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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1928.

On the "Broadway of America"

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Election Will Be Held in Building Opposite Post Office

Democratic Precinct Chairman, W. O. Boney, has the stage all set for holding the Democratic Primary election in this city next Saturday, with a double crew so that the votes may be registered and counted as quickly as possible. However, it is urged that every one who can please vote early in the morning. This will materially hasten the counting of votes and allow an early return complete.

Will Open Merkel Theatre Monday

On next Monday night the Merkel Theatre, formerly the Palace, will open for business after having been handsomely remodeled and furnished with Mr. W. H. Williams, of Midland, and Mr. G. B. Overton, of this city, formerly with the West Texas Utilities Company, as owners and proprietors. Mr. Williams is owner and operator of the Palace, and Idle Hour theatres in Midland, and is building another large theatre in that city, the Roxy, which when completed is reported to cost around \$125,000.00. They are both well versed in the picture show business, having had extensive and successful experience in the conduct of this business.

The new Merkel Theatre in this city will be under the management of Mr. George Overton, and he states that the best and highest class programs will be given here at all times. For the opening program next Monday evening, he will present "The Butte and Egg Man," with Jack Mulhall and Greta Nissen, one of the newest creations in motion pictures, and one of the highest class productions. And besides the feature picture program, this show announces for the opening night that the "Blue Bonnet Orchestra," from Sweetwater, will be present and furnish the music for the occasion.

We call your attention to the large double-page advertisement in this paper concerning the big opening program of the new Merkel Theatre.

HARRIS-SKIDMORE WEDDING

On Saturday evening, July 21st, at 5:45 o'clock, Mr. Jimmie Harris of Merkel and Miss Jewel Skidmore were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ollie Skidmore. She graduated from Merkel High School in 1927. Mr. Harris is also a graduate of Merkel high school and has had two years in Texas Tech. at Lubbock. Mr. Harris at this time is in the employ of the Texas Highway Department, and is assigned to work on highway construction in this county.

After a few days visit to some western points Mr. and Mrs. Harris will make their home in Merkel.

We wish for this young couple many years of happy married life.

Attorney B. A. Garrett, of Waco, was here this week for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, and hosts of friends.

Miss Mary Hutcheson, who has been attending the summer session at McMurry College, came home last week following the close of the term.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

The chairman of the County Executive Committee has ruled these casting ballots in democratic pride, bind the national Democratic general has the right to write to to

Baptist Revival Interest Growing

Interest is growing in every service in the revival meeting in progress at the Baptist church. People are coming in great crowds through the mud and through the rain.

Rev. Charles T. Whaley of Sweetwater is doing the preaching and he is doing it well. He is a pastor evangelist of unusual powers. People are charmed with his wonderful messages. Their hearts are stirred to the depths as he preaches the mighty gospel of the Lord. Those who hear him once do not have to be urged to hear him again. With the coming of open weather we feel sure the house will be taxed to take care of the crowds. Pastor and people join in extending cordial welcome to every one who comes.

The local forces are in charge of the music and singing. Mr. Yates Brown is directing with Mrs. Brown at the piano and several other instruments are helping out. The singers of the town are being urged to join in and help make the singing what it ought to be. Those who play any instrument will be welcomed in the orchestra.

The Rev. Dr. Whaley has held some wonderful meetings at other places in some meetings he has had more than a hundred conversions. It looks now as if he was to have such a meeting here. Every Christian worker who will do so is urged to come and help us win Merkel for the Lord. Every lost man or woman is invited to come and find a wonderful Saviour.

Services are to continue through next week, morning services being held from 10 to 11, and evening services begin with group prayer-meetings at 8 while the song service starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Golan Trade Trip Was Big Success

The Trade Trip by the business men of this city to the Golan community on last Friday night, was a splendid success from every standpoint.

The meeting at Golan was held in one of the churches, and the building was packed with the people from that community and the goodly number making the trip from this city.

Mr. A. H. Brackeen was Master of Ceremonies and by his ever-ready wit and humor kept the meeting and program going in fine shape, and to the delight and liking of all. The Merkel Band led the procession from the city and furnished excellent music. Other features of entertainment consisted of both a ladies and gentlemen's quartette, as well as interesting speeches by citizens of Merkel, including Mr. Brackeen, Jas. H. West, C. R. Tittle and Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

COSTELLO INDORSES STAND OF RASKOB

Washington, July 22.—The stand of John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, for repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment was indorsed by John F. Costello, District of Columbia committeeman, in his reply to Raskob's query sent to all members of the committee in regard to their attitude toward prohibition.

"We know from our personal observation and ability to weigh the real truth of conditions," wrote Costello, "that there is an almost unanimous lack of respect for the prohibition law as it now exists and a growing lack of respect for the many other blue and sumptuary laws foisted on us by a comparatively few militant reformers and fanatics. Furthermore, we are able to discount the chicanery of the ardent political wet-drinking, dog-voting politicians. To be criticized by these bigots for expressing views is disagreeable, but to be told by them that our honest opinion is in itself a lack of respect for the law is ridiculous."

The above news item, appearing in the daily press, very plainly speaks the feelings and sentiment of the people now in charge of and directing the national Democratic campaign, as they feel and think towards the God-fearing, liberty loving, decent Christian citizenship of the nation. In other words, it's Al Smith and the sentiment behind him.

Misses Lois Dry and Jess Sutphen returned Thursday from a visit to Vernon and Chillicothe.

Five Tests in Tiner Section Are Nearing Expected Pay Horizon

With five tests nearing the depths at which production is expected, the Tiner area two miles north of the Noodle Creek field is holding considerable interest during this week, despite the fact that Roberts Oil Corporation-Cosden & Company's No. 1 Roberts, the first of the tests started in that district following the completion of Huonyo Gas Company and Atkinson & Sandefer's No. 1 Tiner, about six weeks ago, to extend production two miles north from the Noodle Creek field, was disappointing, in that its production has been considerably less than that of the discovery well.

Huonyo Gas Company-Atkinson & Sandefer's No. 2 Tiner, a due west offset to the same owners' No. 1 Tiner, is expected to reach the producing horizon around 2,520 to 2,530 feet ahead of the other tests now drilling in that territory. This operation is drilling past 2,250 feet. The same operators' No. 3 Tiner is approximately 1,000 feet deep.

Roberts and Cosden's No. 2 Grayson, one location east of the recently completed No. 1 of the same owners, and Texas Company and Cosden's No. 1 Carter-Coates, an east offset to the No. 2 Grayson, are both about 2,225 feet deep. No. 3 Grayson of Roberts and Cosden is 2,110 feet deep. It is west of the No. 1.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 2 Sharp, two locations due east of Huonyo and others' No. 1 Tiner and an offset to Phillips' No. 1 Sharp, which found a hard place in the lime

at 2,525 feet, with no oil, is drilling past 2,110 feet.

McMan Oil & Gas Company's No. 1 Tiner, three locations west of the discovery well, was spudded this week and is around 300 feet deep.

Roeser & Pendleton and Landreth's No. 1 Grayson, due west of the locations from the Roberts-Cosden No. 1 on the same fee, is shut down at 1,410 feet with motor trouble.

Mook-Texas and Cosden's No. 1 McCree, in the southeast corner of the Stephens Scallops survey No. 280 is rigged up.

In the original Noodle Creek area two miles south of Tiner Corners, three new operations are underway.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 5 Walling, 330 feet from the north and 982 feet from the west of the southwest quarter of section 19, T. & P. block 19 is drilling past 800 feet. The same owners' No. 1 B. S. Boy, 330 feet from the west and south of the northeast quarter of section 19, is rigging up.

Marland Production Company's No. 4 J. C. Mason, 990 feet from the east and south of the northeast quarter of section 18 is rigged up and waiting for orders to start drilling.

The Roberts-Cosden No. 1 Grayson completed ten days ago for an initial daily production of approximately 300 barrels swabbing, has dropped to around 120 barrels. This well is a defect north offset to the No. 1 Tiner, now producing approximately 400 barrels daily.

Precinct Convention Saturday, 2:00 P. M. Interesting Letter From Supt. Burgess

W. O. Boney, Democratic Precinct Chairman, announces that the Democratic Precinct Convention will be held at the usual and customary hour of two p.m., Saturday, at the Tabernacle, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention, which will be held in Abilene on August 4th, at which time this county will select delegates to the State Convention, which will be held in Dallas.

It is very important, more than ever before, that every man and woman in this precinct who favor good government be present at this convention.

Orville Richie, 19, Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Richie, Dies

The remains of Orville Richie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gutherie D. Richie, of this city, arrived Wednesday evening from Dallas, where for the past thirty days he had been under treatment in one of the sanitariums of that city.

The deceased, one of the fine young men of this community, had been ill for several days; following treatment by local physicians, he was first taken to Abilene Sanitarium, and then to Dallas, where he had been under the treatment of specialists, but all to no avail.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday at the Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack in charge, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

ABILENE JEWELER BUYS OUT MR. SPECK AT HAMM DRUG CO.

Mr. A. A. Cornelius, a capable and experienced Jeweler, for many years connected with the best Jewelers in Abilene, has purchased the business formerly owned by Mr. J. L. Speck, at the Hamm Drug Company, taking charge of the business first of the week.

Read his announcement in this paper.

MR. MAX MELLINGER GOES TO MARKET

Mr. Max Mellinger, the genial owner and proprietor of the Max Mellinger dry goods store in this city, left first of the week for New York, where he will personally select and purchase the fall and winter stock of goods for his store in this city. He will be away for some time and will visit friends and relatives while in the big city.

Church of Christ Revival Continues

Preaching at 10:00 A.M. and 8:15 P.M. each day the remaining part of this week and Sunday of next week. You are earnestly invited to attend these services with us.

Bro. Stubblefield is preaching the gospel of Christ very forcibly and you will learn if you will come and hear. One can't hear him without learning, for he is saying something all the time that will edify us and build us up and do us good as doeth the upright in heart.

Let's work hard and do our very best for the meeting and the salvation of lost souls during the remaining part of the meeting.

Interest so far has been fairly good considering the rainy weather, but we can make it better if we will. Let every one come and do his, or her, whole duty while we have an opportunity.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
O. J. ADCOCK.

J. B. Ferrier, 77, Pioneer Citizen, Passes to Reward

Following an illness of three weeks John B. Ferrier, 77 years of age, a pioneer and one of this city's most highly respected citizens, died at the family home in this city yesterday morning. For three weeks he had been suffering from what physicians called a blood clot in the left arm, which brought about circulation paralysis, the immediate cause of his death.

Arrangements are being made to hold the funeral services tomorrow at 3 p.m. from the residence, with Rev. W. J. Mayhew, pastor of the Methodist church, in charge.

Deceased was born at Gallipolis, Ohio, October 27, 1850. He came to Texas in the early eighties, and for many years was among those early Texas cowboys riding the ranges of West Texas. He was a citizen of this county before there was any Merkel or even an Abilene, and in 1888 was married in Abilene to Miss Christina Woods, who also was a native of Ohio, and to this happy union three sons were born, as follows: George, a cattle and sheep raiser of New Mexico, Ross, a business man of this city, and Frank, for many years Abilene's able chief of the Fire Department, all of whom were present.

In our next issue this paper hopes to publish a more lengthy article concerning the life of this, one of our best and most beloved citizens.

T. P. PERKINS, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS VISITS MERKEL

Hon. T. P. Perkins of Mineral Wells spent a few minutes in Merkel late Monday enroute to Sweetwater to fill a speaking engagement in the interest of his candidacy for Congress in the seventeenth district. He made the statement while here that he confidently expected to lead the primary Saturday by a plurality of three to five thousand votes. "I am extremely well pleased with the prospects of my election," he said, "and I want the people of Merkel and this section to know that I appreciate most sincerely what they have done in my behalf. When I reach Congress as representative of this district, I shall ever be mindful of my obligation to the people I am serving."

A LITTER OF 19

Talk about your fine hogs, but Lee Baker, one of this community's successful and hustling young farmers, has a fine O. I. C. sow that bore 19 pigs this week, every one perfect. Mr. Baker purchased this sow some months ago from A. V. Dye, residing in this city, and shortly before Mr. Dye sold the sow she had a litter of 19 pigs.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges and baby are here from Breckenridge, for a visit with relatives and many friends.

Tom Love Is Outstanding Man For Lieut. Governor

If there is a man in Texas politics today who has ever stood true blue for clean politics in this state, that man is Hon. Thos. B. Love, State Senator from Dallas county. His record shows that he has fought every inch of the ground for upright, clean, honest government. As a legislator and state senator he has been instrumental in espousing and putting thru many bills that have redounded to the best interest of all the people of this great state.

You can at all times tell where he stands. He never pussyfoots nor rides double. He is not liked by those who would put Al Smith in the White House. No, he has fought Al Smith ever since the first naming of that gentleman as a prospect for the nomination for the presidency on the Democratic ticket. And a vote for Mr. Love is a vote to install in this state the kind of government that the God-fearing Christian men and women of the state have always fought for. On the other hand, a vote for Hon. Barry Miller, also of Dallas, who is now serving his second term and a candidate for a third term, is a vote for one who is linked with everything that Al Smith is and stands for. Vote for Tom Love for Lieutenant Governor; he is the only dyed-in-the-wool prohibitionist in the race for this most important office.

Mrs. Ross Quits As Dem. Elector

Houston, Texas, July 23.—Mrs. J. O. Ross of Houston has tendered her resignation as a Democratic presidential elector. She had addressed the following letter of resignation to the State Democratic Executive Committee of Texas:

"When I was made an enfranchised voter I was recognized as an American citizen and am therefore expected to be a loyal supporter of the Constitution, which is the fundamental law of our country.

"Through my enfranchisement I was given the privilege of choosing my political party. I selected wholeheartedly the Democratic party of my forefathers. I am a Democrat and expect to remain with the Democratic party provided it adheres to the principles upon which it was founded, but when it nominates a man for President who refuses to be loyal to the Constitution and accepts the nomination but repudiates the platform made by the Democratic party and substitutes a platform of his own upon which he proposes to stand, I, as a true Democrat and a loyal American citizen, must refuse to recognize him as a leader of my party.

"I worked for years for woman suffrage, but I had rather not have the right to vote than to be compelled through political trickery to forfeit my principles for righteous government.

"I was delegate at large at the 1924 convention, also presidential elector at large in 1924. I am a member of the Woman's National Law Enforcement Committee, a member of the board of the Woman's National Democratic Law Enforcement League.

"I appreciate all the honors my party has conferred upon me, and in resigning as elector I feel I shall do greater honor to the Democratic party than I should in casting the ballot for my native state for a President whom Texas refused to support at the national convention at Houston.

"I therefore tender my resignation as presidential elector of the eighth district, choosing 'rather to be a doorkeeper in the house of my Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.'"

Mr. T. H. Spears, excellent citizen of the Blair community, was in the city one day this week, accompanied by Mr. W. Z. Littleton, of Blountsville, Alabama, who is here visiting his sister, Mrs. T. H. Spears. Mr. Littleton has been reading the Merkel Mail, which has been sent him for years by Mr. and Mrs. Spears, and he stated that he was highly pleased with this part of Texas.

Messrs. B. T. and V. B. Sublett made a visit to Lampasas and other points in Central Texas first of the week.

A HELPING HAND

The man who grows in business ways
Is he who thinks and plans and stays
Until the things he plans are done.
To have success in the long run
He must also have at his command
Financial backing on demand.
The Farmers State Bank is looking out
For men who know what they're about
Come in and tell us of your plan
So we may help you if we can.

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FORMER MERKEL GIRL MARRIES KANSAS MAN

Harrell E. Trantham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Trantham of Abilene, was married Friday in Canyon to Miss Ruth Newberry, formerly of Merkel but now of Canyon, where she makes her home with her brother, Cecil Newberry.

Miss Myrtle Trantham of Abilene, sister of the groom, was present for the ceremony.

The couple are to make their home in Dodge City, Kansas, where the groom is employed with the Santa Fe railroad, until fall, when he is to be transferred to Fresno, California. Mr. Trantham made his home there for seven years, and during the time as an artist made a number of unusual studies in pastels of California scenes. Several of his pictures received unusual comment in the exhibit of Texas artists shown under the auspices of the art Unit of the Woman's Forum here recently. Mrs. Trantham is also an artist, studying in pastels and oils. —Abilene Morning News.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. L. R. Robbins of this city, and has been very prominent in church and social circles, and recognized as one of the community's very finest young ladies.

We are also informed that the groom was reared in this community, and as stated above, is a very capable and energetic young man of splendid honor and integrity.

Don't miss our 98 cent Bedspread Special this week—Boston Bargain Store. 1t

Mrs. W. J. Ozee, and granddaughter, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker and other friends.

REMEMBER—You can't go wrong with a Fields-Conklin Comedy, any time, any where, any how. 1t

Mr. Ted Lassiter, one of the clever and efficient telegraph operators at the local T. & P. station, returned first of the week from a vacation trip to points in the state of Missouri. While on his vacation trip Mr. Lassiter's home in this city, with the entire contents, was destroyed by fire. His wife and children were visiting in Michigan at the time. This paper joins many friends in expressing regret for their loss and extend sincere sympathy.

Methodist Church

May we expect you at Sunday school next Sunday morning at 9:45? Let every pupil and every teacher be present. We ought to be happy because of the good rains, and grateful to God for sending them. Let's show our gratitude by faithfulness to our good Father.

The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock. He ought to be able to bring a good message, with God's help, and he would like to tell you something of his impressions of our recent Leadership Training School at Mt. Sequoyah which he had the pleasure of attending. Come and hear him.

There will be no preaching service at the evening hour on account of the revival services.

W. J. MAYHEW, astor.

SELF EXPRESSION ROUTE TO HAPPINESS, CONKLIN

"There is a fundamental urge for self-expression in all of us," Chester Conklin, the little Paramount Comedian with the walrus mustache, whose latest comedy with W. C. Fields, "Fools for Luck", will show at the Queen Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, believes. When the urge for self-expression is stifled, he says, a person goes through life unsatisfied.

"He never finds his true place. "I'm mighty glad that I found my little niche. When I was a boy, my father wanted me to grow up to be a political orator so he had me take elocution lessons. I was always having to recite heavy, dramatic stuff of the 'friends, Romans, countrymen' type. But one day my teacher gave me a comic piece to recite. That was the end of heavy drama for me, and I had my first genuine thrill of accomplishment. The audience laughed until it cried."

Messrs T. G. Bragg and Dee Grimes, accompanied by their wives, returned first of the week from a vacation trip to the Carlsbad Cavern, Roswell and Cloud Chief, New Mexico, returning via El Paso. On their return they also visited for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones at Sierra Blanca.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good gentle pony. Just the thing for boy or girl. Call at the Merkel Mail office. tf

MAN WANTED—To sell the J. R. Watkins Products in the following localities: Coke and Sterling counties combined, Nolan, Shackelford, Erath and north Coleman. See me at once. W. A. Whiteley. tf

New crop Hulls—expect car Friday or Saturday. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

FOR SALE—My home north of Merkel at a bargain. See R. B. Wells. tf

FOR SALE—Good crop, 5 miles east of Dora. See John Perry. 1t

FOR SALE—Sandwich shop and grocery at highway tourist camp on the Bankhead highway, going good business. C. W. Hudson. 1tp

FOR SALE—5-room residence and 6 lots, located on Bettis Heights. Some cash and good terms on the balance. See V. N. Ellis. 20t2p

We have one of the best lines of Stock and Poultry Remedies on the market. Address National Plant Food Co., Abilene, Texas. 20t2

WANTED

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

SALESMAN or saleslady wanted for rural sales work to sell best line of stock and poultry remedies and disinfectants. Commission basis. Address National Plant Food Co., Abilene, Texas. 20t2

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On the streets of or roads near Merkel, a billfold containing papers of no value to any one else. Suitable reward for return to Lee D. Williams. 20t2p

LOST—A bunch of keys in the city of Merkel. Finder please leave at the Merkel Mail or return to Mack Buzbee and receive reward. 1t

LOST—A mud chain between Merkel and Mt. Pleasant, last Monday, for truck wheel. Finder please re-

HOLIDAY NOTICE

SATURDAY, JULY 28th, 1928

General Election Day

In keeping with the custom and policy of other banks thruout our territory, this bank will not be open for business on the above mentioned date—this day being a Legal Holiday.

Customers are respectfully advised in order that their business may be regulated accordingly and we sincerely trust that our being closed will not result in inconvenience to you.

The Old Reliable
Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel, Texas

VOTE VOTE VOTE
Exercise Your Right As An
AMERICAN CITIZEN

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We have a client who wants to buy a farm. Must be first class land, worth the money. Has \$30,000.00 to invest. Thompson & Boswell. tf

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

We have clients anxious to purchase farms worth the money. List with us. Thompson & Boswell. tf

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. tf

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

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TRENT, TEXAS
Always a Good Show—The Best Music

TODAY, FRIDAY, JULY 27th.

HOOT GIBSON in
"The WILD WEST SHOW"

Hoot's Newest and Best

—Also Comedy

SATURDAY, JULY 28th.

Fred Thompson

and his Famous Horse, SILVER KING, in

"SUNSET LEGION"

Fred's Latest and by far the Best.

—Also Comedy

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Esther Ralston with Neil Hamilton

"SOMETHING ALWAYS"

Spooky—Creepy—Thrilling! See It.

WEDNESDAY AND

—A PARAMOUNT S

"GENTLEMEN PREFER"

How Do We Know?

Also Comedy and News

- In Behalf Of - PHILIP A. DILTZ

During a period of strenuous business competition, it often develops what are termed "KNOCKERS". Subtle insinuations and comparisons are made to befog the public mind, rather than meet honest competition in the open and on the level.

The burden of proof rests not on the party attacked, but squarely up to the one attempting to create a false impression. In the open field of competition every one can and should check carefully and thus know with whom they are dealing and spike all unfair tactics.

In our political campaigns it often happens some candidate makes charges of incompetence and insinuations against those in office. The strange part of it is that very often enough voters will follow such leadership and good men are dropped, permitting disturbing elements to get into offices of public trust.

If the voters generally would put the matter squarely up to the candidates, making insinuating statements, and calmly check up for themselves how things actually are, it would soon lift our municipal, state and national offices out of a manipulation of petty politics. Then, and then only, will we get increased efficiency rather than a slipping in our progress. If qualifications and devotion to duty will elect our County Commissioner for the next term, we believe Phillip A. Diltz is the man. He has proven his courage and ability without question.

Get in your car and start in any direction in precinct No. 2 and Compare the condition of our country roads now and four years ago. Consult the records of the Commissioner's Court, also the State and County Auditor's records and be not misled.

He has been conscientious and square in all his dealings and undertakings. We believe that every duty and task which he undertakes is given fair and impartial consideration and is carried out to the interest of the County, Precinct and every individual concerned.

Ladies and gentlemen voters, he has made us a good commissioner and is due your consideration. Go to the polls the 28th of July and cast your vote to the interest of the County, Precinct, and for better roads, and we will re-elect Philip A. Diltz County Commissioner for the next term.

Know well upon whom the burden of proof rests, and it will determine your choice between wise leadership as against unwise. As a people, we are not obliged to find the burden of proof in our regrets—for then it is too late. Let's re-elect him, we need him far more than he needs the office.

PAID FOR BY HIS FRIENDS


...given in the Lodge Hall.
...ly program by Mrs. E. Boone
...ents was enjoyed by all.
...ere glad to see many elderly
...s present and hope they will
...the regular meetings the First
...Third Fridays of every month.
A Guest.

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1928—**ELECTION DAY**—as a holi-
day, and will not be open for busi-
ness. The **FARMERS STATE BANK**
The **F. & M. NATIONAL BANK**

CLOVER, horseshoes, rabbits' feet
—You'll be lucky to get in on this
laugh-lyric, "Fool for Luck." 1t

Don't miss our 98 cent Bedspread
Special this week—Boston Bargain
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a married man and a duty to a
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house but he isn't four years old
yet. It's easy to figure out a
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TELEPHONE 72

...b, 1899, at Burton Gap.
...was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
W. L. Avery of Coleman, Texas. She
was married to Mr. Henry Edward
Rister on March 2, 1919. To this
union were born two children, Irvin
Edward, and little Edith Leona.

Mrs. Rister was converted early in
life and joined the Methodist Church.
In 1924 she was sanctified and joined
the Nazarene Church. She was a pa-
tient, loving and devoted wife and
mother. Her life was a benediction to
her many friends and neighbors. To
know her was to love and appreciate
her. We will miss her presence yet
her influence and memory shall never
be forgotten. Our loss is Heaven's
gain.

The funeral services were conduct-
ed by the pastor of the Nazarene
Church, and her remains were laid
to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery to
await the Resurrection morning, while
her spirit has returned to God, who
gave it.

This good wife and Christian
mother leaves to mourn her departure
a husband, two children, a father and
mother, four sisters and two brothers,
besides a number of other relatives
and friends. Those present from a
distance were Mr. and Mrs. W. L.
Avery and family of Coleman, Texas,
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Crawford and
children, Mrs. J. E. Crawford and
Mrs. D. S. Avery all of Clyde, Texas.
To the bereaved loved ones we would
say mourn not, but "So live, that
when thy summons comes to join—

The innumerable caravan, which
moves
To that mysterious realm, where
each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of
death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave
at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sus-
tained and soothed
By an unflinching trust, approach
thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of
his couch
About him, and lies down to pleas-
ant dreams."

Milk the cow easy—no flies to
bother you if you use Cenol. Hamm
Drug Company. 1t



COURIER
30 x 3 1/2
CORD \$555
29 x 4.40/21 \$670
31 x 5.25/21 \$1095

OLDFIELD
30 x 3 1/2
CORD \$655
29 x 4.40/21 \$780
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**Firestone-Built
Tires at New Low Prices!**

Firestone's victory in the long fight
against foreign rubber monopoly
now makes possible new low prices
on Firestone Tires.

Mr. Harvey S. Firestone makes
this new valuable contribution to
the cause of American Motorists.
These new price reductions mean
a tremendous saving to car owners
everywhere. They place Firestone
quality, extra mileage and depend-
ability within the reach of EVERY
PURSE. You can buy Firestone

Tires at prices that give you more
for your money than has ever be-
fore been possible.

We have a tire for every purse—
at the price you want to pay for it.
You will be amazed at our new low
prices on the famous Oldfield Tire,
which Firestone has taken over
from the Oldfield Tire Company.
For more than four years these
tires were sold by Oldfield distrib-
utors and dealers as the foremost
quality tire, securing higher prices
than for any other high grade
standard tire. Now, because Fire-
stone DISTRIBUTES as well as
MANUFACTURES the Oldfield
Tire you can buy it for less than

than any other tire of such quality
on the market.

Courier Tires and Tubes are
other great Firestone-built values
that are reduced in price. These
over-size tires, with tough non-skid
tread and rib-protected sidewalls
are the outstanding leaders in
quality in the medium price field.
Airway Tires are our special
Firestone-built bargain offer to
owners of small cars. Our new low
prices cannot be duplicated.

Remember, too, that reduced
prices also apply to the de luxe
Firestone Gum-Dipped Balloon—
the tire that holds all world records
for speed, safety, endurance and
mileage.

With these new low prices—
with all the superior features of
Firestone construction—goes our
complete money-saving service.

OTHER SIZES AT PROPORTIONATELY LOW PRICES
Buy NOW and Save BIG Money!
WEST COMPANY
"The House for Dependable Auto Necessities"

USED CARS
with an *OK that counts*
CHEVROLET
for Economical Transportation

**Exceptional
Used Car Values
That You Can
Depend On**

When we recondition a used car we do
the job thoroughly. The motor is gone
over completely by expert mechanics
and put into condition to give thousands
of miles of dependable service. Genuine
parts are used for all replacements.

Then we attach a Red O. K. Tag to the
radiator cap showing exactly what units
of the car have been put into first class
condition. This tag is your guarantee of
quality.

If you want to secure an unusual, de-
pendable value in a used car visit our
used car display and inspect our recon-
ditioned cars "with the O. K. that
counts." Both the quality and price
will please you.

QUALITY AT LOW COST
Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.
Merkel, Texas

Massey-Woods Chevrolet Co.
Trent, Texas

This Car
has been carefully
checked as shown
by ✓ marks below

Serial No. Stock No.

- ✓ Motor
- ✓ Radiator
- ✓ Rear Axle
- ✓ Transmission
- ✓ Starting
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Ignition
- ✓ Battery
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Upholstery
- ✓ Top
- ✓ Fenders
- ✓ Finish

OK by

Look for the Red Tag!

**Thrills of Play's
First Night Shown
in Film Comedy**

Ever been behind the scenes of a
theatre on the opening night of a
new play?

If not, there's a novel thrill in
store for you at the Merkel Theatre,
Monday and Tuesday, July 30-31,
when First National's adaptation of
the famous stage hit, "The Butter
and Egg Man," will head the bill.

Everything that can happen to
worry, excite and fluster producers,
actors and playwrights can be relied
upon to happen on first nights. Some-
one gets sick. Someone has to be fired.
Someone forgets his lines. The prin-
cipal prop is missing? The leading wo-
man has an automobile accident—

These are not the things which
happen in "The Butter and Egg Man"
but what does happen is packed with
suspense and mirth.

Jack Mulhall is featured in the title
role of the cinema's version of "The
Butter and Egg Man," George S.
Kaufman's stage comedy. Opposite
him in the role of the stage leading
lady is Greta Nissen, Swedish beauty.
Sam Hardy, William Demarest and
Gertrude Astor are the other prin-
cipals.

All the principals, with the excep-
tion of Miss Nissen, are veteran ac-
tors of the speaking stage, as was the
director of the picture, Richard Wal-
lace. So "The Butter and Egg Man"
takes the spectator behind the scenes
and shows him just what happens
"backstage" and in the dressing
rooms.

Carl A. Collins, local Postoffice
clerk, and minister of the Gospel, is
back on the job again this week after
a vacation trip with his family thru
New Mexico and Arizona. They visit-
ed the Rio Grande Valley and the
Elephant Butte Dam, also the Salt
River Valley and the Roosevelt Dam
of Arizona. He states that he preach-
ed at Bisbee and Temple in Arizona,
and conducted a four-day meeting at
Las Cruces, New Mexico. We under-
stand from them that the wonderful
mountain scenery and the many
friends visited along the way made
their entire trip one continuous pleas-
ure.

New crop Hulls—expect car Friday
or Saturday. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

**CITY BARBER SHOP CHANGES
HANDS; LACKEY & DUNN
ARE NEW PROPRIETORS**

I. W. Lackey and H. J. Dunn have
recently purchased the interest of Mr.
P. C. Jones in the City Barber Shop,
and will continue to conduct the busi-
ness in the same old way, giving good
work to all. We appreciate your patron-
age.

I. W. LACKEY & H. J. DUNN 1t

If Your chickens are lousy try
Revenge Louse Remedy—guaranteed.
Swafford, south side. 1t

Sore Gums-Pyorrhea

Foul breath, loose teeth or sore
gums are disgusting to behold, all will
agree. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is
highly recommended by leading den-
tists and never disappoints. Drug-
gists return money if it fails. Hamm
Drug Company. 1t

Homer Laney came in Wednesday
from his Tatum, New Mexico, ranch,
and reported rains all the way.

Sleep good tonight—use Cenol for
mosquitoes. Hamm Drug Co. 1t

QUEEN

"SHOWING THE PICK OF ALL PICTURES"

Friday Only
DYNAMITE
The Wonder Dog in
**"The Call of The
Heart"**

This is no doubt the wonder dog
of the world. He will astound
you with the things he performs
in this wonderful picture.

—Also—
The Greatest of Jungle
pictures
"PERILS of The JUNGLE"
And Comedy
"GOOSE FLESH"

Monday & Tuesday
W. C. FIELDS AND
CHESTER CONKLIN
—in—
**"FOOLS For
LUCK"**

Lucky for laughs, this new
Fields-Conklin picture—a com-
edy with a real story, laughs
heightened by Pathos, and a
plot suspense.

—Also—
KRAZY KAT Comedy
"TONG TIED"
and International News Reel

Saturday Only
BUFFALO BILL, Jr.
—in—
**"The Interfering
Gent"**

A Western with Pathos. Thrills
and Laughter; and will please
everybody.

—Also—
"PERILS of The JUNGLE"
And Comedy—
with BEN TURPIN in
"THE COLLEGE KIDO"

Wed. and Thurs.
Chester Conklin
—in—
**"THE BIG
NOISE"**

There will be a "Big Noise" in
your theatre this Wednesday
and Thursday, when Conklin
pulls all the laugh screams he
has in this picture. It's a dandy,
so don't miss it.

—Also—
A Real Good Comedy
"ALICE IN MOVIELAND"

**T.C. WILSON
JEWELER**
Watches
ABILENE,
TEXAS.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk, County
Court, Taylor County. By Vivian Fry-
ar, Deputy. 13t4

Don't miss our 98 cent Bedspread
Special this week—Boston Bargain
Store. 1t

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CERA DON

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Merkel, Texas

"The Farmers Friend"

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—Welcome—
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We Wish to Extend Greetings to Mr. Geo. Overton upon
the Opening of this new Theatre.

One Famous Slogan in Merkel is—

"Visit Hamm Drug after the Show"

"ALWAYS FOR YOUR SERVICE"

HAMMDRUG COMPANY

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

BAT YOUR EYES

Blink and Think It Ain't So; But It is!

Sole Owner knows how to make prices cheaper and
cheaper. He makes 'em cheaper every day.

Other stores "fool" around with a few "cut" prices
to meet our prices—But they forget to make 'em ALL
cheap like "Sole Owner" does.

Let Other Stores "Fool" Around, But You,
Yourself, Ain't No Fool

CLARENCE SAUNDERS

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

WE WISH TO EXTEND
GREETINGS
TO THE
MERKEL THEATRE

Opening here under the Courteous and Capable Manage-
ment of Mr. Geo. Overton.

Let the people of this community visit this new
enterprise if they are looking for real entertainment
along the picture show line.

ELECTRIC SERVICE COME TO SEE US
OUR AIM Let Us Know your wants

West Texas Utilities
Company

THE MERKEL THEATRE

FORMERLY THE LACE THEATRE
OPENING BY EXTRACTION

Monday - Tuesday, July 30th.-31st.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
August 1st and 2nd

FAMILY NIGHT
On Wednesday and Thursday we will admit
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Comedy—"JACK'S BEEN JLTED"
Also News Reel
Admission 10c & 25c Show Starts 8:15-10:00

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The BUTTER & EGG MAN



From Play by George S. Kaufman

A Butter and Egg Man who came back, and
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"taken" him. One Broadway sucker who got
more than an even break.
Rich with racy, unique types of Broadway
insiders. Intimate ré-
velations of the inner workings of play produc-
tion time two great lovers, Jack Mulhall and Greta
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"McFADDEN'S FLATS" AND "THE
MAN WHO MADE THE
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7
months on
Broadway as a
stage play.
Hailed as one
of the funniest
of modern com-
edies.

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Opening of the Merkel Theatre.
QUALITY BAKERY
FRESH BREAD AND PASTRIES DAILY

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MERKEL THEATRE

L. R. Thompson C. L. Boswell
THOMPSON & BOSWELL
Real Estate—Investments—Insurance
Plus SERVICE

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

We welcome you to the Best Town in
West Texas—To generous and happy peo-
ple and to this Dry Goods Store—where
you find—

BETTER MERCHANDISE
AT CHEAPER PRICES

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

Merkel's Oldest Firm
Extends Congratulations
To Merkel's Newest Firm

For nearly forty years we have been serving Merkel
People with—

QUALITY MERCHANDISE
SUPERIOR SERVICE
and HONEST PRICES

Let us care for your needs here, where you will find
under one roof everything you want in—
HARDWARE, GROCERIES, FARM MACHINERY,
PLUMBING SUPPLIES and AUTO NECESSITIES

WEST COMPANY
"Thirty-eight Years of Better Service"

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

STOP
TAKING YOUR WATCH REPAIRING TO ABILENE!
I Can Guarantee All my Work Strictly First Class
6 Years With W. C. Fisher at Abilene
A. A. CORNELIUS
AT HAMM DRUG COMPANY

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

PETTY AND BUFORD
Sanitary Barber Shop

Courteous Treatment. First Class Work. We appreci-
ate your Business. Soft Water for Baths and Barber
Work. We extend greetings to Mr. Geo. Overton upon
opening the Merkel Theatre.

HOME INDUSTRIES

This bank has always championed the cause of
'home' merchants and business men. We welcome the
opening of the 'MERKEL THEATRE' under the man-
agement of Mr. George Overton. Let's patronize
MERKEL shows.

THE OLD RELIABLE
Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel, Texas

SINCE 1904

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

THE MODERN DRY CLEANERS

Better Work in Less Time

PHONE 3

ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE POST OFFICE
ELLIOTT & WAGNER

—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

FILL THE JITNEY WITH—
MAGNOLIA GASOLINE AND OIL

VISIT THE NEW MERKEL THEATRE
AND HAVE A REAL NIGHT OUT.

C. H. JONES, AGENT
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—Welcome—
MERKEL THEATRE

We cordially extend to you brotherly
friendship and support, and wish for you
unusual prosperity and happiness.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY
Ice Department

T.C. WILSON
WATCHES
JEWELER

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,
Court, Taylor County, By Vivian Fry-
ar, Deputy.

Interest and attorney's fees immu-
ately due and mature and have hereto-
fore notified T. B. Evans and Ger-
E. Evans in writing:

OR LIQUID

Still it may go right along;
 You may neglect it or pet it,
 Still your body may seem strong;
 But anyone who'll do it
 Will pay heavy before long.

(To Be Continued)

(COPY, J. T. HUNTER)

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
 Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
 Anywhere else \$2.00
IN ADVANCE
TELEPHONE No. 61
 Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
 kel, Texas as second class mail.

On next Saturday every Democrat should go to the polls and cast his vote as he pleases, for those he thinks will make the best officers in this state, from Constable to United States Senator. He can do this and not be hindered by any law or obligation in casting his vote for president at the November election. In other words he can vote in the Primary next Saturday and in November he can support every nominee on the Democratic primary and at the same time cast his vote for Herbert Hoover for President by scratching the Democratic Electors. The pledge that will be printed on next Saturday's ballot will read, "I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this Primary." It does not bind the voter in the November election in the least as far as presidential nominee is concerned, for the presidential nominee is not a nominee of this Primary.

As we see it, there is not a blemish on Dan Moody's record, and since he has made us a good Governor, even though we think he has made some political errors, we shall support him as against the candidate of Jim Ferguson and publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Dan Moody, like Governor Neff, has recognized the people of West Texas as but few Governors ever did, and the Star-Telegram is against both Dan Moody and Thos. L. Blanton. However, regardless of this fact, we predict that both Dan and Tom will receive a handsome majority of the votes cast in West Texas on next Saturday.

If Your chickens are lousey try Revenge Louse Remedy—guaranteed. Swafford, south side.

Buck
 BRAND
WORK CLOTHES
 FIT AND WEAR



BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY

Merkel, Texas

We have a residence for sale at a bargain. Thompson & Boswell.
 Give us a chance to prove to you the superior quality of our meats and we believe you will become one of our regular customers. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Don't miss our 98 cent Bedspread Special this week—Boston Bargain Store.

Buy a dollar's worth of Jergins Soap and we will give you FREE 6 Water Glasses or a Cannon Bath Towel. Hamm Drug Co.



AT-YOUR-COMMAND—

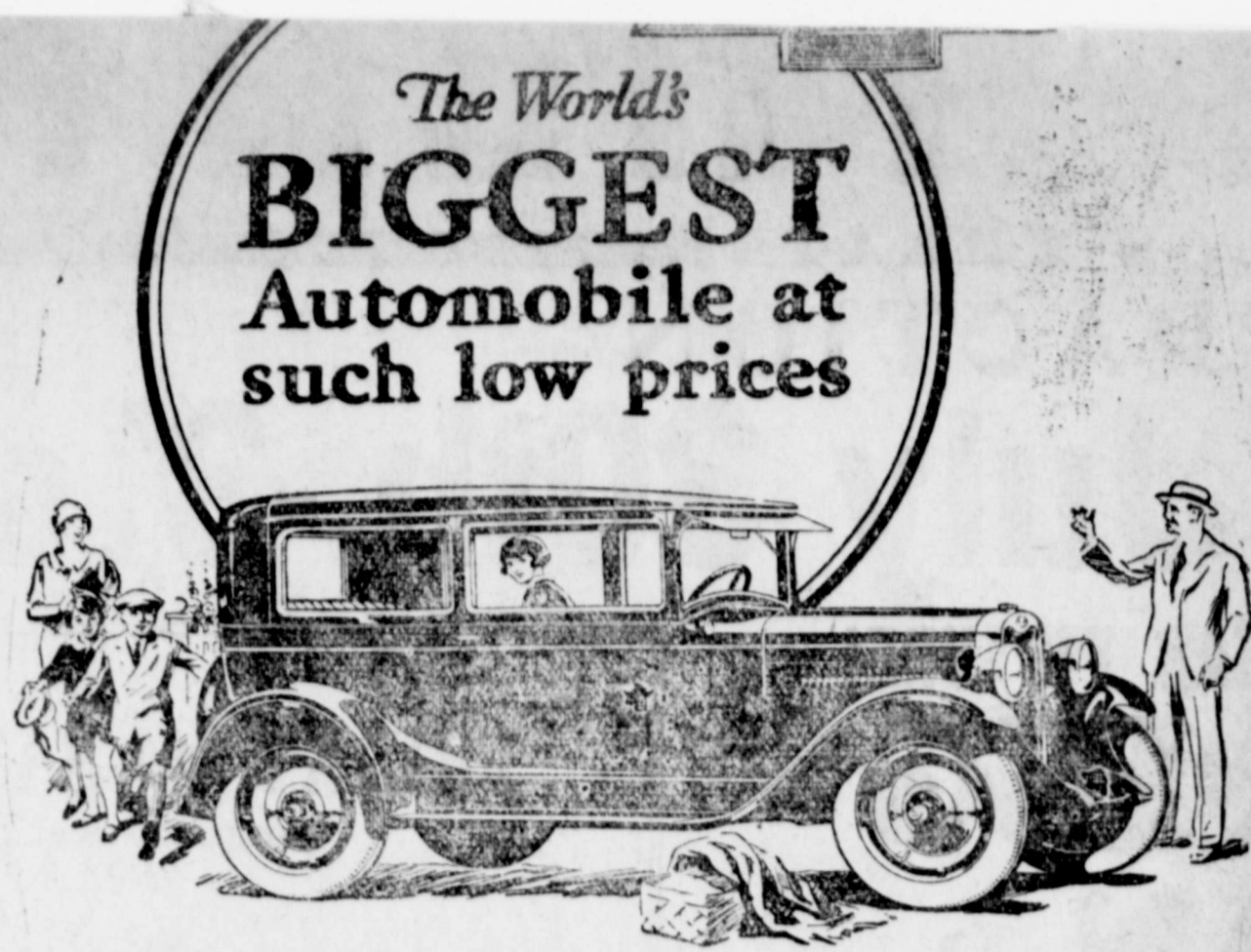
Merely by pressing a button the electric generating stations and the 1,900 miles of transmission lines of this company are at your command—without an instant's notice.

This could not be if this company's generating and distribution systems did not grow faster than the customers' demands.

Keeping ahead of West Texas' growth and helping West Texas to grow by offering every facility for exceptional electric service at reasonable rates is the policy of this company.

Through your patronage and good will the West Texas Utilities Company has been able to carry out the policy. We appreciate that patronage and good will; too, we hope, through continued good service and by improving it where possible, to merit your patronage and good will in the future.

West Texas Utilities Company



The World's
BIGGEST
 Automobile at
 such low prices

THE sensational popularity of the Bigger and Better Chevrolet is due in great measure to the fact that it is the biggest automobile in the world available at such amazing low prices.

The 107" wheelbase is of vital significance in a low-priced car. For it means that the buyer can now secure the balance and roadability that only a longer wheelbase can provide—plus the restful comfort of ample room for both driver and passengers.

Come in for a demonstration—and bring the family along!

The COACH
\$585

The Touring \$495
 or Roadster .. \$595
 The Coupe .. \$675
 The 4-Door Sedan .. \$695
 The Convertible Sport Cabriolet .. \$715
 The Imperial Landau .. \$715

Light Delivery \$375 (chassis only)
 Utility Truck \$520 (chassis only)

All prices f.o.b. Flint, Michigan

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 MERKEL, TEXAS

MASSEY-WOODS CHEVROLET CO.
 TRENT, TEXAS

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Presbyterian Church

Preaching and Sunday School at the usual hours Sunday morning. On account of the Baptist revival there will be no evening service.

Let every one be in their place at all the morning services.

R. A. WALKER, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to thank our friends and acquaintances and every one who assisted in any way during the sickness and death of our darling loved one. Also for the beautiful floral offering of Mrs. Fred Huddleston and others, and for Dr. Grimes for his patient and untiring efforts. We pray God's richest blessings on one and all.

ED RISTER AND CHILDREN.
 W. I. AVERY AND FAMILY.
 MRS. J. E. RISTER and Family.

NO FOOLING! "Fools for Luck" is a hum-dinger comedy. It's laughter in pictures, every scene a smile, every gag a giggle.

Messrs. A. B. and Homer Patterson, accompanied by their families, returned first of the week from an extensive vacation trip that carried them into New Mexico and Arizona. They visited the petrified forests and painted desert in the latter state, and report both very interesting and well worth visiting. The many friends of Mr. A. B. Patterson will regret to learn that he was quite sick while away on the trip.

Mr. F. J. Yakel of Brawley, Calif., was in Merkel this week. Mrs. Yakel has been here for several weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Marvin Boney, and wired for Mr. Yakel when she became ill. They went from here to South Texas on an extended vacation trip before they return home.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, accompanied by Miss Jessie Stell, both of whom are attending summer school at McMurry College, were over last Sunday for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew returned Monday from a three weeks stay in Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas, where Pastor Mayhew attended a leadership training school.

S. D. Gamble, popular proprietor of the Merkel Drug Company, accompanied by his family, returned first of the week from an extended vacation trip extending through the western part of the state, New Mexico and into Colorado as far as Colorado Springs.

New crop Hulls—expect car Friday or Saturday. Swafford, phone 44.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

The undersigned banks of Merkel will observe SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1928—ELECTION DAY—as a holiday, and will not be open for business. The FARMERS STATE BANK The F. & M. NATIONAL BANK

We serve Alta Vista Ice Cream, made in Fort Worth. Hamm Drug Company.

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HIGH GRADE PORTRAITURE
 All New Styles

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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.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
ED 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 pub-
lished therein, but if not, then in the
nearest County where a newspaper is
published, to appear at the next reg-
ular term of the County Court of
Taylor County to be holden at the
Court House thereof, in Abilene, Tex-
as, on the third Monday in August,
A. D. 1928, the same being the twen-
tieth 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, Treas-
urer, 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 un-

known heirs of Rachel Boykin, are
Defendants, and said petition alleg-
ing: Plaintiffs represent that about
March 6th, 1923, defendant, Grand
Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, issued a
life insurance policy for Five Hun-
dred Dollars, with funeral benefits of
Seventy Five Dollars to John Wil-
liams, Certificate No. 4209, Benefici-
ary Isabella Williams, his wife, pay-
able at the death of John Williams;
that thereafter John Williams and Is-
abella Williams, his wife, were divor-
ced; that said Williams died intestate
and without issue or heirs on the 21st
day of October, 1927, at Abilene, Tex-
as, 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 Wil-
liams, he solicited, employed, and con-
tracted 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 ser-
vices 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 in-



A Landslide for CHRYSLER!

*Chrysler's New Style and Value
Sweep the Country and Thousands Rush to Buy!*

In every principal city of the country people are examining, admiring and buying the new style introduced by Chrysler.

They are universally voicing the sentiment that the new "75," "65" and the new Chrysler-built Plymouth are—each in its class—the greatest dollar's worth in beauty, style and quality ever offered.

Metropolitan New York had the tremendous total of 109,000 persons with 1,500 retail orders, totaling more than \$2,000,000.00, for the new Chrysler Products.

In Detroit, the center of the industry, nearly 42,000 saw the new cars the first four days. Chrysler dealers sold 652 cars—more than \$750,000 worth—in that time. Chicago drew 32,000 to the Coliseum and made 443 retail sales.

Philadelphia had 50,000 and took 309 retail orders. Cleveland's attendance was 10,000 in one day—sales 166 cars.

Portland, Ore., showed to 16,000 and sold nearly \$100,000 worth in a day. San Francisco reported 210 retail orders. Kansas City's opener was to 3,000 persons and sold 61 cars.

Flint, Mich., drew 5,000 persons and sold 44 cars. Baltimore's attendance was 3,000 in one day and the district sold over 300 cars. Texas points were busy—El Paso with 5,000 attendance and 19 sales—Dallas 1,265 people and 26 cars in a day and Beaumont showing to 1,000 people and selling 22 automobiles.

Everywhere everyone agrees that, indeed, *Chrysler has done it again*—that Chrysler has provided a wholly new style and performance—unmatched in attractiveness—and strengthening the value leadership of this great company.

Chrysler acknowledges with sincerest gratitude this endorsement and will spare no efforts to continue to merit this expression of public confidence.

Because of the above stated facts, we have as yet been unable to get a complete showing of the New Models. However, in the near future we hope to have on display a variety of each class of the New Chrysler automobiles.

Maverick Motor Company

Front Street Merkel, Texas

Notice To The Public

I have taken over the Pierce Petroleum Association business in Merkel and will have my office in the Bob Martin Grocery Co. phone 80. All orders will be carefully handled and courtesy extended to every patron. Will appreciate your business.

B. P. Middleton

...VOTE FOR...

Jesse R. Smith

of Breckenridge, Stephens County
for Re-Election
**STATE SENATOR
SECOND TERM**

A splendid record in the State
Senate deserves a second term

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Inexperienced Workmen!
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JEWELER

ABILENE, TEXAS.

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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of July A. D. 1928.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County. By Vivian Fryar, Deputy. 134

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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 request-

ed 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. Mc-

Clain 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. 614

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Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, accompanied by their daughters, Mrs. Geo. Groene and Mrs. S. O. Owen, of Wichita Falls, Texas, made a trip to Carlsbad, N. M., where they visited the wonderful Carlsbad Cavern. They report a very fine trip.

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