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On the "Broadway of America"

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JOHN J. RASKOB, CATHOLIC CHURCH-MAN, IS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, July 11.—A leader in the business and industrial world—John J. Raskob, of General Motors Corporation and E. I. Dupont de Nemours—will direct Governor Smith's campaign for the presidency.

Raskob, who never has been active politically and who is listed in "Who's Who" as a Republican, was named to succeed Clem Shaver as chairman of the democratic national committee, at a meeting of the committee today. He is a close friend of the presidential nominee, who suggested his selection.

Born in New York state at Rockport, the new chairman, calls Claymont, Delaware, his home.

Given wide powers by the national committee in the conduct of the campaign, Mr. Raskob immediately appointed Herbert Lehman, New York investment banker, as director of finance, succeeding Jesse H. Jones, of Houston. He also was authorized to name an advisory committee and without delay announced selection of Senator Gerry of Rhode Island as its chairman.

The new chairman's first act was to deliver a brief speech in which he warned the Democrats against muddling in the coming campaign, declared that the party never had enjoyed such prospects of success at the polls, and asserted that Smith, if elected, could be depended upon to show constructive leadership in the direction of the nation's affairs.

Mr. Raskob is deeply religious, has contributed heavily to the Roman Catholic Church and has been repeatedly honored by the Pope.

MRS. J. C. CALVERT HONORED WITH PARTY ON 72ND BIRTHDAY, JULY 6

On last Friday afternoon, July 6, Mesdames Fred H. Latham and Mrs. Jno. T. Morgan gave their mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, a surprise party honoring her 72nd birthday, at the home of Mrs. Latham, 4015 Maple Avenue.

The home was prettily decorated with cut flowers of zinnias and roses. Two contests were held, the first resulting in a tie between Mrs. Geo. S. Knight and Mrs. Geo. Ashley Brewer, Jr., and in cutting for the prize Mrs. Geo. S. Knight was winner. The consolation went to Mrs. E. H. Hopkins. Readings were given by little Misses Roberta and Wanda Jones, which were heartily enjoyed by all. A lovely birthday cake decorated in blue and white with the word mother on it and seventy-two pink candles were lighted and brought in, all making a wish as the candles were blown out by the honoree.

Many lovely and useful mementos were given the honoree here, as well as her daughters and son at home also remembering mother and her birthday.

Ice cream and cake were served to those present and making a wish in the guest book were: Mesdames Geo. A. Brewer, Geo. S. Knight, Ruby Harris, W. H. Vaughn, Jr., Roby Jones, E. H. Hopkins, Mae Copeland, Geo. Ashley Brewer, Jr., Gus Gaither, Richard Giles, F. H. Cathey, Fred W. Cathey, Margaret Hill, Misses Bess Touchstone, Laura Cary, Helen Cathey, Imagene Hopkins, Serena Knight, Roberta and Wanda Jones.

PERKINS NOT OUT OF RACE FOR CONGRESS

Over at McKinney, Texas, the Hon. Tom W. Perkins, candidate for Congress in that district, recently withdrew from the race, and the same was given publicity through the daily press, causing some people to become confused and start a rumor that it was the Hon. T. P. Perkins, of Mineral Wells, who is a candidate to succeed Mr. Blanton. Therefore, in justice to Mr. Perkins, the announcement is made that he is still in the race for Mr. Blanton's place, and is without doubt one of the strong contenders for the office.

FERRIER IMPROVING FROM ILLNESS

Glad to report that Mr. Ferrier, one of this county's best citizens, has been very well in this city, is now and it is hoped that he will improve and soon be in good health.

ERECTING FILLING STATION AND TOURIST CAMP

Mr. Robt. Conder, who recently purchased the splendid home of Mrs. H. C. Williams in the west part of the city adjacent to the Bankhead Highway, is having built on the vacant lots on the corner east of the home a modern and up-to-date Filling Station and Tourist Camp.

He states that the filling station will be of modern stucco design and that the tourist cabins will also be modern in every particular.

MR. CRANE HAS CONTRACT TO BUILD TWO NEW HOMES

Mr. W. I. Crane, local contractor, has been awarded the contract for the erection of two new homes for Mr. John D. Porter. One of the residences will be a four-room frame bungalow and the other a six-room stucco building.

The new residences are located on Oak street, on the lots just south of the L. C. Sublett home. The lots are on the southeast corner of the block and face east, making a very desirable location.

Must Report Births And Deaths Now

Taylor county has now been organized in accordance with the new Vital Statistics Law, by the appointment of registrars for each justice precinct and each incorporated town or city. In some cases, two or more precincts have been combined into one district, where it seemed best so to do.

Every birth is required by law to be reported to the local registrar of the district in which it occurs, by the attending physician or midwife, or if there was neither, then by the father, or mother, within five days after the birth.

The law prohibits the burial or removal of a dead body before a death certificate properly and completely filled out, has been filed with the local registrar and a burial or removal permit has been secured.

The immense legal value of these records makes it important that the citizens of Texas be given this protection by having a complete, legal record properly filed in accordance with this law.

In the first three months of 1928, there were reported from Taylor County 164 births and 96 deaths. This indicates only about 71 percent of the births and 79 percent of the deaths, which probably occurred. Let's go 100 percent from now on.

Below is a list of local registrars of this county, and it is urged that you make every effort to comply with the law and to aid in securing complete registration in your county. For further information, address State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin, Texas.

Dr. S. W. Hollis, Abilene, precinct 1 and Abilene.

Jenniss C. McCormick, Tuscola, precincts 2, 3, and 6.

J. G. Waters, Trent, precinct 5 and 7, and Merkel.

Visitors Feted

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg was opened Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Virginia Potts of Hillsboro, and Mrs. S. T. Bowers of Clarksville, house guests of Misses Iva Bragg and Christine Collins, the hostesses. The entertaining rooms were handsomely decorated with summer flowers with pink and green predominant in color. Tables arranged for games of Auction Bridge were equipped with party accessories in pink and green, while pink fruit punch cooled with green ices was served throughout the afternoon.

At the culmination of the games Miss Potts and Mrs. Bowers were beautifully remembered with gifts, clever art-craft plaques.

At the refreshment hour a pretty pink and green ice course was served to Miss Virginia Potts, Mrs. S. T. Bowers, Misses Tommie Durham, Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears, Doris Durham, Melba West, Mona Margaret Jones, Lorena Dry, Jess Sutphen, Lois Dry, Mesdames Roy Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Sie Hamm, Matt Dillingham, George White, T. E. Collins and Mrs. Maude Dooling of Clarksville.

A New Special Service For Parcel Post

Under a new law enacted by the last Congress and made effective on July 1, 1928, a new service was created with reference particularly to the expeditious handling and delivery of parcel post. While this new service is called "Special Delivery" it has the effect of making all classes of mail except the first, namely: the second class mail, the third class mail and the fourth class mail; all have the same expeditious treatment as first class mail IN TRANSIT, PLUS SPECIAL DELIVERY at the office of the addressee by marking the same "Special Delivery" and placing on such mail the following postage in addition to the regular postage, namely 15c on matter weighing not more than two pounds; 25c on matter weighing more than two pounds but not more than ten pounds; 35c on matter weighing more than ten pounds.

It is necessary to put on the additional postage as above stated and mark it "Special Delivery." It is a combination of the former "Special Handling" service and the "Special Delivery" Service. It will be seen that the combined service now is cheaper than the sum of the cost of the two former services.

Mailers desiring "Special Handling" service in transit without "Special Delivery Service" at the office of the addressee may, if they desire, secure this service at the following rates: ten cents on parcels weighing not more than two pounds; 15c on parcels weighing more than two pounds but not more than ten pounds; 20c on parcels weighing more than ten pounds.

There is no "Special Delivery" now which does not carry with it also special handling in transit, so that if the mailer purchases special delivery service now as above specified he thereby secures also special handling service.

Post cards are mailed now for 1c whereas before July 1 they required 2 cents.

Letters sent short paid are rated up postage due 3c per ounce to be collected at the office of delivery, if they are short paid more than one ounce.

The public would do well to note these changes and be governed accordingly. Yours to serve, Oscar J. Adcock, Postmaster.

OLD SETTLERS PICNIC JULY 20 AT BUFFALO GAP

Final preparations for the annual reunion of the Taylor County Old Settlers on July 20th at Buffalo Gap have been completed. R. G. Anderson, president of the organization reported Saturday.

Concession privilege acquired by J. A. Glascock. Old Timers, members of their families and their friends are asked to bring well filled baskets, tin cups, sugar and cream. Coffee is to be furnished free.

Heretofore barbecue has featured the reunion but this year officers decided to dispense with this portion of the program.

Political candidates are invited to attend, however, no speech making is planned. The candidates will be merely introduced to the gathering.

The reunion is held this year with the following committee in charge: R. G. Anderson, Fred Jones, Capt. R. C. Lyons and Charlie Smith.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

TRADE TRIP TO NOODLE TONIGHT

The plans are all made and everything is all set for a business and professional men's Trade Trip to Noodle tonight. It is expected that the delegation will be headed by the Merkel Band, with Band Master Joe Ward directing, and that the entire delegation will meet in front of the Post Office at about seven-thirty o'clock, and as nearly as possible all go in a body to the thriving little city to the north, where a fine program of music, readings and speech making will be rendered.

While the Merkel Lions Club is sponsoring these trade trips, they want it well understood that every business man, every professional man, whether a member of the Lions Club or not, is cordially invited and expected to go on the trip and take part in every way. So make your plans to be on hand and join the procession. The Noodle people will bid every one welcome, and all will have a genuine good time.

JONES HOME OPENED IN TWO LOVELY PARTIES

Miss Mona Margaret Jones complimented two recent brides, Mesdames Jack Anderson and Edward McCrary, with a Bridge Tea on Thursday afternoon during the hours from five to eight. Auction Bridge furnished happy diversion and at the culmination of the games Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McCrary were handsomely remembered with electric toasters as guest prizes. Miss Jones' color scheme was pink and white, stressed in game accessories and house decorations, but at no time was it so beautifully brought out as at the refreshment hour, when a buffet supper was served from a table laid on a hand drawn linen cover over pink, centered with pink rose buds surrounded by crystal candelabra holding pink lighted candles. The pink and white colors were also reflected in the desserts.

Guests enjoying this lovely party were Mesdames Jack Anderson, Edward McCrary, Tom Price, Misses Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis, Melba West, Doris Durham, Mary Eula Sears, Boog Sears, Tommie Durham, Althea Boden, Maurine Tipton, Francis Anderson, Mary Comegys, Mary Cleo Booth, Marian Sheppard of Dallas, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy, Mildred Hamm, Bess Baldwin of Lamesa, Juanita Bounds of Abilene, and Mrs. Jones.

BRIDGE TEA

Mrs. Charlie Jones entertained a number of her friends on Saturday afternoon during the hours from five to eight with Bridge games. The house was especially inviting in colorful array of summer flowers with pink the color note predominant.

At the refreshment hour an elaborate three course dinner was served from a table laid in rare old linen and lighted candelabra in harmonizing effect. Mrs. Jones' guests were Mesdames V. P. Tippet of San Angelo, Luther Swardoff of Kansas City, Doss Sheppard of Dallas, Cummings, Largent, Gamble, Anderson, West, Grimes, Scott, Brown, McFarland, and Miss Jess Sutphen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett returned Wednesday from a vacation trip to points south which included Austin and San Antonio. They report fine crops in the Austin and San Antonio country.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN TO OPPOSE "DRIPPING WET TICKET AND JOKE PLATFORM," MRS. SHAVER SAYS



BURETTE W. PATTERSON

Candidate For Associate Justice Visits Here

Judge Burette W. Patterson, of Cisco, Texas, candidate for the office of Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, was here this week meeting the people, and while here paid this office a very pleasant and much appreciated visit, leaving with us his announcement, which will appear in full in the next issue of this paper.

The Editor of this paper has known Mr. Patterson for more than twenty-five years, and no better man or more able man ever offered for the position which he is seeking. Read his announcement in our next issue.

Pastor Mayhew, Attending Assembly in Arkansas, Writes

The following letter has been received by The Mail from Rev. W. J. Mayhew, pastor of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Merkel, and we take pleasure in publishing it.

Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., July 9.—The Leadership Training School of our church, which I am attending, is being conducted at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas, which joins the city of Fayetteville, Arkansas on the east. It is on the top of what these people call a mountain. And to get on the top of it and look over the country, it does produce the sensation of being on a real mountain. Still the elevation of the mountain top is only 1700 feet.

The Methodist church owns 460 acres of land on Mt. Sequoyah. Upon this tract of land some splendid buildings are being erected. Chief among these buildings are the Woman's Missionary Society Building, a three-story brick structure, now nearing completion, at a cost of more than \$30,000. Then there is the Epworth League Building to which \$2,500 in improvements are now being added. Besides, there are numerous cottages and cabins for those who attend the schools here. The grounds are electrically lighted, have their own water and sewerage systems and other conveniences for the comfort of all who attend.

The meeting here is called the Western Methodist Assembly, and the enrollment to date is a little over 300. In addition there are about 100 others who are merely visiting and resting here. The General Sunday School Board of our church is conducting the school, and they are giving us plenty of work to do, especially those of us who are doing two units of work. But it is a wonderful school and I am enjoying the work. The school will close the 14th and we will be back in our pulpit Sunday, the 22nd.

Fayetteville is quite a nice little city. When we arrived here the afternoon of the 4th the city was in gala attire, celebrating not only our national holiday but also the centenary of the city's founding. The fire works display at night was very beautiful indeed.

The people on Mt. Sequoyah had the unusual privilege of witnessing a beautiful display of the Aurora Borealis on last Saturday night. The lights were beautiful indeed, and the almost constant changing of tints of coloring heightened the beauty immeasurably. It is said to be very unusual for these Northern lights to be seen here except in winter time. The display was doubtless put on at this particular time in honor of the distinguished visitors now at Mt. Sequoyah.

Enough for this time. I shall probably have more to say about our trip out here and what we saw.

W. J. MAYHEW.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Charging that Governor Smith, Democratic presidential nominee, had "stamped himself as a charlatan and a faker," Mrs. Clem L. Shaver, wife of the Democratic national chairman, in a statement Friday declared "we Democratic women will not support the dripping wet ticket and joke platform named by the Tammany delegates at the recent convention at Houston."

Mrs. Shaver, who is chairman of the west division of the National Woman's Democratic Law Enforcement League, asked "How many times has Tammany supported the party nominee in the last sixteen years?" and answered it by saying, "Not once." She also took occasion in her statement to take a sarcastic fling at various Democratic leaders who have announced they would support the ticket and platform adopted at Houston. Mrs. Shaver said in her statement: "Regardless of what Democratic leaders from top to bottom may do, we dry Democratic women will not support the dripping wet ticket and the joke platform named by the Tammany delegates to the recent convention at Houston."

"And, furthermore, we do not believe more than a few of the millions of the Democratic women in this country can be fooled as all of the Democratic leaders appear to have been fooled by it. The idea of me like Josephus Daniels, Dan Moody, Joe Robinson, Carter Glass and Jed Adams saying, 'I am a Democrat—I shall support the party nominee.'" —The Dallas News.

RECEPTION-SHOWER IN SAM SWANN HOME

The beautiful new Spanish home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann was opened on last Friday afternoon, complimenting Miss Willie Swann, who became the bride of Mr. Carlos C. Miles of San Angelo, Texas, last Sunday, with Miss Mary Cleo Booth, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. E. Yates Brown the hostesses. Guests were greeted at the door by Miss Mary Cleo Booth and introduced to Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder, sister of the honoree, who introduced Miss Cecilia Strayhorn of Snyder. Miss Swann was next in line and Mrs. Walter Jackson of Abilene was introduced by Mrs. J. S. Swann, mother of the honoree. Next in the house party was Mrs. E. Yates Brown who passed the guests on to Mrs. McFarland in the dining room, where Misses Ava Dee Jackson, Louise Booth and Missie Dye presided gracefully at the tea table. A color scheme of pink and green was harmonized in many lovely effects at the table and throughout the house. A refreshing pink punch was served in green serveware with delicious pink and green chicken salad sandwiches, olives and pink and green creamed mints. Miss Mamie Ellis and Mrs. Earl Baze presided at the guest book, where approximately one hundred guests registered during the afternoon. Mrs. T. E. Collins escorted guests to the gift display, presided over by Mrs. Thos. Bearden and adieus were said by Mesdames Earl Lassiter and W. J. Largent.

During the afternoon a program of appropriate numbers were given by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, soloist, Lucy Tracy, reader, Valerie Dye, pianist, Christine Collins and Mrs. Doss Sheppard, vocalists, with Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano.

The honoree was especially lovely in a gown of blue georgette. She left immediately after the reception for Dallas, where she was married Sunday at high noon to Carlos C. Miles of San Angelo. They will spend two weeks in New York City on their honeymoon.

PRESBYTERIANS TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT AT BUFFALO GAP 9-15

Headed by pastor Rev. R. A. Walker, the members of the local Presbyterian church are this week attending the Annual Encampment now in progress at Buffalo Gap, and since there are to be no services at any of the Presbyterian churches throughout the Abilene District next Sunday it is expected that a greater number will be in attendance at the Encampment from this city.

Many of the church's greatest and most able leaders are on the program for the ten days meeting at Buffalo Gap, and the present encampment is expected to draw the largest crowd in the history of the annual gathering.



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas
CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1928

RESOURCES

Loans,	\$410,836.39
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,544.25
Stocks	90.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
U. S. Bonds	\$ 46,500.00
Commercial Paper	44,000.00
Cash & Exchange	113,524.98
QUICK ASSETS	204,024.98
Total	\$656,101.50

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits (Net)	15,338.71
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
Rediscouunts	NONE
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	588,262.79
Total	\$656,101.50

The Above Statement is Correct.

W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

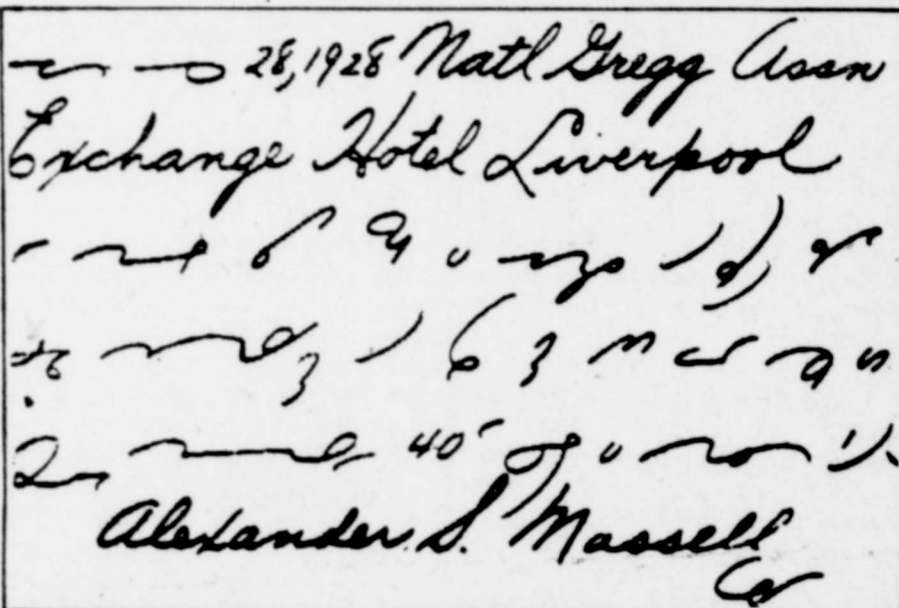
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W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

Marconi Pays Tribute to Operators Lost at Sea



Senatore Guglielmo Marconi and officials of the Radio Corporation of America paying homage at Battery Park, New York City, where there has been erected a Wireless Memorial, the only one in the world. Marconi offered a silent prayer "for those who died that others might live."

PHOTORADIO GREETING IN SHORTHAND FLASHED TO LIVERPOOL BANQUET



Reproduction of shorthand Photoradiogram greeting. Translation: National Gregg Association Exchange Hotel Liverpool. The Commercial Education Association of New York City and vicinity extends sincere congratulations and best wishes to you on the occasion of your conference commemorating the 40th anniversary of Gregg shorthand. ALEXANDER S. MASSELL, President.

A radio photograph of a greeting written in shorthand was transmitted recently to a conference of educators and shorthand experts attending a banquet in Liverpool. This was the first time that a message in shorthand had ever been transmitted by Photoradio, and according to engineers opens up new possibilities for condensing lengthy messages and statements into smaller spaces with a consequent reduction in cost of the picture transmitted.

The text of the message, not including the date, numbered forty one words of which only the address and signature were written in longhand, with the remaining 32 words in shorthand. The sender was Alexander S. Massell, president of the Commercial

Education of New York, who addressed a message of greeting in this form to the banquet held by the National Gregg Association at the Exchange Hotel, Liverpool, England. John Robert Gregg, the only living author of the shorthand method bearing his name, was a guest of honor at the banquet, which commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the use of Gregg shorthand.

The message, was photographed, and the negative placed on a glass cylinder of the Photoradio transmitter located at the New York offices of the Radio Corporation of America. It was then flashed across the 3,000 intervening miles of ocean to London and from there delivered to the banquet hall of the Exchange Hotel.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas
Close of Business June 30th, 1928

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$309,737.80
Overdrafts	1,244.54
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Bankers Acceptances and Commercial Paper	\$ 52,316.06
U.S. Bonds (Owned)	116,950.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	143,295.00
CASH AVAILABLE	\$312,561.06
Total	\$632,855.90

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	13,839.06
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	\$537,766.84
Total	\$632,855.90

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Directors

J. T. WARREN	G. F. WEST	SAM BUTMAN, SR.
GEO. L. PAXTON	BOOTH WARREN	

"Never Missed a Dividend—Never Assessed a Shareholder"

GLEANER CLASS MEETING

The Gleaner Class of the Methodist Church met Friday, July 6th, at the lovely home of Mrs. Oscar Buford with Mrs. Buford and Mrs. R. R. Buford as hostesses. Sewing for the orphan which was adopted about a year ago was the main diversion of the afternoon. Delicious ice cream and angel food cake were served to Mesdames Len Sublett, Eli Case, Etsel Church, Earl Stanford, Herbert Patterson, Tom Toombs, L. R. Thompson, Mac Buzbee, Buford, S. M. Hunter, Tom Allday and Miss Cora Lee Hulsey and Hattie Marie Harris of

Sleep good tonight—use Cenol for mosquitoes. Hamm Drug Co. tf

BLAIR CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL OPEN REVIVAL 19th

Bro. J. D. Boren of Big Spring, Texas, will hold a protracted meeting at Blair Church of Christ beginning Thursday night, July 19. There will be both a day and night service. Song services will be conducted by Bro. J. J. Pribble of Cross Roads. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis returned last Thursday from Loraine, where they had been called on account of the death of Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Thomas Davis, age 76 years on July 1st. Mr. Thomas Davis and a sister, Mrs. W. E. Campbell, died less than a year ago.

QUEEN

"SHOWING THE PICK OF ALL PICTURES"

TODAY Only
Al. Wilson

"Phantom Flyer"

Another of those daring aviation pictures with a mystery story. Also—

"Blake of Scotland Yard"

—The Last Chapter—

And Comedy—"FUNNY FACE"

Saturday Only
Ken Maynard

"the Land Beyond The Law"

A good, go-getting Western—with plenty of action! Also—

"Blake of Scotland Yard"

—The Last Chapter—

and the new Jungle Serial—

"PERILS of The JUNGLE"

and comedy—"BREAK AWAY"

Monday & Tuesday
Bebe Daniels

"FEEL MY PULSE"

A real good comedy feature picture with all assortments of amusements.

Also Comedy—"LOVE SICK" and News Reel

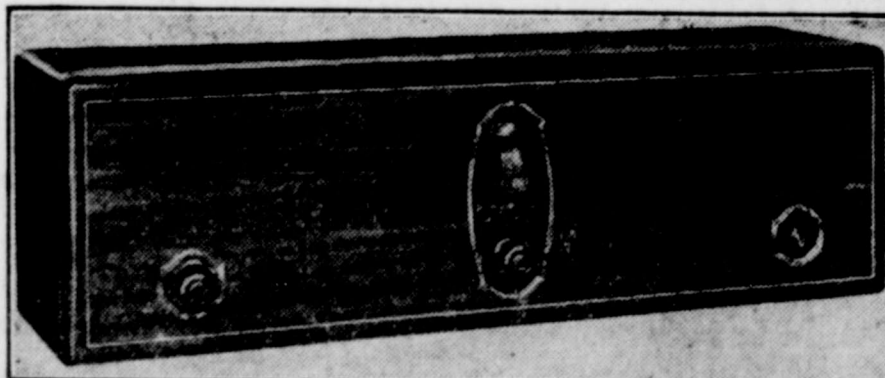
Wed. and Thurs.
Milton Sills

"BURNING DAYLIGHT"

A picture with plenty of adventure and Sills puts it over in big style.

Also Comedy—"HORSE SHY"

NEW SOCKET-POWER RECEIVERS MEET WITH FAVORABLE RESPONSE



The new socket-power receivers are fast replacing the old type set. The simple form of turning on the light switch now supplies an inexhaustible source of uniform power.

One of the new and improved socket-power receivers recently announced is the Radiola No. 13. In speaking of it, Mr. J. L. Ray of the Radio Corporation of America said, "It is entirely self-contained and extremely compact, requires no batteries or external radio power units, but plugs directly into the nearest A-C electric light socket or outlet. With simplified precision tuning, substantial volume and realism of tone, and finely balanced sensitivity and selectivity, this new receiver has all the basic features to make it an outstanding success.

"In addition, laboratory technicians have further improved selectivity so that sharper tuning is provided with

the new receiver. An improved form of tuned radio-frequency circuit is employed, comprising three stages of radio-frequency amplification, detector, and two stages of audio-frequency amplification.

"The operation has been reduced to the simplest form. A power switch turns the set on and off. The current drain from the electric light line is no greater for the new receiver than for the usual 50-watt lamp. Tuning is accomplished entirely by one knob, while an indicator dial moves past a window in the panel. The volume intensity is controlled by a simple, volume control to meet the specific tastes of the listener.

"This new receiver represents the latest developments in the broadcast reception art, which mass production has made available at a price well within the reach of the average family."

CEMETERY CONTRIBUTIONS

The following is a list of those contributing to the cemetery fund since our last issue:

Mrs. C. E. Conner	\$1.00
Mrs. A. M. Conner	\$1.00
Mrs. J. W. Ferguson	\$1.00
Mrs. Tom King	\$1.00
I. N. Irwin	\$5.00

For Sale—Young jersey milk cow, giving milk. J. M. Garrett. 1t

Mrs. Julia Mulligan and daughter Myrta of Austin are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach this week-end.

NOTICE—If you suffer with a Rupture ask to see our Trusses, Hamm Drug Company. tf

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

Never Having Tried To Steal A Car

you probably don't know how easy it is. We never tried either, but we know from looking at the stolen car records that lots of people do try—and get away with it.

* We DO know how to protect you. Our policies cover theft, collision, public liability and all the misfortunes that the automobile owner is heir to.

We represent a company widely known for prompt settlements and good service.

W. O. BONEY
REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS
FIRE INSURANCE
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Lawyer

Kill Germ Laden Flies

—and keep them away. Bee Brand Insect Powder or Liquid kills Flies, Ants, Roaches, Poultry Lice, Mosquitoes, Fleas, Bed Bugs, and other insects. Won't spot or stain. Use powder on plants and pets. Write us for FREE insect booklet. If dealer can't supply, we will ship by parcel post at prices named. McCORMICK & CO., Baltimore, Md.



COMPERE ITEMS

As we have not seen anything from compere in so long thought we would write in and let you know we are on the map.

The four cornered singing was held Compere Sunday afternoon and was well attended.

The people from here have been attending the meeting at Hope held by Bro. Harvey, and report some fine sermons.

There was no Sunday School at the Baptist Church Sunday on account of the shower. We almost thought we were going to get a good rain Sunday but were disappointed again. We are expecting it in a few days.

Mr. Earl Foster and family and Mr. Clarence Foster and family visited at Uncle Jake Foster's Sunday.

Mr. Stout and folks spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. Bud Adkins from the Plains is in this community visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Marshall's uncle and folks from Hamlin were down last week visiting them. They reported a big hail in their community a few days ago which did considerable damage to the crops. Miss Virgie Marshall returned home with them to remain for a few days.

Mr. A. C. and George Tarvin from Abilene spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mr. Chester Cunningham and wife from Abilene called on Mrs. Beulah Cunningham Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mamie Winters, who resides in Dallas, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Allred.

Mr. Stout and wife, Raymond Stout and wife and son, Mrs. Beulah Cunningham and children and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin and baby were among those who enjoyed the Fourth of July races at Abilene.

Little Miss Neva Dell Spurgin spent a week with her grand father, Mr. D. W. Ashby.

Misses Armoree and Inez Tarvin are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mr. Leo Ragsdell, who has been in California for some time is again in our community.

Mr. Raymond Stout, wife and baby spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Stout.

Mr. Bill Wilburn from Anson was visiting in this community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Horton and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin and baby, Miss Foy Wilburn and Mr. Clarence Cunningham spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Tarvin's.

Most all the folks of this community went fishing the Fourth. They caught a good many fish, and all returned to the tabernacle at Compere where they enjoyed a regular fish fry. All report a fine time. Some of the folks went to the river and spent the Fourth.

Mrs. McKinney is spending a few weeks in Abilene, where she will take treatments from the doctors.

Mr. Ashby was unlucky enough to be in a car wreck the other day. No one was hurt, but considerable damage was done to Mr. Ashby's car.

Grandma Marshall is visiting her son here, Mr. T. K. Marshall.

Mrs. Guy called on Mrs. Ola Spurgin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilburn and children and Mrs. Bonds and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bond in the Canyon.

Raymond Stout had some bad luck in losing one of his mules Monday night. He spent the night with Mrs. Stout's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonds and on returning home found his mule dead. The cause of its death is still unknown.

Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, of Whitney, was here last week for a visit with her son, Mr. B. L. Hamilton, one of the very popular employes of the Farmers State Bank. She will also visit her son at Roscoe before her return home.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS Political

- For Congress, 17th District:
R. Q. LEE, of Cisco.
T. P. PERKINS of Mineral Wells
HOMER SHANKS, of Clyde, Tex.
- For Representative:
G. W. ASH, of Abilene.
W. P. HEAD, of Abilene.
- FOR District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN
- FOR County Clerk:
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J. H. BRATTON
W. P. BOUNDS
- FOR Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
N. L. SEALE
- FOR Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES
- FOR Tax Assessor:
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- 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

Mr. Max Mellinger returned Wednesday from a business trip to Dallas.

We have a residence for sale at a bargain. Thompson & Boswell.

Mrs. E. A. Angus of Fort Worth is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus this week.

Miss Thelma Lee Hattenbach, of Memphis, who is a student in Simmons University, was a week-end guest of Miss Lola Dennis this week.

Mr. A. C. Browning of Big Spring, who is on his vacation, spent several days here with his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dyess of Lamesa who have been visiting friends and relatives here returned home Thursday.

Expecting car No. 2 Red Oats in next day or two. J. M. Garrett.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and children visited in Colorado, Roscoe and Loraine last Monday.

Mr. J. E. Richardson and son Drayton, returned last week from a trip to Burnet, Texas, to which place they had accompanied Mrs. Richardson to see her mother, who was reported dangerously ill. Mrs. Richardson and little daughter remained at the bedside of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Buford, of Fort Worth, were here first of the week for a visit with the former's parents, Colonel and Mrs. J. A. Buford, as well as other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner returned last week from a visit with relatives at San Angelo.

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Holders should consult their banks at once for further details of this offering.

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A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury,
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OBITUARY

Flora Mae, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bryant, departed this life on Monday, July 2nd. This tiny bud just weighed four pounds. Loving hands did everything possible, but its little soul took flight and went back to God who gave it. Funeral services were conducted by Elder O. J. Adcock of Merkel. The little baby was laid to rest in the White Church Cemetery. Friends extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Song: Prayer. Roll Call. Song. Scripture lesson: Proverbs 23:19-24 by leader, Frances Marie Church. This interesting world of ours (July Juniors, page 11) by Wanda Hunter. How Anna became a Bluebird (July Juniors, page 24) by Jeanette Hayes. A little Brother (May Juniors, page 2) by Mildred Richardson. Reading, Nell Hughes. Song. League benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, with their families, left yesterday for a vacation trip through New Mexico, Arizona and possibly Colorado. They will visit the Carlsbad Cavern, the petrified forest and the Grand Canyon in Arizona and Colorado.

Mrs. S. T. Bowers and her mother, Mrs. Maude Dooling, of Clarksville, Texas, were guests in the home of Mr. John Collins and Miss Christine Collins last week.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon the heirs and unknown heirs of John Williams, Isabella Williams, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Rachel Boykin, 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 County Court of Taylor County to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in August, A. D. 1928, the same being the twentieth day of August, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of July, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6561, wherein B. G. Gray and Sam Hare are Plaintiffs, and Grand Lodge, United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, a corporation, C. H. McGruder, Grand Secretary, Austin Sherman, Deputy Master, A. E. Savage, Treasurer, Gateway City Lodge, U. B. F. No. 189, Abilene, Texas, and the heirs and unknown heirs of John Williams, Isabella Williams, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Rachel Boykin, are Defendants, and said petition alleging: Plaintiffs represent that about March 6th, 1923, defendant, Grand Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, issued a life insurance policy for Five Hundred Dollars, with funeral benefits of Seventy Five Dollars to John Williams, Certificate No. 4209, Beneficiary Isabella Williams, his wife, payable at the death of John Williams; that thereafter John Williams and Isabella Williams, his wife, were divorced; that said williams died intestate and without issue or heirs on the 21st day of October, 1927, at Abilene, Texas, and said insurance certificate was in full force and effect at the time of his death and the Secretary of said defendant Grand Lodge was in due time notified of said death and proper proof thereof was made and said certificate was mailed to said Secretary, who now has same in his care and possession, and demand is made that same be produced on the trial of this cause.

That prior to the death of said Williams, he solicited, employed, and contracted with Plaintiffs Gray and Hare, all members of above Lodge, to nurse, care for, and provide for said williams the necessities of life, then and during the remainder of his life, as said Williams was in poor health and unable to care for himself; and as a consideration for said services and expenses by said plaintiffs, they should receive at the death of said Williams such property as he might possess and should receive and collect said Five Hundred Dollar insurance policy; that said services were performed by plaintiffs for the said John Williams as requested and contracted; that said McGruder, Secretary of said Grand Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, was notified by said Williams prior to his death that it was his desire, wish, and order, that said plaintiffs, Gray and Hare, be paid said Five Hundred Dollars insurance policy at the time of his death; that a demand has been made by plaintiffs Gray and Hare on said McGruder, Grand Secretary of said Lodge, for payment of said Five Hundred Dollars; that said Secretary refuses to pay said debt to said plaintiffs, or any part thereof, and is justly indebted to plaintiffs in said sum of Five Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon from date of said notification. That said McGruder, Secretary of said Lodge, has paid the Seventy Five Dollar funeral benefit on said policy. That Rachel Boykin, defendant, is asserting some kind of pretended claim to said policy, which claim is untrue and unwarranted. That with-in plaintiff's knowledge, after years of acquaintance with said Williams and diligent inquiry thereof, plaintiffs state that said Williams had no issue or heirs at the time of his death.

Wherefore, plaintiffs pray the Court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition and on final hearing they have judgment in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, interest and costs, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and equity, they may be justly entitled to receive.

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.

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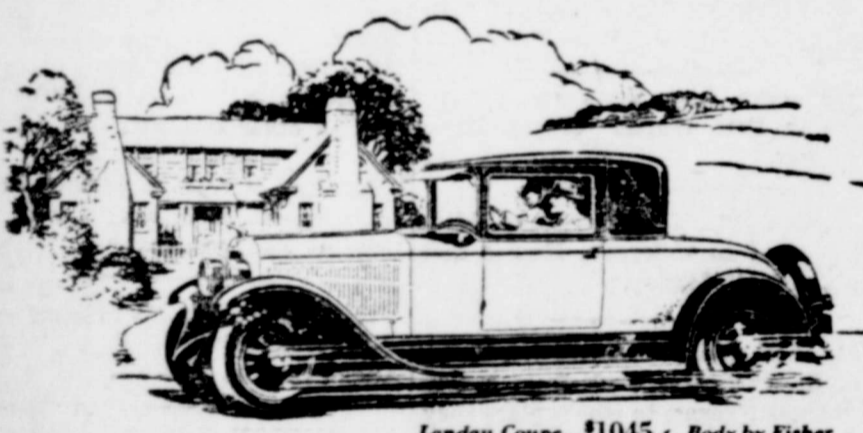
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Horn News

Health of the community is not very good at present.

A few of the farmers around here are about through chopping and all would like to see some rain.

Mrs. N. E. Horn is visiting on the Plains this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hatfield spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Newt Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family.

Miss Pearl McDowell spent Sunday with Mrs. Howard and daughter.

Mr. Jimmie Gregory spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family.

Miss Ollie Gregory visited Cordie Ellington last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wortham spent Sunday with Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and family.

Mrs. Jack Benningfield spent Tuesday with Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Newt Hatfield.

Mrs. S. S. Benningfield spent Tuesday evening with Cordie Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mrs. George Groene have just completed an extensive trip through south Texas, including a stay in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Miss Lois Dry, who has been connected with the Clarksville Times for the past several years, arrived last week for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry. Miss Dry is a graduate of the school of Journalism at the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, and is one of many young ladies making good in that profession.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Marion, of Dallas, are visiting relatives this week.

Mr. Milo Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones who reside on route one, accompanied by his bride of six months, arrived here last week from Dallas for an extended visit with home folks and friends. Milo has been in the employ of the Dallas Street Car Company for the past six years, and is on a ninety day paid vacation.

Wm. O'Brian returned last week from an extended visit to points in Northwest Texas, including Wichita Falls and the Plains.

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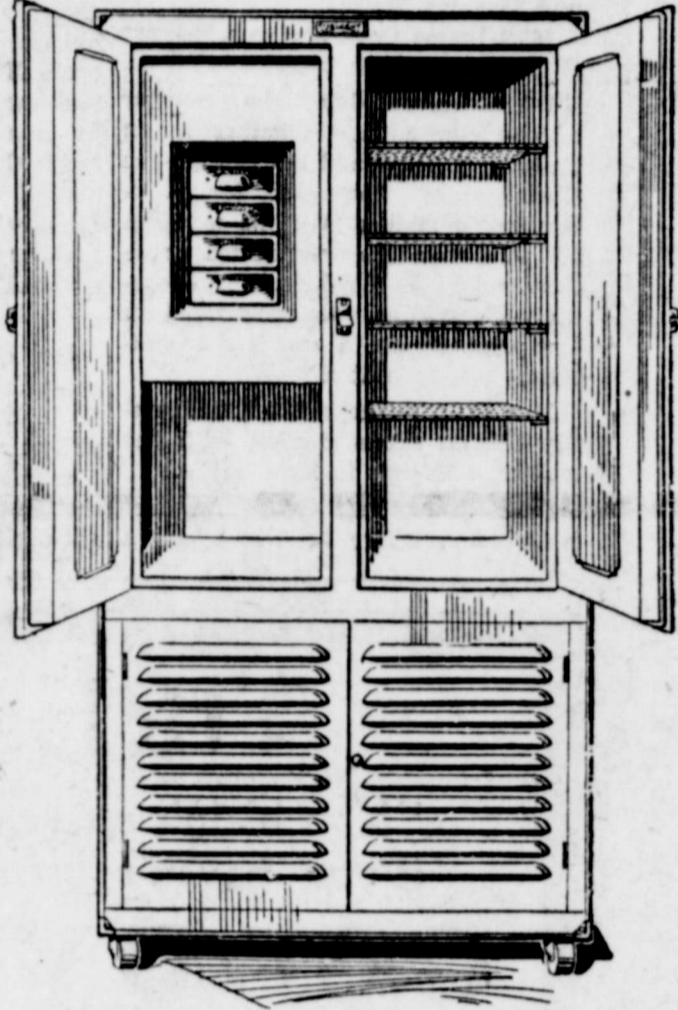
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Our Sunday School begins at ten a.m. with a hearty welcome to every one.

Rev Horace Tatum will fill our pulpit at the Sunday morning hour in the absence of our pastor, who is conducting a meeting in Comanche County. Brother Horace Tatum is one of our very best preachers, having filled our pulpit before he does not need any introduction. Since he finished at Simmons University he has taken special work in an Eastern College and has also been successful as pastor in one of the good churches in the New England states. Merkel, I am sure, is proud of him and will give him a good hearing.

Everyone keep in mind our meeting, which begins Sunday the 24th. Bro. C. T. Whaley of Sweetwater is to conduct it. He is not only a man of wonderful personality but every sermon is a soul stirring message. We should be praying earnestly that God will use each of us in bringing a soul saving revival to Merkel.

W. J. LARGENT,
Supt. of Sunday School.

Mr. S. A. Coats and family returned last week from a very pleasant vacation trip that took them to Fort Worth and points in Oklahoma.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY
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This silver anniversary came at a time when the company had the largest number of men employed in its Detroit plants since it was organized in 1903. The end of the quarter century finds the gigantic task of retooling the company's plants for the production of the new Model A nearing completion and with an increasing rate of production from day to day.

Within the past twenty-five years the resources of the company have grown from an original investment of a few thousand dollars to hundreds of millions. The first little factory covered less than a quarter of an acre. The Detroit plant area today is more than 1,500 acres. The 311 employes in the first factory have multiplied until today more than 200,000 people in many countries are on the Ford payroll. In the United States alone there are twenty-six modern plants, while in South America, Cuba, Mexico, Europe, Egypt and Japan, foreign offices or associate companies are located.

During its first year the company produced 1,708 cars. But in nineteen years of production of Model T alone it made 15,000,000 cars of this one model—as many as 9,000 in a single day and more than 2,000,000 in one year.

The estimated production of Ford cars in May 1928, is placed at 50,000. Unfilled orders continue to increase daily. Ford is now employing in excess of 117,000 men, which is nearly 7,500 more than ever before.

Mr. J. S. Thomas and daughters, Mrs. J. A. Milliken and Mrs. Vernon Simpson, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wilbur Thomas, returned last week from a very pleasant vacation trip that carried them to Fort Worth, where they visited friends and relatives.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF TAYLOR)

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in G. C. Cochran as trustee appointed in a certain deed of trust recorded in Vol. 68, page 363, Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, executed and delivered to said G. C. Cochran on the 31st day of May 1927, by Gertrude Evans and husband, T. B. Evans, securing the payment of two promissory notes in the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) each, payable to the order of R. A. McClain and Mary Ethel McClain, first due in twelve months from date and the second due in eighteen months from date, bearing ten per cent interest, and providing that failure to pay either of said notes or the interest or any installment due shall at the option of the holder mature said notes and giving the holder power to proceed to collect, and also providing for ten per cent additional as attorney's fees if placed in the hands of attorneys for collection, said notes being given as part of the purchase price of Lot No. Six of the R. A. McClain Subdivision of Lot No. Two of the Anderson Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas;

And whereas, said deed of trust provided for the appointment of the substitute trustee in the event the said G. C. Cochran should remove from the county and, whereas, said G. C. Cochran has removed from Taylor County, Texas, and E. S. Cummings has been appointed as substitute trustee;

And whereas, R. A. McClain and Mary Ethel McClain are now the holders and owners of said notes, and the makers thereof have been default in payment of principal, installments and interest, causing us to declare same past due and unpaid, principal, interest and attorney's fees, as provided in said deed of trust and notes, the said holders and owners have declared the whole of said notes, interest and attorney's fees immediately due and mature and have heretofore notified T. B. Evans and Gertrude Evans in writing;

And whereas, I, E. S. Cummings, substitute trustee, have been requested by R. A. McClain and Mary Ethel McClain to enforce said trust, and I will offer for sale between the legal hours of 10:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. at public auction to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in August, the same being the 7th day of the month, at the court house door in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit: Lot No. Six of the R. A. McClain Subdivision of Lot No. Two of the Anderson Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas, with all rights, members, and appurtenances thereto and in anywise belonging.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of July A. D. 1928.
E. S. CUMMINGS, Substitute Trustee. 6t4

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore and Miss Oleta Moore, visited friends and relatives in Fort Worth last week. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore went to Wichita Falls and Oklahoma for a more extended visit. Mr. G. W. Moore stated that everything looked fine east of Merkel, as that section has had plenty of rain.

Misses Bess Baldwin of Lamesa and Juanita Bounds of Abilene visited Miss Lola Dennis last week.

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All other United States Government Securities	\$110,700.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned	2,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	32,094.88
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	109,034.19
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	2,113.90
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	2,113.90
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$111,148.09
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	NONE
Miscellaneous cash items	52.08
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$632,856.90

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$13,839.06
Reserved for	\$ NONE
Less current expenses, paid	13,839.06
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S.	21,670.06
Cashiers checks outstanding	14,131.21
Dividend checks outstanding	3,000.00
Total of items 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29	\$ 38,801.27
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	386,573.01
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	
Other Demand Deposits	13,771.36
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34	\$400,344.37
Savings Deposits	95,621.20
State, County or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	NONE
Other time Deposits	NONE
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38	\$98,621.20
Total	\$632,856.90

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July 1928.

Rosie Laney, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,

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At the home of the bride's parents in this city on last Sunday morning at five o'clock, Rev. Hammer, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Anson, in a very pleasing and appropriate ceremony, pronounced the words that bound in marriage Mr. Elmer Holland, of Anson, and Miss Mary Proctor, of this city. The ceremony was attended only by a few close

friends and members of the immediate families of the contracting parties.

The groom is a promising young business man of Anson, popular and esteemed by a large circle of friends, being a member of one of the best families in that community.

The bride is one of this city's finest and most accomplished young ladies. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor, and numbers her friends by the scope of her acquaint-

ance. The happy young couple left immediately on an extended wedding tour of the western states, after which they will make their home in Anson.

Miss Anna Lou Russell returned this week from an extended visit with relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dauglass left this week for a trip to Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

TRENT NEWS

Little Mary Jo Howell visited in Abilene last week-end.

Miss Georgia Moore of Abilene, who has been visiting in Sweetwater for the past two weeks, on her return stopped over with friends here and attended church last Sunday, returning to Abilene last Tuesday.

Eben Morris of Hawarth, Oklahoma, visited his sister, Mrs. Algie Steen, last week-end also made a business trip to Haskell while here.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson and baby of Abilene visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, a few days this week.

Mr. Jno. Tiffen, of near Austin, passed through and stopped over a while with friends here last Tuesday enroute home after visiting in the west a short while.

Mr. O. L. Howell of Abilene visited his cousin, Mrs. J. M. Billings, a short while Sunday. He was enroute to Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phillips and son of Little Rock, Arkansas, is here on a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. A. C. Terry, and the latter's sister, Mrs. N. L. Seale.

A tourist party consisting of the following, left last Thursday afternoon on a tour to different parts of the state. They are making their way to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they will spend a few weeks. The party consists of Mrs. A. Williamson and son, Mrs. Tom McLeod, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham, Miss Lois Lancaster of Mt. View, Arkansas, Miss Odessa Moon of Graham, Texas, and Hubert Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Martin, of Loraine, last Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Bowers and family of Abilene, spent Sunday with his brother, J. E. Bowers, and family.

Misses Mattie and Cora Scott had in their home as guest, their aunt, Mrs. Bettie Conner, of Weatherford, last week. She left Sunday for Abilene to visit relatives there before her return home.

Miss Audra Stephenson has returned home after a week's visit with relatives and friends at Paducah.

Mr. John Reynolds of Frankell visited his parents last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston of Abilene visited relatives here a short time Monday.

Master Cecil Musser of Abilene is with his sister Mrs. I. O. Jones for a short visit.

Mr. Algie Steen attended business in Haskell last Monday.

Mr. Frank Lawson out on route 1 has for the last three weeks been suffering with his eye that became infected from some cause on last Sunday. The suffering became so intense they had to rush him to Abilene for relief. He is at this writing in his daughter's home there and will probably lose his eye.

Ida Florence Boyd was an Abilene guest most of last week.

Mrs. J. H. Stephenson and child-

ren left last Sunday for an extended visit with relatives at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart have as their guest from Thurber this week, Mr. Stewart's brother, Fred Stewart, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Dewey Mann and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Williams and baby of Cross Plains stopped over a while last Wednesday with friends here. They were on their way home after visiting with Mr. Williams brother at Sweetwater.

Bill Kegan and wife left this week for Arizona to make that their future home.

Uncle Dick Armour and son, Stanley, are away for a few days on a fishing trip down on the Concho.

Fay Smith is here for an extended visit with her cousins, Misses Ora and Maurine Smith.

Miss Emma Gean McRee is in Fort Worth visiting this week.

On last Wednesday night a number of our citizens met together in an up town building and reorganized the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. C. Hamner presiding over the meeting. Mr. J. C. Hamner was elected president and W. L. Boyd secretary-treasurer. There is now about 30 members and prospects for a real live organization look favorable.

Mrs. C. R. Shannon left last Thursday for an extended visit with her mother, who lives in East Texas.

J. W. Harris left for Tulla last Wednesday, where he will spend a

while with his mother before leaving for Arizona.

The oil business seems to be picking up considerable in the last days. We understand that the soon to be opened up on main in the old Frederickson build. oil well supply house.

MRS. H. N. SMITH CELEBRATES 67th BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday, July the 8th, Mr. W. Smith and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and children of Trent, Mrs. Pat Coyne and baby of Noodle Dome, Mr. Ollie Smith of Midland, and Mrs. G. T. Galloway of Girvin, Pecos county, all met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith to celebrate the 67th birthday of Mrs. H. N. Smith. Everybody enjoyed a real, good old-time dinner at twelve o'clock. At three o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Pat Payne slipped away and surprised the party with all the ice cream we could eat. Mrs. Smith received several nice presents, and the rest of the day was passed off taking pictures and all went away happy, wishing the honoree many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman, and others, returned Thursday of last week from a very pleasant outing and fishing trip to the Concho. They report a very pleasant outing and plenty of fish.

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No. 366

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1928, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of July, 1928.

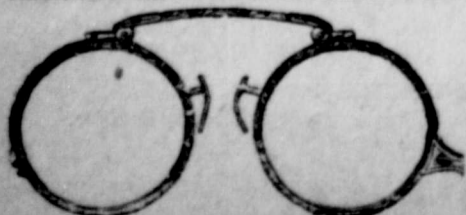
RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$436,987.56
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	11,216.35
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	3,383.82
Bonds, stocks and other securities	90.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	47,650.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,544.25
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash on hand	13,708.31
Due from approved reserve agents	60,031.03
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,000.00
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	38,635.64
Other Resources (due from the City of Merkel)	3,248.66
TOTAL	\$656,101.50
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	7,500.00
Undivided profits, net	7,838.71
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	502,386.43
Time Certificates of Deposit	18,480.97
Public Funds on Deposit (City \$10,694.16) Total	10,694.16
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	9,051.23
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	47,650.00
TOTAL	\$656,101.50

STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Taylor) We, J. S. Swann, as President, and W. L. Diltz, Jr., as Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. SWANN, President.
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, A. D. 1928.
Willie Toombs, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST: R. O. Anderson, David Hen Patterson, Directors.



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THE SUBLETT REUNION

The members of the Sublett families met in reunion on the Lampasas river five miles south of Kemper, Texas, on the night of the third of July. The Fourth and the night of the Fourth was spent in hunting, fishing and swimming. On the Fourth a delicious picnic lunch of fish, barbecue and all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sublett, Alpine, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mashburn and daughter of Dallas; Mrs. Lula Fortenbury and two sons and daughter, Abilene; Woodrow Cowan, Sherman; Mrs. S. E. Cowan, Kempner, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Durham, Nix, Texas; Mr. Jack Taylor and three sons, Kempner; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Trousdale, two sons and daughter, Kempner, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sublett, two daughters, Joe Walker and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Gilmore and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. B. Gilmore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gilmore, Melton Wallace, Claude and Wynona Lindsey, and Mr. A. C. Sublett, all of Coperas Cove, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and four children, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sublett, Mrs. M. J. Starkey, Mrs. S. M. Hunter and son, all of Merkel; and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Smith of Okalla, Texas.

It was voted to meet for the next reunion at Glen Rose, Texas, on the third Sunday in July, 1929.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Miss Lucy Tracy entertained members of the Idlewise Club and a large number of friends with a cleverly planned party on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

A color note of yellow and green was stressed in dainty candies and hand-painted game appointments and house decorations of shasta daisies, and other lovely summer flowers. Seven tables of Bridge progressed merrily until tea time, when Miss Tracy assisted by her mother, Mrs. E. M. McDonald passed a delicious salad plate on which the chosen colors for the party were employed in most unique manner. The guest list included Misses Virginia Potts, Mamie Ellis, Eunice Russell, Martha Bird, Jess Sutphen, Willie Toombs, Alva Wheeler, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Lois Dry Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lorena Dry, Mary Eula Sears, Mona Margaret Jones, Melba West, Mesdames Luther Swafford, S. T. Bowers, Charlie Jones, R. I. Grimes, Jack Anderson, Edward McCrary, Roy Largent, George White, Matt Dillingham, Tom Price, Jack Durham, W. S. J. Brown, Sie Hamm and Claud Young.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dyess on July 11th, a fine baby boy. Mother and babe are doing fine.

Mr. W. P. Copeland of Roscoe was here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. O. F. Weidenbach.

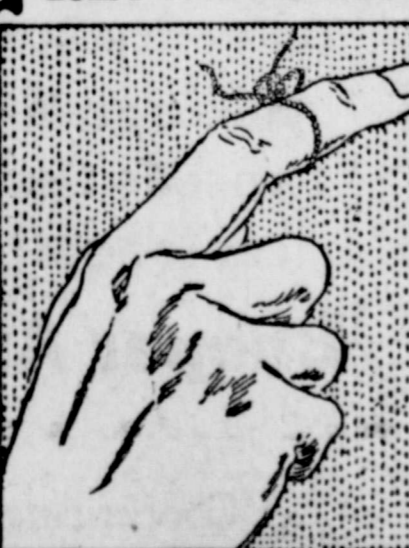
Mrs. Albert Fauth of Eastland was a guest of Miss Mary Alice Johnson this week.

Dr. C. B. Gardner and family returned first of the week from Chicago, where the doctor attended clinics at the Chicago Medical University.

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Mr. W. E. Campbell and two children of Bellvue, Texas, and Mrs. A. R. Richardson of Frisco, Texas, visited in the T. T. Davis home last Sunday.

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RAT DOGS—Straight Cross, bull and Fox Terrier. Only 3 left. Males, \$2.50. Angus Garvin, Route 1. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Some nice Duroc Jersey pigs. See W. E. Malone, Merkel, route five. 6t2p

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WANTED—Three hustling young men to sell the well known Watkins Products. It's easier to sell Watkins than it is to compete with it. See me at once for vacant locations. W. A. Whiteley, Merkel, Texas. tf

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FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms, close in, hot and cold bath, running water, etc. Mrs. Taylor F. Davis. 1t

FOR RENT—Good 4-room house near school building. See S. F. Haynes. 1t

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Dora Doings

The Baptist revival began here with a good crowd and good preaching Saturday night, and will continue through ten days or more.

We are glad to say Miss Novis Whitaker is getting along fine after having her tonsils removed on last Thursday.

Everybody, young and old, enjoyed the lawn party at Prof. and Mrs. Dunagin last Wednesday night. After a number of games were played, ice cream and cake were served.

One of Dora's star ball players, Roy Laine, received a very painful blow on the ear in a ball game at Sweetwater Sunday afternoon. His ear drum was burst and was feared for a while his skull was fractured. He removed to his home Monday evening from Sweetwater.

M. D. Bumpass and family of Monday was here the last of the week on business and visiting relatives.

Sam Butman and family, relatives and neighbors, J. T. Perry and family and all his neighbors and friends at large enjoyed the usual picnic the 4th on Elm at the rock falls. Lots of dinner, iced tea, lemonade and ice cream were plentiful.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardy were visiting in Abilene Sunday.

Benny Butman was in Dora Sunday evening.

H. S. Wright and family were in Pylon Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. Kinsey.

L. E. Lee and family of Abilene spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. A. D. Cross.

Ernest Reed and wife are the proud parents of a seven and one-half

pound baby boy, who arrived last Friday. The mother and babe both are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Story of Shep visited their daughter, Mrs. Otis Moore here Sunday.

The Sheep, as Mr. Dunagan calls his singing class because where one goes all go, went to Highpoints Sunday afternoon to a singing and some of the Sweetwater singers were there so the afternoon was spent in good singing. Nance.

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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 determined 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.

Delbert Polly came in first of the week from Arlington, where he has been a student in North Texas A & M College, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polly. He was here only a day or so when he received a telegram from the college officials offering him a place of employment during the remainder of the summer, and he left at once to accept. He will finish his course there next term.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes left first of this week for a vacation trip to points in New Mexico, including a visit to the famous Carlsbad Cavern. They expect to be away for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters, of Kansas City, were here last week visiting with the former's mother, Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, and other relatives, as well as many friends.

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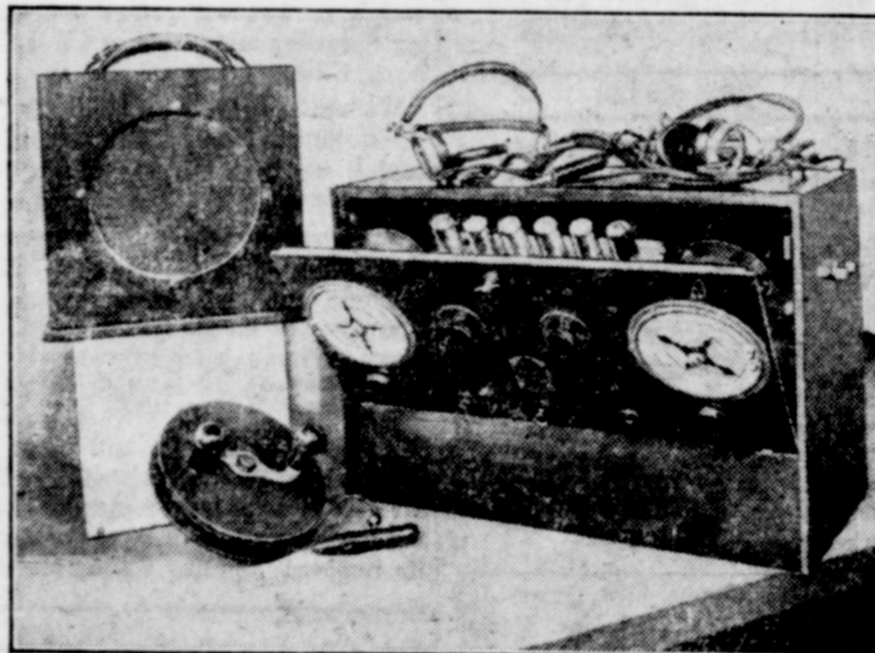
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Special Receiving Equipment Built for Use in a Balloon

At least four of the fifteen contestants in the last Gordon Bennett International Balloon Race were equipped with radio receivers. These pilots deliberately sacrificed precious weight in the small basket suspended from the huge gas bags in return for the advantages to be gained through the use of radio.

The skill required in piloting a big gas bag is not generally appreciated by the laity, hence the need for radio may not be altogether clear. A balloon having no motive power of its own, must drift along with the winds, somewhat after the fashion of a sailing ship. However, the balloon has one decided advantage over the sailing ship, in that it moves in the vertical as well as the horizontal plane. By throwing out ballast, the pilot can rise; and by valving the gas, the pilot can descend. Skill in piloting the balloon is necessary to take full advantage of the favorable winds that exist at various levels, and to avoid adverse winds and serious storms. Hence a knowledge of meteorological conditions is an invaluable aid to successful ballooning.

There is still another human element that enters into consideration. A balloon in flight does not have the noise, the dash and the vibration of the swiftly moving airplane or airship. Instead, the big gas bag floats along with the wind, and, at night, the balloonist is completely enveloped in a black isolation unbroken by any human contact. This monotony is a serious factor in competition and must weigh in the ultimate result.

With this foregoing picture in mind, it can be understood what radio

means to the balloon pilot. During the annual races, the National Broadcasting Company undertook to broadcast regular bulletins giving weather reports and news of the other contestants.

Aside from the invaluable weather and news bulletins thus flashed to them, the fortunate radio-equipped balloons were enabled to listen to the entertainment as broadcast far below in their lonely vigil throughout the night.

Ernest Demuyter, pilot of the Belgian entry, equipped the Belgica with a special adaptation of a radiola super-heterodyne, supplied by the Radio Corporation of America, which was mounted in a weather-proof cabinet including the batteries and a loop antenna. The Loudspeaker was of the cone type, also mounted in a special weather-proof cabinet with a leather carrying strap. The receiver was suspended from the ring of the gas bag by means of leather straps, so that the entire cabinet, with its enclosed loop, could be orientated to take direction bearings by means of intercepted broadcast signals. Prior to the flight, the receiver was tested on the roof of the tallest building in Detroit, and signals 250 miles distant were brought in clear and loud. Although this receiver is not primarily intended as a radio direction finder or radio compass equipment, accurate bearings were taken and compared with a map.

Thus in free ballooning, as well as in airplane and airship flight, and on the high seas, radio has taken its place as an indispensable aid to the navigator.

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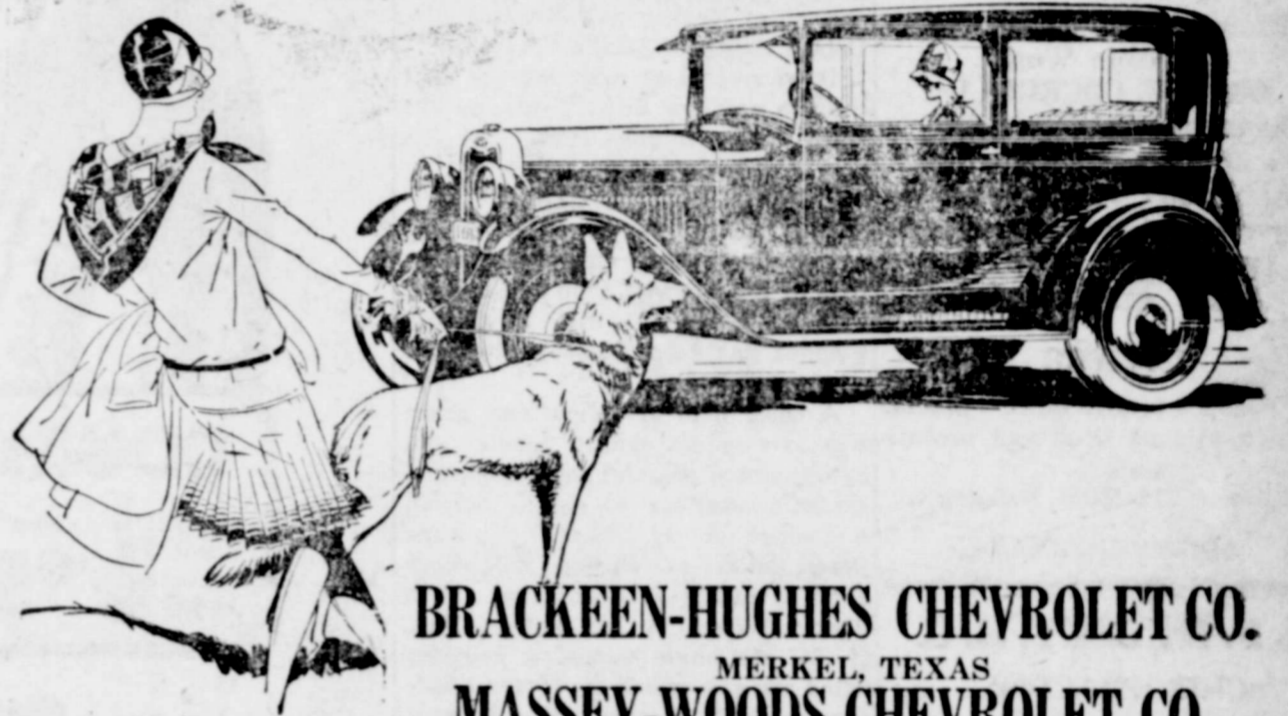
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