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On the "Broadway of America"

5c PER COPY

Premiums Raised For First Four Bales of Cotton

At the suggestion of the local Lions Club, the business men of Merkel have subscribed this week \$82.00, to be offered the farmers of this trade territory as premium money for the first four bales of 1928 cotton. This amount will be divided as follows: 40 per cent for the first bale; 30 per cent for the second bale; 20 per cent for the third and 10 per cent for the fourth bale, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Bale must weigh not less than 450 lbs. to be eligible for competition. However, no discrimination will be made against cotton ginned in round bales. In this event the combined weight of the two round bales must not be less than 450 lbs.

2. Cotton, in order to be eligible, must have been raised and ginned in the MERKEL Trade Territory.

3. Seed cotton going into premium bale must be produced by a single individual. It shall not be permissible for two or more friends or neighbors to pool their seed cotton or for an individual to purchase additional seed cotton to put with his own.

4. No single individual may be eligible for more than one of the premiums offered, nor may any member of his immediate family.

Disposition of the cotton after it has been ginned shall have no bearing on eligibility for premium money, viz: At producer's option cotton may be shipped to Farm Bureau, sold on the street or unloaded in public cotton yard.

In outlining the above the committee for this purpose has been prompted by a sincere desire to be absolutely fair, impartial and unprejudiced.

West Texas Fair Offers New Features

ABILENE, TEXAS, August, 29.—Without doubt the program of the thirteenth annual West Texas Fair, to be staged in this city during the week of September 24 to 29 will be more diversified than any ever offered by a regional exposition in the southwest. The officials of the organization have been actuated by a desire to please everybody in West Texas with the amusement offerings and since the men who are directing the affairs have served on the fair board for several years they are able to determine the features that will appeal to the most people.

Featuring the amusements will be the free acts to be given each night at the grandstand. A most elaborate display of fireworks will be one of the interesting attractions. Beside there will be Swan Rigens and her diving girls in a series of sensational numbers, chief of which will be fancy falls from 80-foot tower into a small tank with only five feet of water in it. On top of that one of the cleverest wire-walkers acts on the road has been booked and a series of clown and acrobatic presentations will come on the same bill.

Something really unique in the way of an auditorium attraction has been arranged. Harley Sadler and his dramatic company, well known to all West Texans, will be on the stage in the Fair Park auditorium afternoons and evenings with a full change of program each day. Sadler will offer a full length drama and a number of "big-time" vaudeville numbers on each bill.

ELDER C. A. COLLINS ANSWERS CALL TO EL PASO CHURCH

Elder C. A. Collins, for the past year pastor of Trent Church of Christ and for more than a year chief clerk in the Post Office in this city, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Edson Avenue Church of Christ at El Paso, and has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Trent church as well as his position as clerk in the post office, and with his family is leaving for El Paso.

Collins is an able and successful preacher of the gospel, and his departure from Merkel permanently regretted by a host of friends. In this paper joins in commending the good family to the good family of El Paso.

more of Abilene is a Baze this week.

Schools To Open September 10th.

The 1928-1929 session of the Merkel Schools will open on Monday morning, September 10th, at nine o'clock. Seniors and pupils who attended school last year at some other school than Merkel, will register on Thursday and Friday, September 6th or 7th. Pupils coming from other schools should bring a record of last year's work. Students coming from other schools who are above the 9th grade should bring a complete record of ALL work done in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. This complete record of all High School work will be necessary before the new student can be classified. If report card has been lost a signed statement from the former teacher stating the subjects that have been completed will be sufficient. Seniors registering these two days will be given preference in selecting their courses. When the maximum enrollment prescribed by the State Department is reached in any optional course, this course must be closed to further registration. To make sure of getting what is wanted, therefore, Seniors should register before school opens.

Faculty Meeting

All teachers of the entire system will meet in faculty meeting at the High School building on Saturday, September 8th, at ten o'clock.

Repair At Grammar School

This week there is a force of workmen giving the Grammar School a thorough going over. Windows are being re-glazed and the "rattle" taken out, the roof is being repaired, sliding blackboards are being tightened up, and other much needed repairs are being made. By the opening day, both buildings and grounds should be in excellent shape for the opening.

Start On Opening Day.

Where at all possible, pupils should start on the opening day. This should be done even if it is necessary for the pupils to later drop out and work. The few weeks start will help. Failure to start early may mean failure to make the grade, for only the exceptional pupil can make in six or seven months what it takes the average pupil nine months to make. There is nine months of work, and it takes most pupils all of nine months to do it.

Unders.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided that unders would be admitted this year under the following conditions:

- (1) Pupil must be six years old or over on September 1, 1928.
- (2) Unders must start to school during the first month of school; that is before October 5, 1928.
- (3) Tuition at the rate of \$3.00 per school month is to be paid in advance. Under the law a pupil is an under for the entire year unless he is seven or over on or before September 1, 1928.

Tuition.

Tuition rates will remain the same as in the past: \$3.00 per month for pupils in the first, second or third grades; \$4.00 for pupils in the fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh grades; and \$5.00 for pupils in High School. Transfers from other districts are given three months tuition for the transferred money, and are thereafter charged the regular tuition rates.

The outlook for a good school year is very promising. Much of what is done depends upon the cooperation of patrons and others interested in the school. This is YOUR school. Let's make it a good one. Your constructive criticism is welcomed. The superintendent will at all times be glad to have from patrons suggestions which are intended to better the school.

Very respectfully yours,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Mr. F. E. Church and family returned last week from a very pleasant vacation trip to points in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. They spent most of their time at Sedalia, Missouri and Kansas City.

Mrs. B. Reeves and son, Otho, of Silver City, New Mexico, are here for a visit with the former's brother, Mr. N. W. Blackburn, and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson left first of the week for Texarkana, where they went to attend the American Legion State Convention. Mr. Gibson is a delegate from the Abilene Chapter of the American Legion.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. If

BICKLEY WELL COMES IN FOR 1800 BARRELS INITIAL PRODUCTION, RENEWING DEVELOPMENT

Merkel To Build Good Gravel Road Out To Oil Fields

The Mail has information from a reliable source that the county, with the aid of the local citizens, is to start building at once a first class gravel road from Merkel to the Jones County line, via the Noodle road. There is also every reason to believe that with the cooperation of the Jones county commissioner, the citizens along the route and the business men of Merkel, the road will be graveled and made first class on to the oil fields.

It is a known fact that those representing the oil companies, workmen, and especially the supply house men, who are planning opening their firms in Merkel, will receive this news with much satisfaction. Let every business man in the city cooperate in this move which will mean much to them and the city as a whole.

Clay Lumber Co. Opening Yard Here

The Clay Lumber Company, with yards at different points in this and other states, is opening a yard in this city, located on the south side of the railroad near the depot, with B. H. Lancaster, formerly in the lumber business in this city, as manager.

Work is now going on rapidly in laying the concrete foundations for the large sheds and office building for the new yard.

Manager Lancaster announces that a large and complete stock of all kinds of building material will be carried in stock including rig and other oil field materials.

Mr. Lancaster is a hustler, an excellent character, and will no doubt receive for his company a fair share of the lumber business.

PREDICTS HOOVER TO GET MOST OF VOTES IN TEXAS

DALLAS, Aug. 30.—Prediction that Herbert Hoover would receive 600,000 out of 1,000,000 votes cast in Texas November 6, was made today by B. D. Sartin, campaign manager for Hoover Democrats of the state.

Sartin said he based his statement on the belief that 350,000 women in Texas would vote for the Republican nominee as well as 250,000 men favoring prohibition.

Headquarters for Hoover Democrats was opened Tuesday in Fort Worth with Judge J. W. Stitt and Mrs. J. W. Cooper in charge.

Mr. F. Y. Gaither, assistant cashier at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is spending his vacation superintending the making of some handsome improvements about his home and going fishing. Either of these should make him more efficient at bank work.

This new well, which was drilled by Snowden and McSweeney, and is located 770 feet south of the Smith No. 1 twelve miles northwest of Merkel, is acknowledged by all operators as by far the largest producer in the Noodle Creek-Tiner-Smith areas. It is four miles northeast of the original Joe Winter No. 1 discovery well of the Noodle Creek field, and two miles northeast of the Tiner discovery well, and according to reliable reports will bring about a number of offsets and immediate additional drilling. Among the companies holding leases near or adjacent to start immediate operation is the Humble Oil & Refining Company, owner of an 80-acre lease on the Bickley fee, which will be to the east of the big producer.

Oil men who have been operating in either of the three sectors of the Jones County field, who hitherto have apparently looked upon the bringing in of a new well with seeming indifference, are now enthusiastic, and outspoken in their opinions that greater and more rapid development is due to start at once. The oil from the new producer is said to be 39 gravity, similar to that of the Noodle Creek field, and commands a price today of \$1.45 per barrel, which makes operation and development very profitable.

METHODISTS ORGANIZE WESLYAN BROTHERHOOD

A meeting to organize a Wesleyan Brotherhood was called to meet at the Methodist Church on last Tuesday evening, with the following present: Bro. Walker, J. A. Sears, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, L. W. Cox, Eli Case, Bishop Hunter, Frank Golladay, L. R. Thompson, and Joe Riney.

Bro. Bishop Hunter was chosen as president, Eli Case was chosen as vice-president, and Rolf Wagner was chosen as Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. Hulsey, Col. Church and L. R. Thompson were chosen as members of the executive committee to serve with the officers, who, with the pastor, Rev. Mayhew, are ex-officio members of the committee.

A motion was made and carried setting the date for meeting once a month on the third Tuesday evening. A motion carried that a meeting be had Tuesday evening, Sept. 4 to perfect our membership.

Following a prayer by Rev. R. A. Walker, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Vernon Sutphen and family of Weslaco, Texas, are here for a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. J. Sutphen, and sisters, Mrs. Tom Largent and Miss Jesse Sutphen.

Mr. Tom Sears and son and daughter, of Whitewright, and Misses Marie Sears of Whitewright and Louise Anderson of Whitesborough, are guests in the home of the former's brother, Mr. John Sears.

The J. S. Thomas home in this city had as guests on last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster, of Sudan, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson, of Trent.

Modern, Fire-Proof Hotel For Merkel

For some time the question of a modern, fire-proof hotel of 40 or 50 rooms, has been discussed and considered by the Lions Club, business men and citizens of Merkel. That same is needed is the opinion of many and as this paper is being printed on Thursday evening, a banquet sponsored by the Lions Club and attended by about 100 people, is being held in the vacant building across the street from the post office, the purpose of which is to complete the matter of securing the subscription to stock in the enterprise. Many business men and citizens have already announced their readiness to become interested in the enterprise and there seems little doubt but that the project will go through.

It is planned to build a building of some four or five stories in height, strictly modern in every respect, including a large lobby, coffee shop, and other features.

Farm Bureau Gin Adds Machinery Valued At \$6,000

Mr. A. J. Canon, manager for the Farm Bureau Gin in this city, has recently returned from a trip to Sherman and Dallas, where he purchased an additional \$6,000 worth of new and improved machinery for this gin, which will be installed at once.

It will be remembered that this gin is new, having been built less than a year ago.

WORKERS COUNCIL WILL MEET WITH MERKEL BAPTISTS

The following program for Workers Council of Sweetwater Baptist Association to convene with Merkel Baptist Church, September 3, 1928.

10 a.m. Devotional, W. H. Howell.

10:30 a.m. Why Our Denominational Papers? Sam Malone.

11 a.m. Bible Plan of Financing the Kingdom, Rev. C. A. Powell.

11:30 a.m. Sermon, Dr. E. B. Atwood.

DINNER

1:30 p.m. Board Meeting.

2 p.m. Devotional, V. M. Tatum.

2:15 p.m. The Significance of a Simultaneous Sunday School Campaign, Walter Jackson.

3 p.m. Methods of Procedure in This Campaign, C. D. Owen.

3:45 p.m. Checking Up on Sunday Schools.

Rev. W. I. Taylor will conduct the music for the meeting.

L. B. SCOTT HOME SCENE OF LOVELY PARTY ON TUESDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott were hosts to the members of the Thursday Club members and their husbands, and a few friends on last Tuesday evening with an elaborate three course dinner. The lawn was made into a beautiful Japanese Garden and all table appointments and decorations were of Japanese.

Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mary Zoe West and Willie Evelyn Boaz, in costume, assisted the hostess in serving. Burneal Scott passed cigars, cigarettes and chewing gum at the conclusion of the dinner. Beautiful music was furnished by Miss Melba West and Messrs. Jack Anderson and Sterling Sheppard throughout the evening. The Club game of "42" was enjoyed later.

Guests enjoying this beautiful hospitality with Mr. and Mrs. Scott were: Mr. Bain of Ferris, Texas, and Messrs. and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Earl Baze, A. H. Brackeen, V. P. Tippett, of San Angelo, F. Y. Gaither, R. I. Grimes, W. M. Gambill, Dee Grimes, Charles H. Jones, Tom Largent, Vernon Sutphen, Earl Lassiter, Booth Warren, John West, James H. West, Henry West, J. T. Dennis, Jack Anderson, Ed McCrary, Misses Melba West, Mary Zoe West, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, and Mr. Sterling Sheppard.

Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell and Miss Vennie Heizer returned last week from Canyon, where they have been attending the Northwest Texas State Teachers College. Miss Mary Campbell will teach again in the public schools at Canyon, while Miss Ouida and Miss Vennie will again teach in the Merkel schools.

Democratic Nominee For Vice President Speaks in Cisco 4th

CISCO, August 30.—A distinct honor has been paid West Texas by Senator Joe T. Robinson and the National Democratic Speaking Bureau in selecting a West Texas city for one of the two speeches the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee will make in Texas. The announcement that Senator Robinson of Arkansas, who is running mate with Governor Alfred E. Smith, Presidential Nominee, had selected Cisco, a West Texas town, to make his second political speech in the campaign is a pleasing recognition of this section.

Senator Robinson will speak in Cisco Tuesday evening, September 4, at 8:30 o'clock at the Lobo Stadium. The Cisco Chamber of Commerce invited the Vice-Presidential Nominee to include West Texas in his speaking itinerary and requested that he select Cisco as the place to reach the ear of West Texas Democrats.

The large stadium of the Big Dam Lobos will comfortably seat the thousands who will attend this outstanding political event of West Texas. Parking accommodations are ample. It is within walking distance of the downtown section. There is no better sodded field in the entire state. Loud speakers will enable you to hear every word of the distinguished speakers who will occupy the platform. The illumination of the entire grounds promises to meet your every expectation.

Senator Robinson is one of the most forceful speakers in America to-day. For many years floor leaders of his party in the Senate, he comes to us with a message ripened by years of experience. Such an opportunity has never before come to West Texas. Distinguished citizens from every city of West Texas will occupy the platform with him and the entire affair promises to bring together the leaders of the party in Texas.

During your visit to Cisco you will be afforded an opportunity to visit the recreational facilities at Lake Cisco. Among other things, these include power boats on the lake, a body of water stocked with game fish, the State Fish Hatchery, a dip in the world's largest concrete swimming pool, and a visit to the municipal zoo.

LOCAL CITIZEN INVITED TO SIT ON PLATFORM AND HEAR ROBINSON

Mr. L. R. Thompson of this city is in receipt of an invitation to a place on the platform when the Hon. Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, speaks at Cisco on next Tuesday, September 4.

The Vice-Presidential candidate will make two speeches in Texas in the interest of the National ticket, one at Dallas on next Monday, and the other at Cisco at above stated.

Mr. H. R. Horton, splendid and substantial farmer residing on route one, was in the city last Saturday and while here paid this office a very pleasant visit. He reports very fine crops, especially fine feed, and cotton also, unless it might be damaged by the worms which are doing some harm now. Mr. Horton has our thanks for three subscriptions which he sends to relatives in other states.

Rev. R. A. Walker and family returned last week from their visit with friends and relatives at Deport and Paris, their former home. Rev. Walker reports a very pleasant trip. He also stated that he saw our former townsman, J. C. Mason, who has been in poor health for many months, and reported Mr. Mason as getting along nicely. Mr. Mason sent best regards to his many friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe and son, Jack, returned first of the week from an extended vacation trip to Colorado and California. In Colorado and Arizona they visited the Grand Canyon; thence on to the great cities on the coast. On their trip back they returned via New Mexico and El Paso, where they visited friends.

Mrs. E. A. Click is staying this week with her daughter, Mrs. Jay Greenfield, who has been removed from the Grimes & Sadler Sanitarium, where she has been for the past eighteen days, to her home in north Merkel. Mrs. Greenfield is going along splendidly.



GROW WITH YOUR BUSINESS

The man who makes his business grow
Must always with his business grow.
Life is too short, the world too swift
To simply with your business drift.
So while you work and think and plan
Use every means at your command
To avoid the error and mistake
Your fellow man is prone to make.
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To help you plan so you may win.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Ed Welzer 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, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the First Monday in September A. D. 1928, the same being the 3rd day of September A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 6th day of August A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6949H, wherein Mary Judd Welzer is Plaintiff, and Ed Welzer Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married in Parker County, Texas, October 22, 1927 and that said marriage was bigamous on part of defendant and asking for cancellation and holding for naught said marriage.

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 6th day of August A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County.
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. 10t4

Mr. H. L. Waters, and family, of Cleburne, Texas, are here for a week's visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, who reside north of Merkel. Mr. Waters is a brother of Mrs. Baker.

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

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

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Dora Doings

Well we have had another big rain. The worms continue to flourish. We have several kinds; the real old boll worm and weevil, and a little brown hard shell critter and a little white ingot with a crown on his head. And he ought to wear a crown for he sure gets the fruit. He hulls out the bud before it ever blooms. A pink worm specialist came up from Austin to see him. He said it wasn't a pink worm, but he didn't know what it was. So he carried a bottle full back so they could name it, but the pink worms, if any more destructive, is good-bye stalk, for this fellow has all the forms.

Mr. Nixon and family of Erick, Oklahoma, spent a few days here visiting G. T. Rogers and family.

Most all of our pupils that have been away at summer school are here now for a while. Among them were Miss Raisy Oliver, Modena Whitaker, Lola Brinkley, Eula Lassiter, O. Z. Porter and Chapel Hardy and Buford Shelton.

We are sorry to report that Durwood Oliver had the misfortune to get his arm broken Tuesday morning.

Bro. Quinlin filled his regular appointment here Sunday, although he was not able to preach Sunday night. So we just had prayer service and sang some.

The continued ball game between Denton's store team and Dora was all right in our judgment, for Dora beat two out of three. Our boys are going to return the game last of this week.

Fred Tommicheal of Fort Worth is here on business and visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry returned Sunday after their vacation in Glen Rose.

Ernest Ensminger and family were prospecting a few days this week in Lamb county.

Mrs. J. W. Wallis and children, Laura and Dent, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Hawkins in Stanton, ton this week.

Earl Palmer, Blanton McLain and Tom Russem are regular callers at Dora these days, but we are glad to welcome them to our Sunday school and singing.

The singing school is going nicely although we were rained out Sunday night and Friday. We hope these next two weeks will be clear and dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huff and Mrs. John Perry went down on the creek to Robert Hill after fruit Monday. Got some real fine grapes, peaches and watermelons. Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Moore and daughter, Miss Eula Mae, of Dallas, are here visiting his brothers, W. P. and G. W. Moore, and families, and also the Toombs families.

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

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

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Studio opens Sept. 10th at Mrs. H. P. Hulsey's residence, Oak Street. Phone 51 for information. 24t4

LET US BE UNDERSTOOD



The game of HEARTS is nearly always misunderstood and most women are hard to figure out. We know of a fellow in this town who spent \$27.00 on a girl in one evening, and when she bid him good night she called him "Mister". Let it be understood that we sell only automobile supplies that will render the utmost in service and satisfaction. You will like our service because it is superior. Try our service this month.

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NOTICE

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.

You are invited to avail yourself of our service in this connection whether you are a 'regular' customer or not.

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A Melodrama of the Underworld

—Also—

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NEWS EVENTS and AESOP'S FABLES
Admission 10c and 25c

Monday & Tuesday
Sept. 3-4

Pola Negri

"LOVES OF AN ACTRESS"

This picture was featured at the
Worth Theatre, Fort Worth,
Last Week!

Also Comedy—

"WALLS TELL TAILS"

News Events and Crazy Kat
Admission 10c and 25c

Wednesday & Thur.
Sept. 5-6

"THE SCARLET WOMAN"

Featuring

LYA de PUTTI
DON ALVARADO
and WARNER OLAND

—Also—

Comedy and News Events
Admission 10c and 25c

Coming—ZANE GREY'S "THE WATER HOLE" With JACK HOLT

What Is The Main Issue in The Present National Campaign?

It is not religious liberty. It is not religious tolerance. It is not religious bigotry. It is not religious prejudice. It is not religious at all. It is political pure and simple.

There is not a Protestant Prohibition Democrat in the United States who would hinder any sect, creed or denomination from worshipping in any way they choose; or a Republican either, if I might speak for that party.

The howl for tolerance and religious liberty was raised in the pre-convention campaign. Also the charge of religious bigotry was hurled in the face of every honest voter who could not swallow the "old Tammany Cat" and all of her kittens at one gulp. The parties who raised this howl and hurled these charges, were never before known to recognized religious liberty or call for tolerance. And as for religious bigotry, and religious prejudice, this same party has held a monopoly on these half-born principles for the past ten centuries.

This howl and this vicious charge were put forth for the purpose of detaching the public mind from the real issue. And largely to silence Protestant preachers.

It is noticeable that all the hired political speakers swallowed the "old Tammany Cat" and all her kittens.

If the voter should make up his mind from the impression intended to be made by the hired speakers and the bought up space in the papers he would conclude that the Democratic party had been sold and delivered to Tammany Hall & Co.

The Issue.

The issue is the integrity of the Constitution of the United States.

The first thing the Tammany nominee did after receiving the nomination, was to repudiate the platform upon which he was nominated. And in the same message he repudiated the Constitution of the United States. The next thing he did was to appoint a Wet Tammany Republican as chairman of the Tammany Democratic Executive Committee.

The first thing this Wet Republican Tammany chairman did was to insult every dry Democrat in the United States by saying, "I accepted the position thinking I could help my personal friend (the Tammany nominee) put down the damnable Prohibition laws."

If they take such liberties under a mere nomination, what would they do if elected? No one knows. And no one ever will know what they would do if elected.

KRESS KAIN, U. S. A.

Salt Branch News

The crops of this community are looking pretty, but the worms are bothering some.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson were the noon guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty Sunday.

Miss Gladys Petty was the noon guest of Miss Braunell Armstrong Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hister were the evening guests of Grandmother Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and Mrs. W. E. Petty were the afternoon guests of Mrs. W. B. Robertson.

There will be singing at Salt Branch Sunday at 2:30. Several communities are expected to be represented, and everybody is asked to bring some one with them.

SALT BRANCH B.Y.P.U.

Leader, Willie Hays.

Introduction by leader.

Part 1, Obsessed with Secular Ideals, by Mrs. Mae Robertson.

Part 2, When we Pray, by Mr. Joe Jaynes.

Part 3, Chief Places Reserved for Servants, by Miss Braunell Armstrong.

Part 4, Are You Willing to Pay the Price? by Mr. Lee Golightly.

Part 5, Mastering Life's Mysterious Secret, by Miss Marie Pinckley.

Every one welcome to Salt Branch Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.

RETURNS GIVE LEE 4,484 VOTES LEAD

DALLAS, Aug. 30.—Complete returns from 181 Texas Counties had been received when the Texas election bureau closed today.

The figures were:
For Senator, Connally 312,729, Mayfield 253,144.

State Superintendent public instruction, Garner, 232,951, Marrs, 311,270.

Land Commissioner, Robison, 340,072, Terrell 191,525.

Civil appeals, district 11, Funderburk 24,691, Patterson 21,852.
Congress, 17th district, Callaway, 21,721, Lee 26,205.

Hugh Fronaburger and daughter of Fort Worth are guests of Mrs. Earl Baze and other relatives here.

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On next Monday, September 3, which is Labor Day, we, the undersigned banks will close our doors in honor of same, and kindly ask that our friends and patrons please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

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Wednesday and Thursday

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PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1. Devotional, Mrs. Geo. West.
2. Deserts and Oases, Mrs. Anderson.
3. Funds Now Raised, Mrs. Tucker.
4. Bettering Our Work, Round Table Discussion.
5. Pages From My Diary, Mrs. Jones.
6. Furlough Cottages, Mrs. Smith.
7. Young People and the World Better Today, Mrs. Sears.
8. They sang in the Night, Mrs. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway returned first of the week from a trip to Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley. While along the border they made a trip into Old Mexico.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County Greeting.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon E. M. Heater by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September A. D. 1928, the same being the 3rd day of September A. D. 1928, there and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the

17th day of July A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6914-A, wherein A. T. Heater is Plaintiff, and E. M. Heater is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and Defendant were married about 28th day of Oct. 1920, and separated about Jan. 1st, 1923. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, and also sues for care and custody of minor child.

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 9th day of Aug. A. D. 1928.

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On last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox entertained the members of the Sunday School Council of the Methodist church and an almost equal number of invited guests at their pretty country home just south of Merkel. The regular Council meeting program was carried out, followed by an enjoyable social hour. The calling of the roll revealed only three council members were absent, making a splendid record attendance for a membership of about thirty. Mr. L. R. Thompson briefly discussed "The Social side of the Sunday School" and little Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone gave a group of readings. Plans were discussed and adopted for a "promotion day" program for the Fourth Sunday in September. For the social hour the guests were invited to the lawn, where about twenty watermelons were cut and served.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were very gracious entertainers, and the council members and invited guests enjoyed their pleasant hospitality to the degree of hoping that they might entertain the Council meeting again soon.

**SPECIAL FOOTBALL PRO-
GRAM FOR STATE FAIR**

DALLAS, Aug. 30.—The football schedule at the State Fair of Texas this season looks interesting.

It will open with a game between Texas A. & M. vs. Sewanee on Saturday, Oct. 6, the first day of the fair, "Key Day" as it is called in Dallas.

On Tuesday following, "Dallas Day" when an attendance of 300,000 is looked for, the football attraction will be a game between Abilene Christian College and Austin College.

"Waco Day," Friday, Oct. 12, will see an important game between the champion Central High School team

and that of Sunset High School, of Dallas.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, "Traveling Men's Day," will occur another of the major battles, a game between University of Texas and Vanderbilt.

On Monday, Oct. 15, the colored champs will struggle for mastery, when Wylie College meets Langston. White folks attend these games in large numbers.

The final game will be staged on Saturday, Oct. 20, when S.M.U. meets Rice.

**PAPER FARMING
IS NEWEST FAD**

DALLAS, Aug. 30.—Old time, dyed in the wool farmers, who refuse to try anything new because what was good enough for their daddies is good enough for them, have always snickered at the "book-farmers" and the "paper-farmers."

What in the world will they say now?

Agricultural experts (how the old boys laugh at that term) have discovered that crops grown under paper mature earlier and require practically no cultivating nor weeding. The paper, laid on the ground from rolls, prevents the growth of weeds and acts as a mulch to keep the soil moist all through the growing season, it is claimed.

It is a new discovery, but it has been proven that it works.

Yet it is "paper-farming," sure enough.

What will the old boys say to that?

An exhibit of the new "mulch paper" has been secured for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 6 to 21.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

Mr. Jno. P. Horner, of Lockhart, Texas, will be in Merkel Saturday and speak to the farmers at the Odd Fellow Hall regarding making adjustments on the cotton seed he sold them through his agent Mr. E. F. Vantreese.

Mr. L. R. Thompson was made very happy on last Friday when a message came from Oklahoma announcing the arrival of a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Bryant. Mrs. Bryant will be remembered as Miss Lynn Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

Mr. E. H. Craddock, of Burnett, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, and will probably spend several weeks here.

Baptist Church

Sunday marks the beginning of the first fall month and should show marked increase in interest and attendance at all our services.

Sunday is "Labor Day Sunday" and in a place like Merkel where we are so nearly all working people we should have large crowds in our churches Sunday morning the pastor expects to bring a suitable message from the text "Laborers Together With Him."

Sunday evening the pastor will speak on "Friends of the Lord".

On Monday we are to have visitors from over the association in the regular workers meeting for Sweetwater Association. Let's have good services Sunday to prepare us for the coming of our friends from over the association.

Let every officer and teacher as well as the members of our Sunday School be in their place Sunday morning. We are hoping that every department and every class will show an increase in attendance Sunday. Will the department and class officers do their best between now and Sunday to bring this about? The officer or teacher that thinks all their work can be done on Sunday morning or in the class or department room needs to study the work of officers and teachers.

The pastor is just out of one of the best meetings he has been in in many days. The Lord blessed us in a wonderful meeting at Caps and your pastor has come out of the meeting determined to be a better preacher and a better pastor than he has ever been. Will you come and help him.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who will to come and worship with us in any and all these services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

ROYAL PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY

Program for Sunday, Sept. 2, 1928.
Leader, Dean Murray.
Roll Call. Song.
What does it mean to me that all men are brothers? Mrs. J. A. Sears.
What is prayer? Madeline Murray.
A test of my Christianity, Christine Russell.
Keeping fit—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Velma Walker.
Announcements. Song. Mispah.

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Horn News

Health of this community is very good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hatfield entertained the young folks with a party on last Tuesday night. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and family and Cordie Ellington visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield a while Monday night.

Misses Perlie Davis, Louise Daniel, Levenia Howard visited Lurah and Leadice Benningfield Sunday.

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

Miss Vergie Hatfield spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hatfield.

Cordie Ellington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ola Kenedy.

Mr. Alton Mardlow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ellington.

A few from around here have been attending the meeting over at Carpenter's Gap this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis and Mrs. N. E. Horn spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Verdo Lepard and little daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield spent Wednesday and Wednesday night at Lueders fishing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach on last Sunday evening, August 26th, a ten pound baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Presbyterian Church

All regular services Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11, followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage.

Evening service at 8 p.m. Session meeting Tuesday evening at eight.

Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at eight.

Glad to have visitors with us in all the services.

Wm. Elliott, Superintendent.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Methodist Church

I shall be in my pulpit next Sunday at 11 o'clock, and will preach at Blair at 4 p.m. and at night, closing the revival meeting there, in which I have been assisting the pastor, Bro. Hardy.

Let there be a full attendance at Sunday School. We have been hovering round the 300 mark for the past several Sundays. Let's reach it next Sunday morning. May we look for you?

W. J. Mayhew, pastor.

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TRENT NEWS

One of the most enjoyable socials for the Methodist Missionary Ladies of Trent was given at the parsonage Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. P. Watson as hostess with Mrs. Jno. Payne and Louise Watson assisting. The guests were entertained with very amusing games in which Mrs. E. L. Mangum won high prize. They were then carried on a "sight seeing tour" to the dining room, causing much merriment when called upon to write what they saw. They were complimented with special music by Mrs. Mona Altman, Ida V. Estep and Doreen Scott, followed by a snappy reading by Louise Watson.

The hostess and assistants served iced watermelon to the following members and visitors: Mesdames Mangum, Gafford, Shouse, McRee, Scott, Steen, Smith, Estep, Winn, Payne, Watson, Misses Ida Vee Estep, Mannie Gafford, Doreen and Jean Scott, Louise and La Verne

Watson, Mrs. Mona Altman and Misses Worton of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Musick and children of O'Donnell passed through our city Thursday of last week and stopped over with the latter's bother, J. E. Bowers, and family, for the night. They were en route home after spending a few days with relatives at Tolar.

Mrs. I. W. Duncan has been here with her son, W. F. Duncan, and family, visiting for the past three weeks, and is leaving this week for Cisco, where she will visit a while.

Master Thurston Bagley has returned from Brownwood, after visiting relatives there for the last two weeks.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Boone's daughters, Miss Maud and Mrs. Hosea Winn entertained a few of their mother's friends in honor of her 49th birthday at the mother's home. A bountiful dinner was served and victrola music was enjoyed. It was Mrs. Ed Burks' birthday also and some nice presents were given to each.

Mr. Bob McLeod and family of Mineral Wells spent a few days here

with relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son of Sweetwater, spent last week-end with Mrs. J. M. Billings. Mr. Rutherford returned Sunday evening. Mrs. Rutherford and son remained over for a week's visit.

Mr. John Barnes and family drove in on Thursday of last week, having been away a month or more visiting relatives in Alabama. They came back driving a new Chrysler and reporting a fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Edwards and baby of O'Donnell spent over night with the former's uncle, M. G. Scott, and family, last Thursday night. They were on their way to visit relatives at Ireland.

Mrs. Chas. Bankhead and children are visitors with their relatives, J. I. Leeman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Loraine spent Sunday with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. Mrs. Martin stayed over for a few days visit. Mr. Martin returned Monday morning.

Miss Edna McGregor of Big Spring who has been attending summer school in Abilene, on her return home stopped over the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Mrs. Carlton McLeod and children of Abilene are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Gladys Massey of Denton is visiting with her brother, Ernest Massey, and family.

Dr. Walkins of Lubbock and son, Othel, were visitors to our city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and baby of East Texas visited with the latter's sister, Mrs. Lonzo McElinary last week-end.

Mrs. Arl Sharp and daughter of Merkel spent over night and day with Mrs. J. M. Billings last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Keagan and baby are out at Tulia on a visit with the former's father, Mr. Eli Kegan, and family.

Mrs. Mildred Swearingin and son, Billie, of Sweetwater, visited her uncle, W. A. Hogue and family last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Bryon and children spent last week-end with the latter's sister, and family, of Breckenridge, returning last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry and children visited relatives at Meridian a few days last week. On their return they were accompanied by Mr. Terry's niece, Altus Terry, who will remain with them for a short visit.

Mrs. Ed Young and daughters of Lampasas have returned home after visiting a few days with relatives, W. A. Hogue, and family.

TRENT NEWS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Trent items were unavoidably omitted from last week's issue, and we regret that it was absolutely impossible to publish them last week.

Mr. Frank Sipe is visiting his children in Dallas this week.

Miss Gladys Minnick of Gordon is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs.

Elbert Bright.

Mrs. Henry Lester and sister spent the day Sunday with her niece, Mrs. A. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson, who have been away for some two months have returned home and tell many interesting things that they came in contact with while away.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson and baby of Abilene visited last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Causseaux and family of Meadow visited with relatives the first of this week. They were on their way to Wichita Falls to visit other relatives there.

Mr. O. L. Howell of Abilene transacted business in our city Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Neeb of Midland stopped over with relatives last Saturday. They were en route to Cross Plains and other places for a visit with relatives there. They were accompanied by Lota Mae Wilmuth.

Bro. Brannon of Abilene filled the Baptist pulpit at both hours Sunday. Bro. Brannon is pastor of Blair church and gave us a splendid message at both hearings.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson and son Raymond of Lamesa are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. Hays Wheatley a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith of Rotan are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wood this week.

After a week's visit with their niece and cousin, Mrs. Lee Rogers, and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald and daughters, accompanied by Roy Gilstrap, all of Mansfield, have returned home.

On last Sunday afternoon Mrs. Joe Nally entertained her Sunday School class with a picnic at her home. The children spent a greater part of the time playing games and wading in a creek nearby after which sandwiches and cake were served to the entire class, also the guests that were present, which consisted of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Maud Bryon, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bright, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bagley, Mrs. Lon Martin, Miss Maggie Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally.

Mr. W. H. Hale and family left Monday for Hot Springs, where Mr. Hale will take medical treatment for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Mr. and

Mrs. Ellis Smith and daughter Willie Gean, returned home last Monday from a trip to Colorado and different points in Texas. They report a lovely time and the country very prosperous.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright have as guests this week Mrs. Bright's father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell from Sulphur Springs. They are accompanied by their son-in-law, Mr. Martin, and their daughter, Mrs. Landers, also of Sulphur Springs. They were en route to Lubbock, where they visit a son there for a while before their return home.

Luther Watson and family of Sweetwater spent the day last Sunday with Mrs. Annie Boone.

On Tuesday of last week, there was a fish fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers. After lunch all enjoyed some real good victrola music until about two, then watermelons were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wade and son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald and daughter, and Mr. Roy Gilstrap, all of Mansfield, besides the home folks. All reported a delightful time.

Mr. Will Williams has been for the last week on the Plains doing some repair work on his farm house there, which was damaged by a recent hail.

Raymond Chalker formerly of Trent, visited friends here last week-end.

Mrs. J. H. Wilson and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Swafford of Blair visited with Mrs. E. M. Shannon last Sunday.

Miss Gladys Pruitt of Sweetwater spent Sunday with Miss Novelle Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens are residents of our city while having their home west of town remodeled.

Mrs. A. L. Wood spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Earl Miller, of Nolan.

Mrs. Marvin Freeman, who has been visiting relatives in Wilson, Oklahoma, for the past three weeks returned home last Wednesday.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met at the church Monday and enjoyed a devotional study of the Sunday School lesson. The regular Bible study was omitted due to the absence of the teacher and president.

Those present were Mesdames

Steen, Winn, Scott, Shouse, Smith and Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Payne and son, Billie, spent the week-end with Mrs. P. A. Riggan and family of the White Church community.

Clara Mae and Florence Sherman, accompanied by Mrs. Jno. Payne, motored to Sweetwater Wednesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill and son, Pete, left Wednesday to spend their vacation in different parts of East Texas and will visit Galveston before returning home.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard and baby are spending a few weeks in Mexico and other points of interest.

Bill Neill and family spent the week-end at Abilene with relatives.

Friends of Ed Sherman will be glad to know that he is doing nicely in the Dallas hospital after having had his tonsils removed and an operation on his arm.

Madeah Rawlings is expected home this week from Pecos. Mrs. E. E. Biggs will accompany her for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Sipe attended business matters near Lamesa last week.

Mr. Hurk Jones of Roxton passed through our city last Wednesday, spending the night with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam Jones and family. He was accompanied by his son and nephew.

Mrs. Sallie Jones, Luther Derry and wife, of Lamesa, made a few days visit with relatives here this week. They were in the homes of N. O. Bright and Jim Bright.

Mr. Albert Simmons of Judsonia, Ark., passed through Trent last Tuesday en route to Big Springs on a business trip. He was accompanied by Hugh Simmons, a nephew of Mrs. Frank Sipes, and they spent the night with them, returning last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned first of the week from a business trip to Dallas.

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

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

Man accomplishes most when his health is best,
But too often by some ailment he's distressed.
So for pleasure as well as for wealth
It stands him in hand to look after his health,
And he'd be well off in more than one way
If he'd see a Chiropractor some day.

(To Be Continued)

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We have rooms with
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Coffee 5c

ADOLPHUS
DALLAS, TEXAS



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EVERY thoughtful citizen of this community is interested in its development and progress. There's no question about that! We all want our children to enjoy better homes, better schools, better parks — more agreeable surroundings and greater comforts.

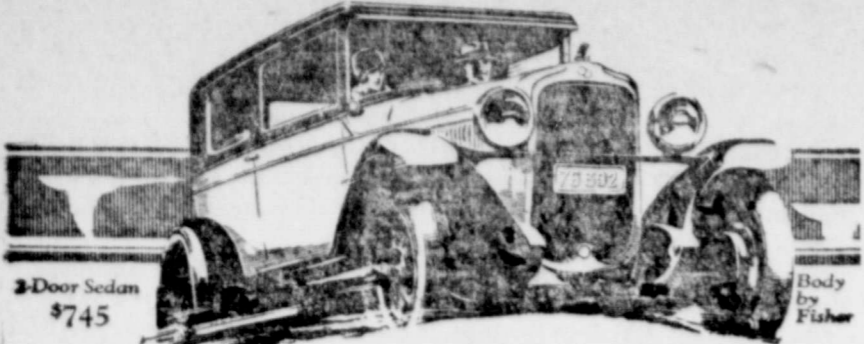
We all want our town to keep step with its neighbors, to take the lead in civic affairs. So there is only one sound plan for us to follow:

We must work together to increase the wealth of this community by doing everything we can to encourage local business.

When you and your family patronize our advertisers — the stores and banks of our town — and keep your money in circulation right here at home, there is no power on earth that can prevent our progress.

Read the Ads in this Paper and save yourself money by trading at home

A SUCCESSFUL SIX NOW WINNING EVEN GREATER SUCCESS



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To Pontiac's thoroughly proved design—to its 186 cu. in. engine and generously oversized vital units—to its numerous engineering advancements—Oakland has applied its policy of progressive engineering. Now this lowest priced General Motors Six provides the most impressive performance ever achieved in a car of comparable price. In addition, the car's beauty has been enhanced by the added smartness of smaller wheels and over-sized tires. Improved in performance and appearance, built in a great new plant with unsurpassed facilities—today's Pontiac Six is more than ever the value leader of its field. Drive it—and discover this truth for yourself!

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 rates.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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I rejoice in the effect of our increased national efficiency upon the improvement of the American home.

Crime and disobedience of law cannot be permitted to break down the Constitution.

It is the duty of business to conduct itself so that government regulation or government competition is unnecessary.

Our whole business system would break down in a day if there was not a high sense of moral responsibility.

The glory of our American ideals is the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

Our pre-eminent advance over nations has been due to distinctly American accomplishments.

Man for man and woman for woman, we are today more capable whether in the work of farm, factory or business than ever before.

Dishonesty in government whether national, state or municipal is a double wrong. It is treason to the state. It is destructive of self-government.

Thrill? The Belgian job was one of the most unpleasant things I ever had to do in all my life.

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OUR TRIP TO BOSTON

Left home Saturday, July 14, 1928, visited a daughter in Electra, Texas until Monday. From there we went to Oklahoma City, where we got on the first U. S. Highway, U. S. 66. We drove that one highway through the cities of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joplin, Springfield, and St. Louis, Mo., and crossed the Mississippi River in St. Louis. From there we took U. S. 40 through Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Richmond, Indiana, Springfield, Ohio, and near Columbus we took U. S. 42 into Akron, Ohio. From Akron, highways 36 and 46 to Ashtabula, Ohio. This city is on the shore of Lake Erie, from Ashtabula we took route 20, which we stayed with until we got to Boston, Mass., being a distance of over 600 miles on this highway.

We went through the cities of Erie, Pennsylvania, Buffalo, N. Y., Syracuse and Albany, New York, crossed the Hudson river in Albany.

We were very happy to get there and to see our son and his wife, being our first time together in six years.

Our son got his vacation while we were there so we visited several interesting places.

We visited Plymouth, Mass. and saw the Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.

While there we saw a ship anchor and we enjoyed going aboard and seeing the beautiful rooms inside the ship, also engine room and ball room.

We also visited the old battle-grounds of the Revolutionary War, in which the United States won her independence, being near Lexington and Concord, Mass.

We enjoyed a two-days trip into New Hampshire, and Maine, stayed one night at Old Orchard beach, Maine. That sure is a wonderful beach. Thousands and thousands of people go there each year to spend the summer.

We enjoyed driving through the Franklin Park, Boston, and our visit to the zoo. We saw nearly every kind of animal and fowl that could be

Cash To One and All

Owing to the fact that I have to pay cash for the oil, gas and accessories I buy, I must ask that my patrons, each and all, pay cash for these products. I am asking that you pay me cash because I am not able to carry you when I must pay cash.

Will be glad to have your patronage.

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F. C. McFarland, Prop.

DIAMONDS T.C. WILSON WATCHES

JEWELER

TELEPHONE 6
118 Chestnut Street

ABILENE, TEXAS.

thought of.

We were with our son and wife for two weeks and two days.

On our way home we stopped to see a little red school house, where the little girl went to school that wrote the poem entitled, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." The picture of her and her lamb was carved on a large tomb there, as well as the whole poem. This school house has only one room, was built in 1798, was in use until 1856, wasn't used any more then until the last few years. They have an enrollment of sixteen pupils now, in grades from the first to the sixth.

The school house is out in the country, something near half way between Boston and Worcester, Mass. The school house is now the property of Henry Ford.

Our route home was the same as the one going. While away we traveled over 5,000 miles.

We heard of a Texas car being in Boston while we were there, but we

didn't see a car from Texas from the time we were in Pennsylvania, going up there, until we got in Ohio, coming back.

We drove up there in eight days and drove back in six and one half days.

Mrs. E. C. Richards.

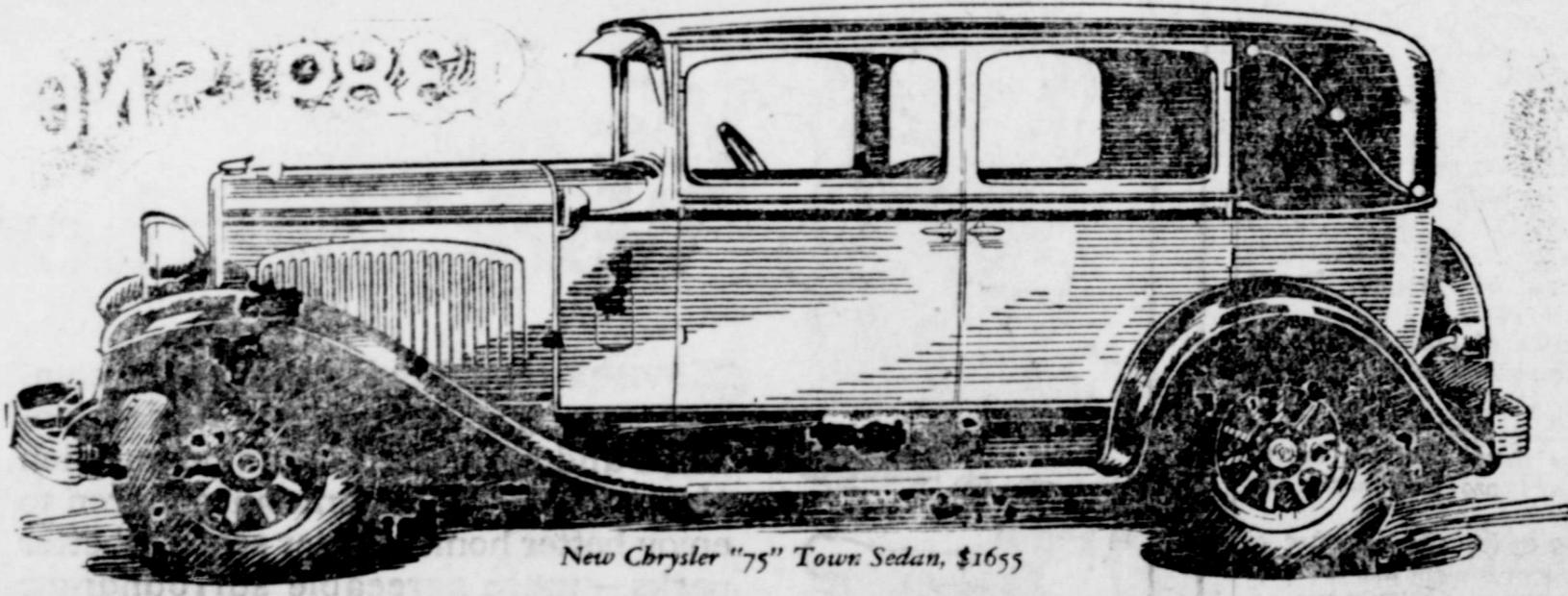
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Rev. J. P. Watson and family of Trent, were in the city one day this week and while here Rev. Watson asked that we place his name on our subscription list, for which we express our thanks.

CHRYSLER
There must be Sound Reason
for such mounting Success!



New Chrysler "75" Town Sedan, \$1655

WHEN the products of a single motor car manufacturer have in five successive years overwhelmingly gained in public esteem both at home and abroad—

When each of these annual gains has constituted a sales record for the whole industry—

When the total gain over five years is the only record of its kind and the greatest in 25 years of automobile manufacture—

When the announcement of its latest products sweeps the nation with



enthusiasm and produces an increase of orders actually ten times greater than its best previous year—

Then it must be apparent that the reasons are to be found in superior performance, greater style, higher artistry and assured long life.

You are cordially invited to put any Chrysler to a test and comparison of your own. You will then instantly recognize in its surpassing quality and value, sound and logical reasons for Chrysler's mounting success.

New Chrysler "75" Prices—Royal Sedan, \$1535; 2-passenger Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1535; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1555; Town Sedan, \$1655. New Chrysler "65" Prices—Business Coupe, \$1040; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1065; 2-door Sedan, \$1065; Touring Car, \$1075; 4-door Sedan, \$1145; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1145. All prices f. o. b. Detroit.

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Front Street

Merkel, Texas

Labor Day Excursion

to
FORT WORTH or DALLAS
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\$4.20 ROUND TRIP

Tickets good on trains arriving Fort Worth or Dallas morning of September 3rd.

Limited to return on any train arriving Merkel before midnight Sept. 4th. (Except Train 1)

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Standard and Tourist Sleepers, dining car and chair cars.

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MAKE YOUR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS EARLY

Slightly higher fare, good returning on any train within limit of ticket.

Go and enjoy the many wonderful attractions of the border.

THE TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY

OAKLAND DEALERS IN NATIONAL MEETING

In preparation for what will probably be the greatest selling year in Oakland history, a nation-wide series of dealer meetings is being conducted this week by the Oakland Motor Car Company.

Under the direction of district managers and field staffs, meetings are being staged at 125 local points in all quarters of the country for the 5,000 men who make up the Oakland domestic dealer organization.

Dramatic methods are employed to put across the company message. Stage properties, special lighting effects, draperies, lantern slides and other theatrical equipment are employed to bring forcibly to the audience the newest plans and latest developments in automotive merchandising.

The Oakland sales year began on August 1, when all field heads were summoned to the factory to meet with W. R. Tracy, vice-president in charge of sales, for the outline of company methods to be carried out during the current selling year.

Stressed in the dealer meetings are the extraordinary Oakland and Pontiac records established during the selling year just ended; used car merchandising plans; replacement market; service promotion; enlarged advertising campaign; and special emphasis on the exceptional selling opportunities offered by the improved Pontiac Six, as well as a complete presentation of plans for the Oakland-All-American Six line during the coming months.

Five or more dealer meetings are being held in every one of the 24 districts into which the country has been divided. Each district manager, assisted by his district office staff, has charge of the meetings in his territory.

Bleeding Gums Healed

The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists often report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. Hamm Drug Co. It

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.

J. J. Walden Trained For Big Position

Mr. J. J. Walden is the sole owner of the Southwestern Engraving Company of Fort Worth, Texas, and the principal stockholder of plants by the same name in Dallas, Houston, Wichita Falls, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Atlanta, Georgia. His annual income is very large and he is rated to be worth over \$125,000.00.

This income and this rating were not handed to Mr. Walden on a silver platter. Indeed, a few years ago—when he was 16 years of age and lived at Itasca, Texas, he stood just where hundreds of thousands of young people stand today; without money, without influential friends, without even a High School training.

But, unlike many others, he didn't spend any time bemoaning his handicaps. He quickly discovered that without special ability of any kind he wouldn't have a ghost of a chance ever to rise above the ranks of muscle workers. Observation showed him that it was in the world of business where the biggest incomes were made—where opportunities were most abundant. All that stood between him and these opportunities was his lack of business training.

"When the fourth of May rolls 'round, I always feel like celebrating," says Mr. Walden. "It was on that date that I enrolled at Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. Just six months later, November 4, I had graduated in Bookkeeping and shorthand and other subjects.

"My starting salary was small indeed compared to what we now pay T. C. C. graduates who come to our offices. But the salary itself was secondary, just as it is today. The big thing Tyler Commercial College training did for me was to give me a wealth of opportunities. I was soon making enough to enable me to lay away a bit. So, when my chance came to go into business for myself, I was ready—both with money and experience."

So, if YOU want to make your mark in the world, you CAN. All you need to supply is the ambition and the will. Tyler Commercial College will do the rest. If you are interested in attaining Abundant Success, clip the coupon printed below for the large book, "Achieving Success in Business." Let the Tyler school tell you what they have done for others—what they can do for you. The book is absolutely free, of course. No obligation.

(We have no branch schools. We lead; others follow.)

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
Tyler, Texas.

Name _____
Address _____
See Editor of The Merkel Mail for Scholarship at Special Price.

LIKE A CONQUERER

Wherever Herbert Hoover is known he is loved. He is the sort of man men like to indicate to their sons as worthy of emulation. But above his wonderful personality stands the record of his achievements. He has shown himself worthy of the love his fellow men feel towards him.

It matters not in what part of the world Mr. Hoover has labored, everywhere has he left the impression that he is a brother to man.

Why shouldn't the towns through which he passes accord him the honors due a conquerer?—Brownsville (Pa.) Telegraph.

ZION CHAPEL BEREFT OF A GOOD MOTHER

Mrs. Ida Terry died on Saturday night, August the 4th, after giving birth to a fine baby boy weighing ten pounds. She only lived a few hours after the birth of the child. The baby lived until Sunday afternoon and died about eight o'clock. The little son was tenderly laid in the arms of his good mother and both were laid in the coffin together.

The mother was the picture of health and the baby was a fine, beautiful child.

Mrs. Terry was a faithful wife and true and devoted mother. She was very devoted to her home. She was a home builder indeed. She worked hard, she stood by her husband's side in every thing. She was a good neighbor, ever ready to help in any way she could. She believed in looking after the sick and those in need.

Mrs. Terry was converted during the summer of 1926, and the summer of 1927. She united with the Presbyterian Church at Zion Chapel. She was always interested in Religion and the church and Sunday School. Mrs. Terry was born in Tennessee in 1893, Oct. the 23rd, and died Aug. 4, 1928. She leaves a good husband and three little girls and one little son.

Her sister from Avoca was with her at the funeral. Her father and mother could not reach them in time on account of old age.

Mrs. Terry came to Texas when a

It's Important

And often overlooked or neglected, the matter of having your car thoroughly Greased. And we are equipped so as to make certain the job is done right. Our—

GLADISH ELECTRIC HIGH PRESSURE AUTOMOBILE GREASING MACHINE

Guarantees thorough Greasing and thorough Greasing means a longer life car and Complete Running Satisfaction. By electric High Pressure power the grease is forced to the point where it is needed most.

Goodrich Tires and Tubes
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Service that is complete with satisfaction and courtesy. A trial will convince you.

WOODRUM'S NEW DRIVE-IN FILLING STATION

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White returned first of the week from a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, at Hale Center. Mr. Merritt and family for many years resided in Merkel, he being connected with The Merkel Mail, and his many friends here will be glad to learn that he is prospering and enjoying life in their western home.

Broadway Service Station

(B. E. SMITH & B. R. BOOKS, Proprietors)

LOCATED ON HIGHWAY IN WEST PART OF CITY

We Have Added a New---

MANLEY WASHING MACHINE

and Can Thoroughly Cleanse Every Part of Your Car—All Done by Electric Power.

We Also have a Thorough Greasing Process

We Will Handle a Complete Line of the Famous

Gulf Refining Co. Products

—And—

CONOCO PRODUCTS

Also QUAKER STATE and AMALIE OILS

Complete Line of DAYTON Tires and Tubes Accessories Too

QUEEN

"SHOWING THE PICK OF ALL PICTURES"

Friday Only

Reed Howes

"The Night Owl"

A picture of thrilling adventures among the night clubs.

Greatest of all Jungle Serials

"PERILS of The JUNGLE"

And 2-reel Comedy—

"DEAD EASY"

Saturday Only

Jack Hoxie

"The Fighting Three"

A Western with plenty of Pep.

The Great Jungle Serial

"PERILS of The JUNGLE"

And 2-reel Comedy

"SAILORS BEWARE"

Monday & Tuesday

Clara Bow

"RED HAIR"

Boy, does she step—and how! Just a sweet little manicurist who likes pretty things. The throttle's wide open! You just can't miss this one!

Also Comedy—

"KO KO SQUEALS"

and International News Reel

Wednesday & Thurs

HER BEST BY FAR!
Constance Talmadge

"Breakfast At Sunrise"

Married for spite, she slipped on the peel of wedding bells and fell—in love—with another girl's sweetie. Twice as funny as her funniest picture.

Also 2-reel Comedy—

"HOLD 'EM COWBOY"

We Specialize in
HIGH GRADE PORTRAITURE
All New Styles

WE REPAIR AND CLEAN KODAKS FREE
FINISHING, ONE DAY SERVICE

RODDEN STUDIO

**KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL
TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 10**

My Primary School will open Monday, Sept. 10, 1928, at my home. Promotions to the high first, second and third grades will be accepted by the public school. Your patronage will be highly appreciated.
MRS. W. A. McSPADEN, 3142

Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Alva Wheeler, in company with Abilene friends, returned last week from a very pleasant trip to the Davis Mountains, Alpine, and points on the border, with a short visit over into Old Mexico. On their return they came via San Antonio Austin, Waco and Fort Worth.

Mr. Mat Dillingham, the able and clever manager in this city for the West Texas Utilities Company, with Mrs. Dillingham and son, returned last week from a very pleasant vacation trip to West Texas and New Mexico points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones, and Misses Alice and Hazel Reeves are spending a few days at Rotan visiting relatives.

Hulls—Hulls on track—Get Our price. Swafford, phone 44. It

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth were here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp. The former Mr. Sharp has been connected with the First National Bank in Fort Worth for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon and daughter, Miss Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and daughter, returned last week from a very pleasant visit with relatives in White-wright, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes and Mrs. N. J. Armstrong returned recently from a visit with relatives at San Saba, Texas.

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. tf

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

Misses Elsie and Essie Sharp have recently returned from a visit with relatives at Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

Mrs. A. R. Booth, accompanied by her daughters, Mary Cleo, Louise and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, have returned from a visit to Lamesa.

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. tf

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

THE LOGICAL SEX

ABOUT the oldest tradition in the world is the one that describes the "race of men" as the logical sex. The masculine human being is convinced that he solves his problems by reasoning with himself about them. On the other hand, he is convinced that the female of the species is simply guided by instinct. This is in spite of the fact that all over the world, from China to Peru, when it comes to the question of feminism, the men lay down a general proposition and then proceed to evade it. In a word, women and men are "equal." But man's prejudices must not be interfered with. He still reserves to himself the right to protect and regulate the other half of humanity.

Women have the right to vote at elections all over the continent of North America. They may be admitted to the bar and plead before the courts. But the question whether or not they should be allowed to sit on juries is not yet settled in most of the states. Various reasons are given by those who oppose the change. When it is examined the opposition is found to be based on the theory that the gentle sex must be regulated as it has been in the past.

An interesting example of masculine logic is supplied by the German republic. In the constitution of that state it is provided explicitly that men and women have the same rights and, apart from fighting, must perform the same duties. Yet when the proposal to make women eligible for jury duty came up before the federal council in the form of the proposed draft of a law it was negated.

The explanation given by Herr Von Preger, the Bavarian representative, ought to be framed and hung up in every woman's club in the world as an example of how not to reason.

"The Bavarian government," he said, "maintains the principal standpoint that women are not suited to judicial office. The admission of women would result in a softening of justice, which is most undesirable just at this time."

So it all comes to this: Women may elect those who make the laws; they may expound the same laws, but they are not fit to decide simple questions of fact arising in connection with the administration of the laws.

When Mrs. Poyser made the tart generalization that the women were made fools "to match the men" she was really unnecessarily severe on the long suffering sisterhood.

**CIGAR-SHOP INDIAN
MOURNS ITS MAKER**

Famous Wood Carver Dies in Canada.

Toronto, Ont.—There died a few days ago in Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec, at the age of eighty-six, Louis Jobin, the originator of the cigar-store Indian.

Louis Jobin's family name does not rest exclusively on his bizarre production. He was described as the greatest wood carver in the world. He carved wood for seventy years, though of late his sight had failed and he had laid away the chisel.

The present generation knew him only as the religious wood carver of the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. The pilgrims who left their crutches took away in their stead little Jobin statuettes. His work has gone all over the world, but the world is unaware of him. He never signed his statues.

You cannot go into a church in rural Quebec or motor through its roads, that are one unending village, without seeing a Jobin. He made wayside shrines and Calvaries as well as statues for churches. His subjects were Christ and Mary and the Holy Babe, the innumerable saints of the calendar. And his chisel and mallet made many an apostle. Indeed, with his long, white patriarchal beard, he himself did not look unlike an apostle or an early Christian father.

He did not forget his patron saint, Ste. Anne, "Our Lady of the Miracles." A more than life-sized statue of her is in the garden of the basilica of the Canadian Lourdes and pious pilgrims kiss her hand in gratitude.

There is a notable Jobin figure in the study hall of the College of Ste. Anne de Pointe-aux-Lacs and the figure of General Wolfe in a niche of the Canadian Pacific railroad office in Quebec is also from his chisel. But for Jobin the niche would be empty. The original statue was taken by the officers of a British ship, but Quebec, which is determined to honor Wolfe as well as Montcalm, had Jobin replace it.

The Toronto Art gallery has one of his angels and it does not need to hang its head in the sculpture gallery beside the masterpiece of Chinese art. It also has the simplicity of greatness, the tranquil dignity of transfigured personal emotion.

While cigar-store Indians are becoming extinct, those created by Jobin in his early days in the industry are in keen demand by collectors. One of the masterpieces of St. Noeltine stands today at the front door of a tobacconist's shop on the Rue St. Jean, in Quebec city, where it was placed fifty years ago. The owner has refused \$500 for it.

Jobin was a humble artist, who never talked of art for art's sake, but did whatever his hand found to do.

What was in demand sixty and seventy years ago was figureheads for ships.

Canada was a center of the wooden shipbuilding industry. So the young Jobin, although he went for a brief period to New York, found more ample scope for his talents at home.

Learned Art Young.

He has given this account of his early life: "I was born at Pointe aux Trembles and when I was very young my father sent me to my uncle, who was a wood carver, to learn the trade. We did a big business in ships' figureheads. There were many ships and they all wanted ornaments on the prow and nameboard on the stern. I made dolphins and sirens and Neptunes. The sign outside my shop is a Neptune, which was ordered but not taken.

"Forty years I carved for ships," he went on. "Then the steamers came in and iron had no use for wood. I had long carved Indians. I also carved the figure of a notary for a notary's door in Montreal. But for years I have done mostly angels and apostles and saluts."

Jobin's art will not altogether die with him. He leaves behind him a nephew, Edouard Marcotte, trained in his craft, and Ste. Anne, though the great master of wood carving is no more, will not be deprived of sacred iconography.

Ask Ban on German Doctors Be Lifted

Berlin.—An urgent plea for raising the embargo placed by ex-belligerents upon the admission of German doctors to former-German colonies—now mandated territories—is made by the German Colonial society and allied bodies. They have sent a joint petition to the federal government requesting it to call the attention of the League of Nations to the fact, which is said to be admitted by the mandatory powers themselves, that malaria, sleeping sickness, yellow fever, tuberculosis and other diseases are on the increase to an alarming extent in these territories and that the supply of doctors to cope with them is notoriously inadequate.

Recent German medical discoveries to combat sleeping sickness, dysentery and malaria, have placed Germans in the front rank of tropical disease fighters and therefore should be made available for reasons of humanity to thousands of sufferers in the mandated territories, the petition declares.

Plans Own Funeral

New York.—The will of Celeste De Longpre Heckscher, composer, directs that her funeral be held in the evening and that the mourners wear white.



BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY
Merkel, Texas

Howard Campbell, Magician and Man of Mystery, played at the Queen last night and kept the audience with him from start to finish. Mr. Campbell performed so many tricks the audience couldn't keep up with him. One of his feature tricks was the rising cards from a small glass tumbler. Itp

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark left this week for a visit with relatives in Scurry County and at Amarillo.

Hulls—Hulls on track—Get Our price. Swafford, phone 44. It

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and children expect to leave today for a visit with friends and relatives in Austin.

Miss Flossie Campbell will leave soon for Ysleta, where she will again teach in the public schools there.

Miss Daisy Brown of Noodle Dome is the week-end guest of Miss Elizabeth Duncan Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Miller, of the Stith community have recently returned from a trip to Marshal and White-wright, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son, Milton, spent last Sunday with relatives in Winters.

Wilkes Holden is here for a few days from Ackerly, Texas. He came by Lubbock to visit relatives before coming here.

Mrs. O. B. Boden and daughter, Miss Althea, and son, O. B. Jr., are visiting in Duncan, Oklahoma, and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of last Friday, August 24, of a son.

Mrs. Leland Click and babies, who have been visiting home folks, has returned to her home in Snyder. Her husband is reported very sick.

Misses Wynona and Ruby Patton have recently returned from Fort Worth, where they spent some time visiting their aunt, Mrs. C. M. Kyle. They report a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Alva Wheeler returned last week from a vacation trip to Austin, San Antonio and other points of interest in South Texas. They report a very pleasant and interesting trip.

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