

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND RELATING TO TERMS OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

H. J. R. No. 14.)

Proposing to amend article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 16, providing that the term of all officers 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 Constitution, authorizing the appointment or election of a state Board of Education to serve not to exceed six years; requiring said amendments to be submitted to the people for adoption and making appropriations therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 16 as follows:

"The Legislature shall fix by law the terms of all offices of the public school system and of the State institutions of higher education, inclusive, and the terms of members of the respective boards, not to exceed six years."

Sec. 2. That Section 8 of Article 7 of the Constitution be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"The Legislature shall provide by law for a State Board of Education, whose members shall be appointed or elected in such manner and by such authority and shall serve for such terms as the Legislature shall prescribe not to exceed six years. The said board shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State, at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1928, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

(1) "For the amendment to Article 7, adding Section 16, providing that school officers, including boards of institutions of higher education, shall serve for a term not exceeding six years."

"Against the amendment to Article 7, adding Section 16, providing that

school officers, including boards of institutions of higher education, shall serve for a term not exceeding six years."

(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, providing for the appointment of a State Board of Education."

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

Sec. 4. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation ordering an election to determine whether or not the proposed constitutional amendments set forth herein shall be adopted, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. And the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said election.

Approved by Governor March 25, 1927. Aug. 31st

HOW TO RUN A NEWSPAPER

Men will take the liberty to tell you how to run a paper, when they would not think of hinting to the merchant how to conduct his store or tell the preacher what to preach. They pay money for schools, and don't know whether Jimmy is learning the rule of three or how to hold a cigarette gracefully, but when it comes to the newspaper, there's where they all get off.

During the past week a friend wanted to know why we did not try to run a paper a little more along the lines of how Christ would run a paper. We don't know how that would be. In the first place, if Christ was back on earth we don't believe that he would go into the newspaper business at all. There is not an editor or a preacher that could tell the whole truth for thirty days and stay in the community in which he lived. If our friend doubts this statement let him try telling the absolute truth just one week and see where he lights.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results.

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New **LOW PRICES**
on **QUALITY TIRES**



FIRESTONE manufactures and distributes direct to us the famous Oldfield Tire which it has taken over from the Oldfield Tire Company, who for over four years sold it through Oldfield distributors and dealers as the most outstanding tire on the market, securing a higher price than for any other high grade standard tire. We can now give you this famous tire at most attractive prices.

Firestone also manufactures and distributes direct to us Courier tires and tubes. These tires are over-size, rugged and the protected sidewall ribs prevent rut wear.

Airway tires are manufactured for small cars and we can sell you these tires at prices that cannot be duplicated,

which places us in a dominant position with tires to meet any price or condition of service.

These outstanding values could not be obtained without the unusual manufacturing methods and processes used exclusively by Firestone.

We are trained and equipped to get out of your tires all the mileage built in at the factory—whatever your tire needs—see us first. We have the tire you want to buy at the price you want to pay.

Do not forget complete service goes with every Firestone built tire—we will save you money and serve you better!

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"The House for Dependable Auto Necessities"

Centers of Business

There are American chambers of commerce in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Brussels, Belgium; Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil; Valparaiso, Chile; Shanghai, Harbin, Mukden, Peking, Tientsin and Tsingtau; Chiba; Havana, Cuba; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Alexandria, Egypt; London, England; Paris, France; Berlin and Frankfurt, Germany; Milan, Genoa, Rome, Naples, Turin and Florence, Italy; Mexico City, Mexico; Warsaw, Poland; San Juan, Porto Rico; Lisbon, Portugal; Johannesburg, South Africa; Barcelona, Spain; and Constantinople, Turkey.

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 plays.

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

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

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 extended 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 Gerard 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. Williams, chief of army ordnance, states that 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 economies."

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. Yonder's the enemy! Go fer 'em an' give 'em h—!"

Whereupon the pious captain, wishing 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 has suggested."—Boston Globe.

Prehistoric Medicine

Tubes of soft soapstone used by a prehistoric Indian shaman, or medicine man, to heal the sick have been unearthed 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 pick it out, producing as evidence, by sleight-of-hand, the offending substance.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JONES COUNTY

I hereby express my sincere appreciation to those who supported me in my recent campaign for County Superintendent. To my opponents and their supporters I have no malice and I wish you well.

To the various candidates with whom I was associated during the campaign I sympathize with those who were defeated and rejoice in the success of those who won.

Respectfully,
T. R. FRANCIS.

Try a Classified ad in the Mail

TITLE THANKS VOTERS

To my many friends and supporters in my race for County Commissioner, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. I feel that no man ever had truer or better friends in a political campaign, and while I fell only a few votes short of the goal, I made a good fight and have the kindest regards and good feelings for every one.

Again thanking each and every one who in any manner contributed toward the success of my campaign, I am,
Yours truly,
C. R. (Rufe) TITLE. 1tp

Your Car Will Need A 100% Greasing

following the big rains, and we are prepared to serve you in exactly that way, since we have the—

Gladish Electric High Pressure Automobile Greasing Machine

Hoists your car up above your head, where the owner can plainly see that every joint is properly and completely greased. The high pressure gun guarantees thorough greasing, and thorough greasing means a longer life car and complete running satisfaction.

Good Gulf Gas and Oils
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We appreciate our constantly growing trade—Join our happy throng of satisfied customers.

WOODRUM'S OILING STATION

QUEEN
"SHOWING THE PICK OF ALL PICTURES"

Friday - Saturday

Fred Thomson

"THE SUNSET LEGION"

Never was there a picture made where the star was called upon to do the things Fred Thomson does in this one. You can't afford to miss it.

The Fourth Chapter of The greatest Jungle Serial ever made—

"PERILS of The JUNGLE"

and a good 2-reel comedy—"DON'T FIRE"

Monday & Tuesday
Richard Dix

"Easy Come Easy Go"

Come see Dix and you'll go away bursting with laughter. He plays a gay story in his own gay way and he has prepared a gay evening for all.

Also Comedy—"KO KO'S HAUNTED HOUSE" and International News Reel

Wed. and Thurs.
Marion Davies

"The Fair Co-Ed"

This pretty star is a riot of laughter in the picture which is back to back romance that will touch your heart. Come and see you won't be sorry.

Also Comedy—"BUGS, MY DEAR"

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else \$2.00
IN ADVANCE
TELEPHONE No. 61

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

The most of the candidates we voted for either lost out or will have to make a second try at the ballot box on August 25th. But we are not sore in the least about it.

Some people talk about tolerance and at the same time go about with absolute hate in their heart for their neighbor, who happens to have a different opinion.

No man should fight Al Smith because of his religion. He has a moral right to his preference of religion, and thanks to the constitution of this great nation that grants to him and every other person that privilege.

Some one has said that Al Smith had an F. F. M. Degree, which means that he graduated from the Fulton Fish Market, a way down in the Irish settlement on New York's great East Side.

The Star-Telegram fought Governor Moody. Governor Moody won. And the Telegram fought Thos. L. Blanton, and boosted for Tom Connally. Connally won second place and Blanton made a poor run for fourth.

We disagree with those who state that they will bolt the Democratic

ticket because they think Al Smith bolted the platform when he wired the National Democratic Convention at Houston the day after he had been nominated, that he favored the modification of the Volstead law.

Any man that is not willing to allow the other fellow to vote as he pleases, without hate in his heart, is a dangerous man and will do to watch.

We like to see any man stand up strongly for a principle, man or issue he favors, even though he stands alone.

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.

Buy new crop Hulls. Swafford, Phone 44.

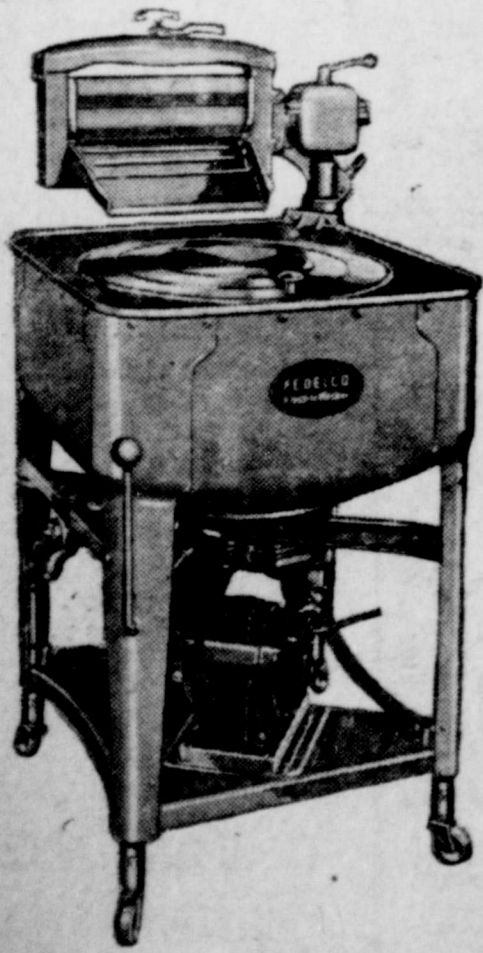
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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
August 3-4

JOHNNIE WALKER
-WITH-
Silverstreak
King of Dog Actors

'The CROSS BREED'

Also Chapter One of
'The Man Without a Face'
A PATHE SERIAL
-And-
AESOP'S FABLES and NEWS EVENTS
Admission 10c and 25c

WEDNESDAY and THURS.
August 8-9

WILLIAM FOX PRESENTS
'THE GAY RETREAT'

A comedy classic of war daze and Parisian nights.
-WITH-
Ted McNamare and Sammy Cohen

The Comedy Team of 'What Price Glory'
-Also-
'TOO MANY COOKIES'
A Fox Comedy And News Events
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
NIGHTS ARE FAMILY NIGHTS
The Entire Family for 50c Adm. 10c-25c

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
August 6-7

MACK SENNETT'S GREAT COMEDY
ROMANCE-
'THE GOOD-BYE KISS'
THE YEAR'S GREAT SURPRISE
-Also-
COMEDY AND NEWS EVENTS

Added Attraction TUESDAY ONLY
TUNNEY and HEENY
Fight Pictures
Round by Round-Blow by Blow
In all ring history never a battle like This one. MATINEE and NIGHT

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
August 10-11

LON CHANEY
-In-
'NOMADS OF THE NORTH'
From the Novel by
JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD
-With-
Betty Blythe and Lewis Stone
A Thrilling Story of the Great Northwest!
Also Chapter II of
'The Man Without a Face'
-And-
AESOP'S FABLES and NEWS EVENTS
Admission 10c and 25c

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 by the achievements of a little band 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 fever.

Cat and Mouse Play
Salford, England.-A cat in the dispensary for sick animals has made a companion of a mouse she caught a year ago.

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.

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.

DILTZ EXTENDS THANKS
I take this means of extending to my good friends and supporters my thanks and appreciation for your loyalty and votes in the recent primary election. Having received sufficient votes to elect me, I shall continue as the servant of all the people to the very best of my ability.

Mr. J. T. Anderson, formerly a citizen of Merkel, now residing at Plantersville, is here this week, visiting his brother, Mr. R. O. Anderson, and incidentally looking over the cotton situation.

BABY GIRL DIES
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 the following day, and was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

MARRIED.
Mr. C. H. Price and Miss Leona Breeden of Comper were married Friday, July 20, at the Baptist Parsonage, the Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating.

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. T. Sadler and Mrs. W. A. Buclner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm returned Sunday from a two days visit in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale returned last week from a very pleasant visit 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 daughter Eva Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, returned last week from a trip to the Carlsbad Cavern and other points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sears are in Dallas this week buying their new fall stock of goods for the Sears Variety Store in this city. Watch for their announcement soon.

- COLD PATCHES -
Often Melt Off your Inner Tubes, especially during these Hot Days. For this reason we have recently installed an
Electric Steam Vulcanizer
And are prepared to Vulcanize any size tube. May it be our pleasure to fix that next 'Flat'?
Just Call 84
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Pep and energy you lack.
There's a cause you may be sure
Tho to you it's obscure.
Chiros know the danger sign—
Trust them to adjust your spine.

(To Be Continued)

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STITH METHODIST CHURCH CLOSSES A GOOD MEETING

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 of the best revivals in the history of the church. Rev. J. B. Baker of Putnam did all the preaching. The people soon learned to love him and the message that he brought. Grady Morton of McMurry College led the singing and conducted the young people's service with as many as seventy present at the close. His solos were an inspiration, and caused a solemn hush to come over the congregation. Oneita Tooley, daughter of the pastor had charge of the children with as many as ninety present. From the first service until the last the weather was very threatening, but the people came through the rain and mud, not one service was missed. There were results that cannot be humanly explained. There were some who read their Bible and prayed all of one night, the axes of many were bathed in tears and many shouted praise to God as their sons or daughters were saved or their hearts filled with over-

flowing with love. The pastor, with a mother, was called to the home of a father and mother near midnight to pray for them, and they were happily saved near midnight hour.

The members of all churches joined whole heartedly in the meeting, there was no difference between Methodist and Baptist, old differences were forgotten and new lives begun. The young people will take a greater interest in the League and B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday schools will have a much better attendance. Every home in the community felt the influence of the meeting and will be made better by it. There were many, many conversions and reclamations, a large number was received into the Methodist church Sunday morning, and many will join other churches.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know they appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

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-week campaign for \$1,000,000 in tire sales.

Plans for the campaign in the Abilene division were formulated at a sales conference of Hicks store managers of this district, held recently in the new banquet room of the Grace Hotel. Davis R. Hall, manager of the Abilene store, presided at the conference.

Each of the six Hicks company divisions of Texas will contest for leadership in the sales campaign. The divisions are designated as Abilene, Waco, San Antonio, Amarillo, Houston and the Rio Grande Valley.

Store sales quotas will be based on sales in the past and an honor roll will be compiled each week, with all 100 per cent stores listed. The store winning first place in the contest will be awarded a large loving cup at the close of the campaign.

The best price ever offered on Dayton Tires is being offered at this time.

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.

Mr. J. J. Pribble of the Nubia community was in the city Wednesday, and in speaking of the crop prospects stated that he never saw cotton and feed stuff growing so fast in his life. He said he had some early feed that was already made and would soon be ready to harvest. However, the most of the feed as well as cotton in this 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 a Tyler Graduate," are magic words. He writes:

"When I first started out in the business world, I soon learned to tell my prospective employer that I was a graduate of Tyler Commercial College. That information always proved a great advantage to me. And even now I find that the old Tyler connection still has its charm. Everywhere business executives recognize the value of Tyler Training.

"I took bookkeeping accounting and stenography at Tyler, specializing on the Bookkeeping-Accounting Course and, with the exception of the first six months after leaving T. C. C., spent in a stenographic position, I have followed accounting continuously since. I have always had a good position—in fact, I have not been off the payroll a day since I took my first position a few days after graduating, excepting the time when I was organizing my own accounting business.

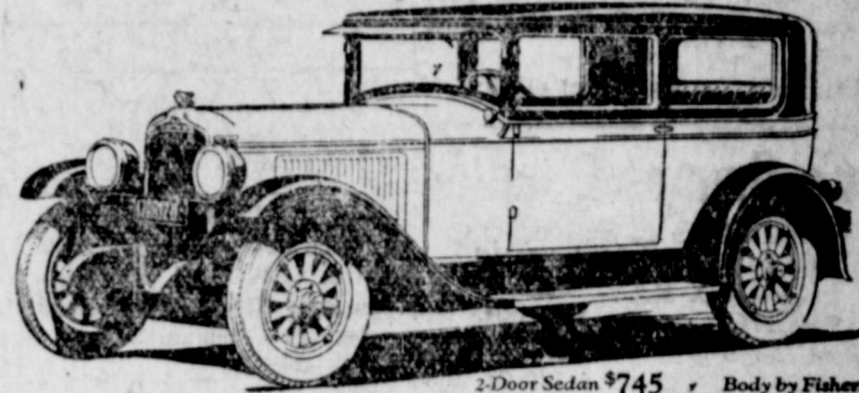
"My business has naturally increased year by year, and today I have as clients a number of important business organizations. My present earnings run into many thousand dollars a year.

"I attribute my success entirely to the Tyler Commercial College, as I have never taken any course of study on accounting from any other institution. The Accounting Course at Tyler gave me the fundamental principles of accounting that have not only enabled me to fill accounting positions satisfactorily and to successfully es-

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Why not learn what such high quality of materials, design and construction means to a motor car? Why not drive a Pontiac Six today?

Coupe, \$745; Sport Roadster, \$745; Phaeton, \$775; Cabriolet, \$795; 4-Door Sedan, \$825; Sport Landau Sedan, \$875; Oakland All-American Six, \$1045 to \$1265. All prices at factory. Check Oakland-Pontiac delivered prices—they include lowest handling charges. General Motors Time Payment Plan available at minimum rate.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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establish and develop my accounting service, but qualified me to edit our accounting manual, "The Bookkeeper's Master Key." It has been my privilege—and your training is responsible for these progressive ideas—to make great strides toward modernizing and universalizing accounting systems in the business institutions of Oklahoma and the Southwest.

"No young man or young woman who is ambitious to earn the better salaries of business should not overlook the tremendous advantages of a training at T. C. C. The thoroughness of the instruction, under any circumstances, would give a young person a correct equipment. But the association of the name Tyler is a recommendation for employment that cannot be overlooked."

In our big illustrated book, "Achieving Success in Business" are printed scores of letters from our graduates. You will find them interesting. The book is free. Won't you let us send it to you? Just fill out the coupon printed below and mail it today. We can prepare you for a position as Accountant, Stenographer, Bookkeeper, Private Secretary, Telegraph Operator, Western Union Manager, Cotton Classifier or Radio operator—or for any other commercial position. Mail the coupon now. (We have no branch schools. We lead; others follow.)

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
Tyler, Texas

Name _____
Address _____
(See Editor of The Merkel Mail for scholarship.)

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.

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

PROPER PREPAREDNESS



Proper preparedness is sometimes necessary for self protection. One of our friends was telling us that while he was at the Club a burglar entered his house and we asked him if he got anything, and he replied: "You bet he did—my wife thought it was ME coming home."

Prepare now by having us grind the valves of your motor and look it over. It will assure you of utmost response to all demands for immediate power.

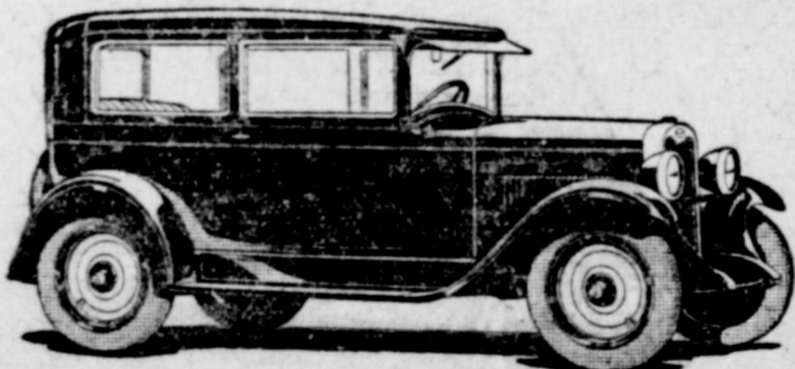
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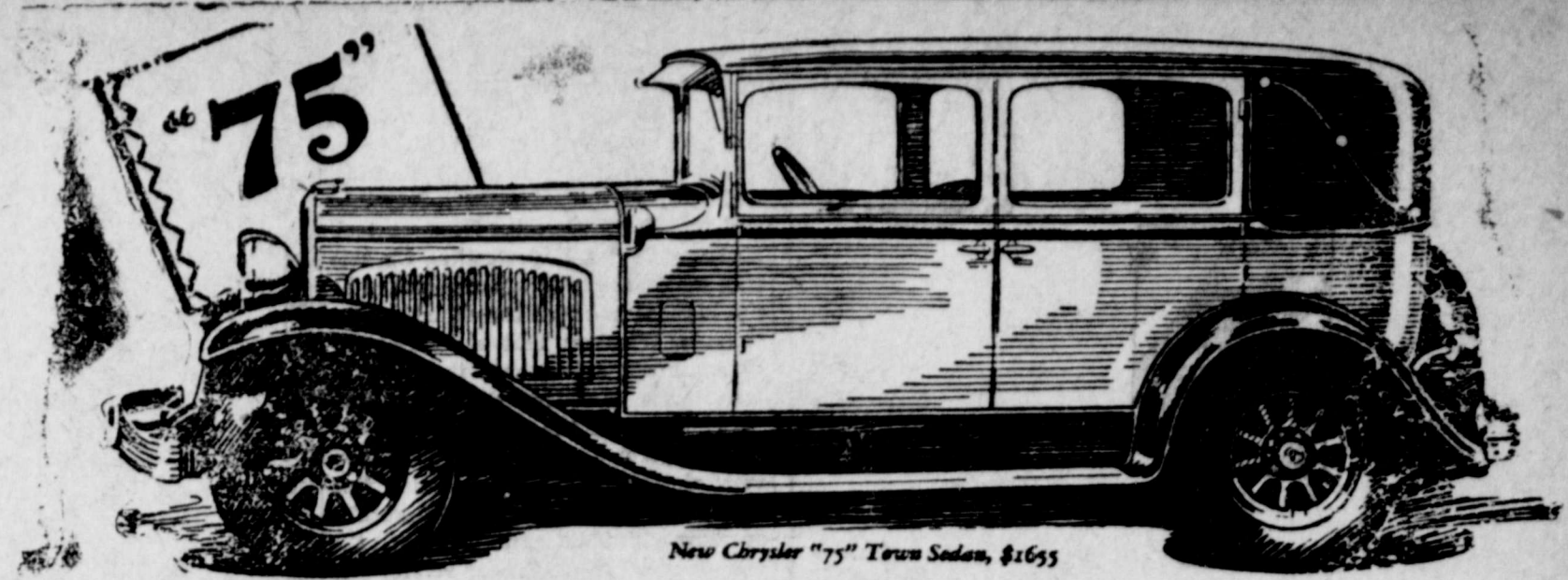
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
to the Sheriff or any Constable of
County, Greetings

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-

to summon the heirs and unknown heirs of John Williams, Isabella Williams, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Rachel Boykin, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Taylor County to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in August, A. D. 1928, the same being the twentieth day of August, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of July, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6561, wherein B. G. Gray and Sam Hare are Plaintiffs, and Grand Lodge, United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, a corporation, C. H. McGruder, Grand Secretary, Austin Sherman, Deputy Master, A. E. Savage, Treasurer, Gateway City Lodge, U. B. F. No. 189, Abilene, Texas, and the heirs and unknown heirs of John Williams, Isabella Williams, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Rachel Boykin, are Defendants, and said petition alleging: Plaintiffs represent that about March 6th, 1923, defendant, Grand Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, issued a life insurance policy for Five Hun-

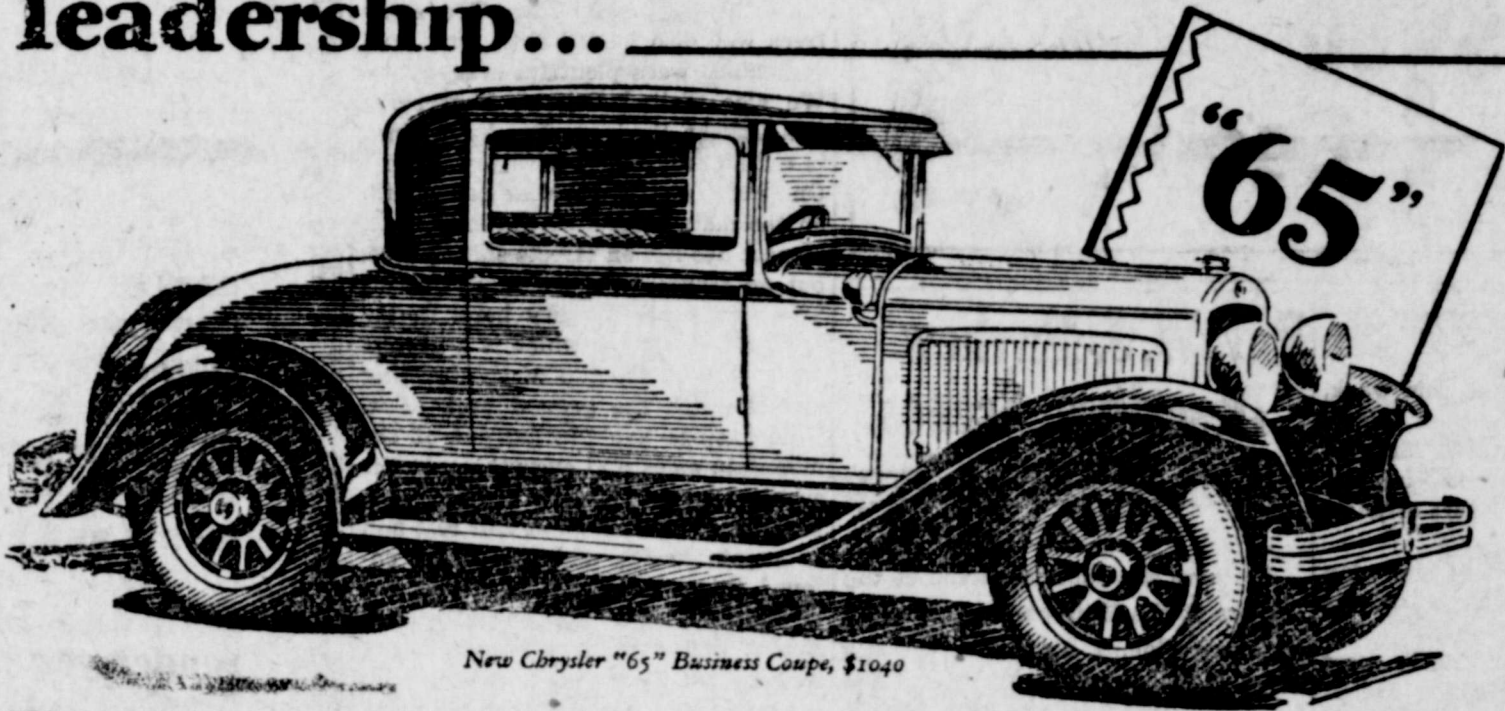
dred Dollars, with funeral benefits of Seventy Five Dollars to John Williams, Certificate No. 4209, Beneficiary Isabella Williams, his wife, payable at the death of John Williams; that thereafter John Williams and Isabella Williams, his wife, were divorced; that said Williams died intestate and without issue or heirs on the 21st day of October, 1927, at Abilene, Texas, and said insurance certificate was in full force and effect at the time of his death and the Secretary of said defendant Grand Lodge was in due time notified of said death and proper proof thereof was made and said certificate was mailed to said Secretary, who now has same in his care and possession, and demand is made that same be produced on the trial of this cause.

That prior to the death of said Williams, he solicited, employed, and contracted with Plaintiffs Gray and Hare, all members of above Lodge, to nurse, care for, and provide for said Williams the necessities of life, then and during the remainder of his life, as said Williams was in poor health and unable to care for himself; and as a consideration for said services and expenses by said plaintiffs, they should receive at the death of said Williams such property as he might possess and should receive and collect said Five Hundred Dollar insurance policy; that said services were performed by plaintiffs for the said John Williams as requested and contracted; that said McGruder, Secretary of said Grand Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, was notified by said Williams prior to his death that it was his desire, wish, and order, that said plaintiffs, Gray and Hare, be paid said Five Hundred Dollars insurance policy at the time of his death; that a demand has been made by plaintiffs Gray and Hare on said McGruder,



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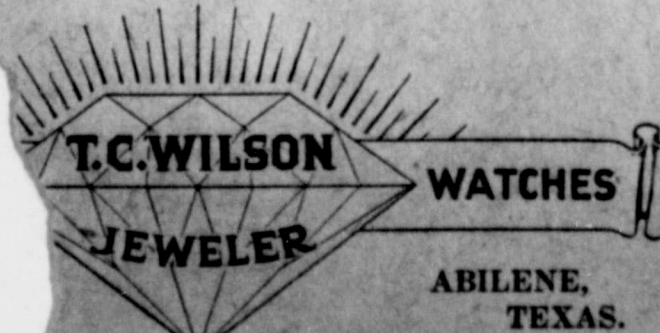
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Grand Secretary of said Lodge, for payment of said Five Hundred Dollars; that said Secretary refuses to pay said debt to said plaintiffs, or any part thereof, and is justly indebted to plaintiffs in said sum of Five Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon 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 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 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. 13t4

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Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene spent last Sunday with Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and other relatives.

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REVIVAL AT CROSS ROADS TO CLOSE NEXT SUNDAY

Mr. J. J. Pribble, of the Nubia community, was in the city Wednesday and reported the Church of Christ revival now in progress at Cross Roads, a mile and a half south of Nubia, was progressing nicely, with Elder J. D. Boren doing the preaching.

Mr. Pribble stated that the meeting 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 list this week.

Mrs. Ross Baker, who underwent an operation is getting along fairly well.

Mrs. Ernest Hill and Mrs. Floyd Grayson of Burleson, Texas, dined with Mrs. Hugh Campbell last weekend.

Mr. Sam Provine has gone to El Paso to visit for an indefinite time with his daughter, Mrs. Reed Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin are visiting their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett and Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan.

Anna Addison and Viola Dulin were the guests of the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam, of Merkel, one day last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey and family have returned from a ten-day visit on the Plains as guests of the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Meeks.

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A FAMILY REUNION IN RENCONA, NEW MEXICO

For the first time in 21 years, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Canon and their eight children were reunited on July 22, 1928, with 18 of their grandchildren and 12 friends. Mr. and Mrs. Canon were pioneers of Jones County, Texas, having settled near Stith in 1900.

They now live near Rencona, N. M. Those present were Sam, their eldest son, recently of California, and their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Williams, of Aberdeen, Washington, their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Davis, and five children of Bryan, Texas. Their sons, Gus, Ray and Lee Canon, and their families, all of Rencona, N. M.; their youngest daughter, Mrs. L. E. Turney, of Santa Fe, N. M.; their youngest son, Tony, who lives at home. The 12 friends included some from Texas and some who live in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Canon and their eight children were all seated at the "first" table. Mrs. Canon sat at the head of the table, with Mr. Canon at her right. Sam at his father's right and the rest in their turn. Pictures were taken of the table and after dinner pictures were taken of everybody present.

Everybody had a wonderful time, for as usual when sitting down to Mr. Canon's table everybody had all they could eat.

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The "Sunset Legion" is strikingly different than any previous success of the western star. He plays a dual role, and the contrast serves to brighten up the picture no little. As the Whittling Cowboy, a nondescript character of the plains, Thomson gives cause for many laughs, and as the Black Masked rider, he gives the audience all it seeks in the way of thrills.

Silver King, if it can be said, also plays a dual role, although this is not made known in the picture. As the nondescript cowboy, Thomson rides Silver King into the mining town playing a jews harp. Now and then Silver King pauses to do a regular equine Black Bottom. As Thomson could not perform the tricks he is called upon to perform in the picture with any other horse, a suit of black cloth was fitted to the horse.

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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 were 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. Residences 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. Brown and daughter, Miss Madden, 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 for the reason that the town was much excited because a battle had just been fought with some fleeing bank robbers. We didn't care to intercept a stray bullet, even if it were originally intended for a bank robber. Our next stop was at Dripping Springs, Oklahoma. This is a very



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**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 letter a brief description of our recent trip, hoping it may be of help to any who contemplate going in the direction we took.

We went out of Texas by way of Denison. Durant was the first place of importance into which we entered in Oklahoma. Here we heard of the beauties of the Choctaw Trail and decided to go that way. It is reached by traveling highway No. 70 east from Durant. At Antlers the Choctaw Trail begins, and is known as highway 10.

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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 dugged 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 Highway 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 a 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; asylums 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 seekers 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 spent the night with another brother. Monday morning at 9 o'clock we left Fort Worth, arriving at Merkel in the afternoon, bringing with us the fine rain we have all been enjoying so much. Aren't you glad we came home? Well, we are too.

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