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Landreth Company Buys Large Acreage In Jones and Fisher

Corporation Which Recently Sold Low Grade Output Enters Fields Near Here.

The Landreth Production company, which recently sold Winkler county production to the Texas Company for \$6,500,000 has just invested heavily in choice acreage in the Fisher and Jones county high gravity areas, according to reports reaching here last night.

In addition to buying half interest into two tracts near Hucory's No. 1 Tiner, north of the Noodle Creek field in southwestern Jones, Landreth has purchased half interest in 1729 acres near the three Fisher county producers. In both counties the interest was purchased from Roeser & Pendleton, Inc., of Fort Worth. Landreth already owned 450 acres in Fisher and put that acreage with 1275 acres of Roeser & Pendleton, each firm taking half interest.

Two factors have caused major concerns and large independent operators to become interested in these fields. One is the fact that production of both the Tiner in Jones and the No. 1 Steele of the Sinclair near the discovery well in Fisher County are producing consistently above 600 barrels daily of high grade crude.

The other reason for instant activity near the wells is that the Humble Oil & Refining company has already entered Jones and will presently enter Fisher with pipe lines from its trunk line passing through eastern Jones county. This frees the producers from a 10 to 12 cent penalty on each barrel, representing the cost of running the oil from the well to the loading racks and shipping it to refineries. A saving of approximately 8 cents per barrel is thus effected.

The Tiner well produced 620 barrels for the 24 hours ending yesterday morning. The Steele well swabbed 602 barrels.

Gasoline Wells and Nearby Land Leased

Mr. Bryan Dunnagin, of Abilene, formerly of Stith, who with his brother own land on which one of the famous gasoline wells was discovered at Stith some three months ago, informed this paper that he and his brother and Mr. W. E. Bradley, on whose lot the first gasoline well was discovered at Stith, have leased both wells and one and one-half acres of land surrounding the wells to Messrs. Dave Hendricks, Cox and Sorrels, the latter two being experienced oil lease and royalty buyers in this section.

The contract sale also calls for two more test wells to be sunk on the tract of land at once. Mr. Dunnagin declined to give the sale price of the wells and lease of the land.

Mr. A. R. Booth, one of Merkel's hustling grocers, accompanied by his family, returned last week from their extended visit with friends and relatives in the state of Arkansas. Mr. Booth reports a very fine trip and visit. He also said that they encountered plenty of high water caused by the overflows of the streams in that section by the recent big rains.

MRS. H. C. WILLIAMS SELLS HOME TO MR. ROBT. CONDER

Mrs. H. C. Williams, for many years one of this city's finest and best known citizens, has closed a deal for the sale of her excellent home in this city to Mr. Robert Conder, and is making preparations to dispose of her household effects and go to Knox City, where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren. Mrs. Warren is here now assisting her mother in closing out the matter. Mrs. Williams for many years has been a leader in both civic and church matters in this city and has a large circle of friends who will deeply regret her decision to move to their midst.

It is informed that Mr. C. R. ... of the candidates for commissioner in this precinct, ... of his brother of ... this week attending the National Convention.

Ana Fugat, of Dallas, after ... visit with her son, Mr. ... left for her home first week.

Noodle Creek Field Adds 24th Producer

The Phillips Petroleum Company's Joe Winter No. 3, which was drilled into the pay last Tuesday afternoon, swabbed 175 barrels initially. The total depth is 2509, seven feet in the pay sand, it is said.

The rig for this well was erected more than a year ago, back in the first boom days, and is an east offset to the original Joe Winter discovery well, and it now seems that it will be one of the best producers in the field.

The Tiner, the latest big sensation of the field, which brought an extension of more than two miles to the northeast, is holding up its production of more than six hundred barrels daily. Around this well there has been erected nine new derricks, with five of them already spudded in and drilling now.

New people are coming in every day; in fact the hotels are all filled every night, and it's getting hard to find private rooms, with practically no houses for rent. Merkel needs a number of nice, new, up-to-date houses for renting purposes. A good investment for some one with the means to erect them.

Many Fast Drivers Enter Abilene Race

ABILENE, June 27.—Addition of five racing drivers to the swelling entry lists and the interests manifested by drivers in Fort Worth and Dallas who were interviewed by D. H. Jefferies, local representative of the American Automobile Association, have convinced him that the number of entries in the annual July Fourth auto races here will exceed 25; the number he first anticipated would enter the races, and that perhaps a record number of racing drivers would compete.

The entry lists now include thirteen drivers, including many familiar figures in the eyes of West Texas racing fans. This is far ahead of previous lists, as a majority of the drivers wait until three or four days before the races to file, according to Jefferies. The lists will not close until the day preceding the races.

The new entries are: Johnny Sawyer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Frontenac-Miller; H. C. Walker, Dallas, Walker Special; H. H. Norris, Houston, Chevrolet Special; Clyde H. Russell, Austin, Chevrolet Special; Lester Bolten, Dallas, driving a Fronty Ford for O'Lawrence of Dallas.

Contestants previously announced are M. T. Wells and M. L. Brooks, San Antonio, two cars; Harry T. Milburn, Fort Worth, C. E. McCathern, Breckenridge; George W. Barringer, Wichita Falls; Sam Jewell, Duncan, Oklahoma; J. F. Miller, Abilene; and S. L. Miller, San Angelo.

Prices totaling \$3,000, plus 20 per cent of all receipts over \$6,500, have been offered by the West Texas Fair Association, and approved by the American Automobile Association, to the winning drivers. Five events, including a 25-mile race to be known as the West Texas Sweepstakes, comprise the program. The races start at one o'clock p.m. July Fourth with the time trials for place.

"CYCLONE SALLY" IS TITLE OF PLAY AT MT. PLEASANT TONITE

They say there is going to be a Cyclone at Mt. Pleasant tonight. Yes sir, a cyclone that tears things up. But they also say that there is no danger, for it will be in the form of a play presented by the Mount Pleasant Dramatic Club. The title of the play is "Cyclone Sally", and will be given at the Mount Pleasant School House Friday evening, June 29.

The cast, consisting of nine players, has been rehearsing for some time and will render the play with credit to the Club, it is believed.

There will be no admission charge, and every one is invited to attend.

Mr. Herbert Patterson, very efficient and courteous assistant cashier at the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by his family, returned first of the week from a ten days vacation trip. While away Mr. and Mrs. Patterson visited in Temple, where Mr. Patterson and son Truett had their tonsils removed at the Scott & White Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene spent Sunday here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.



EVANGELIST LYLE PRICE, OF GAINESVILLE Who will be in a revival at the Trent Church of Christ

Evangelist Price To Conduct Revival For Trent Church

Evangelist Lyle Price of Gainesville, Texas, will conduct a protracted meeting at the Trent Church of Christ beginning tomorrow night, June 30th, and will continue about ten days. There will be both a day and night service throughout the meeting, we understand.

Brother Price is a young man who has proved his ability as a public speaker and is a successful Gospel preacher. Each discourse will be a feast of good things and if you miss it you will miss it. Come every time and get the good of this great meeting and help others.

A cool tabernacle, a comfortable seat, and a hearty welcome awaits you.

Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sermon 11 a.m. by Evangelist Lyle Price. Communion 12 M.
Children's Class 7:15.
Young people's service 7:15.
Sermon 8:15 by Evangelist Price.

Mr. Booth Warren, very clever and courteous cashier at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, after an absence from his responsible post of duty, on account of a prolonged and severe illness is again back at his place of duty, where his friends are pleased to meet and exchange greetings with him. Mr. Warren, who has been suffering from a severe attack of yellow jaundice, has about completely recovered from the effects of this annoying disease.

Messrs. L. W. Cox, Sie Hamm, T. G. Bragg, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, F. Y. Gaither and W. A. Sheppard, spent a day and night on the Concho this week outing and fishing. These gentlemen are all good fishermen and they report plenty of fish.

Mr. Granville Grayson and wife spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Happily Married On Last Thursday

On Thursday, June 21, at seven o'clock in the evening, Miss Gladys Milliken, of Merkel, and Mr. Vance McLean, of the Nubia Community, were happily united in marriage by Rev. Geo. A. Lawrie, of Abilene, the ceremony taking place at the home of the latter. Only a few close friends witnessed the wedding, as follows: Misses Opal Patterson and Edith Baker, and Mr. Thaxton Neill.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean, of the Nubia community, and is an industrious young man of sterling character, who numbers his friends by his acquaintances, while the bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Williken, of Merkel, and has a host of friends and admirers, is very popular in church and society circles, and this paper joins the many friends of both the contracting parties in wishing for them much happiness.

Mrs. S. T. Cummins and children, of Electra, came in last week to join her husband in making this community their home. Mr. Cummins is Chief Engineer at the Magnolia Pipeline Company's pump station five miles southeast. She was accompanied by her father, Mr. G. J. Price, also of Electra, who will visit with the family for a day or so.

From the Canyon paper we learn that Miss Mary Kate Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, who is at Canyon attending summer school at the West Texas State Teachers College, went to Bellevue last week-end to attend the wedding of her friend, Miss Edith Childress, to Mr. Odell Cherry, which took place at the latter place. Miss Campbell and Miss Childress both were teachers in the Canyon public schools last year.

According to section foreman G. F. Wood, the Texas and Pacific has begun the work of constructing some four or five hundred feet of additional track and switching yard here.

Show Your Colors On The Fourth

Next Wednesday will be the Fourth of July. Let's Celebrate!

Most of the merchants will remember that some time ago the American Legion asked every business institution to buy an American Flag for the purpose of decoration on all National Holidays. Next Wednesday will be one of the days to use these flags.

Although all of the stores will be closed, each place of business can put out your flag on Tuesday evening and take them down on Thursday.

It is hoped that everybody will catch the spirit of Independence Day and co-operate in decorating your home, your business and your car.

Let's let the passer-by know that Merkel is not asleep, altho it is hot weather.

E. YATES BROWN, Vice Commander, American Legion Post No. 57.

Another Appeal For Cemetery Funds

The Committee has been disappointed in the response to its appeal for funds to properly care for Rose Hill Cemetery. Many have responded but the large majority of those whose dead rest in this beautiful spot have failed, to date at least, in sending in their contributions. The Committee believes this is due to the busy season of the year and the fact that we are prone to neglect our duty in matters of this kind unless our urgent attention is aroused. This is a matter that should be taken care of by voluntary contribution. It should not be necessary to take a list of the lot owners and send each a statement that so much money is due from them. Rather let us make it an expression of love for those who are sleeping their last sleep on this beautiful hill which overlooks our town. The names and amounts of every contributor will appear in the Merkel Mail and this will be your receipt. We urge every one who reads this and who has not contributed to find your checkbook at once and write a liberal check payable to the Cemetery Fund and mail to either of the following: A. T. Sheppard, Herbert Patterson or L. R. Thompson.

Unless a ready and liberal response is received either the caretaker will have to be dismissed or some other plan will have to be devised to secure the necessary funds to employ him.

C. M. Largent	\$10.00
W. D. Hutcheson	\$15.00

State Wins In Oil Land Suit

AUSTIN, Texas, June 26.—A verdict carrying a judgment worth estimated millions was returned Tuesday for the State in its suit for more than five hundred acres of Hutchinson County oil land by a jury in District Court. The action was brought on the theory that the tract is vacant of valid title and therefore should revert to the State. The exact extent of recovery will be determined later.

Some sixty oil companies and individuals, present holders of the area, were defendants. Motions for a new trial probably will be prepared after those for compilation of judgment have been submitted.

Nearly all witnesses were technicians, testifying as to surveys made in the county.

The action is similar to another thus far won, asking possession of many acres in Harris county. In that case the judgment for the State was estimated unofficially at the sum of \$8,000,000.

Postmaster O. J. Adeock and family are spending this week as a part of his vacation visiting relatives in Lubbock and other plains towns. Meantime the work of Uncle Sam is going along fine in the hands of clerks Carl A. Collins, W. Wade Darsey and Castle B. Ellis.

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Old Settlers Meet At Buffalo Gap On July 20 For Picnic

An old-fashioned basket picnic will replace the barbecue feature of the annual Taylor County Old Settlers reunion when that event is held July 20 at Buffalo Gap, officials of the association announced following a meeting last Friday. The picnic is to be held on the historic Buffalo Gap oak grove grounds.

Executive committeemen named to handle plans for the event are R. G. Anderson, president of the Old Settlers association, T. A. Bledsoe, vice-president and Fred Jones of Tuscola, secretary and treasurer, and W. R. Miller, marshal of day; Captain E.C. Lyons grounds' committee and Charley Smith, refreshments.

Old Settlers Day has been observed yearly by pioneers of the county for more than ten years. It is a day set aside in which the settlers may renew acquaintances, review old times and bring their friends and families. About 200 attend the gatherings.

Residents of the county for 40 years or more or since 1900 comprise the association's membership. The regular membership is made up of settlers living here since 1900.

Members are asked to bring well filled baskets, tin cups and their own milk and sugar.

A program including the usual feature, an old time fiddlers contest, is being arranged. A prominent speaker is to discuss frontier days in this section.

Bids for cold drink, tobacco and other concession stands will be received July 6 at 2:30 o'clock at Buffalo Gap. Bids may be mailed to R. G. Anderson of Abilene.

At last year's reunion, old settlers from out of state towns attended.

The late Rev. W. B. Crow was the first president of the association. He was succeeded by Mino Hunt of Bradshaw with R. G. Anderson, the present head, following.

Joint Tax Is Ruled Legal

Annual saving of approximately \$4,000,000 to Texans who have been making community income tax returns will be effected if the decision of Judge William H. Atwell, handed down in federal court at Dallas yesterday in the test case of C. W. Bacon, Abilene, vs George C. Hopkins, collector of internal revenue at Dallas, is upheld in the higher federal courts.

Texas property owners scored a far-reaching victory with Judge Atwell's decision, which declared the Texas law providing that property of the husband and wife be divided equally and so rendered for income tax purposes, is legal.

Upholding the Texas statute, Judge Atwell ruled that Mr. and Mrs. Bacon each should pay income tax on one-half the property. The government maintained that Mr. Bacon should have filed a single return for all the property, thus paying additional tax of \$1,975.57.

Defeated in the federal court, the government will appeal the sixth district court of appeals in New Orleans. If defeated there its only recourse will be in the United States supreme court.

MRS. McLEAN HONORED

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Vance McLean was the surprised honoree at a kitchen dinner held at the home of Miss Edith Baker with Miss Baker and Miss Opal Patterson as joint hostesses. A profusion of roses and sweetpeas made the rooms attractive.

Mrs. McLean will be remembered as Miss Gladys Milliken before her marriage recently.

Music, games and gossip furnished entertainment for the afternoon. After the gifts were presented in an odd way, delicious ice cream and cake were served to the following: Mesdames Earl Thornton, Emory Jones, Arthur Lyles, Tom Allday, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Dean Higgins, Vernon Simpson, Wilbur Thomas, Rolfe Wagner, R. L. McLean, Fred Baker, J. A. Milliken and Vance McLean; and Misses Eunice and Nina Bell Russell, Hallie and Doris Pike, Mary Comegys Adda Faye Patterson, Rosie Laney, Flossie Campbell, Cora Lee Hulsey, Floy Ash, Bessie Westover, Mildred Hamm, Mary Alice Johnson and the hostesses.

"Clipping The Old Boy's Whiskers"



SAVE YOUR PAY

The man who gains an honest start
Must work and think and not depart
From rules of thrift, must always stay
Upon his job and save his pay.
The man who keeps the rules of thrift
Can always get financial lift
And when he needs to borrow some dough
His banker is ready to give him a show.
Thrift builds credit of high rank;
Start your account with Farmers State Bank

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J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

NEW STEEL STADIUM AT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

ABILENE, June 26.—The contract for the new steel stadium to be erected at Simmons University was let late last week to R. C. Lewis, local contractor, and construction will begin at once on the first unit which is to be completed before September 22, the date of the first home football game of the Simons Crows.

The first unit will cost \$15,000 and seat 5,000 people, making the total seating capacity of Parramore Field 10,000 for the coming football season. Several high school games will probably also be played on the Simmons grid.

The Stadium as planned when completed will seat nearly 20,000 people and give Simmons the largest stands in West Texas.

The new playing field is to run north and south and the first unit will be erected on the West side of the field.

Every daily paper gives accounts of losses to crops by hail. Can you afford to be without it? Phone 101, Thompson & Boswell and we will come at once to see you.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon T. C. Bosley, Mrs. T. C. Bosley (wife of said T. C. Bosley), the unknown heirs of said T. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs of said Mrs. T. C. Bosley, S. C. Bosley, Mrs. S. C. Bosley (wife of said S. C. Bosley), the unknown heirs of said S. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs of said Mrs. S. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs and devisees and legatees and legal representatives of each of the defendants hereinabove specifically named, the unknown heirs and devisees and legatees and legal representatives of each of the unknown heirs hereinabove mentioned or referred to, and the unknown owners of the land and premises involved in this suit, 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 District Court of Taylor County, Texas in the 42nd Judicial District of Texas, to be holden at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in July, A. D. 1928, the same being the 16th day of July A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of June, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6872-A, wherein J. D. Porter is Plaintiff, and The Texas and Pacific Railway Company, T. C. Bosley, said Mrs. T. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs of said T. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs of said Mrs. T. C. Bosley, S. C. Bosley, said Mrs. S. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs of said S. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs and devisees and legatees and legal representatives of each of the defendants hereinabove specifically named other than the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, the unknown heirs and devisees and legatees and legal representatives of each of the unknown heirs hereinabove mentioned or referred to, and the unknown owners of the land and premises involved in this suit are defendants; and the nature of plaintiff's suit being a suit in trespass to try title and to recover of defendants the title and possession of that certain parcel of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being Lot No. Four (4) in Block No. Twenty-three (23) in the town of Merkel, Texas, and to remove cloud from title, said petition alleging that plaintiff owns good title to said land and premises under the five and ten years statutes of limitation of the State of Texas, and that defendants are claiming some kind of title and right of possession in and to said premises but that such claims are inferior to plaintiff's title and are a cloud thereon; plaintiff asks for judgment for title and possession, costs of suit, removal of cloud from title, etc.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 14th day of June, A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County. 154

We appreciate your business, large or small, and endeavor to merit your patronage by always giving courteous service and quality meats. Baker & Wheeler Market.



We will not be open for business next Wednesday, and we sincerely hope that you too will take a holiday and celebrate—



"The Old Reliable"

Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Henry Lewis 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 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in July A. D. 1928, the same being the 16th day of July A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1928, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6813-A, wherein M. L. Lewis, is Plaintiff, and

Henry Lewis is Defendant, and said petition alleging

Plaintiff and Defendant were married about Sept. 23, 1923, and separated about Sept. 23, 1924. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of three years abandonment, all of which is fully alleged in her petition.

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 14th day of June A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
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JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Song: Prayer.
Roll call, to be answered with Bible verse. Song.
Scripture lesson: Luke 4:16-21, by leader, Elouise Manscill.
Why we observe the Sabbath, May Junior page 26, by Odell Hunter.
How do you observe the Sabbath, May Junior page 26, by Marie Stanford.
A good turn daily, May Junior page 30, by Kennedy Whiteley.

In union there is strength, May Junior page 30, Florene Rider.
Benediction.

JUNIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

The story of the Leaflets.
1. The pioneers, Sarah Sheppard.
2. The Home Mission Board, Harry Boaz.
Play—Roger, John; First Leaflet, Iris Copeland; Second Leaflet, Ora Derrick; Third Leaflet, Wanda Owen; Fourth Leaflet, Margaret Miller; Fifth Leaflet, Billie Bernice Gambill.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to every one who in any way helped during the brief illness and death of my Dear husband, J. M. Morris. May God bless every one of you.

MRS. LULA MORRIS. It
MRS. LIZZIE EASTHAM.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and children spent last week-end in Lamesa, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Jenning Winter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Political

For Congress, 17th District:
R. Q. LEE, of Cisco.
T. P. PERKINS of Mineral Wells
HOMER SHANKS, of Clyde, Tex.
FOR District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN
FOR County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
J. H. BRATTON
W. P. BOUNDSON
FOR Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
N. L. SEALE
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
For Representative:
G. W. ASH

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



Soft Water Shampoos at home!

YOU know how the best beauty shops always emphasize their use of soft water for shampoos . . . now you can have an unlimited amount of soft water from any faucet in the house, not only for shampoos and the bath, but for all general household purposes. For personal use, soft water is the secret of beautiful hair, lovely complexions, soft skin and hands free from "that dish pan look." See us about a



TWIN CITY Water Softener

The simplest and most valuable piece of equipment you can have in your home. Will last indefinitely. Removes all lime scale from the water and actually saves its own cost in a short time. Let us give you a demonstration right in your own home . . . try a soft water shampoo with our compliments!

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MERKEL, TEXAS



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Food must be kept sweet and fresh, especially for the children. See that your ice-box is always filled. Our drivers make two trips daily.

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A coupon book is very convenient and is more economical.
Full Weight Always
West Texas Utilities Company
ICE DEPARTMENT



Your Buick Dealer stands back of the USED CARS he sells

Your Buick dealer's good reputation in the community is worth far more to him than the profit he makes on any used car transaction.

He is the head of an established business and he knows that in order to get more business, he must please his present customers.

He carries a representative stock of used cars, including both used Buicks and cars of other makes—and he represents them honestly.

You're sure of a square deal when you buy from the Buick dealer. He stands back of the used cars he sells.

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY
FLINT, MICH.—DIVISION OF GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

SHELTON MOTOR CO.
ABILENE, TEXAS

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

FURNITURE SALE!

The following bargains in Furniture can be seen at my home Saturday June 30 and Monday July 2. Two 4-burner oil stoves; 2 coal and wood heaters; 1 revolving office chair; 1 book shelf, 1 breakfast room set; 2 kitchen cabinets; a number of small tables, 1 camp cot and mattress; rockers; 1 magazine stand; 1 dining room suite; large rugs; bedsteads, mat-

tresses and springs; 1 dresser; 50 gal. oil tank with pump, 3 gal. water cooler, lawn mower, garden tools, dishes, lamps and cooking utensils. 1 piece of new linoleum 11x15. MRS. H. C. WILLIAMS, Phone 171. It

New HOUSE, modern, garage, 4 rooms and bath, \$2,500. One fifth down, balance terms to suit purchaser. Thompson & Boswell.

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WE REPAIR AND CLEAN KODAKS FREE
FINISHING, ONE DAY SERVICE

RODDEN STUDIO

BELIEVE HALF YOU SEE AND NOTHING YOU HEAR!

I Do All Auto Repairing Myself

Don't Trust Your Repairing to Inexperienced Workmen!
I GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION

C. S. HIGGINS GARAGE

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DIAMONDS T.C. WILSON WATCHES
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ABILENE, TEXAS.

Will to move and power of motion
Depend on nerves as well as notion,
And these actions call into play
Thousands of nerves in many a way.
When with sickness one must contend
At the spine from which nerves extend.

(To Be Continued)

(COPY, J. T. HUNTER)

STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

ON BUILDING AN INCOME

As Aunt Emmy came out of the savings bank she met young George Oliver.

"Well, well," he said, "it's funny to see you coming out of a savings bank, Aunt Emmy. I thought only poor folks like me had money in savings banks—people like you just clip coupons!"

"Have you a savings bank account?" countered Aunt Emmy.

"Well, er—I suppose I haven't," he admitted. "You see, it's hard to save money when you're first married. Somehow there never seems to be enough money to go 'round—let alone to put in a savings bank."

"You never will have if you don't get started," interrupted Aunt Emmy. "You should make your weekly savings deposit, no matter how small, the first claim on your salary after paying your bills. I make my weekly deposit in this bank faithfully—I put away a certain sum regularly."

"You can!" Nat commented.

"It is more a habit than you would suppose," Aunt Emmy continued. "Any one can do it who is willing to let other things wait. I began putting a little money in a savings bank years ago when it was no joke to save a few pennies. I remember what a wonderful thrill I got the first time I saw my interest entered in my bank book. There was money that my money had earned all by itself. After that it was a sort of game with me to put a certain sum in the bank, even if I had to do without things I would have enjoyed having. Now I realize what it means to keep your money busy earning all the time so I continue to put a little in the savings bank regularly and, after it accumulates, I draw some out and invest in safe securities that pay a higher rate of interest than savings. All the time, you see, the money is working for me."

"Of course, when the sum is small, it earns little, but if you start young, as you and Molly are, it is almost like magic the way it mounts up after a few years—then when your savings get grown up into a real investment they earn a real income."

"I never thought of it in that light," said George.

"Try it—and see for yourself how it works," urged Aunt Emmy. "Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have a few dollars ready for use in case of an emergency? Accidents and illnesses do happen. Or suppose you had an opportunity to buy something you knew you could sell at a profit and you had to let the opportunity slip for the lack of a few hundred dollars. You and Molly would never miss five dollars a week—and if you keep at it, it will work wonders!"

"You're right, it would!" exclaimed George. "I'll talk to Molly tonight, Aunt Emmy, and see if we can't revise our expenditures."

"There would be a whole lot less family trouble and worry over money matters if every young couple did the same thing early in life," Aunt Emmy said. "Start young," is the magic slogan."

BANKERS PROMOTE FARM CONTESTS

Standard methods of farm administration have been made the basis of a contest by bankers of Pickens County, Alabama, as a method of bringing a farm and home program to their patrons, says the bulletin of the Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association. A safe and profitable farm community is the goal in this work.

The farm and home program has been outlined as follows:

Standard Farm Scorecard	
Total Net Income:	
Per plow	15 points
Per worker	15 " 30 points
Total Diversified Income:	
Cotton	4 points
Corn	2 "
Poultry	2 "
Hogs	2 "
Cows	2 "
Garden produce ..	2 "
Dairy products ..	2 "
Fruit and melons ..	2 "
Miscellaneous ..	2 " 20 points
Soil Building:	
Legume crops ...	8 points
Rotation of crops	8 " 16 points
Fertilizer	4 " 20 points
Farm Supplies:	
Food for stock ..	5 points
Food for workers	5 " 10 points
Business Ability:	
Farm management	4 points
Records	3 " 7 points
Investments	3 " 10 points
Home Efficiency:	
Conventiences ...	5 points
Appearance	5 " 10 points

Grand Total 100 points
A booklet explains the contest to the bank patron and urges him to enter by securing a record book from his bank. The winner for the entire county receives a grand prize of \$100. The county is divided into districts with \$75 and \$50 prizes for each district.

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TODAY ONLY
Billy Sullivan
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The fast athletic star in another of his good pictures, with plenty of fun and action.
Also Comedy—
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SATURDAY ONLY
Fred Humes
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A Blue Streak Western with action galore.
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"DADDY BOY"

Monday & Tuesday
Esther Ralston
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"Something Always Happens"
Running wild all over the place—a haunted house of hilarious happenings. You'll love this thrilling picture. Thrills and laughs—laughs and thrills!
And Comedies—
"WIRED AND FIRED" and News Reel

Wed. and Thurs.
Ken Maynard
—in—
"GUN GOSPEL"
A Great Western with a great western star, and he entertains you to the last minute of the show. Also Comedy—
"HALFBACK HANNA"

Changes in Territory

Staten Island was properly a part of New Jersey until 1698, at which time the duke of York decreed that all islands which could be circumnavigated within 24 hours should belong to New York. Capt. Christopher Billopp made the trip around Staten Island in the required time and received a reward of 1,163 acres at the south end of the island, and Staten Island was thereafter considered a part of New York territory, which later became New York state.

Many Uses for Flaxseed

Flaxseed is grown primarily for the production of linseed oil, each short ton of seed producing from 70 to 80 gallons of oil, which is used in the manufacture of paints and varnishes, linoleum, oilcloth, printers' ink, patent leather, imitation leather and sundry other products. The cake that is left after the oil is pressed out is valued as a feed for dairy and beef cattle and finds a ready market. A large part of the cake produced in this country is exported, principally to the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom. The United States is the second largest producer of flaxseed in the world, but, in spite of this fact, this country is also the world's largest importer of this product. Our production ordinarily takes care of about 55 per cent of our domestic requirements. This year the United States produced approximately 24,270,000 bushels.

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Mr. Wilburn Holt and daughter, Lois Holt, were visiting here with their uncle, Mr. S. L. Grayson, and other relatives. They returned home Friday.

SENIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

Leader: Fannie Belle Boaz.
Subject: Cultivating Christian Character.

Introduction by leader.

1. What will stand life's tests? Bill Haynes.
2. Shall we copy the chinese character? Lucy Tracy.
3. Character and the sculptor's chisel, Mae Lassiter.
4. Cultivate Christian Character, Doyle Gilmore.
5. Gen. Lee and Co. Lindbergh, by Thelma Copeland.
6. Churches help cultivate character, Autry Porter.

Try a Classified adv in the Mail

Find Old Roman Town

on Farm in Britain

London.—Recent discoveries in and around the town of Stockbridge, Hampshire, have led archeologists to believe that the site of a former Roman town has been discovered.

In 1924 Ernest Barnard discovered on his 850-acre farm the foundations of two Roman baths and three villas. He has since unearthed the positions of over a dozen other Roman buildings.

Among the more recent discoveries are several hundred copper coins, parts of a tortoise-shell necklace, an oyster opener, a razor, a quantity of broken pottery and two grinding stones.

Barnard has also discovered what he believes to have been a Roman vineyard, with terraces cut in the rising upland. Further finds were two huge stones, probably forming the bases of pillars of the entrance gates of an imposing Roman building.

Roman bricks have been found built into the walls of an Elizabethan cottage in the town, while in the neighboring village of Kings Somborne several people have collected quite a show of Roman and early British relics.

Such importance is attached to the discoveries that a British museum expert is making a personal investigation.

Lord Balfour Admits

He's Lazy and Likes It

London.—Lord Balfour is a lazy man—and admits it.

"I am a great lover of idleness myself, though I never say much about it, and I always love to hear that there are to be certain hours of the day when no one will ask me to do anything," the former prime minister said at a luncheon of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

"The institute is engaged upon one of the most important tasks facing people engaged in social welfare," Lord Balfour went on. "That is the complete explosion of the superstition that all hours of work are a minus quantity in the happiness of life and all hours of idleness a plus quantity."

Lord Balfour's idea of perfect bliss and laziness is to listen to performances of Handel or lie in bed and read "thrillers" or detective stories.

Ostrich Classed as

an Error of Nature

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

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

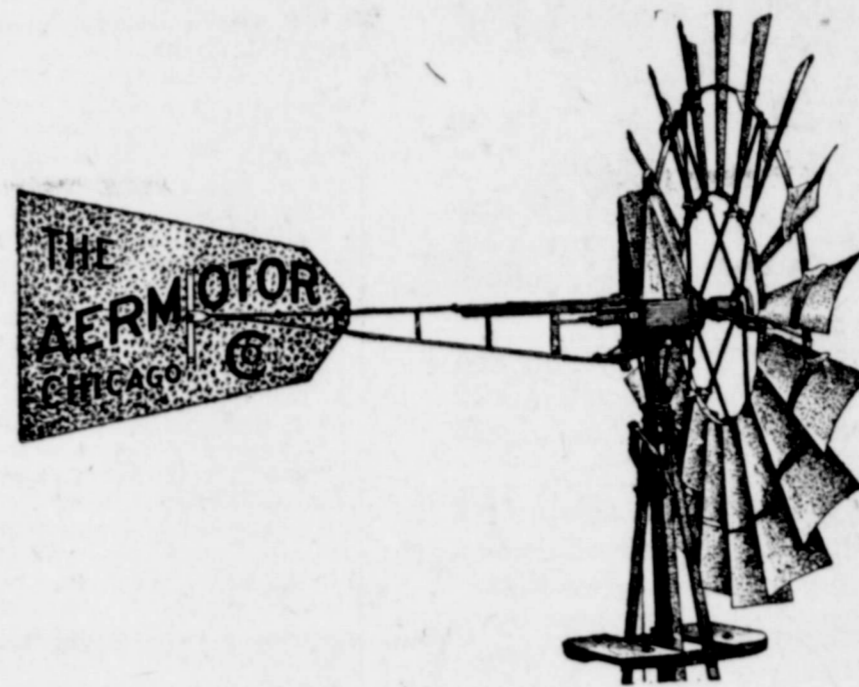
Arabian legend has it that the ostrich is the result of a union between the camel and a dodo bird. Certainly it inherited some of the worst characteristics of both. Its awkward shape, the uselessness of its wings, its seeming lack of pleasure in life, all indicate that it is one of nature's errors.

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

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June Bride Honored With Many Lovely Parties This Week

Mrs. Edward McCrary Honored At Elaborate Tea in the Home of Mrs. L. B. Scott Wednesday afternoon. Miss Melba West Honors Mrs. McCrary With Shower on Thursday.

On Wednesday afternoon during the hours from four to seven, Mrs. L. B. Scott presented Mrs. Edward McCrary, who was until only recently Miss Gladys Mayfield, to Merkel society in a series of tea receptions.

A beautiful scheme of Orchid and green was carried out in the flowers, house decorations and table appointments. The table, handsome with cover of old lace over rose was centered with a huge punch bowl in a setting of orchid and green tulle with orchid cut flowers in green containers. Tea services were green, on which dainty orchid and green chicken salad sandwiches, fruit punch, olives and creamed mints in the favored colors were served. The house party in evening gowns of softest pastel colorings helped to complete the setting provided by the massed flowers throughout the entertaining suite. Mrs. James greeted guests at the door, Mrs. L. B. Scott was next in the receiving line and presented the bride, Mrs. Edward McCrary. Mrs. Jim Mayfield was on the honoree's left and Miss Doris Durham was next in line. Miss Maurine Tipton and Miss Althea Boden passed guests on to the Tea table, where Misses Melba West, Lola Dennis and Johnnie Sears served. Misses Tommie Durham and Francis Anderson presided over the guest book, and concluding the house party were Mesdames Floyd Dowell and Byers Petty. Adieus were said by Mrs. Charlie Jones.

Throughout the afternoon hours a program of vocal solos, piano selections and readings were given by Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy and Mrs. Ann Wall Brown. Approximately seventy-five guests registered during the afternoon.

On Monday evening Mrs. McCrary will be complimented by Misses Lola Dennis and Johnnie Sears in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

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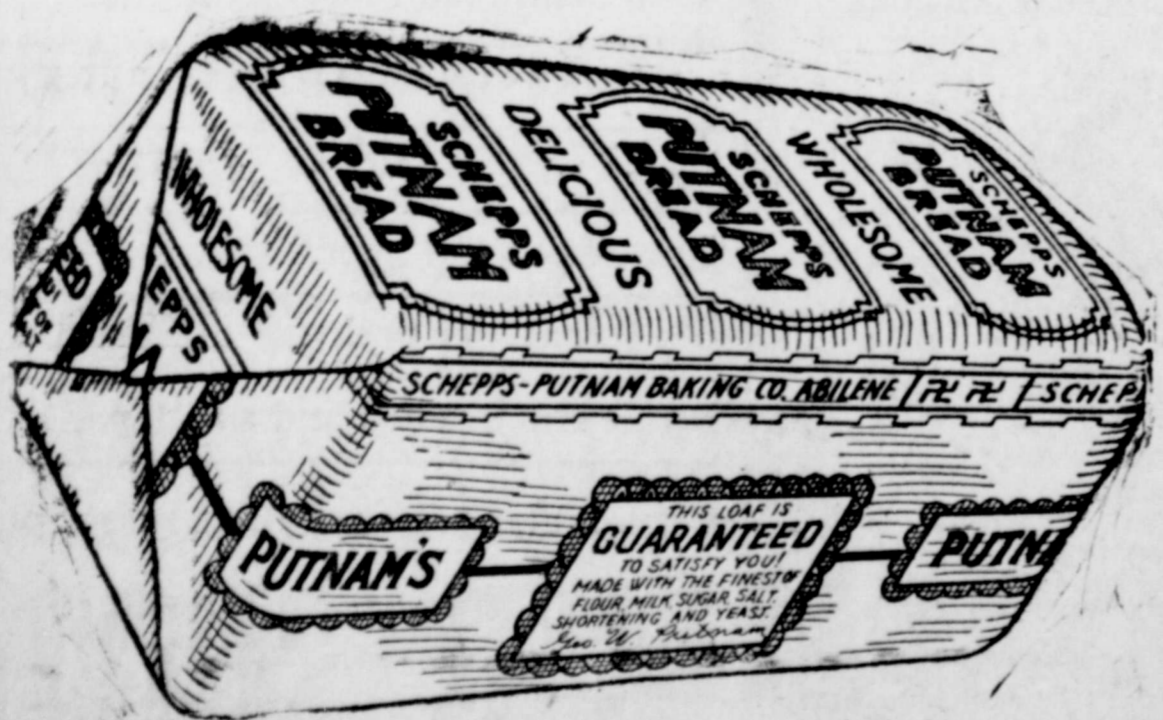
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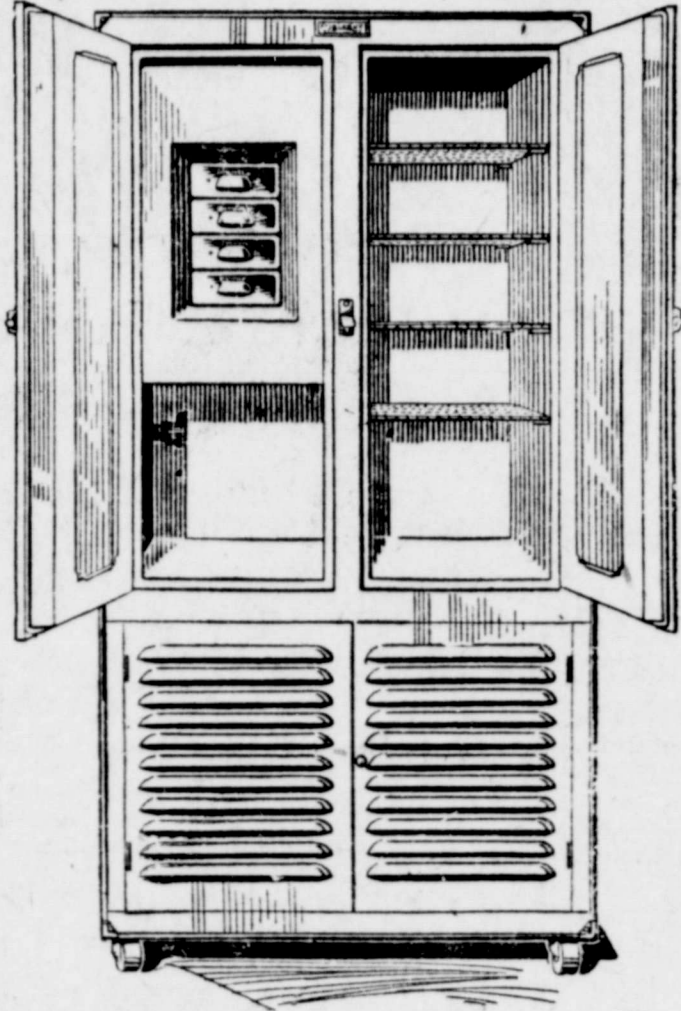
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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—In Merkel Thursday two one-dollar bills. Finder please return to R. E. Cole. 1t

SPECIAL TRAIN TO EL PASO FOURTH OF JULY

We call your attention to the advertisement in this paper by the Texas & Pacific Railway announcing a special low rate to El Paso for the Fourth of July. The special train will leave Merkel on July 3rd.

I will have car of choice Maize Heads on track in the next few days. Phone or see me and give me your order so I can phone or drop you a card when it arrives. L. L. MURRAY. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye are the happy parents of an eight and a half pound boy, born on June 26th. Mrs. Dye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, and the proud father is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye of Merkel.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong of Fort Worth are announcing the arrival of a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith of Ozona are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney this week.

Mrs. Ida Butler of Abilene was the guest of H. A. Mullens and family last week.

Mrs. V. P. Tippett of San Angelo is here the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and other relatives.

Telephones Increase 1000 Per Cent In 20 Years.

In the last twenty years the population of the United States has increased forty-five per cent, while the number of telephones in use has increased one thousand per cent. The telephone has become almost indispensable to both the business and the social world. In fact, the telephone has become so much a part of everyone's life and is in such constant use, it is taken for granted and is not appreciated to the extent it should be. It has become so easy to take down the receiver and talk to any place or person desired that the public is beginning to overlook the value of telephone service.

Telephone development has been so rapid that telephone patrons know very little of the achievements in improving and extending service except that from year to year it has become increasingly easier to talk and that additional uses of the telephone, saving both time and effort, are arising daily.

Every year the people of the United States talk more over the telephone than they did the year before. Statistics show that we talk more over the telephone than any other country in the world, and that our country has more telephones than all the rest of the world combined. For every hundred persons in the United States there are fifteen telephones. Every minute day and night 50,000 telephone bells are ringing somewhere in our country.

The Telephone Company is continuing to make it still more easy to talk by improvements in all branches of the industry. The companies that comprise the Bell System are this year spending \$1,000,000 a day for improvements and additions to their facilities.

Many new conveniences in telephone service are becoming available to the public. Most of the crack express trains in this country are now connected with a nation-wide telephone system up to the last minute before their departure. A telephone in every station room has become standard equipment on modern ocean liners.

Improvements in long distance service have made possible its use with greater speed and with less effort each year. These improvements, and the increasing use of two-number or station-to-station service, have brought down the average time necessary to complete a long distance call from five minutes in 1926 to three minutes at the close of 1927.

Most persons are all familiar with the Trans-Atlantic Radio Telephone Service and what it has meant to the world by making possible a genuine connection between the principal nations of two continents. Nearly 2,000,000 overseas telephones have been brought into being since the American telephone.

All of these improvements have been made possible through the telephone service of thousands of employees. The telephone service of the world today is a vast and intricate system that is constantly growing. It is a service that is essential to the life of the world, and it is a service that is being improved and extended every day.

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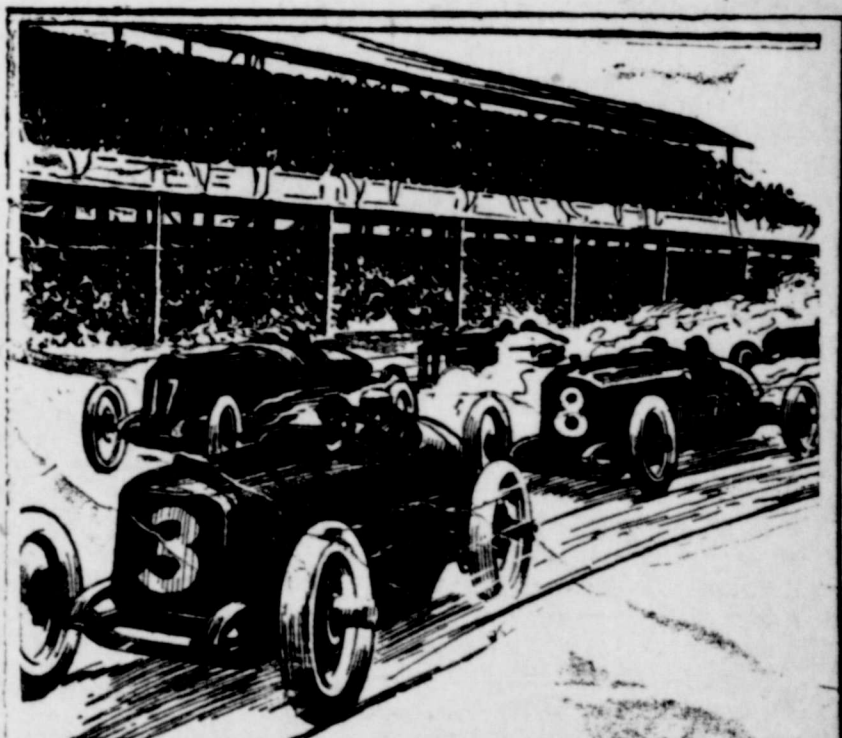
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TRENT NEWS

Mrs. Fannie Norman of Thorndale after visiting her sister, Mrs. R. B. McRee and other relatives a week, has returned home. Mrs. McRee accompanied her as far as Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Loraine visited Mrs. Martin's parents last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. They were enroute to Abilene to spend the day with friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester of Sweetwater visited with the latter's sister, Mrs. Artemus Howell, last Sunday.

Miss Georgia Moore of Abilene visited with Mrs. J. K. P. Winn last week-end.

Mrs. Cliff Smith of Sweetwater was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. M. Freeman, on last Sunday. She is much improved.

Miss Myrtle McCluskey entertained a few of her Cisco friends last Sunday in honor of her 15th birthday.

Mr. Jess Walker and wife of Lamesa were here last Tuesday seeing after business. They went on to Abilene, spending the night with Mrs. Walker's sister, who lives there.

On last Friday Oscar Robinson received a message to the effect that his brother-in-law, A. M. Moon, who lived in Breckenridge, had gotten killed by a horse falling on him. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left immediately, and attended the funeral on Saturday, which was held at Bee Branch. The loved ones have our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge and children motored to Clyde last Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. J. J. Peay, they were accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman visited relatives and attended church services at McCauley last Sunday.

Miss Dorene Scott visited her sister, Mrs. Robt. D. Martin, of Loraine a few days the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally visited Mrs. Nally's father, Mr. Rutherford, at Cottonwood last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Canfield of Borger visited the latter's brother, Ernest Massey, and family, a few days this week.

Mr. Shield Sipe and family visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe, this week.

A party of young folks enjoyed an

outing at the fair park at Abilene last Sunday, among them were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler, Misses Grace Clara and Annie Prickett of Rising Star, Fay Statzer, Nettie Causseaux and Messrs. Fred Horton, Claud Butler, H. K. Bryan and Ross Young.

JUNE GAFFORD CELEBRATES 5th BIRTHDAY

One of the most enjoyable birthday parties of the season was enjoyed Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gafford, when their daughter, June, celebrated her eighth birthday from 4 to 6 p.m. A number of out-door games, contests and music were enjoyed, after which Mrs. Gafford was assisted by Mrs. Carl Atwell in serving cream and cake to the following: Helen McLeod, Lina Grace Reeves, Gene Scott, Gene Terry, Elizabeth Winn, Laverne Watson, Mildred Cregg, Wielsford Massey, Tutsie Boone, Billie Jo Bowers, Tillman Jo Rutledge, Markwin Williamson, Kenneth Burkhardt, Junior Smith, Gerald Gafford and T. G. Murdock. All went away wishing June many more happy birthdays.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was royally entertained Monday from three to five in the newly furnished home of Mrs. O. A. Smith. Misses Ora and Maurine Smith assisting their mother.

Roses were used as the house decoration and were carried out as the main theme of the games and contests. After the arrival of the guests an unusual "radio program" was given from station O-U-C-H and each member gave a talk of better plans for the society. Much merriment was expressed in the handshaking contest in which Mrs. Juanita Payne succeeded in shaking hands with every one present in the limited time. Mrs. Hale McRee won first place in a hidden rose contest. Both received dainty handkerchiefs as rewards. In the "Rose Party" contest, Mrs. Juanita Payne and Mrs. Rena Holbrook each received a kitchen article as prizes.

After the delightful victrola music a dainty plate of chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, cake and lemonade was served to the following members and visitors.

Mesdames E. L. Mangum, R. B. McRee, M. G. Scott, J. P. Watson, J. S. Reid, Jno. Payne, O. A. Smith, Mrs. Genevieve Howell and daughter Jacqueline of Fort Worth, Mrs. Rena Holbrook, Mrs. Hale McRee and daughter Virginia Clo, and Rev. J. P. Watson.

AT LEAST CONSISTENT

Chesley W. Jurney is secretary to Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, and one of the leaders in the Al Smith campaign. Mr. Jurney, a Texan, arrived in Dallas this week and gave out an interview in which he said:

"We might as well be frank about it. We cannot carry states like New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Illinois with a dry plank in the platform."

His prediction was that the platform adopted at Houston would not contain a dry plank.

Mr. Jurney is probably right. If Al Smith is to be nominated, it would be foolish and futile to insert a dry plank into his platform. Mr. Smith is the head and front of the wet movement in this country. He is the hope of the anti. If they can't win with him, they can't win with anybody. His candidacy represents the wets' supreme effort to gain national power. It would indeed be foolish to undertake to brand this super-wet with the mark of the dries.

Of course, the natural inference from Mr. Jurney's statement is that the democrats could cinch New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Illinois by inserting a wet plank into the platform. That would be consistent. The democrats carry New York and New Jersey so seldom that it would take an upheaval like that to carry them this year; Illinois and Massachusetts are hardly in the realm of possibility.

Democratic dries should feel grateful to Mr. Jurney. He has confirmed the claim they have been making right along—that Al Smith and prohibition do not mix worth a cent. It remains to be seen whether any sort of platform, wet or dry, can bring the extreme wets and the extreme dries together behind the Al Smith banner.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

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COWGIRLS TO ATTEND LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

Abilene, Texas, June 20.—Simmons cowgirls have decided to visit the Lueders Baptist Encampment, July 10-22, and spend some time in the new Y. W. A. Camp. It is hoped a large number can attend. The Cowgirls were the center of attraction at the Confederate Reunion at Little Rock recently. They will likely attend in their uniforms.

Swimming stunts for boys will be directed by Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons, and general recreational features will be directed by Miss Mary Esther Cheshier.

Extensive study classes have been arranged. The directors believe that the greatest good the encampment can do is to teach church leaders to so perfect the organization of the respective churches that they will be materially bettered.

Great stress is being placed on Woman's Missionary Union Work, as Mrs. Leigh, State Secretary, will be present, and the Young Woman's Auxiliary will occupy their new building.

The Encampment bulletin is out and will be distributed this week.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, of Abilene, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Sherman, will lead the inspirational addresses.

The dates are July 10 to 22. Shady camping along the bank of the Clear Fork will be provided without cost.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 o'clock. Communion service at close of 11 o'clock hour. Offering will be made for Reynolds Orphanage.

Beginning at 8:30 a children's day program will be rendered, consisting of songs, readings, drills, etc.

The Men's Fellowship Club of the church will meet Monday evening, July 2nd, at Buffalo Gap, in joint meeting with the men from Abilene and Stamford churches.

Session meeting Tuesday evening. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8:30. Glad to have you in all the services.

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

OBITUARY

J. M. Morris was born in Louisiana April 30, 1880 and died June 15, 1928 at his home on Rose Street in south Merkel, being 48 years of age.

He was married to Lula Porter in 1905 at Baird, Texas. He and his wife came to Merkel three years ago.

Mr. Morris is survived by his wife and two brothers and one sister, who reside in East Texas.

Funeral services were held at home on Saturday, June 16, at 7 p.m. Rev. Ira L. Parrack conducted service. Burial was made in Hill Cemetery.

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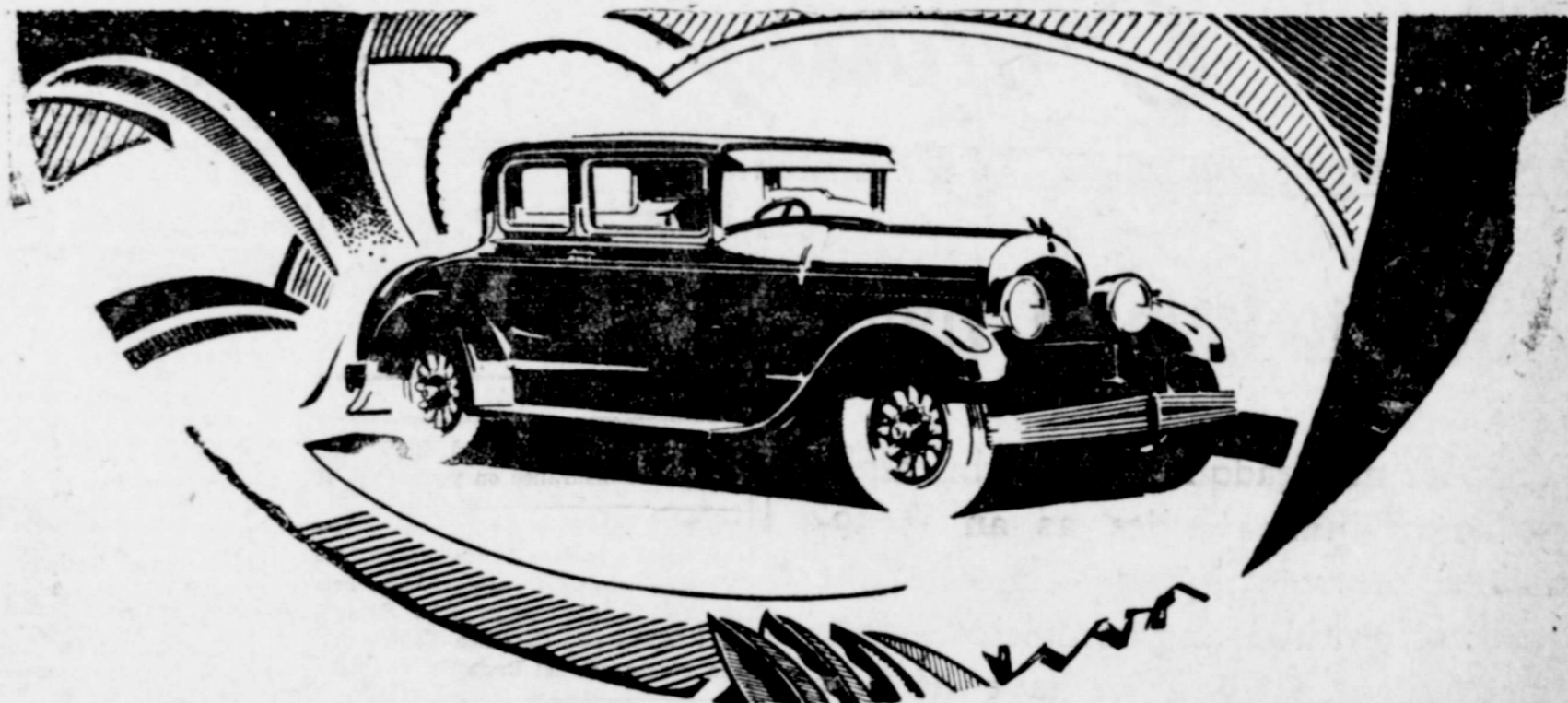
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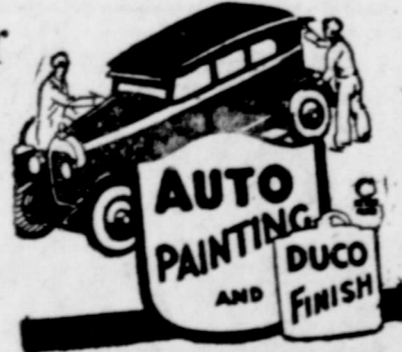
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ALATHEAN CLASS
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 ed in the home of Mrs. Boden last
 Friday evening. The class song, "Let
 Others See Jesus in You," was en-
 joyed. Scripture reading Mark 9,
 was followed by prayer by Mrs. Par-
 rack.
 Pillow cases were made and donat-
 ed to the orphans home. The next
 charity work to be undertaken will be
 the piecing of a quilt.
 Mrs. Yates Brown and Miss Altha
 Boden gave some beautiful piano se-
 lections.
 Mrs. Jones' side won in the bean
 contest and was nicely entertained
 by Mrs. McDonald's side, the losers.
 Strawberry ice cream and angel
 food cake were served to the follow-
 ing members and visitors: Mesdames
 Bradshaw, McDonald, Jones, Ash,
 Parrack, Hamm, Brown, Brackeen,
 Yates Brown, Baze and the hostess.

IDLEWISE CLUB
 Mrs. Geo. White entertained mem-
 bers of the Idlewise Club with a
 morning party on Tuesday of this
 week. A pretty color scheme of rose
 and yellow were stressed in all party
 features. Games of Auction Bridge
 progressed throughout the morning
 hours until twelve, when the dining
 room was opened and a most elab-
 orate luncheon was served, buffet style.
 The chosen party colors were again
 stressed in the dainty deserts. Out
 of town guests for the affair were
 Mesdames Dr. Rudd, Henry Barber,
 Wesley Edwards, all of Mary Neal,
 and Jones of Jayton. Misses Mary
 Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Jess
 Suthphen, Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo
 Booth, Mesdames Jack Durham, Tom
 Price, Matt Dillingham, Charlie Jones
 Lige Gamble, F. C. McFarland, W.
 S. J. Brown and the hostess.
 Miss Iris Garrett is visiting friends
 at Lubbock this week.

Noodle News
 After the good rain that fell the
 farmers are all busy plowing over
 their crops.
 Miss Vera Justice returned to her
 home Sunday from an Abilene Sanitar-
 ium. She is doing nicely.
 Mr. Jim Spurgin is in Dallas this
 week in behalf of the Farm Bureau.
 W. J. Bicknell spent the first of
 the week on the Plains. While there
 he was a guest in the home of Mr.
 and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler of Tulia. The
 Methodist meeting will begin on Sat-
 urday night before the first Sunday
 in July. Every Christian is urged to
 come and help out in this battle
 against sin.
 I. N. Irvin is visiting in his old
 home state, North Carolina.
 Mrs. R. A. Reagan and son Hoyt
 went to Winters Sunday, where they
 were called to attend the funeral of
 Mrs. Reagan's cousin.
 We are sorry to report Mrs. Otto
 Bicknell very sick at her home in
 Merkel. Her many friends here wish
 for her a speedy recovery.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson
 entertained the young people with a
 party Friday night.

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 the many kind and thoughtful things
 done for our loved ones and us dur-
 ing her sickness and our bereavement.
 We thank God for such wonderful
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Dora Doings
 Bro. Gaines filled the pulpit at the
 Baptist Church here Sunday in the
 absence of our pastor, who is still un-
 able to preach.
 This community was struck by the
 worst hail storm, wind and rain that
 it has experienced for years. Crops
 in some places were completely wiped
 out. Roofs were damaged, garages
 smoke houses and small buildings
 were blown down. The neighbors who
 were not so hard hit helped those
 who were so badly damaged, so they
 will get the planting done over in
 a few days.
 The singing was fine here Sunday
 several visiting classes were here and
 the afternoon was spent in good sing-
 ing.
 Mrs. Rose Perry and baby are attended church at Butman Sunday

spending a few days with Mr. and
 Mrs. John Bloxom in Sweetwater this
 week.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter attended
 singing at Dora Sunday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine was called
 to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs.
 Hall, in Abilene Friday.
 Turner Druery and family of Lit-
 tlefield have been visiting relatives
 and friends here a few days this
 week.
 H. S. Wright and A. D. Cross made
 a business trip to Merkel Saturday
 returning by Sweetwater.
 Cliff Perry, J. B. McCoy and Earl
 Wallis saw the ball game at Sweet-
 water Sunday afternoon, Sweetwater
 playing Abilene.
 Tom Oliver of Merkel was seen in
 this city Monday morning.
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night.
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott of
 Merkel are spending a few days here
 visiting relatives and friends.
 Clyde Magee is riding around in a
 good looking new Chrysler Coupe.
 D. J. Laine and W. G. Oliver made
 a business trip to Sweetwater Mon-
 day.
 Mrs. Eula Lester spent the week
 end here with her parents, Mr. and
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AWARDS TO START THIS FALL

Students in Agricultural Economics to Be Helped in Farm States— Will Also Facilitate Entry Into Business Life.

One hundred and sixty-seven collegiate loan scholarships will be provided by the American Bankers Association, 98 of which are now being proffered to 71 selected colleges and universities in 34 states, it has been announced by John H. Puelicher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association's Foundation for Education in Economics. The foundation fund of \$500,000 was started in 1925 to commemorate the Association's fiftieth anniversary and its aim is to stimulate and aid worthy men or women students to pursue courses in banking and economics in collegiate institutions throughout the country.

The scholarship awards will be available for the scholastic year beginning this fall and will provide recipients with unit loans of \$250, to be repaid on easy terms following their entry into earning business life. In several farm states, it is provided, scholarships shall be specifically awarded in agricultural economics.

A special feature of the plan in addition to its educational advantages is that scholars, upon discharge of all their financial obligations connected with their loans, will be given certificates of honorary membership in the foundation signed by the members of the board of trustees, which will be available as evidence of financial reliability for their use in starting their business careers.

Colleges Awarded Scholarships

Proffers of one or more scholarships have been made to the following institutions:

Alabama, University of Alabama, Birmingham-Southern College; Arizona, University of Arizona; Arkansas, University of Arkansas; California, University of California, University of Southern California, Stanford University, Connecticut, Wesleyan University, Yale University; Delaware, University of Delaware; District of Columbia, George Washington University, Georgetown University; Florida, University of Florida, University of Miami; Hawaiian Islands, University of Hawaii; Idaho, University of Idaho; Illinois, University of Illinois, University of Chicago, Knox College, Northwestern University; Kansas, University of Kansas, Kansas State Agricultural College, Washburn College; Louisiana, Louisiana State University, Tulane University; Maryland, Johns Hopkins University; University of Maryland; Michigan, University of Detroit, University of Michigan; Agricultural College; Minnesota, Carlton College, University of Minnesota, Hamline University; Mississippi, University of Mississippi; Montana, State University of Montana; Nebraska, University of Nebraska, Doane College; Nevada, State University of Nevada; New Jersey, Princeton University, Rutgers University; New Mexico, New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts; North Carolina, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering; Oregon, University of Oregon, Oregon State Agricultural College; Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania, Dickinson College, Lafayette College, Gettysburg College, Franklin and Marshall College, Allegheny College, University of Pittsburgh, Lehigh University, Swarthmore College; Pennsylvania State College; Rhode Island, Brown University; South Dakota, University of South Dakota; Tennessee, University of Tennessee; University of Chattanooga; Vanderbilt University; Utah, University of Utah; Vermont, University of Vermont; Virginia, University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, University of Richmond, William and Mary College; Washington, University of Washington, State College of Washington; West Virginia, West Virginia University; Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin, Lawrence College, Beloit College.

Plan of Operation

The general plan allots scholarships to higher institutions of learning in states where the banks have completed the subscription quotas assigned them in the foundation fund.

Institutions are selected on the basis of type of school, educational standards, geographical distribution and desire to co-operate in the plan. A scholarship committee is to be created in each selected institution, to consist of members of the faculty and a prominent banker. All scholarship applications must be made formally through the college committees and not direct to the foundation. Three home-town references are required of each applicant, at least one of whom must be a banker. Only students of junior or higher grade in banking and economic courses are eligible and those who have also attended American Institute of Banking courses will be given preference.

Easy Terms

Scholarship payments will be given only to those whose means of education are dependent in whole or part upon their own efforts and will continue only during satisfactory scholastic standing or conduct. The loans are at five per cent beginning the first day of the second January after the date the scholar leaves school, with no interest on repayment made prior to that time. Loans may be paid off in monthly installments of \$10 or more. After three installments have been promptly met payments may be placed on a quarterly basis until the loan is wiped out which must occur within three years. In cases of delinquencies, consideration will be given to special circumstances, such as ill health or unavoidable unemployment.

SAT. June 30th.

Last Day

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The opening day, Thursday, June 21, wasn't a big day on account of being so terribly hot in the morning, and then the big rain in the afternoon — But Friday and Saturday certainly were O.K. and then every day up to now has been a big one—and we want to thank every one of you who attended and bought the good Bargains—because we know you would not have bought so freely if we had not priced our merchandise so reasonable. Lots of you bought things and put them away until this fall and we warn those who have not attended that the Sale positively closes Saturday, June the 30th this week. So attend this Sale—every day from now on—because we can save you plenty of money at our—

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