Hamm. Parable of Beauty and Patmos, Bill Haynes. Subject worthy of study, Dorothy Higgins. The Prodigal's mental processes, Mae Lassiter. A little study of salvation, Miss Lucy Tracy. The Great Forgiveness, Vennie Heizer.

Kimbel's Best Flour at A. R. Booth's. 1t

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Program subject: "Use Your Heart" Group captain, William Sheppard. The Devotional life of the young Christian, by William Sheppard. Bible reading, by Verna Lee Beasley. Prayer, by Harold Boney.

The Holy Spirit, by D. O. Huddleston. Keep your heart clear, by Gerald Derrick. Do what the heart prompts, by Hazel Leslie.

The joyful heart, by Louise Booth. We urge all old, new and active members to be present Sunday. We are going to plan for our monthly social. Please learn your parts also.

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NEW FILLING STATION OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Messrs. Buford Books and W. F. Dunn have this week opened a new filling station on Kent street, next to Dunn Brothers Grocery, announcement of which they make in this issue of the Mail.

Mr. Buford Books will be in charge and assures the firm's patrons of first class service in their line. For the past year he was connected with the Highway Service Station, and Mr. Dunn has recently moved to our city from his farm northwest of the city. We wish for them success in their new enterprise, and call attention to their advertisement.

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JOHNNIE WHEELER MARKETS STEERS FOR FANCY PRICE

Johnnie Wheeler, progressive young ranchman, some time ago shipped a car of fine steer calves which brought him the neat sum of \$73.50 around.

This was indeed a fancy price. But Johnnie had been feeding them only about 120 days, giving them plenty of cotton seed meal and hulls and ground maize.

KING OPENS NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP

Mr. J. T. King, for many years in the blacksmith business in this city, has recently opened a new shop on Kent street in the building formerly occupied by Ben Pilcher. Read his announcement in this paper.

A number of our citizens have been doing jury service in district court at Abilene this week, among whom are: Eli Case, Herbert Patterson and W. O. Boney.

T. H. SPEARS FOR BETTER ROADS

After thinking over the road situation for some time decided I would drop a few lines through the Mail for those who are interested. We have the highway running east and west through the county that will soon be completed. Then the roads leading north out of Merkel that are hard-surfaced over to Stith and almost to Hodges, which is just fine, and brings trade and business to the town and all feel proud of the progressive spirit manifested in putting this road over, and now let's come south out by Blair, and Butman. Complete one running north and south, giving a road serving the next largest trade territory of the town, and also serving to Dora and the divide, a wonderfully productive farming country that is divided between Merkel and Sweetwater. The Canyon is one of the oldest settlements in Taylor county and considered one of the best farming districts and that being the case, why not have a gravel road then to the people who voted bonds for roads other than the main highways, No. 1 and 30. While we have the money, let's economize all we can and every one lend a helping hand. Lots of gravel along the road. Some as fine as can be had, and this can be used at very small cost. So let's all think this over and all place a shoulder to the wheel and labor together for the betterment of all.

What do you say, good people? I'm ready; let's go! Yours for better roads, T. H. SPEARS.

SPECIAL SALE OF SUITS

For the next fifteen days I will give ten per cent off on all tailor-made suits ordered through me. Call at the section house any time after five p.m. G. F. WOOD. Itp

Dr. M. Armstrong accompanied Dr. W. V. Cranford to Temple first of the week, where the latter went to go through the clinic at the Scott Sanitarium. Dr. Cranford has been quite sick for some time, and we join his many friends in the sincere hope that he will receive immediate and permanent relief.

Don't forget that Bob Martin Grocery Company is now located on Front Street, opposite the Ice House. Good, fresh groceries all the time. It

MRS. LINDSAY HONORED

Mrs. Charlie Jones entertained on Friday afternoon of last week in honor of her house guest, Mrs. L. L. Lindsay, of Foreman, Arkansas. Games of 42 progressed happily throughout the afternoon hours and at tea time Mrs. Jones was assisted by Miss Mona Margaret in serving a most delicious salad to Mesdames Lindsay, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Ross Ferrier, Dee Grimes, F. C. McFarland, John West, Jim West, Byers Petty, S. D. Gamble, Amy Sears, Bill Sheppard, Booth Warren and L. B. Scott.

FIDELIS ENTERTAINED

Misses Berry and Holler were joint hostesses to members of their Sunday school class on last Thursday evening, entertaining in the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone. At the culmination of all business discussions little Miss Mollie Frank delighted the guests with readings and assisted the hostesses in serving a delicious salad to Misses Maxie Banner, Mae Lassiter, Vennie Heizer, Lucy Tracy, and Mesdames Kirby Beckett, Byers Petty, Sam Swann, T. V. Touchstone, Florence Berry and the hostesses.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Mrs. Johnnie Camp was the charming hostess of the Idlewise Club members on Tuesday, complimenting them with a Valentine party. The little cupid and brilliant hues of red were stressed in the table appointments for games of auction bridge for the Club members. Tea hour guests were Mesdames C. B. Gardner, H. L. Propst and Miss Christine Collins. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Harry Cookston in serving a most delectable salad pudding and coffee to Misses Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins and Mary Cleo Booth, Mesdames Jack Durham, W. S. J. Brown, Matt Dillingham, Emmett Grimes, Warren Smith, Tom Price, Sie Hamm, Tom Largent, C. B. Gardner, Tubby Hembree and H. L. Propst.

Mr. E. P. Bickley, of San Saba, Texas, was here first of the week to visit his brother, Mr. J. S. Bickley. He was on his way home from a visit with relatives in El Paso.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Mrs. H. H. Reynolds, a feme sole, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th Judicial District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the Third Monday in March A. D. 1928, the same being the 19th day of March A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 4th day of February A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 239-B, wherein George McDaniel Jr., is Plaintiff, and Mrs. H. H. Reynolds, a feme sole, is Defendant, and said petition alleging

1. That on or about the 9th day of May, 1925, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: All of lots 1 and 18, Block "A" Outlot 2, Block 146, Abilene, Texas.

2. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withholds from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$5000.00.

3. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$200.00.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court, that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition; that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described lands and premises; that writ of restitution issue, and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, general and special, in law and in equity, that he may be justly entitled to.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of February A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk.
District Court, Taylor County. 1044

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS MEETING

About 20 women were guests of Mrs. E. C. Richards, Tuesday afternoon when the King's Daughters Class of the Methodist Sunday School held their regular monthly class meeting in her home. The first part of the meeting was occupied by the devotional and a business session conducted by the president, Mrs. E. P. Beene. Mrs. Frank Golladay had charge of the entertaining features for the Social hour and introduced some clever contests. One was especially suggestive of the approaching valentine season by the use of paper hearts in a word contest from the one word valentine.

The guests were further entertained with a delightful reading by Miss Cora Lee Hulsey.

At the tea hour the hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Eunice, in serving a refreshment plate of jello and whipped cream with cake and hot chocolate topped with marshmallows, to the following guests. Mesdames Mayhew, Graham, Huddleston, Russell, Harris, Martin, Berryman, Harkrider, Hamilton, McSpadden, Watts, Durham, Mitchell, Beene, Golladay, Cox and Misses Mossie Sears, Cora Lee Hulsey and little Mary Joe Russell.

Would you wish a nice saving on your Grocery Bill for 1928? If so start today with—

CLARENCE SAUNDERS

The many friends of Mr. W. I. Cogburn were very glad to see him up and about town last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Cogburn is just recovering from a very severe operation for appendicitis. He was looking well considering the long illness through which he has just passed.

Mr. E. E. Leslie is building a new and beautiful stucco filling station, located on the highway just east of the Hamm Gin.

We are informed that Mr. Fred Horton underwent an operation at Abilene this week for appendicitis, and is reported getting along nicely.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson, who is attending Texas Christian University, at Fort Worth, was a weekend visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

PALACE THEATRE

WHAT PRICE GLORY

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
February 22nd., 23rd., and 24th.

H. S. Montgomery and family of Fort Worth, on their way to California, stopped over here this week for a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. T.J.R. Swafford.

Messrs. N. A. Dowell, W. H. Laney and Carlton Dennis left yesterday for Vernon, where they will attend the Panhandle Sheriffs' association meeting.

Try a sack of the "Royal Owl" Flour, at Bob Martin Grocery Company, on Front street, opposite the ice house. It

We will buy all your eggs and pay the market price. Bob Martin Grocery Company, opposite the Ice House on Front Street. It

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins, accompanied by Mrs. Higgins' father, Mr. W. M. Hayes, of the Salt Branch community, made a visit to Fort Worth Sunday returning Monday.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Holiness as a second work of grace".
Preaching at 7:30 p.m. Subject: "Qualifications for Heaven."
A welcome to everybody.
J. F. Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lindsay and daughter, Peggy, of Foreman, Arkansas, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones last week.

Try a bucket of East Texas Syrup at A. R. Booth's. It

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that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for

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New Spring Goods

We have just received a nice shipment of beautiful New Spring Piece Goods. Come in and look this new material over; you will be pleased with its beauty, quality and price.

New Spring Coats and Dresses

New Spring Coats and Dresses are arriving and all the very latest and most beautiful in pattern and material are here. You will appreciate them when you see them. And we invite you to come in at once so that you may have first pick.



Ladies New Spring Slippers

We also have a new shipment of ladies Novelty Slippers; very newest creations. They are beautiful, smart and comfortable and moderately priced. So when in our store don't fail to visit our ladies shoe department.

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We would also mention that our mens and boys department is well stocked with New Spring goods, such as hats, shoes, caps, ties, shirts, etc. The Hart Schaffner & Marx line of clothing—none better.



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hundred. W. C. Lee, Route 1, box 17,
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To the Sheriff or any Constable of
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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-

ED to summon R. A. Humble, and
the unknown heirs of R. A. Humble;
J. H. Aaron, and the unknown heirs
of J. H. Aaron; Lem Bailey, and the
unknown heirs of Lem Bailey; Har-
den Y. Bateman, and the unknown
heirs of Harden Y. Bateman; Harden
& Bateman, and the unknown heirs
and successors of the said Harden &
Bateman; V. H. Anderson, and the
unknown heirs of V. H. Anderson;
Mrs. Bennett B. Anderson, and the
unknown heirs of Mrs. Bennett B.
Anderson; J. H. Withers and the un-
known heirs of J. H. Withers; J. T.
Wash, and the unknown heirs of J. T.
Wash; J. T. Walsh, and the unknown
heirs of J. T. Walsh; J. W. Stewart,
and the unknown heirs of J. W. Stewart;
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, and the
unknown heirs of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth
Moore; W. F. Moore and the unknown
heirs of W. F. Moore; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, temporary
administratrix of the estate of
W. F. Moore, deceased; T. H. Vin-
son, and the unknown heirs of T. H.
Vinson; W. E. Hittson, Jr., and the
unknown heirs of W. E. Hittson, Jr.;
J. W. Knox, and the unknown heirs
of J. W. Knox; J. L. Johnson, and
the unknown heirs of J. L. Johnson;
J. W. McCormick, and the unknown
heirs of J. W. McCormick, by making
publication of this Citation once in
each week for four successive weeks
previous to the return day hereof, in
some newspaper published in your
county, if there be a newspaper pub-
lished therein, but if not, then in the
nearest County where a newspaper is
published, to appear at the next regu-
lar term of the 104th Judicial Dis-
trict Court of Taylor County, to be
held at the Court House thereof, in
Abilene, on the third Monday in
March A. D. 1928, the same being the
19th day of March A. D. 1928, then
and there to answer a petition filed in
said Court on the 30th day of Janu-
ary, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered
on the docket of said Court as No.
229-B, wherein T. C. Campbell, is
Plaintiff, and R. A. Humble, is the
unknown heirs of R. A. Humble; J.
H. Aaron, and the unknown heirs of
J. H. Aaron; Lem Bailey, and the un-
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of J. W. Knox; J. L. Johnson, and
the unknown heirs of J. L. Johnson;
J. W. McCormick, and the unknown
heirs of J. W. McCormick, are de-
fendants, and said petition alleging:

1. That plaintiff is a resident citizen
of Taylor County, Texas; that the
residences of said defendants, and
each of them, is unknown, and can-
not be ascertained.

2. Plaintiff alleges that heretofore,
to-wit, on the 1st day of December,
A. D. 1927, he was, and still is, the
owner in fee simple of the following
described real estate and premises,
situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-
wit:

All of Lots Three (3), Four (4),
Five (5), Seven (7), Eight (8), Ten
(10) and Twelve (12), in Block No.
One; Lots Nine (9), Eleven (11),
Fourteen (14) and Seventeen (17),
in Block Three; and Lots One (1),
Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight
(8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11)
Twelve (12) and Fourteen (14), in
Block No. Four; all in Lacy-Morrow
Subdivision of Outlot No. Two (2),
Block No. One Hundred and Ninety-
Nine (199), City of Abilene, Tay-
lor County, Texas.

3. On such day, also, he was in pos-
session of such premises, and after-
wards on the 2nd day of December
A. D. 1927, the defendants unlawfully
entered upon and dispossessed him
of such premises, and withhold from
him, the possession thereof.

4. Defendants have occupied and
used such premises under such un-
lawful possession for a period of
three months, and the rental value
thereof during such occupancy is the
sum of Six Hundred Dollars, in which
amount by virtue of such wrongs, the
defendants are justly indebted to the
plaintiff, but, though repeated de-
mand for the payment thereof has

been made of defendants and each of
them by plaintiff, they have failed
and refused, and still fail and refuse
to pay the same, to plaintiff's dam-
age in the sum of Six Hundred Dol-
lars.

Wherefore, plaintiff sues, prays for
citation by publication as against
each of said defendants, and that up-
on final hearing hereof, that he have
judgment for the title and possession
of the above described premises, for
his damages and costs of suit, and for
such other and further relief as he
may be entitled to either at law or in
equity.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next
regular term, this writ with your re-
turn thereon, showing how you have
executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and
the Seal of said Court, at office in Ab-
ilene, Texas, this the 31st day of
January A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk
104th District Court, Taylor Coun-
ty. 10t4

Mr. Johnnie Dunn, of the Dunn
Brothers Grocery, is just completing
a nice new bungalow home in the
Haynes-Moody addition, which when
completed will be occupied by him-
self and family.

Patterson brothers report the sale
of 175 head of cattle recently to K.
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Why be scared of
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Young friend, had it ever occurred to you that if you remain where you are and continue what you are, that you will always be where you are and be what you are? It has, no doubt, but what have you decided to do about it? Consider the advice of America's greatest business men; they say a business education obtained in a good business college is the greatest aid to business success. This being true and you desiring to make a success and get the most out of life, you should write for our free instructive catalogue and begin in earnest to better yourself-read what Byrne training has done toward making some of America's greatest bankers, merchants, financiers, U. S. Senators, court reporters and secretaries. Read the statements of girls and boys who worked their way through Byrne College and those who borrowed the money, as well as those who came from homes of plenty. This reading will open to you visions of success that will inspire you to action and in a short time, you will be where and what you would like to be. Fill in the blank below and mail for catalogue right now; this very minute make the start-the cost is a two cent stamp, the result may be thousands of dollars to you.

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where your friends will see that you are well satisfied.
Read the Ads in this Paper
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WE MOVE TO OUR NEW LOCATION NEXT WEEK Friday and Saturday will be bargain days.



Upstairs is overflowing with pretty, new, Spring Merchandise priced special for quick selling. One rack of

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A groupe of Children's and Misses Silk Dresses sizes 7 to 14 **\$6.95**

Several dozen Service Weight and Chiffon hose. All colors. Values up to \$2.00 priced **98c**

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Emmett Perkins was born May 15, 1884 and died January 30, 1928, being 43 years of age.

He moved to this county with his parents when a very small boy. When only a young man of 21 years he married Miss Nettie Pannel on Sept. 4, 1905. There were eight children born to this union, one having died in infancy, seven others were at home with their mother to weep for a dear father and husband.

He and his young wife were both baptized into the church of Christ in 1907. He having lived here most of his life, was known by most every one. Besides his wife and children he leaves an aged mother, three brothers and three sisters to mourn his departure.

He had suffered for a number of years and all that loving hands could do was done for him. He was laid to rest at Merkel January 31, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Bro. C. A. Collins spoke words of comfort to the bereaved ones at the cemetery. One more life is blotted out before he reaches a very old age, proving to

us we too must go some day, whether old or young. He is asleep to wake no more until the resurrection. He is in the hands of a just God; He will reward us for each and every good deed that we do.

By One who Loved Him.

CLOSING NOTICE

The undersigned banks of Merkel will be closed all day Monday, February 13th, on account of Lincoln's birthday; and Wednesday, February 22nd, Washington's birthday. No business will be transacted on these days, and all customers are respectfully asked to take notice, and we trust there will be no inconvenience.

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people's Service 6:45 p.m.

Sermon 7:45 p.m. Subject, "The Marriage Feast." Midweek Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Carl A. Collins, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. We are planning a revival meeting to begin about the middle of March. Definite date and plans will be announced soon. Wm. Elliott, Superintendent. R. A. Walker, pastor.

HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: "Test of Real Greatness; Washington, Lincoln, Lee." Leader, J. T. Darsey. Song: Prayer. Introduction by leader. Washington, the Father of America, Thelma Leach. Lee, the patriot of America, Beryl Hunter. Lincoln, the Savior of America, Ouida Mae Hulsey. League Benediction.

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But Ain't You Glad?

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That last year's foolishness will make you sorry if you think about it. Those extra dollars you frittered away in careless buying were foolishly frittered away. That merchandise that you bought in stores that do not sell big quantities to keep everything absolutely fresh and fine was

a foolish spending of your money. That credit bill you made at the credit grocery store was foolish business for you because you paid about 500% interest in higher prices for the credit. Now ain't you sorry because of all that foolishness?

Now ain't you glad that today Sole Owner starts the New Year with Cheaper and Cheaper Prices?

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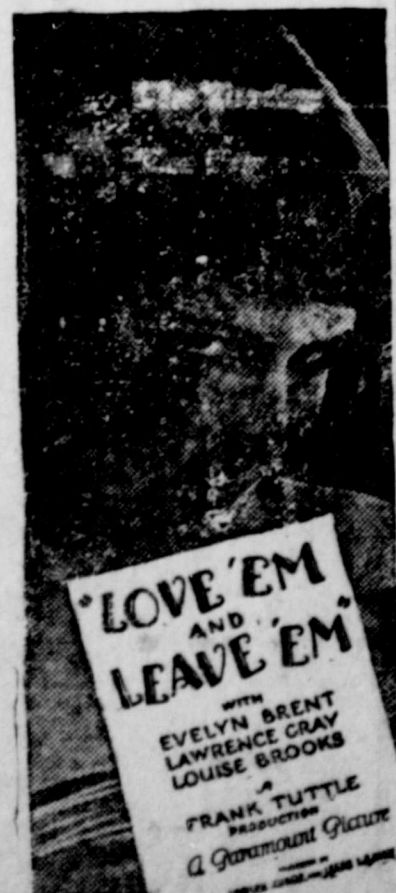
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