

### Fats Vs. Leans in Baseball Game On Wednesday

The Fats and the Leans have organized themselves into teams that will occupy the front page for the balance of the season, and will give the first exhibition of their skill in the National Sport at the High School athletic field on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30. The Fats will appear under the management of John Sears and the Leans will take orders from Rufe Tittle. The reputation of these two gentlemen in the realm of sports is a guaranteed assurance that the game will be full of pep from the first announcement of the Ump. Until the game is called on account of darkness. C. H. Jones and L. R. Thompson, without doubt the two best Umpires in the middle west, will see that the contest is carried on in strict accord with the rules of the game. Bob McDonald, when not playing will act as chief bouncer and will eject any one from the grounds who does not act with proper decorum or who is not in possession of the proper credentials. The following is the line-up:

- | FATS             |                   | LEANS           |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sears, Mgr.      | Rufe Tittle, Mgr. | C. K. Russell   | Thos. Pence      |
| F. Y. Gaither    | Herb Patterson    | O. R. Dye       | Roife Wagner     |
| Byers Petty      | Delma Compton     | C. K. Ferrer    | Wade Darsey      |
| Mac Buzbee       | Doyle Garrett     | Hubert Blair    | Geo. Woodrum     |
| W. F. Golladay   | Owen Ellis        | W. F. Golladay  | Frank McFarland  |
| Geo. T. Moore    | Thos. Durham      | Booth Warren    | Yates Brown      |
| Tye Sublett      | Alvin Morton      | R. O. Anderson  | W. W. Haynes     |
| T. G. Bragg      | Chock Jones       | Warren Smith    | Jack Durham      |
| Jim West         | A. R. Booth       | Sie Hamm        | Lige Gamble      |
| Jerome Hutcheson | W. J. Sheppard    | Bob Dennis      | Jack West        |
| W. L. Diltz, Jr. | Roy Largent       | Birby Beckett   | Wm. Gambill      |
| Buford Smith     | W. J. Largent     | Dee Grimes      | Stan Johnson     |
| W. S. J. Brown   | Andy Brown        | W. F. Patterson | Bob Hicks        |
| V. B. Sublett    | B. L. Hamilton    | Bob Hicks       | Earl Baze        |
| W. O. Boney      | E. E. Dunn        | F. C. Hughes    | H. C. West       |
| Geo. White       | Nathan Wood       | J. O. Petty     | A. T. Sheppard   |
| John West        | Johnnie Camp      | C. L. Boswell   | Dr. R. I. Grimes |
| A. H. Brackeen   | Patton            | I. L. Jackson   |                  |
| Sam Swann        |                   |                 |                  |

Seth Hamilton will assist Bob McDonald in preserving order and other business men in the town will be drafted to perform as substitutes for players or peace officers. The Leans will wear lean uniforms and the Fats will appear in baggy costumes and each player will have the word Lean or Fat on some part of their clothing. Any player mentioned above who is not present and in uniform 15 minutes before the game is called will be fined five dollars.

The proceeds of the game will be divided equally between the Boy Scouts and the Cemetery Association. Admission will be 35c and 25c. Tickets on sale at the drug stores and banks. The Farmers State Bank and the F. & M. National Bank have each designated one of their employes to act as score keepers and that it may be accurately kept each will bring with him one of the latest model Adding Machines. Dr. Sadler will be on the grounds to render first aid to the injured. This being the first game of the series it is expected that business of all kinds in town and country will cease during the hours of the game and that everybody will be present.

### Convention at Blair Saturday At 1:30

Z. V. Moore, Democratic precinct chairman of precinct No. 26, at Blair, announces that the convention in that precinct will be held next Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and urges all Democrats to attend and participate in the meeting, both men and women, qualified voters are urged to come and take part.

For several days Booth Warren, the efficient and clever cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has been confined to his room on account of sickness. However, he is expected back at his post of duty very soon.

### Rousing Meeting Enjoyed by Lions

It was indeed a rip-roaring, rousing Lions meeting which was held last Tuesday noon at the Woodrum Hotel. They ate and they roared, and had a good time, too. While they were doing all this they had in mind and were doing a good turn.

In the absence of the President, Mr. L. B. Scott, Vice-president Dee Grimes presided. Herbert Patterson was the clever and interesting toastmaster and let us say Herbert is considered a very quiet, kind-o-dry fellow, but not so as toastmaster of a Lions meeting; in fact there's nothing dry about a Lion. And upon entering the dining room, where there were so many good things to eat, every Lion was asked to wear his hat. That was quite unusual. Well, after all was seated it was announced that every Lion's hat would be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds turned over to the cemetery association to aid that organization in the upkeep of the cemetery. Every hat went under the hammer and it turned out too that among the Lions' hats there were a few that belonged to some traveling men—they were sold too, with not a kick from said traveling men. When all hats had been sold the sum of \$35.00 had been raised for the benefit of the cemetery fund.

There was also a fine program, among the numbers of which was an appreciated address by our most capable and popular Mayor-Lion, Henry C. West, who spoke on the city's industry and resources, which facts we expect to publish for the enlightenment of our readers. It will surprise you.

The next meeting of the Lions Club will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on next Tuesday evening in place of the noon hour at the Woodrum Hotel, and the occasion will be the presentation of the Club's charter by the District Deputy Governor, Hon. N. N. Rosenquest, of Eastland, as well as Lionness Knight. A big time is expected.



MISS ARTILEE SIMMONS

### Merkel Girl Wins In Declamation

Merkel is extremely proud of Artilee Simmons, seventh grade student, who won not only first place in the Junior Girls Declamation contest in the county meet held at Abilene, but also won first place in district interscholastic meet held in Abilene also. This victory would entitle the winner to enter the state contest at Austin this week were it not true that authorities have discontinued Junior Declamation there.

For several years Artilee has been a pupil of the Speech Department of Merkel and Midland and through her pleasing voice and winning stage appearance she has gained a number of appreciative hearers. She will appear in recital with other grammar school pupils during the last of school.

### NEW TOURIST CAMP READY FOR BUSINESS

Mr. E. E. Leslie, the congenial and accommodating proprietor of the Motorist Arcade Service, announces that he has now finished his tourist camp adjacent to his filling station and is now ready to serve the public.

There are six nice new cabins, all nicely fitted up with garage for car right beside them, with running water lights, gas, etc., in fact a modern, up-to-date tourist camp, one that any city could well feel proud of.

### Must Sign Pledge To Vote in Precinct Convention

On next Saturday throughout the State of Texas the machinery will be started by the Democrats of the state which will finally culminate in the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of the nation. At the present time there is every indication that Al Smith, now Governor of New York, will be the Democratic nominee. And it seems that it matters not whether he has the support of the Texas delegation that will be sent to Houston. He will very likely be the nominee anyway. It is likely that the Texas delegation will go to the national convention instructed to vote as a unit for a dry platform and a dry candidate. It is certain that Al Smith would not receive anything like a majority vote of the Texas people were they to vote on the question at this time, and it is very likely that he will not receive a majority of the vote in Texas next November. Yet every voter participating in the precinct convention next Saturday will be required to sign a pledge stating that he will support the nominee of the party, and as this paper sees it, will be honor bound to do so if he signs the pledge. Therefore, the originators and makers of the pledge will have caused many who otherwise would not vote for Smith to do so—yes do a thing they don't like to do. But, as for us, we are not going to sign the pledge. Not now. We want to be a free American citizen with the right to vote as we please. To vote is indeed a privilege, one that every qualified voter should have the right to exercise, and we grant every man and woman that right. In fact, it is a mighty sorry man who has not the backbone to vote as he pleases.

W. O. Boney, precinct chairman in this precinct No. 6, announces that the precinct convention will be held at the Tabernacle at 2:30 p.m., and he urges that every Democrat, both men and women, be present and take part. He wants you to understand that before participating in the convention you must sign a pledge as follows: "We, the undersigned voters, in voting precinct No. 6, Taylor county, Texas, participating in the Democratic Convention in said voting precinct on May 5th, 1928, hereby respectfully state: I am a Democrat and agree to support the nominees of the party."

Misses Allyne Riley and Norah Foster recently closed a six months term of school as teachers in the Warren school four miles north of this city. Patrons state that these young ladies gave them a very fine school and recommend them highly.

### Senior Class Play Friday, May 11th

On Friday evening, May 11th, at the Palace Theatre, Miss Tracy will present the Senior Class of Merkel High School in "Mother Carey's Chickens," a comedy in three acts by Kate Douglas Wiggin and Rachel Crothers.

This is not merely a farce comedy, but a real drama which brings out in a touching way the sacred pleasures of a real home. There are three comedy parts in this interesting play which will furnish plenty of fun to liven up the more serious parts of the play. The scenery used in this play will be all new and elaborate. The curtain will rise promptly at eight fifteen, and if you prize an evening of real pleasure you cannot afford to miss this, the best play yet presented by the Merkel High School.

The admission will be thirty-five and fifty cents.

- The Cast.**
- Ossian Popham ----- Victor Smith
  - Gilbert Cary ----- Fred Yandell
  - Nancy Carey ----- Elizabeth Harkrider
  - Mother Carey ----- Berdelle Adcock
  - Kathleen ----- Mary Lou Brown
  - Peter ----- Bettie Lou Grimes
  - Cousin Ann Chadwick, Mildred Hamm
  - Julia Carey ----- Venice Bell
  - Mrs. Ossian Popham ----- Eunice Bird
  - Lallie Joy Popham, Bessie Westenhofer
  - Ralph Thurston ----- Clark Munday
  - Cyril Lord ----- Sterling Sheppard
  - Tom Hamilton ----- Tolbert Proctor
  - Henry Lord ----- Roy Propst

### WOULD CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

We are informed that a number of citizens representing the school districts of I. X. L., Butman, Castle Peak, Blair and White Church met recently to talk over the matter of consolidating these districts into one large district, which, if done, would give the children of the various districts the same advantages to be had in the small town or independent district. At this meeting there were about forty-two people present, and a vote among them showed 35 for consolidation and 7 against.

After talking the matter over it was decided to hold another meeting, to be held at Blair on Saturday, May 12, at which time prominent speakers of state-wide renown would be present to explain the advantages gained by consolidation.

L. B. Scott, the genial manager of The Merkel Motor Company in this city, went to Dallas first of the week, bringing another new model A Ford Sedan back with him.

### Two Wells Producing Gasoline At 18-Foot Depth

Most of our readers have probably learned about the discovery while digging a water well by the Bradley Mercantile Company at Stith, of a "gasoline well" at a depth of 18 feet.

While digging a water well a flow of what is said by many to be genuine casing-head gasoline, was encountered at this shallow depth on last Monday a week ago, which has been producing since that time around 60 gallons every day. A test of the gasoline shows about 58 gravity, we are told. Up to last Sunday many geologists and oil men had visited the freak, as some call it, and while it was thought for a time that the gas might have been coming from some filling station gasoline tanks nearby, investigations killed all such thought. On Tuesday of this week Bryan Dunnagan and brother, who own a lot next to the Bradley Mercantile Company on the South, put men to work digging an offset, just for experiment, and this test we are told was sunk two feet deeper than the Bradley well and then a test tube was sent down seven feet deeper with the result that the same flow of gasoline with water was found.

While the flow of gas in the first well came from the northwest, the flow in the new well is said to be coming from the southeast. Many people are of the opinion that the freak flow of gasoline is really coming through the earth from some big pool of oil, and there is much talk of some deep tests being started in the neighborhood soon.

### MANY ATTEND FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

It is said that more than 150 citizens took advantage of the opportunity and invitation extended by the city officials and fire boys to visit the new city hall and fire station and inspect same.

A splendid program was carried out with music by Merkel's new and growing band. There were also several out of town visitors in attendance, including Abilene's Fire Chief, Mr. Frank Ferrier.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and family returned first of the week from Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley, where they had been to attend the meeting of the State Postmasters' Association. The Postmaster reports a fine meeting and good time. He also said he liked the valley fine, but liked Merkel and West Texas better than he ever did before.

### Court Finds No Fraud In Grimes Case

"I wouldn't consider for a minute sending either of you to the penitentiary. This is one of the most peculiar cases I have ever heard. Although there are irregularities shown in management of the national guard battery at Merkel, the whole case lacks any element of fraud or intention to defraud," said Judge James C. Wilson of United States district court here, yesterday afternoon, to Dr. Robert I. Grimes of Merkel and Stuart A. Grimes of Abilene.

The two brothers, both veterans of the World War, had pleaded guilty to charges in the 11th and last count of indictments returned by federal grand juries involving method of management of the 131st field artillery unit at Merkel from November, 1924, to June, 1926. The other ten counts had been demurred to by their attorneys, Dallas Scarborough and W. R. Ely, and were dismissed.

The court did not assess any punishment against Dr. R. I. Grimes other than to say he was found guilty as he pleaded. Stuart A. Grimes was given a suspended sentence of six months in the Tarrant county jail, the suspension to continue for two years. If during that time he is not accused of any federal offense the period of probation will end and consequences of the charge will pass away.

The court said in passing sentence: "We have in this case the peculiar situation of the government's regulations being violated but without any intention to defraud, while the government is, according to the testimony the only party that will receive any pecuniary gain from the transactions. The government is profiting in the sum of approximately \$2,500 because checks totaling that sum drawn on the treasury have been turned down and will not be paid. The army has also obtained as a result of the transactions described in the charge to which you pleaded guilty, the use and ownership of six horses."

The charge to which the two men pleaded guilty involved irregular, but not fraudulent, methods by which payroll reports for the Merkel artillery battery were sent to federal army officials.

The evidence showed that not one penny of government money was used for any purpose except to pay salaries and to pay the note made to purchase the horses. All money, however, was used for expenses of maintaining and operating the unit and caring for more than \$80,000 worth of equipment belonging to the United States army.

Before closing his talk at conclusion of evidence Judge Wilson declared that the record of the case as presented before him showed that no person had obtained any pecuniary gain through the transactions and that the persons involved obviously had no fraudulent intentions because they gained nothing. They are members of a pioneer and highly respected family of Merkel. Five or six brothers in the family served their country during the world war.—Abilene Morning News.

### Nice Sum Added to Cemetery Fund

Contributions to the Merkel Cemetery budget fund continue to come in, and yet hundreds of dollars additional money will have to be raised before there is sufficient in the treasury to carry on the work for the next year. Up to this week there had been received from all sources \$216.50, with the following list of donations for this week to be added:

Clyde Sears	5.00
Bud Sears	5.00
J. H. McDonald	5.00
O. R. Burns	5.00
H. B. Chambless, Trent	5.00
Mrs. L. A. and W. C. Hill	5.00
Lions Club, Merkel	5.00
J. A. Scott, Trent	2.00
W. M. Jones	2.00
Mrs. W. L. Harkrider	5.00

### FARM BRINGS \$66.50 PER ACRE

W. H. Frazier reports the sale of his fine 228 acre farm east of Stith to a Mr. Alexander, of Abilene, at \$66.50 per acre, or a total of \$15,200.

This is fine property and no doubt will prove a good investment for the new owner.

## "An Unsolved Problem"



# BANK YOUR MONEY

The spendthrift spends his hard earned kale  
 And when he's sick or old and stale,  
 There is no work that he can do;  
 His lot is hard and friends are few.  
 Had he laid by for rainy days  
 His friends would loudly sing his praise.  
 So do not be a spendthrift crank  
 But take your money to the bank.  
 The Farmers State Bank right here in town  
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 W. L. Diltz, Cashier

Herbert Patterson,  
 Assistant Cashier

Dallas Scarbrough  
 David Hendricks

### ALATHEAN CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

Mesdames Bradshaw and Boney entertained the Alathean Class at the home of Mrs. Boney last Friday. "Let Others See Jesus in You," was selected as the class song. Scripture was read by Mrs. Brown and prayer was led by Mrs. Parrack. Several interesting subjects were discussed. Mesdames Warren, Brown, and Dennis were appointed as a committee to purchase material for valance for the choir. The "Feather Game" was enjoyed very much, each person imitating the fowl or animal named. Salad plates with hot chocolate were served to the following members: Dennis, Polly, McDonald, Allen, Ash, Brown, Jones, Porter, McCandless, Boden, Warren, Parrack, Hamm, and the hostesses, Bradshaw and Boney. Reporter.

### Mt. Pleasant Items

(By Browneyes)  
 Health of this community is very good at this writing.  
 The cry of this community is "rain" The farmers would like to see a good rain on the stuff they have up and to plant more.  
 We are all proud of our good roads leading out of Merkel to Mt. Pleasant since they have been graded.  
 The play Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd, but we are sorry so many people had to stand up.  
 Miss Emma Campbell spent Sunday with Bink Hogan family.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whisenhunt and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt and family of Dora.  
 Ford Smith Jr. and Carl Cody spent Sunday afternoon with Tom Hogan.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and family Saturday night.  
 Misses Martha Brooks and Grace Cody visited home folks in Abilene this week-end.  
 Miss Pauline Pinckley visited her parents of Salt Branch this week-end.  
 Miss Mary Click who is attending Merkel school, visited her parents this week-end.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carter are the happy parents of a baby boy.  
 Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt of Dora.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas and family of Nubia spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and family.  
 The Mt. Pleasant school boys defeated Cross Roads 26 to 7 in a baseball game Friday afternoon. Who said "our boys" couldn't play baseball.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin and little son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin and family.  
 Sunday School next Sunday morning at 10:30. Everybody come and take part in it.  
 Out of Gas? Got a Flat? Call No. 19. We hurry! tf  
 Highest Market Price paid for your Eggs. Clarence Saunders. It  
 Try a Classified Ad for Results

### CIGAR-SHOP INDIAN MOURNS ITS MAKER

#### Famous Wood Carver Dies in Canada.

Toronto, Ont.—There died a few days ago in Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec, at the age of eighty-six, Louis Jobin, the originator of the cigar-store Indian.  
 Louis Jobin's family name does not rest exclusively on his bizarre production. He was described as the greatest wood carver in the world. He carved wood for seventy years, though of late his sight had failed and he had laid away the chisel.  
 The present generation knew him only as the religious wood carver of the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. The pilgrims who left their crutches took away in their stead little Jobin statuettes. His work has gone all over the world, but the world is unaware of him. He never signed his statuettes.  
 You cannot go into a church in rural Quebec or motor through its roads, that are one unending village, without seeing a Jobin. He made wayside shrines and Calvaries as well as statuettes for churches. His subjects were Christ and Mary and the Holy Babe, the innumerable saints of the calendar. And his chisel and mallet made many an apostle. Indeed, with his long, white patriarchal beard, he himself did not look unlike an apostle or an early Christian father.  
 He did not forget his patron saint, Ste. Anne, "Our Lady of the Miracles." A more than life-sized statue of her is in the garden of the basilica of the Canadian Lourdes and pious pilgrims kiss her hand in gratitude.  
 There is a notable Jobin figure in the study hall of the College of Ste. Anne de Pocatiere and the figure of General Wolfe in a niche of the Canadian Pacific railroad office in Quebec is also from his chisel. But for Jobin the niche would be empty. The original statue was taken by the officers of a British ship, but Quebec, which is determined to honor Wolfe as well as Montcalm, had Jobin replace it.  
 The Toronto Art gallery has one of his angels and it does not need to hang its head in the sculpture gallery beside the masterpiece of Chinese art. It also has the simplicity of greatness, the tranquil dignity of transfigured personal emotion.  
 While cigar-store Indians are becoming extinct, those created by Jobin in his early days in the industry are in keen demand by collectors. One of the masterpieces of St. Noeltine stands today at the front door of a tobacconist's shop on the Rue St. Jean. In Quebec city, where it was placed fifty years ago. The owner has refused \$500 for it.  
 Jobin was a humble artist, who never talked of art for art's sake, but did whatever his hand found to do.  
 What was in demand sixty and seventy years ago was figureheads for ships.  
 Canada was a center of the wooden shipbuilding industry. So the young Jobin, although he went for a brief period to New York, found more ample scope for his talents at home.  
 Learned Art Young.  
 He has given this account of his early life: "I was born at Pointe aux Trembles and when I was very young my father sent me to my uncle, who was a wood carver, to learn the trade. We did a big business in ships' figureheads. There were many ships and they all wanted ornaments on the prow and nameboard on the stern. I made dolphins and sirens and Neptune. The sign outside my shop is a Neptune, which was ordered but not taken.  
 "Forty years I carved for ships," he went on. "Then the steamers came in and iron had no use for wood. I had long carved Indians. I also carved the figure of a notary for a notary's door in Montreal. But for years I have done mostly angels and apostles and saints."  
 Jobin's art will not altogether die with him. He leaves behind him a nephew, Edouard Marcotte, trained in his craft, and Ste. Anne, though the great master of wood carving is no more, will not be deprived of sacred iconography.

### Dora Doings

This week was real home-coming week at Dora.  
 Mrs. Eula Hawkins and children of Stanton were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis.  
 Mrs. Pat Powers of Merkel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook.  
 R. L. Porter and family of Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Burrus of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rhodes of Drasco, were visiting their mother Mrs. J. K. Porter.  
 Mrs. B. F. Goodnight and daughter of Roscoe and J. W. Porter and Mrs. Luther Wright of Champion, attended church at the Baptist Church Sunday to hear their brother, R. L. Porter, preach.  
 The High School play put on Friday night was sure fine, well rendered and attended by a large crowd.  
 Mr. A. D. Cross's father and mother are spending a few days with him.  
 We are glad to welcome the Price family to our city. Mr. Price is to be manager of the gin this season.  
 Mrs. Ivy McCoy at this writing is at Grogan Wells, Sweetwater, for treatment. Sorry to report that she is not improving very much.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Freeman motored to Dublin last week for a few days visit with her mother.  
 Nubia baseball team defeated Dora first nine Thursday twelve to eight.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott of Merkel were in our city Monday.  
 Chapel Hardy of McMurry is at home for a few days visit.  
 W. F. Hardy moved into the new store Monday. Sure is a nice building, and he hopes to render better and more service than ever before.  
 L. A. Dudley and family of Elm Grove attended church here Sunday.  
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### Nazarene Church

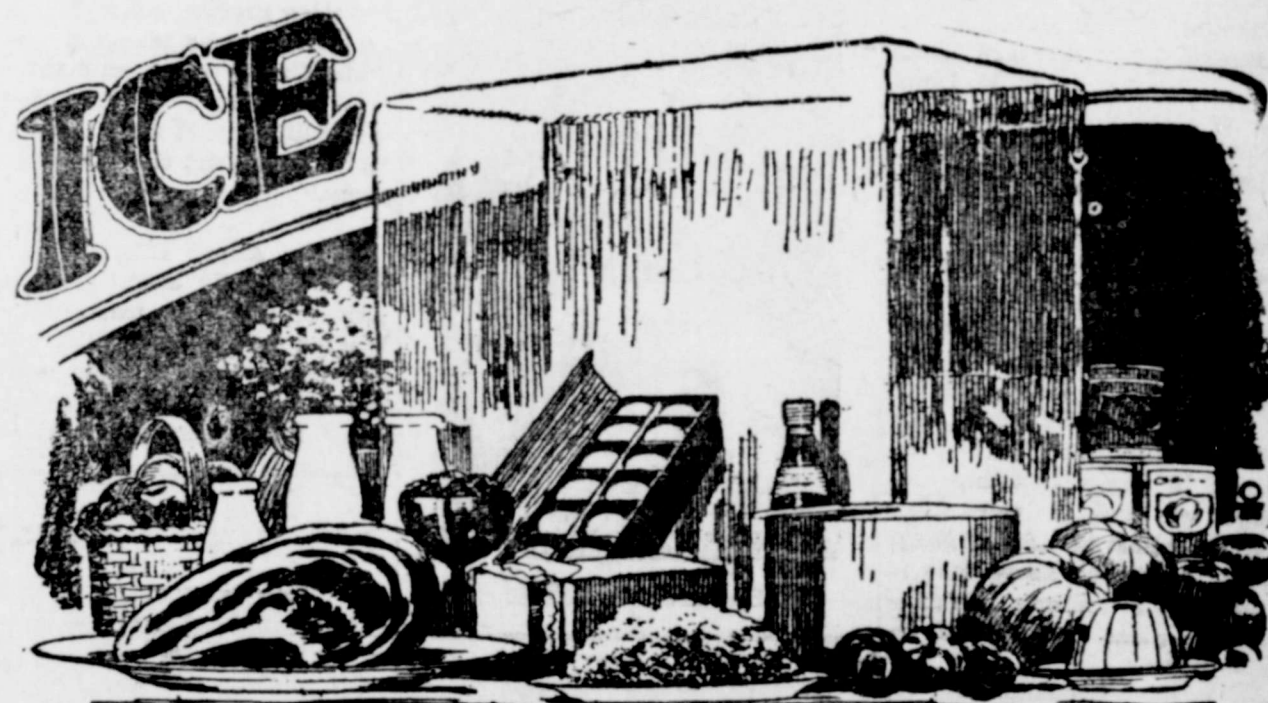
Leona Forbes, Pastor.  
 Regular Services each Sunday.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. N.Y.P.S. at 7:15 p.m. Preaching at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursday nights at 8 o'clock.  
 Subject for the eleven o'clock hour Sunday will be "The Lost Christ," Luke 2:44. Subject for the evening hour, "The Nature of Sin," Jas. 1:15. Come worship with us. A hearty welcome to all.

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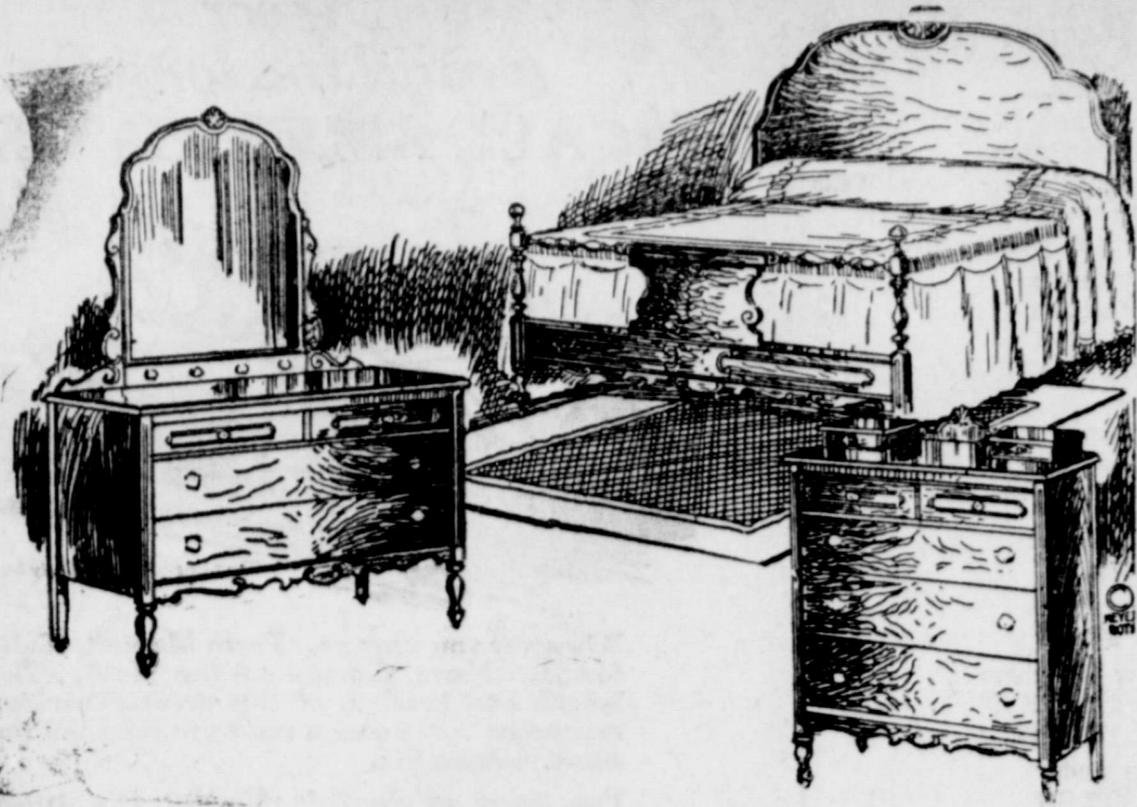
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**Way to Dry Cups**

There are some men behind the counters of business places who are very clever. The other day I saw a counter man in a local lunch room pull off a pretty good stunt. The man was washing cups and I noticed he did not dry them with a towel or machine. He simply placed a dry towel on a large metal tray. He explained to me that as he turned the cups upside down the water or moisture all ran to the towel on the tray. The towel took up all the moisture leaving the cups dry. I looked over some of the cups which the waiter said he had standing for a time. They were perfectly dry. Perhaps the idea will be copied by housewives.—Salem News.

**Shakespeare No Horse Boy**

There is no historical evidence to support the story, says the Pathfinder Magazine that Shakespeare's first work in connection with a theater was holding the horses of noblemen and other patrons. According to the usual version of the myth, the young Stratford man showed considerable enterprise in organizing a "horse holding" group of boys who were known as "Shakespeare's boys." All evidence obtainable about Shakespeare tends to discredit the story. It was told by some of the poet's early biographers, but it has been rejected by most, if not all, of the later critics and careful Shakespearean students.

**Homesick**

Ruth Ellen was making her first visit alone to her aunt, who has no children. The aunt visited the library and obtained the most modern authority on child diet. The menu for the child's first evening was planned with care, but the five-year-old refused to eat. "I'm homesick for something," she said. "What is it? Maybe we can find some here," said the solicitous aunt. "I think it's doughnuts and coffee," replied the child.

**Too Many Messages**

There are too many messages: we waste valuable time in considering them. A man comes to a town to lecture, and the chairman introduces him by saying he brings a message. Then the speaker talks a lot of stuff we have heard a thousand times before and got little out of it.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

**Source of Progress**

All valuable inventions are not conceived in the laboratories of big business. So-called free lance inventors afford the basis for new and independent enterprises.—Woman's Home Com

**Special Prices on Ford Tops**

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We have attractive prices on seat covers for Ford Tourings and Coupes. My place is also headquarters for awnings for all makes of cars, both standard and roller.

We are still doing first class work in the Shoe Repair line, and have a fully equipped shop for any kind of work.

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**BAPTIST WORKERS MEET WITH VIEW CHURCH 7th.**

The following program will be rendered at "The Workers' Meeting" of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, to be held with the View Baptist Church May 7th, 1928.

- 10 Devotional, Rev. Heard.
  - 10:15, Home Missions, Chas. A. Powell.
  - 10:45 Foreign Missions, J. C. McKenzie.
  - 11:15 Sermon, J. C. Burkett.
  - 12:15 Dinner.
  - 1:30 Board Meeting.
  - 2:00 Devotion, W. H. Howell.
  - 2:30 Report on State Sunday school Convention, Walter Jackson.
  - 3:00 Report on Sunday School meeting at Temple, C. D. Owen.
  - 3:30 An Inspirational Address, Ira L. Parrack.
- Music for the day to be led by W. I. Taylor. J. Perry King will preach on Sunday evening at 8:30.

Give us a chance to prove to you the superior quality of our meats and we believe you will become one of our regular customers. Baker & Wheeler Market.

**ICE CREAM SUPPER AT UNION RIDGE THURSDAY**

Thursday night, May 10th, has been set as the date for one of the biggest Ice Cream Suppers that has ever been pulled off at Union Ridge. On that date all the people of the surrounding communities will gather at the Union Ridge Methodist Church for an evening of fun and feasting. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and eat ice cream until your throat hurts. The proceeds are to be contributed to the church fund.

**SENIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM**

Subject: "Practical Christianity—What is it?" Leader, Miss Heizer. Introduction by leader.

1. Profitable or unprofitable faith? Miss Lucy Tracy.
2. Beware of the Abuse of Faith, Fannie Belle Boaz.
3. The Perfecting of Our Faith.
4. Hear the Doctrine Then Do it, Mr. Gilmore.
5. Faith is for use, Miss Valerie Dye.

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**JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM**

Roll call, to be answered with Bible verse.  
 Scripture lesson, Leader, Odell Hunter.  
 Song; Prayer, superintendent.  
 1. Why do we observe the Sabbath? Cullen Tittle.  
 2. How do you observe the Sabbath? Mary Grace Dunn.  
 3. How did our early ancestors ob-

serve Sunday? Alice Church.  
 4. How do we observe the Sabbath? Lois Whiteley.  
 5. Pages from the Diaries of two boys, Mollie Frank Touchstone.  
 Junior League meets at 2 o'clock.  
 If you want your Washing and Ironing done right bring it to Mrs. Verna Deutschman. I need the work. ltp

**Centers of Business**

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**His Ambition**

"Ambition," said Norbert Quinn, "is a funny thing. My friend, Christopher Morley, prince of fantasy and Twentieth century Elizabethan, confided that he wished that he could draw one also that he could write successful plays.  
 "Quite in contrast is my little friend William, who is saving up money to buy an airplane. 'It's a very worthy motive,' I told him. 'You are quite an ambitious boy.'  
 "'You bet I am!' William agreed and added, 'You see, I want to fly over Bobby Willet's yard and drop down bricks on him.'"

**Hands Under Covers**

Tom was spending the week-end with Aunt Lou on the farm. She insisted he bathe before retiring to her scrumptiously clean bed. The next morning as he appeared for breakfast the aunt gave the boy a scrutinizing look. "Did you wash up for breakfast?" she asked.  
 "Course not. I had a bath last night and kept my hands under the covers," replied the disgusted boy.

**Air Mail Saves Bankers Large Sums in Interest**

Seattle.—By using the air mail service between the Pacific coast and New York, bankers have been able to save thousands of dollars monthly in interest. All checks in excess of \$500 are sent by air mail and arrive at the Eastern terminus two days after mailing, or three to four days sooner than by fast train service. Return credits are also hurried west by plane so that actual time for collection of large remittances is less than a week. Thus far currency shipments have not been trusted to the air mail.

**SOMETHING TO LAUGH**

ABOUT. One of our town girls walked by our place the other day leading her pet dog. One of the boys asked what the idea was of having a CHAIN on Fido. "Because he is a Watch Dog," was her rejoinder. You'll laugh with pleasure at the real power stored in CONOCO GAS.



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**TELEPHONE No. 61**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Davis, late of Portland, Oregon, arrived first of the week for a visit among friends and relatives. It will be remembered by many of our readers that before her marriage to Mr. Davis Mrs. Davis was Miss Virginia Swafford, who has been reared in our midst. Mr. Davis who is traveling for the H. S. Eckels & Company, of Philadelphia, has recently been transferred from the Oregon territory to the management of the division known as Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and will make his territory from here for a time, while Mrs. Davis visits among friends and relatives.

**Church of Christ**

W. G. Cybert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ Friday night, and also Sunday at eleven o'clock and Sunday evening at 8:15. Come and hear him.

**Presbyterian Church**

Regular services Sunday beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. After a good revival such as we had in every part of the church and work in fine condition, the Sunday School attendance should be much better than in the past. Offering will be taken for the Reynolds Orphanage, at the close of the service.

Preaching at 11 a.m. Communion Service at 8 p.m. Strangers and visitors are always welcome.

Wm. Elliott, Supt. S. S.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**Baptist Ladies Entertain Senior Class**

The Annual Senior Banquet sponsored by the ladies of the Baptist Church was by far the most elaborate occasion of the year, given in the parlors of the church in a setting of lavish decorations with pink and green color scheme. An especial feature of the decoration was the unique manner in which each month of the year was represented in the table decorations and corresponding dress of the girl serving each table. Programs were in the form of diplomas, tied in purple and gold, and marking places for the guests.

Mr. E. Yates Brown was Master of Ceremonies and Superintendent Jackson gave the invocation. A delectable three course dinner was served with every possible phase of the color scheme employed in the cocktail, sandwiches and cream, all in pink and green. The courses were interspersed with numbers from Simmons University. The address of the evening was made by W. D. Bond, with Mr. Whizzenant singing two beautiful solos, accompanied by Lyda Gresham at the piano. Numbers were also given by Miss Lucy Tracy and the senior girls quartette, and a toast of appreciation was made by Tolbert Proctor, president of the Senior Class.

The guest list included Misses Venice Bell, Monetta Adcock, Eunice Bird, Marjorie Bradley, Norma Foster, Irl's Garrett, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Harkrider, Ruby Joe Higgins, Ima Parrack, Mary Pence, Irene Perry, Una Bell Provine, Alice Sid, Estelle Terry, Bessie Westener, Mary Lou Brown, Berdelle Adcock, Estine Collins, Mary Cleo Boon, Roberta Sloan, Lucy Tracy, and Lyda Gresham, Messrs. Archie Clark, Wyatt Miller, Clark Mundy, Tolbert Proctor, Roy Propst, Rex Roberts, Sterling Sheppard, Victor Smith, Bernice Tucker, W. A. Whiteley, Fred Yandell, Max Roberts, Blanton McClain, Paul Causseaux, Mr. W. A. Bond and Mr. Whizzenant of Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Camp, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Out of Gas? Got a Flat? Call No. 19. We hurry!

**Trent High School Choral Club Guests of Local Club**

The concert Sunday evening at the Methodist church given by the combined choruses from Trent and Merkel High Schools, was preceded by a buffet supper in the parlors of the church, complimenting the visitors from Trent with the members of the Merkel Choral Club acting as hostesses.

*Concert A Success.*

The sacred program under the direction of Miss Christine Collins consisted of numbers especially appealing in sentiment and melody given by the combined Choral Clubs from Trent and Merkel and one number by the choral and glee clubs of Merkel High School.

**Noodle News**

A B.Y.P.U. entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reece last Friday night was enjoyed by a number of young folks of this community.

There was preaching at the Baptist Sunday morning and Bro. Pope Church Sunday. Bro. Lewis preached Sunday night.

Several people from this community attended the Fifth Sunday Singing at Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and children returned Monday from Alba, Texas, where they visited Mrs. Henderson's mother.

A very interesting ball game was played at Merkel on Thursday of last week by Merkel and Noodle. It was interesting to us because Noodle won.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Jones and small son of Tuxedo are visiting Mrs. Jones' aunt, Mrs. T. E. Goode.

Lorene Reece, Frances Goode, Mabel and Harold Seago spent Tuesday night of last week with Mrs. E. S. Wemack.

Misses Estelle and Willie Lee Clark and Monty Reece spent Sunday with Jetta Cooper.

Stith and Noodle played ball Tuesday at Noodle, the game being won by Stith.

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**Big Farm Bureau Meeting Saturday**

Members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association in Jones and Taylor Counties will meet at the county courthouse at Anson and Abilene next Saturday afternoon, May 5, at two o'clock for the purpose of selecting delegates to a district convention which will be held next week in the process of electing annually directors on the Board of the State Association. This announcement was made by Clyde Daniel, field service representative of the organization in Taylor and Jones Counties.

The affairs of the cotton co-operative marketing association are controlled by the membership, Mr. Daniel said, through directors selected by them. "Various county meetings are being held all over the state next Saturday by the members where delegates to district conventions are named. At these district conventions the following Saturday, nominees are selected, and these nominees later balloted upon by the members through postal card ballot. The democratic principles of the elections are carried out on the basis of one man one vote". The State Board is composed of twenty directors elected by the members together with three public directors, one appointed by the President of the Texas A. & M. College, one by the Governor, and one by the President of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, it was said. The new directors take office July 1st next for the following twelve months.

In addition to the selection of delegates at the meeting in Abilene and Anson next Saturday, Mr. Daniel said that there would be other important business to come before the meeting and a full attendance of the membership has been urged. All other interested in the advancement of cotton cooperative marketing have also been invited to attend, whether members or not.

Ocie Burns, one of our popular cafe men, closed up his place this week and left for Glen Rose, Texas, where he will spend some 20 days in the interest of his health.

**DINING ROOM OPEN**

We are pleased to announce that the dining room of the Blair Hotel is now open to the public. Drop in and give us a trial.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS Political**

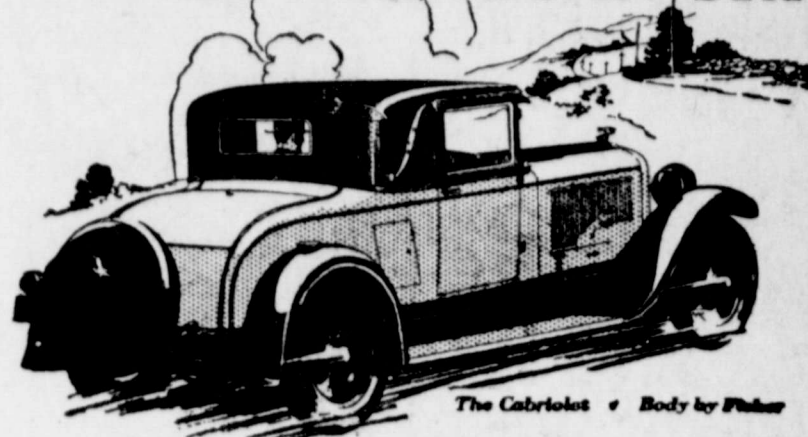
- For Congress, 17th District: R. Q. LEE, of Cisco.
- T. P. PERKINS of Mineral Wells
- FOR District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN
- FOR County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY J. H. BRATTON W. P. BOUNDS
- FOR Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR
- FOR Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES
- FOR Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD
- FOR Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS
- FOR County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH CARL P. HULSEY
- 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 C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE
- FOR Public Weigher: THOS. A. BEARDEN
- JONES COUNTY OFFICES**
- FOR Commissioner (Precinct No. 4): W. C. BAKER W. T. RAINWATER (re-election)
- FOR County Clerk (Jones Co.): W. F. WRIGHT
- FOR School Supt. (Jones Co.): T. R. FRANCIS

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors who were so kind to us in the loss of our infant baby. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon you. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. London, joined by Mrs. M. J. Whisenhunt, Mrs. John Walls and Mrs. M. D. Fowler. 1tp

Mrs. O. R. Douglas had as her guest last week her sister, Mrs. F. B. Williams of Big Spring.

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### MARRIED SUNDAY

Mr. M. C. McLane and Miss Sallye May Hodges of Abilene were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Rev. W. J. Mayhew, at the Methodist Parsonage last Sunday afternoon.

In superstitious days long since gone by  
People to fight sickness didn't half try.

They figured disease was providential,  
And man's puny efforts inconsequential.

Now, while in providence we still place trust  
More depend on Chiropractors to adjust.

(To Be Continued)

### NOTICE

I have taken over the Walter Hathaway Filling Station, next to the C. P. Stevens Blacksmith Shop, and will appreciate your trade. I will also have a nice stock of groceries and my place next to the Blue Front Filling Station is for rent, also would sell my stock of groceries there. See W. E. PRICE. 1tp

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born on the second to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Glennewinkle, residing ten miles southeast, a son, a sprightly youngster whom his parents expect to soon be operating the big farm tractor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kellis a daughter on May the third.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Fresh load of milk cows and springers, for sale or trade at my place one mile west of Noodle. T. C. Jenkins. tf

FOR SALE or Trade—My home in northeast Merkel. Also my farm near Noodle for sale. See Roscoe Bland. 20t4pd

FOR SALE—My 200 bushels of Early Mebane Triumph Cotton Seed arrived April 11th. They're going fast; come and get your seed before it rains, when it does rain you'll have to hurry. See E. F. Vantreese or A. J. Canon at Farm Bureau Gin. tf

FOR SALE—First class bundled sorghum. Lee D. Williams, route 1. tf

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs for setting; Owen farm strain. Price 75c for 16. Bill Harvell, Merkel, route one. 1Jnepd

FOR SALE—1926 Ford truck; a good one. Marvin Boney. tf

FOR SALE—Silverlace Wyandotte Eggs, 75c setting. At Grayson's Tourist Camp Farm. 27t2

FOR SALE—A nice living room suit. See John L. Camp at High School. 1t

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Try a Sack of our Royal Owl Flour; you'll like it. Bob Martin Grocery Company. 1t

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Good 5-room house on Oak street. Phone 95 for particulars. 27t2p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Bath, water, gas and lights. Mrs. Jas. H. West. 1t

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished rooms. Also bed room. Mrs. J. M. Meeks, phone 229. 1tp

PIGS For Sale—Good stock, 8 weeks old. See J. Ben Campbell or phone No. 246. 4t2

Come trade with Clarence Saunders this month and note the large saving. 1t

### WANTED

WANTED—Farm and ranch hand. Sam Butman, Merkel, route 5. tf

WANTED—Men to grub and clear land ready for the plow. Sam Butman. tf

STRAYED—Brown mule, 16½ hands high, seven years old. Finder please notify G. W. Moore, Merkel. 1t

WANTED—Girl to do light work with private family to pay board and room while attending a business college. Address Box 410, Dallas, Texas. 4t2

### LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—Brown mare mule with trace chain on left front foot. Notify Doyle Pogue. 1tp

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent returned first of the week from a visit to their son, C. M. Jr., who is a student in Texas Christian University, at Fort Worth.

Messrs. J. A. and A. B. Patterson, accompanied by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Sr., returned Wednesday from a trip to Big Spring, where they had been called to attend the bedside of a sick relative.

We are glad to learn that Mr. B. M. Black, who has been quite sick for some time is now improving nicely. This will be good news to his many friends.

### PLAY AT COMPERE THURSDAY

There will be a home-talent play given at Compere Thursday evening, May 10th, entitled "He's My Pal". Word comes from that community that this is going to be the best play put on at Compere in many years, and of course everybody will want to see this attraction.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings and daughter, Mrs. McGehee, of Fort Worth, are stopping at the Woodrum Hotel and visiting many friends in this community, and incidentally looking after their farming interests. They are always welcome visitors to our town and community.

## Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

B.Y.P.U. meetings at 7 p.m.

Pastor reports a good meeting with Lamar Street Church at Sweetwater, where he has been preaching since Sunday night. Ten additions and professions up to Tuesday night.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

## Horn News

Health in this community is very good at present. Every one would like to see a rain so they could go ahead with their planting.

There was a party at Mr. John Carr's last Saturday night, and all reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hatfield spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield.

Mrs. Benningfield and family spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Williams of Abilene this week.

Mrs. Carson Hatfield spent Tuesday with her sister Mrs. Luther Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Williams spent Sunday evening with Mr. J. F. Williams.

Mrs. Jack Benningfield spent Tuesday with Cordie Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thedo Douglas of the Stith community visited Mr. G. E. Ellington and family Sunday.

Mrs. Milton and family spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Williams.

Mrs. Benningfield and family visited Mr. and Mrs. William Monday night for a while.

Mr. Lonnie Williams of Trent spent last week-end with his brother, Mr. J. F. Williams.

## Both Happy

Mrs. Marcham and pretty little Miss Coleman decided at the beginning of 1928, this being Leap Year, that they would take a leap toward making a greater success and becoming more independent. After investigating and considering the many things their minds seemed to imagine they could do, they decided that they would like best a nice position as secretary with some large company that could afford to pay them a good salary, and offer advancement. Having made this decision they next sought an interview with some prominent business men to find out what they would need to know in order to secure and hold such a position. They were told they would have to attend a good business school and take a course of specialized training that would prepare them to do the things the business man could afford to pay them well for doing. They next investigated a number of business schools to see which one of them could give them this thorough training demanded, and give it to them in as short a time as possible. They finally decided on the Byrne Commercial College, for they found its graduates holding some of the very best and highest salaried positions in Dallas. They also found that these graduates finished their course with Byrne in half the time it requires others to graduate in other schools.

They are now both happy that they attended Byrne Commercial college for they found that by the study of the Famous Byrne Shorthand and Bookkeeping they were able to complete the combined course of Bookkeeping and Shorthand in three months. But the thing that made them happiest of all was the fact that the day before they were to finish each was sent out on a good position in a nice office where they are now earning their own money and will soon be planning their summer trip during their vacation time. They said "Oh how thankful we are that we attended Byrne College, it saved us eight months time over the time required in other schools, and during this eight months we will earn over \$500.00 that we would not have had a penny of had we not attended Byrne."

Moral: Ambitious boys and girls desiring to make a success of life should write Byrne Commercial College, Dallas, for catalogue and begin planning at once to get into this great institution and not only be happy while taking their course with that large student body of splendid young folks, but be happy as they earn a nice salary after graduation. adv-1t

Miss Lorene Blackburn of Clyde is here for an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. Earl Teague.

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### IDLEWISE CLUB

Members of the Idlewise Club honored their husbands and friends last Tuesday evening with a picnic supper at Shannon's Pool. A bountiful spread was served at eight o'clock and was very much enjoyed by Misses Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Roy Largent and W. S. J. Brown, and Messrs. and Mesdames Warren Smith, Harry Cookston, Geo. White, Jack Durham, Emmet Grimes, Matt Dillingham and Paul West.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin and daughter, Miss Julia, spent last Sunday with relatives in Sweetwater.

### INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Jesus at Home".

1. Jesus helped with the work, Willie Evelyn Boaz.
2. Jesus was obedient, by Margaret Canon.
3. Jesus was a good student, by Pauline Toombs.
4. Jesus attended church, by Vernie Derrick.
5. Jesus made others happy, by Maurine Davis.
6. Jesus in other homes, by Oleta Moore.
7. A Four-Square Boy and man, by Juanita Harmon.

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# TRENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge are the happy parents of a new son, born last Monday. The Mother and babe are doing splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen had in their home as guests Sunday the latter's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Simpson, of Pecos. They were en route home after visiting in Oklahoma.

Dr. Curry and family have moved to Smiley, Texas. We regret very much to give them up.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Cecil Jr., of Santa Anna, visited Mrs. J. M. Billings Sunday.

Mrs. Wilkerson had three of her grandsons of Roby to visit with her a few days this week.

Mr. W. D. Chapman on route two who has been sick some time, has been moved to Merkel for treatment. He is improving slowly at this time.

Mr. Stanley Trovathen of Wichita visited his uncle, C. T. Beckham and family, last week-end.

Several of our citizens visited the gasoline well at Stith Sunday and say it is real.

We hear it rumored that Trent shall have a new gin this fall. Anything for advancement is good.

Mr. John Harvell of Abilene was in Trent last Saturday looking after business. He was accompanied by his daughter and son, Evelyn and Bruce.

Mrs. James Waters, who is in school at Stephenville this year, was home over Saturday and Sunday and we enjoyed having her and her son Billie in our midst again.

School is nearing a close now, teachers and pupils are quite busy making preparations for the closing exercise, which will begin with a play on next Saturday night, then other things on through the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally visited relatives at Breckenridge last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Danley have as visitors this week, Mr. Danley's two brothers and families.

Rev. G. C. Williams and wife and baby of Cross Plains stopped over in Trent for a while this week. We were all glad to see these old friends again.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of oraine spent last Tuesday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. They were enroute to South Texas for a week or ten days vacation.

Miss Ruby Campbell, of Goldsboro, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones for the last few weeks has returned home.

Pastor of the Baptist Church of Lamesa visited over with Mr. and Mrs. Seal's last week-end.

Mrs. Joe Reid is moving to town for a while. She is having a modern stucco erected on her home place two miles north of town.

Mrs. Jim Gossend attended business in Anson a few days this week.

### TRENT SENIOR PLAY

"Where There's a Will-ee" will be presented in the High School Auditorium Saturday evening, May 5th, 1928, by the Seniors of Trent High School.

This is a snappy comedy of tomfoolery in three acts. This is a play just bubbling over with action and "wise cracks". When serious-minded Willie Weymouth, Sidney Pass, announces on the evening of his High School graduation that his profession is going to be merely becoming famous, his class mates laugh at him. But he proceeds to do so in a short time, and how?? Willie even lives in a story window for a week, and what good characters surround Willie. Corene English plays the part of Madge, a lovable girl who "knows her onions," Roger, played by Earnum Howell, is a collector of Calories; Helse, is a collector of Calorie; and Flora, played by Carmen Walker and Fannie Scott, are wide awake flappers; Bill, Ledo Dowdy, a sheik who is not so slow as his friends, and a good collection of more mature parts such as Mr. Brown played by Rado Archer, who is a hard-boiled business man. Marcelline Springtime, Ruby Johnson, the movie queen, who was Nellie Kloop back in Paris, Texas, a colored cook who is Myrtle Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett, successfully played by C. L. Blankenship and Magelene Payne.

When was the Church of the Bible established; in the days of Adam, Abraham or Moses; or was it established in the days of John the Baptist or during the personal ministry of Jesus, or on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ? This subject will be discussed at 8:15 next Sunday evening. Fine crowds are attending all our services and great interest is exhibited by all. Come out next Sunday night and hear this question discussed. A welcome awaits you at every service.

Bible Study 10 a.m. Sermon at 11 a.m. Text, "Make all Things After the Pattern." Communion 12 M.

Mrs. M. G. Scott hostess to MISSIONARY LADIES OF TRENT MONDAY

Sadness reigned during the latter part of the social. Every one was enjoying the various games conducted by Mrs. Jno. Payne. In the nut puzzle contest Mrs. S. H. Estep and R. B. McRee were christened the "Most Worthy Nuts" and were presented dainty handkerchiefs as gifts for their efforts. A group of the prettiest ladies' present and the "ugliest present were chosen on sides and given four spools of thread to untangle. The reward went to Mesdames E. L. Mangum and R. B. Johnson as the best seamstresses, which was a huge stick of red candy.

Music was furnished on the victrola consisting of sacred songs. The dining room was decorated in colors of pink and blue. A miniature Maypole was placed in the center of the table with extended streamers from the top to the center marking places for eight guests. Delicious nut cake and fruit punch were served to Mesdames R. B. McRee, R. M. Steveson, W. Y. Steen, W. E. Shouse, Stevenson, Jno. Gafford and Miss Mamie, O. A. Smith, J. P. Watson, S. H. Estep, J. K. P. Winn, E. L. Mangum, R. B. Johnson, M. G. Scott, Jno.

Payne, Misses Doreen and Jean Scott, Louise and Laverne Watson, Masters Billy Payne and Billy Joe Bowers.

### TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

Children's Class 7:15 p.m. Young people's service 7:15 p.m. Sermon 8:15 p.m. Subject, "The Establishment of the Church" Midweek Bible Study Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Carl A. Collins, Minister.

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### FIRST NATIONAL OFFERS A TREAT

First National Pictures has another treat for movie goers at the Queen Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, where Dorothy Mackaill and Jack Mulhall, the popular team, are appearing in "Man Crazy." The picture is adapted from the Saturday Evening Post Story "Clarissa and the Post Road" and is a romance of New England.

### TOM MIX IN CIRCUS

Circus life, which long lured Tom Mix, Fox Films Western ace, is seen in all its colorful backgrounds in "The Circus Ace," which opens a two day run at the Queen Theatre Today. Mix rides herd on some of the most dramatic scenes of his screen career.


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With the development of electricity, starting in the "eighties," it was thought by many that gas consumption would be greatly decreased through the strong competition offered by electricity. But this only served to awaken the entire gas industry to the real possibilities of gas for general domestic and industrial uses. Each year has seen a large gain in the consumption of gas—as in the consumption of electricity—so that these two great servants of civilization have advanced side by side.

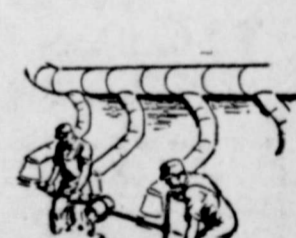
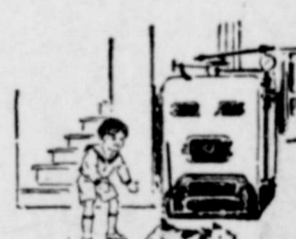
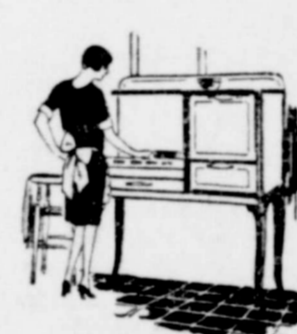
Now—gas has its principal field of usefulness in providing clean, convenient, cheap fuel for home and industry. In the home, gas cooks the meals; furnishes heat (through many types of burners including gas furnaces); heats water for laundry, bath and general kitchen use. The most recent development for the home is the gas refrigerator—which supplies quiet, cheap, mechanical refrigeration through a newly discovered principle! In industry, natural gas furnishes cheap, dependable, flexible fuel that cuts manufacturing costs. Natural gas, wherever it is plentiful as here in the Southwest, draws industries, helps build cities.

From "the handiwork of the devil" in 1824, to a veritable blessing today, gas has traveled far in public understanding and appreciation. The large national gas convention soon to be held in Dallas, representing almost five billions of dollars invested in gas properties, shows something of the remarkable growth of this essential industry.

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**Golan News**

The health in this community is not very good at the present time. Mrs. E. C. Douglas is on the sick list this week.

Quite a number of our young people attended the singing at Stith Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Lane, Seth Lane and C.A. Duncan went to Leuders to fish Tuesday of this week.

A bunch of young people went on a fishing trip Monday night. Those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod, Edward Lawlis, Jimmie Fae Cox, Jewel Skidmore and Orval Cox.

Mr. B. F. Mays visited his wife in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom were the guests of Mrs. Ollie Skidmore Sunday.

Misses Myrtle and Polly Thomas spent Sunday with Justine and Opal Lee Hooper.

Mrs. Richard Neely of Sylvester is with her sister, Miss Ruth Powell, this week.

Mr. Isaac Vancil went to Gonzales Monday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill were home Sunday. They were accompanied home by a number of friends.

There was a party given for the young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain Saturday night.

Miss Audrey Dell Hudspeth of Abilene was home for the week-end.

Miss Lula May Byrom spent Sunday with Miss Eva Fay Rogers.

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**COMPERE ITEMS**

Sunday School at the regular hour 10 a.m. Everybody is invited to come and worship with us; there are places for all ages. Sunday evening will be regular preaching service. Every member is urged to be present.

Next Friday night week will be Workers' Council meeting. All officers and teachers are expected to be there.

Quite a few attended the fifth Sunday singing over at Stith Sunday.

Presbyterian folks down at Zion Chapel had Fifth Sunday preaching with dinner. Program in the evening by visiting preachers, Bro. Walker from Merkel and Bro. Fred S. Rogers from Stamford. Every one enjoyed the services and the nice dinner.

The men and boys have organized a baseball team, and have decided to play ball to pass the time away until it rains.

They have a nice ball court on the craig place.

Mrs. D. W. Ashby has been sick for the last few days.

Uncle Frank Merritt has been in Sweetwater visiting his son and daughter, L. V. Merritt and Mrs. Ollie Bigham.

Mrs. Otis Hudson entertained the Sewing Club in her home last Wednesday evening. Angel food cake was served to Mesdames Marshall, Sherrill, Tarpley, Lucas, Outlaw, Smith, Clemmer, Merritt, Misses Marshall, Outlow, Merritt.

Mr. Freeman has sold out the store to Mr. Newman from Hamlin, Texas. Mr. Freeman has moved to the coast on the account of his wife's health.

Mr. Dee Lucas and family, Mrs. Emily Wilburn and family, Bill Wilburn all went fishing Monday night. They came home Tuesday and reported a good time but didn't catch very many fish.

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**Saturday as a Holiday**

Miss Freygang of the New York city department of education, says: "It is my understanding that the Saturday holiday never began in the cities, but in the rural sections of our country. It is my understanding that it originated in the Colonial days, when there were very few Jews in the community. I believe Saturday began as a holiday in schools because the children on the farms had to help with the work, so that Sunday might be observed by the family. They had to bring in provisions for the Sabbath and help in the home so that they might start out to the nearest church which was usually miles away."

**Literary Touch**

Possibly it was the first breath of spring in the air that sent a certain unknown author skipping into the offices of Simple & Simons, book publishers.

"How long should a novel be?" asked the tyro of the first man he saw. It happened to be Mr. Simple. "There is no statutory limit," answered the latter.

But the would-be author pressed him for some suggestion, and the publisher finally admitted that most standard novels were about eighty thousand words long.

"Thank heaven!" declared the other. "I've finished, then."

**First Aid for Goldfish**

The life of a goldfish was saved recently by artificial respiration similar to that used to revive human victims of drowning, asphyxiation, or electric shock.

On returning to her home one evening a woman found one of her goldfish lying on the floor apparently dead. She held the fish under water with one hand and, grasping it with the other just behind the gills, applied intermittent relief pressure. After five minutes the fish showed signs of life, and at the end of twenty minutes it was swimming about quite normally.

**Obedying Orders**

Mrs. O called Ruth from her play in the front room. Though Ruth was only three years old she knew that that call was the summons to dinner. She trotted into the dining room, clambered into her chair and prepared to eat. Mrs. O, wishing to teach Ruth good manners, said: "Now, Ruth, let's bow our heads and say a little prayer."

Ruth folded her hands on the table, bowed her head, and said: "A little prayer."

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**Men of Genius Knew**

**Value of Advertising**

The Parisian poet who is seeking to attract human readers by first addressing his verses to the lions in a circus is not the first of his kind to hit on a zoological advertisement. Gerard de Nerval sought publicity by appearing on the boulevards with a live crawfish on a lead of ribbon and found that he had judged rightly in thinking people would be curious to sample the writings of a man capable of such an eccentric and novel idea in pets.

Rossetti, too, hit on a similar device and once told a friend he was looking around for a young elephant. "I mean him," explained the poet-painter, "to clean the windows. Then when passers-by see the elephant cleaning the windows they will ask, 'Whose house is that?' and, being told 'Rossetti, the painter, lives there,' they will say, 'I think I should like to buy some of that man's pictures.' So they will ring and come in and buy."—Manchester Guardian.

**Got Pigeons "Soused"**

The problem of catching pigeons is order to thin them out was solved rather ingeniously about 20 years ago by a London vicar—a well-known temperance worker—who employed an old poacher's dodge. His trouble was to get rid of the pigeons that nested in and overcovered the exterior recesses of his church.

So he sprinkled in the churchyard a quantity of corn which had been well soaked in rum for 24 hours. The pigeons ate it greedily and their capture was rendered easy.

It was said that one intoxicated pigeon was found staggering up the middle aisle of the church with a pronounced hiccough. — London Daily News.

**The Last Place**

He came home tired. All men come home tired. It is a requirement of the Association of Husbands in Business that a man come home tired.

"Isn't it grand that we are going out tonight?" was the greeting as he hung up his coat. "The Grahams have invited us over—the place I've always wanted to go!"

"Oh!" he replied. "After that we're all going to meet at Donahue's downtown for a quiet supper."

"Uh—anywhere else?"

"Well, home, I suppose," she said despairingly. "He wondered for a week how she happened to think of that."—Kansas City Times.

**Cause of Spring Fever**

If people lived as they should live in winter there would be no spring-time laziness and loss of energy. In winter time people usually eat as if they were in Greenland or celebrating Christmas every day, often consuming double their requirement and their ability to dispose of property. Not only that, but they consume large quantities of meats and cereal products, not neglecting "hot cakes" sailing majestically in seas of sirup—to make heat to keep them warm—when already they have not enough clothing to keep them warm in the land of the midnight sun, to say nothing of living in nonventilated houses heated to tropical temperature!—Physical Culture Magazine.

**No Waste in France**

Almost every land has its dealers in second-hand goods, but in France, where strict economies have been required because of the war's expenses, salvage "specialists" are flourishing in large numbers.

Among them are men who travel from door to door, mending old chairs and other articles. Even the coarsest cooking utensils are saved instead of being thrown away, to await the arrival of the expert mender. Numbers of women are adept at weaving new bottoms in cane chairs. Even nails are hammered straight again and old pins made serviceable for further use.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

**Weather Changes**

The weather bureau says that change in the weather—one day cold, next warm, then, perhaps, cold again—is mainly due to changes in the direction of the wind, and that in turn to changes in the distribution of air over the surface of the earth. The causes operating and their effects are rather complicated, but go back mainly to circulation between the equatorial and polar regions (caused by the heating of the tropical regions and the cooling of the polar regions) as modified by the effects of the daily rotation of the earth.

**Strong Wind**

Little Frank's mother was in the habit of sending him out on the back yard to play so he would get fresh air and exercise. One morning a strong wind was blowing and Frank objected very much to going out, but his mother insisted. While out in the yard his dog came along and in their romping Frank pulled a button off his waist. When he came in his mother noticed he had lost a button and asked him how it happened. He said: "You made me go out in the wind and it blew that button off."

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ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Merkel, held at the Grammar School auditorium last Wednesday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.  
First Vice-president, Mrs. L. B. Scott  
Second vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Toombs; third vice-president, Mrs. F. C. McFarland, and Mrs. R. A. Burgess was elected secretary and treasurer.

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**The Badger Weekly**

The Badger Weekly is published each week and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are:  
Addie Fae Patterson, Ed-In-Chief.  
Norma Shannon, Literary Editor.  
Patsy Lewis, Society Editor.  
Gladys Watts, Misc. Editor.  
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Paul Causseaux, Sport Editor.  
Senior Reporters: Sterling Sheppard, John D. Coates, Rubyjo Higgins, and Fred Yandell.

Sophomore Reporters: J. T. Darsey, Frances Frederickson.  
Freshmen Reporters: Louise Booth Eris Ash, and Margaret Turner.

—M. H. S.—

APPRECIATION TO MR. JACKSON  
We, the students of Merkel High School, wish to express our sincerest appreciation to Mr. Jackson, our superintendent, for his friendship, his noble work, and the backing that he has given us in everything that we have undertaken to do.

Mr. Jackson came to Merkel as a coach of athletics. During the time that he was coach our standard of athletics was raised to the highest. Every one knew him as a real sport and friend to all.

During the time that he has been superintendent, our school has been advancing along many lines. Mr. Jackson has put his whole heart into the work that he has been doing and has gained our respect and friendship. Mr. Jackson's place in our hearts can never be filled by any one else. We regret deeply that this is his last year with us, for it is sad to think that after we have worked together with him these years that he has been here, and he has been like a brother to us, that soon he will be with us no more. Never can we find another man whom we can love as we do Mr. Jackson. We wish to thank him not only for the help he has given us but also for the inspiration he has been to every one who has worked with him. We hope that he may meet with even better success where ever he may go, but we feel that no student body can think more of him than we do ourselves.

Students of Merkel High School.

Signed by:  
Tolbert Proctor, Senior President.  
William Sheppard, Junior Pres.  
J. T. Darsey, Sophomore Pres.  
Mattilou Largent, Freshman Pres.  
—M. H. S.—

SENIOR DAY  
Last Friday, April 27, was Senior Day, and therefore the underclassmen had control of the school for once, and the faculty got rid of us for one day at least.

After we got Miss Bird's old wreck cranked up we started to our destination, which ended at Elm Creek in Butman's ranch. The place was ideal for a picnic, there being tall shade trees, plenty of grass and lots of mountains to climb. Anyway we had a wonderful time.

Soon after we arrived Mr. Jackson seemed to want to go back to Nature, so he and a few more boys strolled out into the woods and chased down an owl, which almost tore Max's hands to pieces with his claws. Mr. Jackson seemed to be very fond of this specimen, and so were the Seniors, since we are wise like the owl. This owl is now in the Zoo at Abilene.

After having climbed the mountains and jumped bluffs all morning we were certainly glad for lunch time to come, and we did our part, especially Mr. Jackson and Miss Bird, in eating up all the good things that we had. After having eaten lunch, some of us again started to exploring the country, while others played different games at camp. Many pictures were taken although a few of the kodaks were broken in trying to take Rex's picture.

When the time came to go home we all regretted that we had to go for we certainly had had a great time, and everything had turned out to be a success. We can truly say that Friday will be one day that no one will forget who was on the picnic. Those present were the members of the Senior Class, and Mr. Jackson, Miss Bird, Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Anderson.

**One Wild Beast That Defies Power of Man**

In the eternal game of "tag" between man and the animals he has hunted, there is only one beast known to man that has never been caught. Every zoo in the world would like very much to get the white rhinoceros to be found in large numbers near the rivers of the Sudan, but none has thus far been successful.

It has been found so hopeless to attempt to catch a white rhinoceros alive that the government at Khartoum has forbidden the hunting of this strange animal. Compared with the white rhino, lions and elephants are easy marks. He will kill his hunter or himself. At first sight of a human the white rhino charges. If the hunter evades his fierce onrush, the rhino will, in his blind rage, charge the first substantial object within his reach, with a ferocity terrible to behold.

It is the only animal which, threatened with captivity, will deliberately commit suicide. Young white rhinos which were captured by natives died within a very short time, so sensitive are they to captivity. If it were possible to catch them, they would keep up their frenzied charges until they killed themselves.

The London zoo authorities have offered thousands of pounds for a specimen of the white rhinoceros, and until the ban of the Sudan government was established, practically every native in the section tried to catch one. It was the great slaughter of the beasts in an effort to capture one alive which resulted in the law against hunting the white rhino, which seems determinedly to prefer death—his death or the hunter's—to captivity.

**Great Singer Famous for Her "Temperament"**

The great Patti's mother—also a noted prima donna—was a victim of that besetting sin, jealousy. One evening, relates Emma Calve, singing with a colleague who had false eyebrows, the elder Patti, jealous and furious at the success of her comrade, began to stare at her fixedly.

"What is the matter?" the other whispered under her breath.

"Your right eyebrow has fallen off," came the answer.

The poor victim, horrified, tore off her left eyebrow, and remained for the rest of the act with only her right one in place.

On another occasion Patti's mother became annoyed at the applause given Lablache, perhaps the greatest basso of all time. She seized one of the wreaths destined for him and, planting it on her own head, approached the footlights.

"I have well deserved it myself," she exclaimed to an astonished audience.—Kansas City Star.

**Felt Called Upon to Voice One Criticism**

Federal examiners who sit with district judges examining candidates for naturalization have an eagle eye on those desiring citizenship, to see that none with tendencies subversive of our country's institutions are admitted.

In a Kansas town some years ago a group of farmers were discussing the warm, dry weather, the prevalence of grasshoppers and their damage to the newly sprouting wheat. Judge Williams was passing the group, and was laughingly asked to issue an order for the weather man to be a little more generous with moisture and cold. The judge smiled and then told this incident:

"Over at La Crosse the other day we had several candidates for naturalization, among others an old German farmer who has resided here many years. The examiner asked him if he liked this country.

"Oh, yah, yah, I like der country all right."

"The examiner was hardly satisfied and countered:

"Are you satisfied with it?"

"Well, I bin satisfied all right," the farmer replied slowly, evidently remembering that he was under oath to tell the exact truth, "but I would like it better if it would rain a leetle more!"—Kansas City Star.

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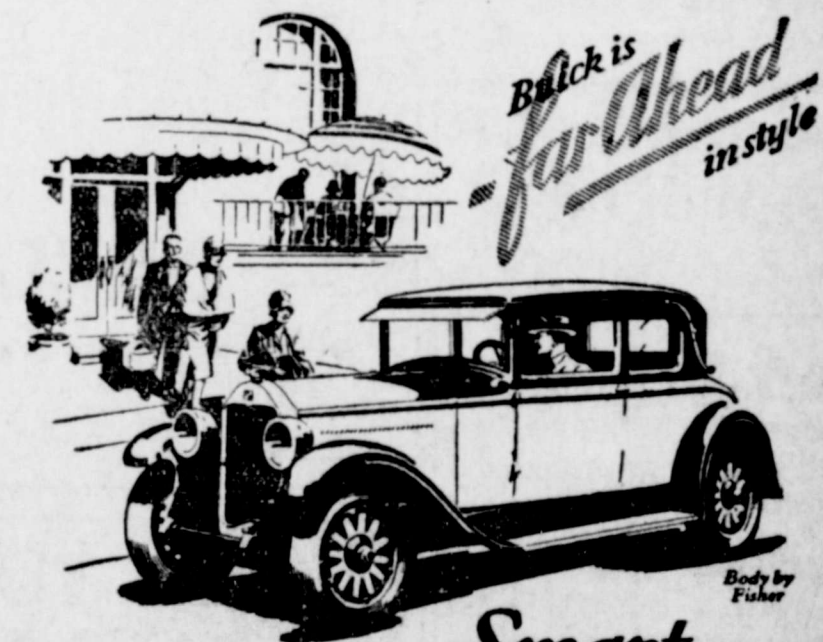
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