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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1928.

On the "Broadway of America"

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Here's How They

Below we give the returns from the Merkel box. Out of 815 qualified voters in this voting precinct, only 671 exercised their right and voted Church continues with unabated in on last July 28th.

For United States Senator: Jeff McLemore of Webb Co. ____4 Earle B. Mayfield Alvin Owsley Tom Connally Minnie Fisher Cunningham ____6 For Governor: William E. Hawkins Louis J. Wardlaw Dan Moody Edith E. Wilmans For Lieutenant Governor: __169 Barry Miller

J. D. Parnell H. L. Darwin Thes. B. Love John D. McCall For Attorney General: _ Claude Pollard _____ For State Comptroller: H. Terrell ___ D. Jones For State Treasurer: W. Gregory Hatcher ____ Grover Cleveland Harris For State Superintendent: W. F. Garner

H. P. Davis _.

W. E. James _____

S. M. N. Marrs For Commissioner of Agriculture: Geo. B. Terrell _____621 For Commissioner Land Office:

Andrew J. Britton _____111 For State Railroad Commissioner: _189 Jefferson Smith _____ Lon A. Smith For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court: Thos. B. Greenwood ____

Homer Shanks _____ Oscar Callaway -R. N. Grisham __ R. Q. Lee __ __625 For Associate Justice of the Court

Lee P. Pierson _____246

For Congress 17th District:

of Civil Appeals: Burette Patterson --James A. Stephens O. C. Funderburk For Senator 24th District: Jesse R. Smith _____247 Oliver Cunningham _____332 For Representative 116th District: G. W. Ash -----Carlos D. Speck _____263

For District Judge 42nd Judicial

For District Attorney, 42nd Dist .: J. R. Black _____619 For District Judge 104th Dist .: W. R. Chapman _____ For District Attorney, 104th Dist .: Clem Calhoun _ For District Clerk: Belle Wellborn -----For Sheriff:

District:

M. S. Long -

H. T. O'Bar __

N. L. Seale --

No. 2:

Tom K. Eplen For County Clerk: W. P. Bounds James H. Bratton _____ W. E. Beasley _ For County Attorney: Carl P. Hulsey For County Superintendent;

For County Judge:

M. A. Williams ---For County Treasurer: Austin Fitts _____ For Tax Assessor: J. T. Howard ----J. W. Rhodes _____48 For Tax Collector: Earl Hughes _____ For County Surveyor: H. J. Bradshaw _____ For County Commissioner Precinct | Master.

> e) Tittle ____ Precinct No. 5: gher Precinct No. 2:

The remains of Mrs. Marlow were 649 laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery irman Voting Pre- last Thursday afternoon, with Rev. W. J. Mayhew officiating. Mrs. Marlow was a sister of Mrs. C. E. Conner, and formerly made her home in

Great Crowds Voted in Merkel Hear Rev. Whaley. In Baptist Revival Following is the complete vote for

The meeting at the First Baptist terest; great crowds are in attendance at all the services. Rev. Chas T. Whaley is doing some wonderful preaching and the Lord is blessing the meeting with many conversions Hardly a service but some one is sav-Thomas L. Blanton _____419 ed. The cooperation on the part of other churches in and about Merkel is beautiful and greatly appreciated 19 by those in charge of the meeting.

141 There will be two services each day for the remainder of the meeting including Sunday. Last Saturday, on acount of election day, we had no services, but we will have both services this Saturday.

On Sunday we will have an extra service at 3 p.m. when Bro. Whaley will speak on baptism and the ordinance will be administered to those received for baptism during the meet-

A cordial welcome awaits all who will come to the services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

__131 W. S. J. BROWN NOW AS-SOCIATED WITH BROOKS DRY GOODS, ABILENE

Mr. W. S. J. Brown, for many years well known and successful in the business realm of Merkel, has lately be come associated with the Brooks Dry Otis Terrell _____149 Goods Company, at Abilene, and stated to this paper this week that he and Mrs. Brown would at once move to Abilene for a short time, after which they will again make their home in Merkel, he driving daily to his work _346 in Abilene.

Mr. Brown is not only an experienced dry goods man, but a citizen of 640 which any community may well be Lee For Judge Court Criminal Appeals: proud. Read his announcement in Perkins ____ W. C. Morrow _____346 this paper on back page.

COMPERE BAPTIST MEET-ING STARTS SUNDAY NITE

Rev. F. A. Pope will begin the Cunningham _____ meeting at Compere Sunday night. For Representative 116th District: He is to assist the church and pastor Ash _____ 1648 For Chief Justice Court of Civil in a meeting running through the Speck Appeals 11th Supreme Judicial Dis. week. A cordial invitation is extended to all those in and about Compere O'Bar _____ to attend the meeting.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

| The following is the list of | acetri. |
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| butions made to the local cer | |
| fund since the last report was | |
| G. L. Anderson | |
| J. S. Hutson | 2.00 |
| Lee Campbell, Clint, Texas | 10.00 |
| O. B. Boden | 2.00 |
| Wm. T. Duncan Estate | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Ed Young (Willie Bigham | 1) 20.00 |
| American Legion | 4.00 |
| Fair Assn | |
| Mrs. F. F. Clark | 5.00 |
| E. A. Patterson | 1.00 |
| J. A. Buford | |
| AGED BRANDON WOMA | N |
| DIED TUESDAY N | CHT |

Mrs. Mattie Marlow died at 11:50 Tuesday night at the home of her Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, of near daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ferguson at Blair. Brandon, aged 89 years, 2 months and 9 days. Funeral services conducted by Rev. R. H. Boyd, were held at the Ferguson home at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, following which the remains were carried to Fort Worth by Frank E. Smith _____313 Marshall & Marshall for shipment to Merkel, where interment was made

Thursday afternoon, July 26. Deceased was born in Fayette County, Ga., May 16, 1839, and was married at Tyler, Texas, at the age of 26 years to S.D. Marlow. She made a profession of faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church at 13 years of age, and gave more than three-quarters of a century of faithful, loving and devoted service to her

She is survived by one brother, T. 362 B. Storey of Florence, Kan., two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Connor of Merkel, e of the Peace Precinct Tex., and Mrs. Henry Read of Clyde, Tex., and two chuldren, Mrs. J. W. 642 Ferguson of Brandon and J. C. Marlow of Benjamen, Texas, and ten grandchildren .- Brandon News.

Complete Vote In

| L | f offowing is the complete vot | e 10 |
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| | Moody | |
| y | Wilmans | _ 10 |
| - | For Lieut. Governor: | |
| n | Millor | 253 |
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| s | Darwin | _ 11 |
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| | For State Comptroller: | |
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| | Jones | 132 |
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| | Britton | 72 |
| | For State Railroad Commission | ner |
| , | Jefferson Smith | 1690 |
| | Lon A. Smith | 364 |
| | For Judge of the Court of | |
| 1 | Criminal Appeals: | |
| 1 | Morrow | 3346 |
| 1 | Pierson | 216 |
| 1 | For Congress 17th District: | |
| 1 | Shanks | 1587 |
| 1 | | 628 |
| - | Callaway | 918 |
| 1 | Grisham | 916 |

For Associate Justice 11th District.

Funderburk _____ 2769 ___ 4401 3767 For Sheriff:

Seale _____ For County Clerk: Bratton _____ 1028 For County Attorney: Smith _____ 3168 For Tax Assessor: Howard _____ 4514

STORK MAKES VISITS

For County Commissioner

Precinct No. 2:

Diltz _____

Born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Mc-

Nutt, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Turner, a son, on Tuesday.

On Monday a daughter was born to

Trade Trippers To Taylor County Mt. Pleasant Tonite

Tonight the trade trippers, headed by the Merkel Band, will go to Mt. Pleasant, where they will mix and mingle with the fine citizenship of that thriving community and render following are the tabulations up to an interesting program of band music speeches, readings, duets, etc., which

will be as follows: PROGRAM

by Henry West. Band Music. The Farmer and the Merchant (5 minutes), L. R. Thompson. Ladies Duet, Misses Melba West and

Mona Margaret Jones. What Merkel Offers (5 minutes) Thos. Durham.

Reading, Miss Tracy. Resolved: That Cow is More Useful Than Sow." Affirmative: C. H. Jones. Negative: Sie Hamm. (5 minutes each.)

Mixed Quartette, Harry Barnett, Burl Scott, Melba West and Mrs.

Response from Community speaker.

Band Music. Mt. Pleasant is one of the best and most progressive of communities and the good folks out there have promised a large crowd out to enjoy the program by the business men and citizens of Merkel. Every one in the city is urged to attend, especially every business concern should send representatives.

HOME COUNTY BACKS B. W. PATTERSON FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Burette Patterson, candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals gave out the following statement concerning his candidacy:

"While the reports from over the Stephens _____ 1001 the loyal support of my friends over Smith ______ 1504 their continuing support and influturns from Eastland County so far show that I have carried Eastland, my home county, nearly two to one 2225 preciate more than I can express this program was worked out from legal a dry, is nominated, he will be in this tribute of confidence and esteem paid angles. At our meetings next week, position: me by my home people."

no doubt win over his opponent here in the August primary.

LARGENT HEREFORDS GO TO MISSOURI STATE FAIR

SEDALIA, Mo., Aug 1 .- C. M. Largent and sons of Merkel, Texas, will bring fifteen head of Hereford cattle to the 1928 Missouri State Fair August 18-25, and will exhibit them in the Beek Breeds Department. Premiums amounting to \$8,788 are offered in this department and the aggregate amount of premiums offered for livestock is \$40,000.

Mr. Hubert Blair, clever and valu-



Dan Moody Wins Over All; Run-off In Senator's Race

In the race for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and U. S. Senator the

Wednesday night: For Governor:: Wardlaw _____ Presiding officer ____ Henry West Hawkins ____ 30,700 Why We Are Here (5 minutes), Wilmans _____ 17,593 For Lieut. Governor Miller ____ Love __

Parnell Darwin McCall _____ 41,334 For U. S. Senator: Connally _____ 168,474 Cunningham _____ 27,164 Mayfield ______ 188,737 Democrats Are

Two Important **Farmers Meetings** On August 7 and 8

A general farmers county-wide service representative of the Texas date for United States Senator. Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

Mr. Daniel said, "is to hear details hibition views, is opposed by Charles of the new marketing contract of the M. Hay, St. Louis, a dry and a politicotton cooperative marketing associ- cal enemy of the Missouri Senator. ation, which provides for optional or In campaign addresses Hay had dedaily pols and withdrawal privileges, clared he stands on the Houston Platas well as a number f minor changes form, which provides for the enforcein the present standard marketing ment of the law. parent that a second primary will be agreement, which it is believed will "I protest against the Heflinizing be attractive to members, non-mem- of Missouri," Senator Reed said. "I necessary to determine the nominee for this place. I am very grateful for this place. I am very grateful for resulting in a substantial membership. It has been to went they are as resulting in a substantial membership lie Hay. I say to you they are as the district and trust I shall have increase and deliveries to cotton co- much alike as two slices of beef off

tive, etc." It is felt that the meeting nominee for the Senate. will be one of the most interesting

SPECK THANKS VOTERS

I am grateful to the hundreds of men and women who gave me their of the week from a vacation trip to fair and unjust charges laid at my cover up its short-Austin and other South Texas cities. feet two years ago and an approval last eight years." of my administration of earnest and According to the above, we have one untiring efforts to protect and pre- great Democratic leader, from Kanserve the interest of my constituen- sas City, declaring that the Democy against waste and extravagance. policy, while in Colorado another I hold no ill will or malice against Democratic leader declares that prothose who voted against me. They ex- hoition is not an issue, and declares ercised their constitutional right. It it is only a smoke screen to detract shall be my purpose as it has always from the real issues by the Republibeen, namely, to serve all alike, cans. That will not work with real whether friend or foe.

uable representative through an hon- as the Atlantic and Pacific combined, est and aggressive effort to secure and that Al is now the whole Demohelpful legislation to Texas in gen- cratic party, nationally speaking. eral and to our district in particular.

Respectfully, CARLOS D. SPECK. 1t

ROTAN TO CELEBRATE

gram from Editor H. C. Shelton, of coast, mailed at Vancouver, British on next Wednesday, August 8th, that having a great time. city is planning to entertain ten thou- It has been many years since Supt. in this city and community to at- years, but he will make good use

of entertainment is being planned. | position he h

How They Voted For Co. Commissioner

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| Diltz's | majority, 42. | |
| | | OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN |

Committed to Wet Policy, Says Reed

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 31 .-The nomination of Gov. Alfred E. meeting has been called for Tuesday, Smith for President committed the August 7, 1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Democratic party to a policy of revisin Anson, Jones County, Texas, and ion or repeal of the Eighteenth Wednesday, August 8, 1:30 p.m. at Amendment, Senator James A. Reed the Courthouse in Abilene, Taylor declared Monday night in an address nouncement by Clyde Daniel, field in behalf of James A. Collet, candi-

Callet, who has announced he will "The purpose of these meetings," support Governor Smith on his pro-

sociation have had this subject under | "Every speech against the attitude consideration for some time," Mr. of Smith on the prohibition question Daniel said, "but final approval to is a speech against his election, and it over my nearest opponent, who also the new contract was not possible unis likewise a speech in favor of the resides in Eastland county, and I ap-

we will have Mr. J. M. Spurgin of "Hay will be making speeches in Judge Patterson carried the Mer- Noodle, district director of the cotton favor of the Volstead act and the kel box by a nice majority, and will association present to explain in de- Eighteenth Amendment and thereby tail the various features of the new alienating votes from Smith. And contract, price fixation pooling plan, men who defend Smith in his position how the contract may become opera- will be making speeches against our

PROHIBITION SMOKE SCREEN farmers meetings ever held in the DENVER, Colo., July 31 .- Morricounty, and farm leaders contemplate son Shafroth of Denver told the Colan exceptionally large attendance, not orado Democratic assembly, meeting only on the part of members but non- Tuesday to name a State ticket for members and business interests close- the State primary election, that "if" ly allied with progressive agriculture. big business controlled the Government in 1912, it owns it in 1928."

Discussing prohibition, Shaforth "Personally I am for prohibition,

and I think the Eighteenth Amendment is here to stay, but I tell you support and influence during the re- that prohibition is not any more an cent campaign. My overwhelming ma- issue in this campaign than it was in chants National Bank, eturned first jority means a vindication of the un- 1908. It merely is a smoke-screen becover up its short-comings during the

> cratic party is committed to a wet thinking folks in this nation. Every I shall endeavor to make you a val- man knows that Al Smith is as wet

BURGESS IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, NOW

This paper is in receipt of a card WATER AND GAS ENTRY from Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess who for the past six weeks have been This paper is in receipt of a tele- on a vacation tour of the Pacific the Rotan Advance, announcing that Columbia. The card states they are

sand people at a big water and gas Burgess had a real vacation, having celebration to be put on by the citi-zenship there, and inviting everybody University every summer for ments A great program of various kinds and better fitted for the responsible

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Good title to your land or farm You must record to save from harm; And while you live you should prepare To always for your loved ones care By insurance, will and testament, By stocks and bonds as well as rent. Advice on things like this we give That should be done while yet you live. The Farmers State Bank is glad to do A lot of things that will help you.

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J. C. Mason, V. Pres' W. L. Diltz, Cashier

Dallas Scarbrough David Hendricks

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Miss Ulanda Miller of Barstow is ous service and quality meats. Beker a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller tf | this week.



ABILENE, TEXAS

Hoover Writes to Friend of Mother

Northwood, Iowa, July 21 .- In a letter to an Iowa woman, Herbert Hoover has asked:

"Please write and tell me all you can remember about my mother."

The request was received by Mrs. L. S. Butler, mother of a Chicago attorney, Rush C. Butler, and a schoolmate of the candidate's mother, Hulda Minthorn Hoover, It was in reply to a note of congratulation sent after the Kansas City convention.

Mrs. Butler, then Julia Ann Pickering, and Hulda Minthorn were short tip to the East. They report a classmates in a school taught by Joel nice trip. and Hannah Bean, near West Branch Iowa, where the Republican candi- here on an extended visit with his date was born. Reared in nearby grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Quaker communities, the women be- Boyd. came close friends during the two years they attended the school.

Miss Minthorn later married another student at the school, Jesse Hoover, remembered as a "quiet, good boy," by Mrs. Butler.

Hoover's father was the blacksmith at the Quaker village of West Branch. His mother became an authorized preacher in the Society of Friends.

Death ended Mrs. Hoover's work

when Herbert was but 10. His father had died a few years earlier. Mrs. Butler plans to go to West Branch when Hoover visits there on his return from California.

STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

On When Women Come Into Money.

heard the conversation drift to the Slade sisters. The fact that they had inherited a large fortune and would have to administer it themselves created considerable comment.

"My husband says old man Slade made a big mistake not putting it in trust for them," said Mrs. Burt. "He says women never should handle large sums of money because they are 'financially uneducated'-he really means 'dumb.' "

"All women aren't dumb about money matters, are they, Aunt Emmy?" exclaimed Miss Pringle.

"Of course not," Aunt Emmy agreed. There are all sorts and kinds of women all the way from very prudent to very foolish."

Well, anyway, an awful lot of women have been victimized in financial things-just look at all the widows that have been robbed," insisted Mrs.

"There won't be so much of that in Emmy said. "Women have been easy to victimize because they knew so little about money affairs, but now they are realizing this danger more and more and are taking advantage of the financial advice departments their bankers have set up for them. One thing that has led to women's financial undoing is their natural love of pretty things. This trait often leads them into foolish investments and speculations to get money quickly. Once a woman sets her heart on a

thing she can't wait until it is hers." "But if women didn't buy things, there wouldn't be any business," spoke up Molly. "Women are the natural spenders of the family, Dad says."

"Yes, but they would have more to spend if they'd go a little slower," replied Aunt Emmy. "Every time 1 see a woman falling for some silly get-rich-quick scheme I think of the nice things she could buy with the money she is going to lose. If they'd go slower-they'd get farther."

"From what I know of the Slade girls," Molly began-but just then the Slade girls themselves came in.

"We're so sorry to be late," they apologized, "but we have been having our first lesson in finance down at the Trust Company. They are going to give us quite a lot of time and explain all the things we ought to know about money to keep us out of financial

"Well, my dears, you are going to the right school," said Aunt Emmy "If every woman would do that there'd be less trouble and more pretty things for all of them."

Modern Science Lets

Light on "Miracles" The ancient Egyptian priests impressed the faithful by the performance of what seemed to be miracles, and their explanation has been recently made the subject of a lecture by William Reavell, president of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers of Great Britain.

The doors of the temple were made to open at the bidding of the priests. As a matter of fact the heat from the burning incense on the altar warmed the air in its base, thus expanding the air and causing it to force water from a jug into a bucket, which was also a counterweight. The weight of the water falling into the

bucket was what opened the doors. A similar arrangement making use of the heat of the sun was the expla-nation of the collossi of Thebes, which greeted the rising sun by whistling.-

TRENT NEWS

Misses Florence and Clara Sherman had as a guest this week their cousin, Mr. E. O. Hopper of Sherman, who returned home last Sunday.

Mrs. Stagner of Abilene visited with her daughter, Mrs. Craig, last

Elsie Hale, who has a position in San Angelo, is here on a vacation for a month with her father, C. V. Hale. Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright and girls returned last Monday from a

Master Grant Boyd of Lamesa is

Mr. and Mrs. McArell and baby of Cisco, also Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Camp-

bell of Blair, visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman last Sunday. Mrs. M. B. Manning of Golan is visiting her father, C. V. Hale, this

Miss Henderson of Abilene is visit-

ing with Vera Watts this week. Mrs. Joe Nally had her father and her brother, A. A. Rutherford, and family, of Putnam, to visit with her

over night last Monday. They were enroute home after visiting with relatives at Tulia. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lwrie accompanied by Nettie Causseaux and Ross

Mrs. H. V. Johnson of Dallas visited her cousin, Mrs. E. M. Sherman,

Young visited relatives at Wastella

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Billings, motored to Santa Anna last Sunday afternoon to visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutledge, returning Monday

Mr. H. C. Lowrey and family of Wastella, visited his son, Joe Lowery, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey announce the arrival of a fine boy, born Sunday night. The mother and babe are doing nicely.

R. B. McRee and family returned from a two weeks trip to Louisiana Friday of last week.

Little Miss Wilma Faucher, of Mc-Cauley, is visiting her cousin, Georgia May Chapman, this week.

Mrs. Louis Johnson of Happy returned home last week after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V Ross for some two months. She is much improved in health. She was accompanied by her sister, Mary Lou, who will visit her the rest of the sum-

Dorothy and Florence Boyd visited the future as in the past," Aunt relatives and friends at Lamesa last

Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Loraine is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mr. O. L. Bishop attended business matters at Lamesa last week.

Friends will be sorry to learn of Uncle Billie Good's illness. He was carried to Abilene for treatment last Tuesday night, where he will remain for the next few days.

Jona Margaret Grant of Lamesa is spending a few days with the Boyd girls this week.

After visiting with relatives here for two weeks Mr. H. C. Nally returned home. He lives at Mission.

Arthur Good and family of Tredway was here last Thursday visiting relatives. They were on their way home after attending the bedside of Mr. Good'e father, who is in the Alexander Sanitarium at this writing.

Dora Doings

Well, we had that long looked for rain and now we are looking for sunshine.

The election is over now, and some of our candidates were elected and some were not, but we are real sports and can help the man that is in. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones are

the proud parents of a fine boy. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mallon spent Sunday in Abilene visiting her parents and sisters.

Mrs. J. W. Wallis left Sunday for College Station for the short course. Mr. and Mrs. H. West of White Church were here Sunday visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Perry.

Charlie Chandler of Cross Plains spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends.

Dora baseball team went to Nubia Saturday and played ball, and Nubia carried off the banner nine to two. Roy Laine continues to improve but we are afraid he will not be able to play ball again this season.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton of Merkel were seen in this city Monday. Rev. Garner came home Friday from Abilene and brought several fine watermelons and several around

Mr. and Mrs. Dunagan and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyrone went to the singing at Merkel Sunday.

NOTICE

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To Holders of

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN **BONDS**

Third Liberty Loan Bonds mature on September 15th, 1928, and will cease to bear interest on that date.

The Treasury Department has requested that they be presented for redemption at once to facilitate handling of the great number of outstanding Bonds.

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Preaching at 11 a.m. Communion at close of 11 o'clock service. Offering for Reynolds Presbyterian Or-

at 8:30 o'clock. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening

No evening service on account of revival meeting. Wm. Elliott, Supt. S. S.

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MOTORISTS



AL AMENDMENT PROVID-ING FOR A STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND RELATING TO TERMS OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

. J. R. No. 14.)

Proposing to amend article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas viding that the term of all officers Board of Education." of the public free school system, including State institutions of higher education, may be fixed not to exceed six years; proposing to amend Section 8 of Article 7 of said Conations therefor.

the State of Texas:

the terms of all offices of the public holding said election. school system and of the State institutions of higher education, inclus- 1927. ive, and the terms of members of the respective boards, not to exceed six HOW TO RUN A NEWSPAPER

Sec. 2. That Section 8 of Article 7 of the Constitution be amended so as how to run a paper, when they would to hereafter read as follows:

terms as the Legislature shall pre- fully, but when it comes to the newsscribe not to exceed six years. The paper, there's where they all get off. said board shall perform such duties | During the past week a friend as may be prescribed by law."

al amendments shall be submitted to a lines of how Christ would run a vote of the qualified electors of this paper. We don't know how that would State, at an election to be held on the be. In the first place, if Christ was first Tuesday after the first Monday back on earth we don't believe that in November, A. D. 1928, at which he would go into the newspaper busiall ballots shall have printed thereon ness at all. There is not an editor or the following:

ticle 7, adding Section 16, providing community in which he lived. If our that school officers, including boards friend doubts this statement let him of institutions of higher education, try telling the absolute truth just one shall serve for a term not exceeding week and see where he lights.

7, adding Section 16, providing that bring surprising results.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION- school officers, including boards of institutions of higher education, shall serve for a term not exceeding six

> (2) "For the amendment to Section 8 of Article 7 of the Constitution, providing for the appointment of a State Board of Education."

"Against the amendment to Section 8 of Article 7 of the Constitution, proby adding thereto Section 16, pro- viding for the appointment of a State

> Each voter shall scratch out one of the Above listed clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proprosed amendment to which it

Sec. 4. The Governor of this State stitution, authorizing the appoint- is hereby directed to issue the necesment or election of a state Board sary proclamation ordering an electof Education to serve not to exceed ion to determine whether or not the six years; requiring said amend- proposed constitutional amendments ments to be submitted to the people set forth herein shall be adopted, and for adoption and making appropri- to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of Be it resolved by the Legislature of this State. And the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much Section 1. That Article 7 of the thereof as may be necessary, is hereby Constitution of the State of Texas be appropriated from any funds in the amended by adding thereto Section 16 | State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of "The Legislature shall fix by law printing said proclamation and of

> Approved by Governor March 25, Aug.3t4

Men will take the liberty to tell you not think of hinting to the merchant "The Legislature shalf provide by how to conduct his store or tell the law for a State Board of Education, preacher what to preach. They pay whose members shall be appointed or money for schools, and don't know lected in such manner and by such whether Jimmy is learning the rule of uthority and shall serve for such three or how to hold a cigarette grace-

wanted to know why we did not try Sec. 3. The foregoing constitution- to run a paper a little more along the a preacher that could tell the whole (1) "For the amendment to Ar- truth for thirty days and stay in the

"Against the amendment t Article A 25c classified ad often

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His Ambition

"Ambition," said Norbert Quinn, "is a funny thing. My friend, Christopher Morley, prince of fantasy and Twentieth century Elizabethan, confided that he wished that he could draw and also that he could write successful

"Quite in contrast is my little friend William, who is saving up money to buy an airplane. 'It's a very worthy motive,' I told him. 'You are quite an ambitious boy.'

"'You bet I am!' William agreed and added, 'You see, I want to fly over Bobby Willet's yard and drop down bricks on him."

Beds of Clay Reveal the Passage of Time Geologists can follow the tracks of

the sun and tell the time, year by year, in geological ages-so ancient that even by millions of years they are hard to count.

Not far from Stockholm there are some remarkable beds of clay, regularly arranged in alternating bands of sand and clay. These turn, out to be the layers deposited by the melting glaciers of the Ice age, each one laid down in the spring and summer when the sun was hottest. And as there was a freeze-up each winter and melting each summer, the layers become almost as accurate an index to the antiquity of the Ice age as the annual rings of a tree are to the age of the tree.

Moreover, the same system of measuring geological time has now been extenden over all Scandinavia, and parts of India and South America. Everywhere the layers appear to correspond so closely in the variations of their thickness, year by year, that there seems no doubt they were laid down in corresponding years.—Baron Cerard de Geer.

Next War to Be Jolly; Guns Will Not Rust

Washington. - Some millions of Americans with vivid recollections of wartime troubles in keeping rust off their rifles, machine guns and "75's" will be interested to learn that future American armies probably won't have the same kind of chores to do.

In his annual report, made public recently, Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Wilthat efforts are being made to substitute rust-proof steel for the present metal parts in army fighting equipment.

"Extensive investigation of commercial stainless steel for use in rifles, machine gun barrels and other components is being carried on with the object of eventually making as many components of this type of material as practicable," says General Williams. "Such use, if perfected, would result in far-reaching som

Sergeant's Idea Given

Approval of Captain The effort is still being made to devise methods for carrying on war in a "humane" fashion. The notion still prevails, however, that Sherman was right. The story is told by an old preacher who was captain of a company during the Civil war. With his passing was revived the story of how this servant of the Lord, while captain, was about to enter what promised to be a serious engagement, when he asked his sergeant, who was more freely spoken than he, to address the soldiers, which he did, as follows:

"Byes, it looks like it's goin' to be a d-n big fight. Youder's the enemy! Go fer 'em an' give 'em h-1!" Whereupon the pious captain, wish-

ing to do his part toward rousing the men's courage, added: "Yes, boys, that's right. Go for them and give them what the sergeant

Prehistoric Medicine

has suggested."-Boston Globe.

Tubes of soft sonpstone used by a prehistoric Indian shaman, or medicine man, to heal the sick have been nnearthed near San Diego, Calif., says Science. First blowing clouds of smoke through these tubes over the body of a patient, the medicine man pretended he could see into the body. The patient was told he had been bewitched by an enemy who had injected into his body a magical substance which changed into a toad, snake, rock or other object. Having located the object, the shaman pretended to pluck it out, producing as evidence, by sleight-of-hand, the offending substance.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JONES COUNTY

my recent campaign for County Sup-I wish you well.

whom I was associated during the the goal, I made a good fight and liams, chief of army ordnance, states campaign I sympathize with those have the kindest regards and good who were defeated and rejoice in the feelings for every one. success of those who won.

> Respectfully, T. R. FRANCIS.

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TITTLE THANKS VOTERS

To my many friends and sup-I hereby express my sincere appre- porters in my race for County Comciation to those who supported me in missioner, I wish to express my sinerintendent. To my opponents and cere thanks and appreciation. I feel their supporters I have no malice and that no man ever had truer or better friends in a political campaign, and To the various candidates with while I fell only a few votes short of

> Again thanking each and every one who in any manner contributed toward the success of my campaigh, I Yours truly,

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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel. Texas as second class mail.

The most of the candidates we votmake a second try at the ballot box in the least about it. The country will Now Mr. Blanton announces he is for sistent all the time on this matter. on August 25th. But we are not sore go along just as well and possibly better than if our candidate had won. At least in some instances the majority have spoken and we submit West Texas to Connally. The people the platform, and his attitude leads with kindness toward all.

ferent opinion. Every man has a right had to make a fight for his seat a- then be made that he was elected on to his opinion, but it's a poor citizen gainst the same element in this state the theory that the majority of the differ from him.

hundreds of other good reasons why for a second term. he should not be President of this nation of freedom of religion, freedom

Fish Market, a way down in the Irish at Houston the day after he had been settlement on New York's great East nominated, that he favored the modi-Side. However, they forgot to give fication of the Volsted law. Al for him credit for having finished a com- years has repeatedly told the world Tammany Hall. And also that he has this law; he told them this the day no degree from any educational in- before he was nominated and then the

or Moody. Governor Moody won, thought was a vote-getter, a little And the Telegram fought Thos. L. salve to the dry South, and then Al ed for either lost out or will have to Blanton, and boosted for Tom Con- stood pat and told them the next day nally. Connally won second place and that he favored the modification of Blanton made a poor run for fourth. the Volstead law. Al has been con-Connally, joining hands with the Star Of course Smith's attitude bespeaks Telegram. But Blanton and the Tele- the fact that he, the Tammany and gram can not deliver all the votes in Wall Street, candidate, will really be West Texas to Connally. The people have a mind of their own in this section of the state. Connally is no doubt a good man, and would make a good .Senator, but Senator Mayfield will likely disregard it with his inhas held the office for only one term Some people talk about tolerance doubt a good man, and would make a this early in the campaign, he can and and at the same time go about with good Senator, but Senator Mayfield will likely disregard it with his inabsolute hate in their heart for their has held the office for only one term fluence and appointments if elected. neighbor, who happens to have a dif- and during about half of that time And if Smith is elected the claim will who hates and despises those who that now want to put Al Smith in the people of this nation favor the repeal White House, after he was honorably of the eighteenth amendment and elected to the Senate. If you remem- modification of the Volstead law. No man should fight Al Smith be- ber, it was one George E. B. Peddy, Therefore, in that case, it may be excause of his religion. He has a moral who claimed himself a Democrat, but pected that Congress will so construe right to his preference of religion, ran on the Republican ticket, who this the wish and will of the people, and thanks to the constitution of this was put in the field by the same ele- and likely act in accordance. great nation that grants to him and ment that has pulled the political every other person that privilege. wires in this state for the nomina-Let's stand for right and the consti- tion of Al Smith for President. Sentution and defeat Al Smith on the ator Mayfield is entitled to the place pleases, without hate in his heart, is

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Some one has said that Al Smith ticket because they think Al Smith ad an F. F. M. Degree, which means bolted the platform when he wired that he graduated from the Fulton the National Democratic Convention Democrats at Houston had the nerve to "attempt" to put a dinky little dry The Star-Telegram fought Gover- plank in the platform, which they

Any man that is not willing to allow the other fellow to vote as he a dangerous man and will do to watch. Every man has a perfect right We disagree with those who state to vote for any man or measure he of speech and freedom of the press. | that they will bolt the Democratic | pleases without molestation, coercion or threat from any one.

> We like to see any man stand up trongly for a principle, man or issue he favors, even though he stands alone. However, it is a mighty sorry man that is not willing to grant that privilege, especially when he takes the privilege to do that himself.

B. L. Hamilton, valuable member of the Farmers State Bank force, accompanied by Mrs. Hamilton, returned first of the week from Whitney, Temple and other points. At Whitney Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton visited the former's mother. They were also accompanied by Mr. Hamilton's brother, a banker at Roscoe.

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Asiatic Monkey Aids

Yellow Fever Research New York .- Man's study of yellow fever, the mysterious tropical disease that once took heavy toll in the western hemisphere, has been expedited of scientists now at work in West Africa.

The yellow fever commission of the international health board, Rockefeller foundation, has found an Asiatic monkey, similar to the familiar companion of the organ grinder, that is susceptible to the disease. Working with this primate, the commission has already made several important contributions to knowledge of the

monkey, known as Macacus Rhesus, and incidentally looking over the cotboth by inoculation and by the primary infective agent, the mosquite. It has been found that the serum from recovered cases of yellow fever will protect monkeys against virulent blood, an important discovery because it indicates the possibility of treating human patients in like manner.

Cat and Mouse Play

Salford, England .- A cat in the dispensary for sick animals has made a companion of a mouse she caught a

********** Warns Against Buying Seed Corn Carelessly

Washington.-Unless the buyer knows that the seller is reliable and can supply the kind of seed he offers, extreme care should be exercised in purchasing seed corn, the Department

of Agriculture warns.

"Unfortunately," it says, "there are likely to be many individuals who will offer to sell crossed seed at a high price when the seed is little more productive, if any, than ordinary, seed corn.'

The supply of superior crossed seed, the department advises, is comparatively small.

Cheese Custard Supper Dish. Spread as many slices of bread as there are members of the family, cover in a deep dish with a custard, using two eggs to a pint of milk, with a pinch of salt. Pour over the buttered bread after sprinkling it generously with finely-cut or grated cheese. Bake until puffy and the custard firm, Serve at once as it is much like an omeletit falls after a few minutes in the air.

DILTZ EXTENDS THANKS

SERIEN CON EL SINO CON EL SINO CON EL CONTROL DE LA CONTRO

I take this means of extending to my good friends and supporters my thanks and appreciation for your loyalty and votes in the recent priby the achievements of a little band mary election. Having received sufficient votes to elect me, I shall con- T. Sadler and Mrs. W. A. Buckner. tinue as the servant of all the people to the very best of my ability.

Again I thank every one who sup-P. A. DILTZ. ported me.

Mr. J. T. Anderson, formerly a citizen of Merkel, now residing at Plantersville, is here this week, visittransmit the virus consistently to the ing his brother, Mr. R. O. Anderson, last week from a very pleasant visit

BABY GIRL DIES

ton situation.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mayfield will regret to learn that their little baby daughter, Dorothy Ann, born Friday, July 27, died daughter Eva Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. the following day, and was tenderly Geo. Smith, returned last week from laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

MARRIED.

Mr. C. H. Price and Miss Leona

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to our friends for the many kindnesses shown during the death of our baby, Dorothy Ann. We appreciate the untiring efforts of the doctors and nurses, especially Dr. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield. H. M. Mayfield and family. A. R. Booth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and Commissioner, Precinct No. 2. 1tp | Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm returned Sunday from a two days visit in Fort Worth.

> Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale returned to the Carlsbad Cavern and other interesting New Mexico points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler are visiting friends and relatives in East Texas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson and a trip to the Carlsbad Cavern and other points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sears are in Breeden of Compere were married Dallas this week buying their new fall Friday, July 20, at the Baptist Par- stock of goods for the Sears Variety sonage, the Rev. Ira L. Parrack of- Store in this city. Watch for their announcement soon.

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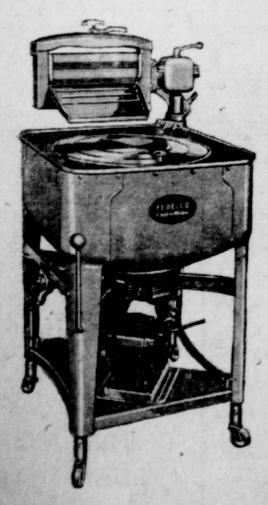
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THE LIVE STOCK SHOW TO BE GREATEST IN HISTORY OF THE TEXAS STATE FAIR



The fleetest runners, the best draught horses, the most highly trained and best looking saddle horses will be at the State Fair of Texas next month

when the big show opens on Oct. 8. according to Dr. A. E. Flowers, super-intendent of the horse and racing de-partments of the Fair, who returned Saturday from a trip to the northern

"At the Illinois and Missouri State Fairs I found exhibitors of the best breeds of draught horses greatly interested in the premiums the State Fair of Texas is offering in these classes," said Dr. Flowers, "and many classes," said Dr. Flowers, "and many of them agreed to exhibit here, some of them planning to send their full herds for display. This year the draught horse section of the show will be complete.

"In the beef cattle departments I found that the major exhibitors of past years, showing the finest herds of Herefords and Shorthorns, were headed this way and requested that ample space be reserved for them. The same is true of the Holstein men, who had fine exhibits in both Illinois and Missouri. They are coming, too. "Many of the contesting breeders

of Jerseys assure me that this year they were going to lock horns with our Texas exhibitors, admitting that while Texas could claim the largest herds of Jerseys in the world, there was a chance that the prizes for the best might possibly go elsewhere. So they are going to give our great Texas Jersey breeders a run for their money, they say.

"In the race sections, however, I

found the greatest enthuiasm. The owners are keen to get back to the South and it pleased them all to learn that the directors of the 1927 Fair



had reinstated were many Tex-ans, who were 100 per cent for the movement "back movement

THE DIAMOND MERCHANT



WHISTLING GIRL "TALKS" TO BIRDS IN TEXAS HOME

Feathered Warblers Give Daily Sere nades for Miss Dorothy McFarland of Dallas.

Dallas, Texas .-- From early childhood Miss Dorothy McFarland, seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McFarland of Dallas, has been talking to birds. She comes nearer understanding the meanings of songs and notes of the many different kinds of birds that she has about her than any other living person, her friends declare. By imitating the calls of birds she quickly makes friends with them and they come in great flocks to her home and serenade her each day. Miss McFarland is a pupil at North Dallas high school and she frequently has delighted her schoolmates with her imitations of songs and calls of birds.

Dorothy doesn't know when she began her childish pastime of "talking" to the birds,

"They seemed like little fairles to me when I was young enough to believe that fairies really existed," she declared. "I used to watch them quietly, seeing their little throats swell and pulsate as they poured out their lovely songs.

"After a while I began to imitate the sounds they produced. I had never heard of professional whistlers at that time and knew no one of my own sex who was interested in whistling. So I didn't go at the art in a conventional manner, but just practiced and practiced until, with the aid of the diaphragm, tongue and lips, I could produce sounds that were very like bird

When she told her elders that she could really "talk to the birds," they had to see and hear her performances to become convinced.

"I would come very close to a mock-ing bird," related Dorothy, "and whatever was sung by him I immediately imitated. There was one bird who turned his eyes toward me with wonderment; his head would tilt over to one side. Then he would apparently pull down his vest, swallow hard and send out a perfect torrent of sounds in an effort to lose me conversationally. When I persisted in answering in my best bird talk, he would listen curtously, then with a disgusted look he would fly away. I suppose he was

be he tried to tell me what he R.Q. LEE APPRECIATES thought of my daring, but I couldn't catch his meaning.

"I wish everybody in Dallas could hear the bird concerts given at my home every morning," generously concedes Dorothy. "Birds don't have to practice in order to be able to sing. They just fill the air with melody, But I practice several hours every morning during vacation and I wouldn't change summer for any other

part of the year." A visit to a local bird store found Dorothy McFarland able to make friends with even the shyest canary and the most captious critic among the parrots. "Birds like to be noticed, just like humans," she said, "and they know when you love them and when you are just fooling them. Some day I'm going to have costumes just like the canaries and the gorgeous macaws and I'll give such fine impersonations that Dallas will be proud of me yet."

Child Finds Radium

Cordoba, Argentina.-After having been lost for more than a year, a tube containing eight milligrams of radium was found here recently by an eight-year-old girl playing in the street in front of her home. The radium is valued at \$8,000. It was lost by a local physician while on his way to call on a cancer patient.

Persistent

New York .- Moses Weintraub will peddle beads on Fifth avenue even if it's against the law. He has been arrested an average of twice a week for two years and has paid fines totaling \$500.



CISCO, Aug. 1 .- Gratification was expressed by R. Q. Lee, congressional candidate who apparently has received a substantial plurality over his him by the counties throughout the the voters." entire district, for the loyalty of his friends who worked hard for him, and for the clean campaign which preceded the election. His statement

"My heart overflows with grati- Davis. tude for the expression of confidence in me manifested by my friends and the people of the nineteen West Texas Counties comprising the Seventeenth relatives in East Texas. Mr. Hughes Congressional District. It is extremewas general throughout the district. trip. There were four splendid gentlemen in the race with me, and I am not disappointed that these men carried Phone 44.

some counties and towns over me, al SUPPORT IN PRIMARY though I was runner-up in counties in which I did not lead. I am particularly pleased over the high plane upon which the campaign was conducted. I believe that all five of us who engaged in the race can take opponents in the Democratic Primary the other by the hand and truthfully Saturday. In a brief statement made state that we are actually better when notified of his lead this morn- friends than we were before the caming, Mr. Lee expressed his deep ap- paign. This fact to me is as pleasing preciation of both the support given as the handsome vote given to me by

> Misses Ona Johnson of this city and Misses Dixie and Ruth Howard, of Abilene, left first of this week for a vacation trip to Alpine and Fort

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hughes returned first of the week from a visit to stated that he drove 500 miles in 14 ly gratifying to me that my support hours in his Chevrolet on the return

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(To Be Continued)

(COPR., J. T. HUNTER)

Rev. R. V. Tooley, pastor of the Methodist Church at Stith, closed last Sunday night what many of the older people say has been one o the best as ninety present. From the first many will join other churches. service until the last the weather was saved or their hearts filled to over- | ial offers.

STITH METHODIST CHURCH | flowing with love. The pastor, with a CLOSES A GOOD MEETING mother, was called to the home of a saved near midnight hour.

The members of all churches joined whole heartedly in the meeting, Murry College led the singing and and the Sunday schools will have a close of the campaign. the close. His solos were an inspir- the meeting and will be made the time. ation, and caused a solemn hush to better by it. There were many, many come over the congregation. Queita conversions and reclamations, a large

HICKS STORES TO HAVE SALES

Abilene Division of Tire Company Launches Campaign

With a goal of \$100,000 in tire sales per week, Hicks Rubber Company stores and associated stores in Texas Monday launched a 10-weeks campaign for \$1,000,000 in tire sales.

ilene division were formulated at a He writes: sales conference of Hicks store man-

visions are designated, as Abilene, ue of Tyler Training. Waco, San Antonio, Amarillo, Hous-

ton and the Rio Grande Valley.

Buy a dollar's worth of Jergins "My business has naturally increas-Tooley, daughter of the pastor had number was received into the Meth- Soap and we will give you FREE 6 ed year by year, and today I have as charge of the children with as many odist church Sunday morning, and Water Glasses or a Cannon Bath clients a number of important busi-Towel. Hamm Drug Co.

very threatening, but the people Read the advertisements in this Mr. J. J. Pribble of the Nubia com- a year, came through the rain and mud, not paper. There's a message in every one munity was in the city Wednesday, "I attribute my success entirely to one service was missed. There were of them that may enable you to save and in speaking of the crop prospects the Tyler Commercial College, as I results that cannot be humanly ex- money. At least you will know where stated that he never saw cotton and have never taken any course of study plained. There were some who read to find what you want without doing feed stuff growing so fast in his life. on accounting from any other institutheir Bible and prayed all of one a lot of hunting and asking ques- He said he had some early feed that tion. The Accounting Course at Tyler night, the aces of many were bathed tions, and you also know they appre- was already made and would soon be gave 'me the fundamental principles in tears and many shouted praise to ciate your patronage because they ready to harvest. However, the most of accounting that have not only en-God as their sons or daughters were solicit your business and make spec- of the feed as well as cotton in this abled me to fill accounting positions tf section is late.

"I'm A Tyler Graduate"-Magic Words

Mr. W. O. Finch, Tyler Commercial College Graduate and head of the public accounting service of Finch and Company, Oklahoma City, enrolled from Morrilton, Arkansas. Even after years of experience and somewhat of a reputation of his own, he finds when soliciting clients, that "I'm Plans for the campaign in the Ab- a Tyler Graduate," are magic words.

"When I first started out in the agers of this district, held recently in business world, I soon learned to tell the new banquet room of the Grace my prospective employer that I was a Hotel. Davis R. Hall, manager of the graduate of Tyler Commercial Col-Abilene store, presided at the con- lege. That information always proved a great advantage to me. And even Each of the six Hicks company di- now I find that the old Tyler connectfather and mother near midnight to visions of Texas will contest for lead- ion still has its charm. Everywhere pray for them, and they were happily ership in the sales campaign. The di- business executives recognize the val-

"I took bookkeeping accounting and stenography at Tyler, specializing on Store sales quotas will be based on the Bookkeeping-Accounting Course revivals in the history of the church. there was no difference between sales in the past and an honor roll and, with the exception of the first Rev. J. B. Baker of Putnam did all Methodist and Baptist, old differences will be compiled each week, with all six months after leaving T. C. C., the preaching. The people soon learn- were forgotten and new lives begun. 100 per cent stores listed. The store spent in a stenographic position, I ed to love him and the message that The young people will take a greater winning first place in the contest will have followed accounting continuoushe brought. Grady Morton of Mc- interest in the League and B. Y. P. U. be awarded a large loving cup at the ly since. I have always had a good position-in fact, I have not been off conducted the young people's service much better attendance. Every home The best price ever offered on Day- the payroll a day since I took m first with as many as seventy present at in the community felt the influence of ton Tires is being offered at this position a few days after graduating, Adv.-1t. excepting the time when I was organizing my own accounting business.

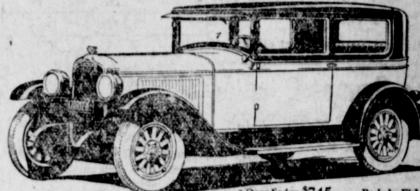
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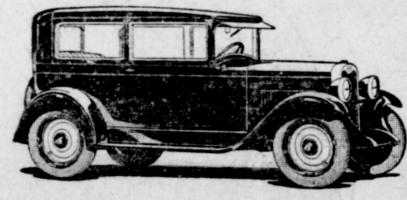
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heirs of Rachel Boykin, by making time of his death and the Secretary of publication of this Citation once in said defendant Grand Lodge was in previous to the return day hereof, in proper proof thereof was made and published, to appear at the next reg- trial of this cause. ular term of the County Court of | That prior to the death of said Wil-Taylor County to be holden at the liams, he solicited, employed, and con-Court House thereof, in Abilene, Tex- tracted with Plaintiffs Gray and as, on the third Monday in August, Hare, all members of above Lodge, A. D. 1928, the same being the twen- to nurse, care for, and provide for tieth day of August, A. D. 1928, then said williams the necessities of life, and there to answer a petition filed then and during the remainder of his in said Court on the 7th day of July, life, as said Williams was in poor A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on health and unable to care for himself; the docket of said Court as No. 6561, and as a consideration for said serwherein B. G. Gray and Sam Hare vices and expenses by said plaintiffs, are Plaintiffs, and Grand Lodge, they should receive at the death of

No. 189, Abilene, Texas, and the heirs said John Williams as requested and and unknown heirs of John Williams, contracted; that said McGruder, Sec-Isabella Williams, and the heirs and retary of said Grand Lodge, U. B. F. unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, of Texas, was notified by said Wil-Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and un- liams prior to his death that it was known heirs of Rachel Boykin, are his desire, wish, and order, that said Defendants, and said petition alleg- plaintiffs, Gray and Hare, be paid ing:- Plaintiffs represent that about said Five Hundred Dollars insurance March 6th, 1923, defendant, Grand policy at the time of his death; that a Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, issued a demand has been made by plaintiffs

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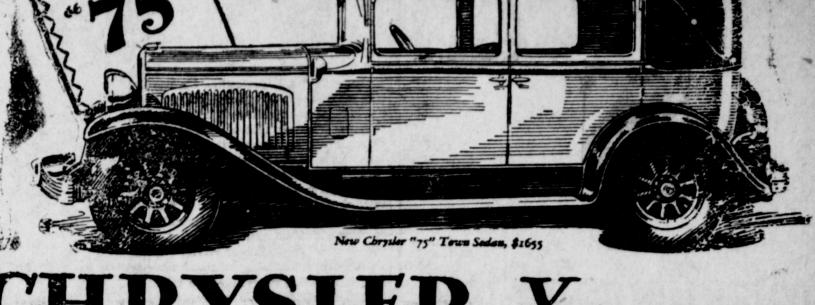
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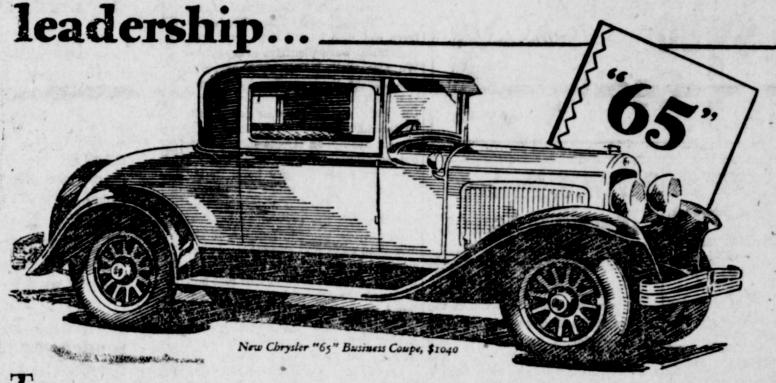
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ATION BY PUBLICATION dred Dollars, with funeral benefits of Seventy Five Dollars to John Williams, Certificate No. 4209, Beneficiary Isabella Williams, his wife, payable at the death of John Williams; OU ARE HEREBY COMMAND- that thereafter John Williams and Isabella Williams, his wife, were divorcto summon the heirs and unknown ed; that said williams died intestate heirs of John Williams, Isabella Wil- and without issue or heirs on the 21st liams, and the heirs and unknown day of October, 1927, at Abilene, Texheirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel as, and said insurance certificate Boykin, and the heirs and unknown was in full force and effect at the each week for four successive weeks due time notified of said death and some newspaper published in your said certificate was mailed to said County, if there be a newspaper pub- | Secretary, who now has same in his lished therein, but if not, then in the care and possession, and demand is nearest County where a newspaper is made that same be produced on the

United Brothers of Friendship of said Williams such property as he Texas, a corporation, C. H. McGruder, might possess and should receive and 'rand Secretary, Austin Sherman, collect said Five Hundred Dollar ineputy Master, A. E. Savage, Treas- surance policy; that said services Gateway City Lodge, U. B. F. were performed by plaintiffs for the life insurance policy for Five Hun- Gray and Hare on said McGruder,



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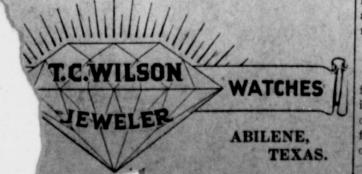
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Grand Secretary of said Lodge, for payment of said Five Hundred Dollars: that said Secretary refuses to pay said debt to said plaintiffs, or

any part thereof, and is justly indebted to plaintiffs in said sum of Five Hundred Dallars, with interest thereon from date of said notification. That said McGruder, Secretary of said Lodge, has paid the Seventy Five preaching. 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 within 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

Wherefore, plaintiffs pray the Court that defendants be cited to ap- list this week. pear and answer this petition and on the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in- well. terest and costs, and for such other and further relief, special and genjustly entitled to receive.

Herein Fail Not, and have you beregular term, this writ with your re- with his daughter, Mrs. Reed Cox. turn thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and Ira Cavett and Mr. and Mrs. Marthe Seal of said Court, at office in cina Doan. Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of July A. D. 1928.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk, County parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam, of Court, Taylor County. By Vivian Fry- Merkel, one day last week. ar, Deputy.

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ilene spent last Sunday with Judge ton Sunday. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and other

CARD OF THANKS

our loved one, also for the floral of- Meeks. fering. May God bless each and every

REVIVAL AT CROSS ROADS TO CLOSE NEXT SUNDAY

Mr. J. J. Pribble, of the Nubia day and reported the Church of Christ revival now in progress at Cross Roads, a mile and a half south of Nubia, was progressing nicely,

would close with the evening service next Sunday.

Blair Items

Mr. Bob Malone, who has been very sick is getting along nicely.

Aunt Mollie Wilson and baby, Elbert Patterson, have been on the sick

final hearing they have judgment in an operation is getting along fairly and some who live in New Mexico. es cause for many laughs, and as the

Mrs. Ernest Hill and Mrs. Floyd Grayson of Burleson, Texas, dined table. Mrs. Canon sat at the head of thrills. eral, in law and equity, they may be with Mrs. Hugh Campbell last week-

Mr. Sam Provine has gone to El fore said Court, at its aforesaid next Paso to visit for an indefinite time taken of the table and after dinner the nondescript cowboy, Thomson Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin are visiting their daughters, Mr. and Mrs.

> Anna Addison and Viola Dulin were the guests of the latter's grand-

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott of Trent, accompanied by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott, of made in Fort Worth. Hamm Drug Rotan, were seen in our midst last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Ab- family visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mel-

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears have as their guest, Mrs. Spears' brother, of Alabama, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey and We wish to thank our many friends family have returned from a ten-day for their kindness and sympathy dur- visit on the Plains as guests of the ing the illness and after the death of latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Perry

> Sleep good tonight-use Cenol for Mrs. J. B. Ferrier and Sons. mosquitoes. Hamm Drug Co.

A FAMILY REUNION IN RENCONA, NEW MEXICO

For the first time in 21 years, Mr. and 12 friends. Mr. and Mrs. Canon

ter, Mrs. Wayne Davis, and five one of the best he has ever done. the table, with Mr. Canon at her Silver King, if it can be said, also

for as usual when sitting down to lar equine Black Bottom. As Thom-Mr. Canon's table everybody had all son could not perform the tricks he they could eat.

SHOTS FLY WHILE FRED THOMSON HANGS IN AIR

Suspended in mid-air in a tiny community, was in the city Wednes- and Mrs. G. C. Canon and their eight him, is not the pleasantest situation bucket, while pot shots are taken at children were reunited on July 22, Fred Thomson finds himself in his 1928, with 18 of their grandchildren latest Paramount production, entitled, "The Sunset Legion," showing at the with Elder J. D. Boren doing the were pioneers of Jones County, Texas, To make this uncomfortable situahaving settled near Stith in 1900. tion all the more enjoyable to Thom-Mr. Pribble stated that the meeting They now live near Rencona, N. M. son's enemies, a chance shot breaks Those present were Sam, their eld- the cable, and Fred comes tumbling est son, recently of California, their down, only to save himself in such a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Williams, of manner that goes to make up this Aberdeen, Washington, their daugh- latest endeavor of the western star

children of Bryan, Texas. Their sons, The "Sunset Legion" is strikingly Gus, Ray and Lee Canon, and their different than any previous success families, all of Rencona, N. M.; their of the western star. He plays a dual youngest daughter, Mrs. L. E. Tur- role, and the contrast serves to brightney, of Santa Fe, N. M.; their young- en up the picture no little. As the est son, Tony, who lives at home. The Whittling Cowboy, a nonedescript Mrs. Ross Baker, who underwent 12 friends included some from Texas character of the plains, Thomson giv-Mr. and Mrs. Canon and their eight Black Masked rider, he gives the auchildren were all seated at the "first" dience all it seeks in the way of

right. Sam at his father's right and plays a dual role, although this is the rest in their turn. Pictures were not made known in the picture. As pictures were taken of everybody rideso Silver King into the mining town playing a jews harp. Now and Everybody had a wonderful time, then Silver King pauses to do a reguis called upon to perform in the picture with any other horse, a suit of Try a Classified Ad for Results black cloth was fitted to the horse.

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BOOKS-BURNS WEDDING

On Tuesday evening of this week, Mr. Buford Books and Miss Jewell Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W L. Burns, were happily united in marriage, the Rev. W. G. Cypert officiat-

Mr. Books is a splendid young man of sterling character and numbers his friends by his acquaintances.

The bride is one of Merkel's most popular and excellent young ladies, and this paper joins many friends of both the contracting parties in extending to them congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. R. J. Miller and daughter, Margaret, returned today from a visit with relatives at Tolar, Texas.

Phone 44.

Rev. W. J. Mayhew Describes Scenes On Arkansas Trip

As there are doubtless some of the readers of the Mail who are planning their vacation, I am giving in this Brown and daughter, Miss Madden, letter a brief description of our recent trip, hoping it may be of help to any who contemplate going in the di-

Denison. Durant was the first place much excited because a battle had of importance into which we entered just been fought with some fleeing in Oklahoma. Here we heard of the bank robbers. We didn't care to interbeauties of the Choctaw Trail and decided to go that way. It is reached by traveling highway No. 70 east from Buy new crop Hulls. Swafford, Durant. At Antlers the Choctaw Trail Our next stop was at Dripping 1t begins, and is known as highway 10. Springs, Oklahoma. This is a very

This road has been improved during the past twelve months and is in good shape. It leads through the mountains of Clayton, Tuskahoma, Albion and Talinina. The scenery is picturesque, especially enjoyable to a West Texan. We entered Arkansas at Fort Smith, which, by the way, is quite a beautiful and thriving little city. Here we took highway 71 for Fayetteville.. On this trip we passed over what is said to be the highest point of the Ozark mountains, at Winslow. This is a very pretty mountain drive, but it must be made with care, for the grades are very steep and the "hair-pin" curves are dangerous unless they are taken very slowly. In these mountains fine springs are to be found and beautiful sparkling rivulets run through the valleys down to the larger rivers. The waters looked inviting to those who love to fish, but everybody who tried that sport while we were there were disappointed, for the fish were evidently not hungry at that time.

While we were at Fayetteville we enjoyed a number of pleasant side trips. We went to Springdale where Welch has one of his biggest grape juice plants. This ought to be a big year in that line of business, for the vineyards were never fuller of grapes than they are this year. The apple trees wer also loaded with fruit, and vegetables were plentiful everywhere. We also visited Rogers, Bentonville and Eureka Springs. Eureka Springs is unlike anything I ever saw before. One must use his brakes incessantly on the main streets of the town. Resdences are not on streets side by side, but on terraces above each other. There is an eight-story hotel in the city, every floor of which is a ground floor, and on the top of the building is level with the ground back of it. Fine springs are flowing out of the mountain sides and everything in the surrounding makes it a very fine place to go to find quiet and rest and to regain health and vigor. We enjoyed this trip all the more because of having with us Mr. and Mrs. Geo. well known to Merkel people.

On our return trip we came by way of Siloam Springs, a very beautiful little city. We didn't tarry long there We went out of Texas by way of for the reason that the town was cept a stray bullet, even if it were originally intended for a bank robber.



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HAMM DRUG

beautiful spot if one enjoys rugged scenery and lofty waterfalls. Passing through Fort Gibson we came into U. S. Highway No. 73 at Muskogee, following it through McAlester and into Durant. We passed through some very beautiful country here. The Illinois river is one of the prettiest streams we saw, and the road which has been digged out of the mountain sides along this river bank is unsurpassed by anything we saw anywhere. Following the meanderings of the river for many miles, the scene is enjoyed by the traveler, if he loves Nature. Along the Illinois river bottoms I saw the finest corn I ever looked upon. There they leave the corn as thick as we leave our cotton, almost, and every towering stalk had from two to four well-developed shoots, which, if the abundant rains continue, must make a wonderful yield of good corn.

At Durant, we turned west on High way 70, to Ardmore, another good little Oklahoma city. There we turned south on Highway 77, to enter Texas again by way of Gainesville. But we stopped at Marietta, Oklahoma, where we have a brother living. With his family we went to Davis Park, a fine place for an outing. This park consists of 900 acres of land, through which there runs a beautiful stream. At one point this stream plunges over precipice 73 feet high, making a beautiful waterfall. Davis, Oklahoma, a little town of less than 1,000 people, is to be congratulated in her enterprise of maintaining this wonderful place of rest and recreation. We | also visited Sulphur, Oklahoma, at which place are located a number of State institutions; assylums for the blind, deaf and dumb, and a fine home for World War veterans. But perhaps the greatest asset the city has is its wonderful medical wells and springs. Tourists and health seek ers were there from everywhere. That water may be good for the health, but unless I was terribly sick I consider the medicine worse than the disease -it tastes awful!

I had the privilege of preaching for my brother's pastor, at Marietta Sunday morning. In the afternoon we drove into Fort Worth, where we pent the night with another brother. Monday morning at 9 o'clock we left Fort Worth, arriving at Merkel in the fternoon, bringing with us the fine rain we have all been enjoying so nuch. Aren't you glad we came home

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