

HONESTY PAYS

The man who deals upright and fair
And treats his neighbor on the square
Can look the whole world in the face,
The odds are with him in life's race.
The man who thinks it's smart to cheat
Will find, alas, that he is beat
For in the end he will lose out.
It pays to go the honest route.
The Farmers State Bank has this to say,
There's nothing that beats the honest way.

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Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, and Mrs. H. C. Williams, of Knox City, were over first of the week for a visit with the former's mother, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Holland, of Ft. Worth, were guests of the latter's brother, Mr. John Sears first of the week.

Mr. J. S. Swann, President of the Farmers State Bank, had business in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither, of San Antonio, is a guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Miss Mamie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ellis, left this week for Fort Stockton, where for the third year she will teach in the public schools of that city.

Miss Martha Bird, for many years a splendid teacher of English, in the city, left this week for Graham, where she will hold a similar position in the schools there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson.

Mrs. Bessie Billings left this week for Abilene, where she will make her home in the future. She ordered the Merkel Mail to follow her to her new home.

Visiting in the home of A. B. Dyess, Thursday night were C. P. Suber and family, H. A. Deaver and family, Charlie Story and Arthur Story and family of Abilene, A. F. Dyess and family of Waxahachie, and J. S. Dyess and wife of Lamesa.

A. B. Dyess and Eulala and Thelma Deavess went to Lamesa Monday returning Tuesday. Minnie and Olen Dyess come back with them on their way to their home in Ellis county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Denstine and children returned the last of the week from a vacation trip in which they visited the famous Carlsbad Cavern and other New Mexico points.

Miss Addie Holler had as her guest last week her brother, Frost Holler of Cisco.

Wilkes and Bert Holden and family

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with two sisters, visited relatives in McCauley during the week.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack and family attended the Runnels County Baptist Association at Winters last week. This week they are attending the meetings of the Jones County Association at Stith.

Miss Sylvia Alford, of Houston, who is a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Cade, of Noodle Dome, is a guest in the home of Doris Brown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holden of Cross Plains are paying a brief visit to their mother, Mrs. I. C. Holden, and brother, Wilkes Holden, being on their way to make Big Spring their future home.

Mrs. T. V. Touchston, and daughter are visiting in Chillicothe this week.

J. E. Boaz and family spent several days last week in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Wm. O'Braint returned Thursday from a delightful three months trip to California, during which time she visited her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Faucett. While there Mrs. O'Braint had the pleasure of having all five of her children with her. Mrs. O'Braint was accompanied to California by Mrs. Ross Ferrier, who returned several days ago.

Roy Tucker came down first of the week from Borger, Texas, and will spend his vacation of fifteen days visiting among his many friends and relatives.

Miss Elsie Sharp will leave this week for Childress, where she will for the fourth year teach in the Public schools of that city.

Messrs. J. W. Wheeler and C. R. (Rufe) Tittle have recently completed a deal whereby they have traded homes; Mr. Wheeler moving into the latter's splendid residence on Oak street, and Mr. Tittle and family to the former's home just out side of the city limits to the Southwest. Besides the nice home to which Mr. Tittle has moved there is also seventy acres of land that is included in the deal.

Jas. Murphey, of El Paso, was here this week, guest of Messrs. J. N. Teaf and Earl Lassiter.

Judge N. D. Cobb and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanford and children, returned Wednesday from a very pleasant ten days stay in Corpus Christi.

J. A. Meeks, splendid farmer residing four miles southwest of the city, has returned from a trip to the Plains, where he closed a deal for the purchase of 400 acres of well improved land. He recently sold his 160 acre farm near here.

Mrs. L. A. Watts and family are in receipt of a message announcing that Capt. William Robertson and wife who are with the Trans-Continental Flyers on their cross the country flight from New York to Los Angeles, will be in Abilene Saturday on their trip. Mrs. Robertson is a niece of Mrs. Watts.

F. J. Smith, Miss Annie Smith and Mrs. R. B. Underwood returned first of the week from a pleasant vacation trip to West Texas and the Carlsbad Cavern.

Miss Annie Laurie Smith departed this week for Wichita Falls, where she will again teach in the High Schools of that city the coming term.

J. M. Chaney, of this city, reports the sale of 200 head of cattle, 1,800 head of goats and 20 saddle horses on his ranch, and the leasing of the ranch consisting of 8,000 acres, to L. S. Munger of Abilene and L. A. Dudley, who has been ranch foreman for Mr. Chaney for a number of years. Mr. Dudley will remain in charge as manager.

Messrs. Leron and Vernon Chaney left recently for College Station, where they will enter A. & M. College for the coming term. For the past few years they have been students at John Tarlton, at Stephenville.

Messrs. Lester Tittle and Delbert Polly, came in first of the week for a few days visit with home folks, from Arlington. The former will soon enter Simmons University and the latter has returned to Arlington for another year in school there.

Jay Greenfield and mother, Mrs. W. F. Hamblett, of this city, accompanied by W. H. Greenfield and sister Mrs. C. P. Loban, of Snyder, attended a re-union of the Greenfield family at Ranger first of the week.

NUBIA AND PUMPHREY NINES TO PLAY DECIDING GAMES

Three games in two days will be on the program for the week-end, according to the announcement in the advertising columns of this issue of the paper, between the Nubia and Pumphrey nines. One game will be played Friday afternoon and two games Saturday, morning and afternoon. Admission will be 25 cents, with ladies free.

The same teams have just completed a three-game series at Pumphrey, the Nubia nine winning two out of three games. Hence, in the three games to be played, the Pumphrey players have a chance to even up the series.

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NOTICE

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TRENT P. A. A. HOLDS ITS OPENING MEETING

Mrs. W. L. Boyd was unanimously re-elected president of the Trent Parent-Teachers' Association at the first meeting of the new school year, Tuesday afternoon.

Talks by C. L. Blankenship, superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Joe Nalley, teacher, expressed the appreciation of the faculty and the school for the splendid work done by the P. T. A. the past year, and for the interest and enthusiasm aroused by the association toward getting the Trent high school properly affiliated.

Mrs. Boyd made a short talk, outlining the aims and plans for the new year's work, and urging full cooperation of teachers and parents for successful results.

The full staff of officers for the new year were elected, including Mrs. C. L. Blankenship, first vice president; Mrs. J. P. Watson, second vice president; Mrs. John Payne, third vice president; Miss Maggie Payne, treasurer; Mrs. Bryan, recording secretary, and Mrs. Winslow Beckham, corresponding secretary.

The association voted to instruct

various teachers to hold elections among their pupils for room mothers, to be chosen from the membership of the association. This plan, followed last year, proved very successful, and a pleasure to all concerned.

Miss Maggie Payne's room won the election contest for possession of the P. T. A. picture until the next meeting.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: "Our Indian Neighbors."

1. Early Days, By Jackie Slater.
2. Where the Indians Live Today, by Harry Boaz.
3. What we owe to the Indians, by Bertie Mae Leslie.
4. The native Religion of the Indians, by Margaret Miller.
5. Our Home Mission Board Works Among the Indians, by Don Swafford.
6. The "Only Way" church, by Dot Swafford.
7. The Indians and Missions, by Mae Randall.

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Girls of 17 and 14 Successful Bosses Oklahoma Farms

Ardmore, Okla.—Marshall county farmers challenge the world to produce 4-H club members who can equal the record of two of their outstanding club girls. One is Velma Watters, 17, who lives on a rented farm in the timbered hills section of Marshall county, east of Madill. The Watters family moved there last December and prepared to cultivate the farm. On Dec. 29 the father was stricken with paralysis and has been unable to work since. Velma alone cultivated the farm and as a result has prospect for good crops. She has 332 acres in cotton, corn, peanuts, darso, kaffir and cane.

The family has one cow to supply butter and milk, a flock of poultry, two hogs and two horses. In addition to her field crops, the girl has a fine garden and so far this season has canned 50 jars of fruits, berries and vegetables. All the work, with the exception of three days when a man was employed to operate a lister, has been performed by the girl. She will not be idle while waiting for harvest, for she has obtained a position in a store.

Velma was in the eighth grade when she quit school four years ago, but manages to find time to study. Her outstanding 4-H club girl is the daughter of Mrs. Rose Luttrell, who lives in the same neighborhood. She is 14, the daughter of Mrs. Rose Luttrell, whose husband died nine years ago and left her with a farm of 140 acres. The management of the farm has rested almost entirely on this young girl since an elder brother was killed in an oil field accident a few years ago. She has 75 acres in cotton, corn, peanuts, oats, darso and kaffir beside a large garden, said by the home demonstrator to be the best in the county. The family sells milk and cream from eight cows.

From an orchard and garden 250 jars of fruit and vegetables have been canned under the girl's supervision so far this season. Her poultry consists of a large flock of hens and 150 head of turkeys.

A few years ago the girl decided that rains were taking too heavy toll from the soil of the farm and prepared to terrace the land. She ran

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. The Sunday School is having a gradual increase in attendance. Be present Sunday; a place for you. Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Strangers in town and local visitors are always welcome at our services. Wm. Elliott, Supt. S. S. R. A. Walker, pastor.

the lines and manipulated the plow to throw up the terraces. Although she was only nine years old then, the terraces have withstood floods that have visited that section and saved her farm from erosion.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song. Prayer. Roll call. Scripture, Psalm 121, by leader, Duncan Briggs. Talk No. 1, September Juniors, page 266, by Janet Hayes. Talk No. 2, September Juniors, page 26, by Eloise Manscill. Talk No. 3, September Juniors, page 26, by Mildred Richardson. Talk No. 4, September Juniors, page 24, by Imogene Middleton. Talk No. 5, September Juniors, page 27, by Florene Rider. Talk No. 6, September Juniors, page 27, by Bessylea Church. Talk No. 7, September Juniors, page 27, by Mollie Frank Touchstone. Talk No. 8, September Juniors, page 27, by Mary Grace Dunn. Talk No. 9, September Juniors, page 27, by Wanda Hunter. Benediction.

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If you did not get one of our big two-page circulars, just drop in the store and ask for one. You can't afford to miss the coupon item for this month.

Remember we have no "BIG SALE" during the fall months except our Annual Xmsa Sale, so come now and let's get acquainted.



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TRENT NEWS

On last Saturday evening the friends of little Jane Capshar surprised her with a handkerchief shower. Those present were Imogene Bagley, Joella McLeod, Mary Joe Howell, Helen and Vera Bright, Odessa and Willie Jewell McDonald, Marjorie Adrian and Christene Mc-

Cloud, Gladys Hamner, Evelyn and Merle Stevenson, Jean Terry, Doreen and Jean Scott. Ice cream was served and all report a most enjoyable hour.

The W. M. S. met Monday afternoon at M. E. Church at their regular meeting. The subject was the Sunday School lesson for next Sunday. Those present were: Mesdames W. Y. Steen, Shouse, Smith, McRee, Mangum, Winn, Watson, Scott.

Allen and Estelle Terry left Sunday for Stephenville, where they will enter John Tarleton School for the fall and winter term.

Mrs. J. M. Billings, who has been in the employ of the store of M. G. Scotts for some twelve years, is moving to her home in Abilene. We regret very much to see her leave our city, but wish for her success in her new home.

Mrs. C. A. Rutherford of Santa Anna is here this week assisting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Billings, in moving to Abilene.

Miss Maza Payne has just returned from California, where she has been visiting friends for some time. She reports a most enjoyable trip.

Miss Ruby Johnson will leave September, 16 for Denton, where she expects to enter C. I. A. for the fall and winter term.

A party consisting of M. G. Bryan and baby, Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Nally and Miss Annie May Nalley, motored to Cisco Tuesday afternoon to hear Senator Joe T. Robinson speak. The trip was enjoyed by all, melon eating, bathing and shaking hands with old acquaintance, furnishing diversion from their arrival at 5 P. M. till the speaking opened in the evening.

There will be dinner at the M. E. church Sunday. Come and bring your dinner and let's make a big day of it. Rev. Lyon, the presiding elder, will be there.

Mrs. T. C. Eason, from Big Springs, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goodman.

Our school opened Monday morning with a large attendance. Rev. Dean McKeowan of McMurry College delivered the chief address. The Teachers are: C. L. Blankenship, Superintendent; W. C. Cunningham, Principal; Miss Helen Bisbee, Science and English; Mago Payne, seventh; Lillie Harris, fifth and sixth; Mrs. Joe Nally, third and fourth; Mrs. Bert McRee, second and third; Miss Mattie White primary.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer have returned from a months visit to relatives and friends in Louisiana. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mrs. Nettie Harrison of Riveria, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Boling, who live at Commerce and have been visiting at Lubbock and other points, stopped en-

route home for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shannon.

Quite a few Trent citizens motored over to Abilene Thursday night to hear Rev. Bob Shuler speak.

H. C. Lowery from Wostellee, is spending a few days with his brother Joe.

Mrs. Causseaux and her daughter, Mrs. Dewell Johnson, spent Tuesday with her daughter Mrs. Ross Young and Mrs. Joe Lowery.

MERKE LTHEATRE

Monday and Tuesday will be "take a chance nights" at this theatre. A good show and lots of fun. The surprise as well as the quality of the

picture is worth more than the price of admission.

"Wednesday and Thursday, Wm. Boyd in "Dress Parade" will be the attraction. A story of West Point clean and interesting from start to finish, with a wonderful lesson of young American manhood. A picture that all children should see.

Special matinee Thursday, at which school children will be admitted for 5c and 10c. This concession is made in order that all children may see a picture they will never forget. Two shows Thursday afternoon, 2:30 and 4:00.

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**WESLEYAN BROTHERHOOD
 PERFECT ORGANIZATION**
 The Wesleyan Brotherhood Club
 met Tuesday evening at the Method-
 ist Church to perfect their organiza-
 tion.

The meeting was called to order by
 Bishop Hunter, followed by invocation
 by Rev. Mayhew. The following pro-
 gram was carried out.

Reading of minutes of previous
 meeting. Opening songs.

The purpose of a Layman Organi-
 zation, by Jim West.

Quartet, by Harry Barnett, Walter
 Barnett, Henry Eason and F. C. Hu-
 ghes.

Short talks of three minutes each
 in which a number of inspiring
 thoughts were introduced.

Closing song, followed by prayer of
 dismissal by Rev. Mayhew.

Following the business meeting ad-
 journment was made to partake of
 lunch of sandwiches and watermelons.

The following new members were
 added: Herbert Patterson, Fred Hud-
 dleston, M. C. Church, Will Hutche-
 son, Dr. Armstrong, H. M. Rainbolt,
 Harry Barnett, Walter Barnett, Hen-
 ry Eason, F. C. Hughes, Jim West,
 John West, W. L. Diltz, Sr.

**PIPELINE CREW KILLS 12
 RATTLESNAKES IN WEEK**
 Big Spring—The crew working on
 the Big Spring pipe line, seven miles
 south of Big Spring, has killed 12
 rattlesnakes in a week's time.

One of the snakes measured 61
 inches and had 10 rattles and a but-
 ton.

**KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL
 TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 10**

My Primary School will open Mon-
 day, Sept. 10, 1928, at my home. Pro-
 motions to the high first, second and
 third grades will be accepted by the
 public school. Your patronage will be
 highly appreciated.

MRS. W. A. McSPADDEN. 1t

**BIG PICTURES BOOKED
 FOR SHOWING AT QUEEN**

H. T. Hodge, owner of the Queen
 Theatre and a number of other thea-
 tres in West, Texas, has returned
 from Dallas, where after carefully
 looking over all the motion pictures to
 be released the coming season, has
 selected from the large group, the
 best pictures and most popular stars
 of the entire industry.

For his line-up for the coming sea-
 son at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Hodge
 says he has bought all of the best
 comedies on the market, so the patrons
 of the Queen can be assured of the
 very best in the motion picture line.

Mr. Hodge says he has bought all
 the new pictures of most of the lead-
 ing stars, and will have all of the late
 pictures of such popular stars as
 Mary Pickford, John Gilbert, Norma
 Talmadge, Lon Chaney, Gloria Swan-
 son, Douglas Fairbanks, Dolores Del
 Rio, Charlie Chaplin, Vilma Banky,
 Ramon Navarro, Marion Davies,
 Norma Shearer, Greta Garbo, John
 Barrymore, Ronald Colman, Tom
 Mix, Hoot Gibson, and all the leading
 western stars.

Mr. Hodges' fifteen years experi-
 ence in the show business and buy-
 ing pictures for the large number of
 theatres, enables him to select the
 best pictures in the market.

"Devil's Saddle," now on exhibition
 at the Queen, is an appealing west-
 ern drama, its accuracy to history
 making it an educational study for
 school children.

Harry Langdon brings his new
 First National picture, "Long Pants,"
 to the Queen theatre next Wednesday
 and Thursday.

Meeks-Dye Wedding

On August 25th Mr. Ed Dye and
 Miss Willie Mae Meeks were united in
 marriage, Rev. Walker, pastor of
 Grace Presbyterian Church, of Mer-
 kel, performing the ceremony, which
 was attended by only a few of the
 immediate families of the contracting
 parties. The groom is the popular son
 of Mr. and Mrs. John Dye of Syl-
 vester. The bride is the charming
 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred
 Meek of Blair.

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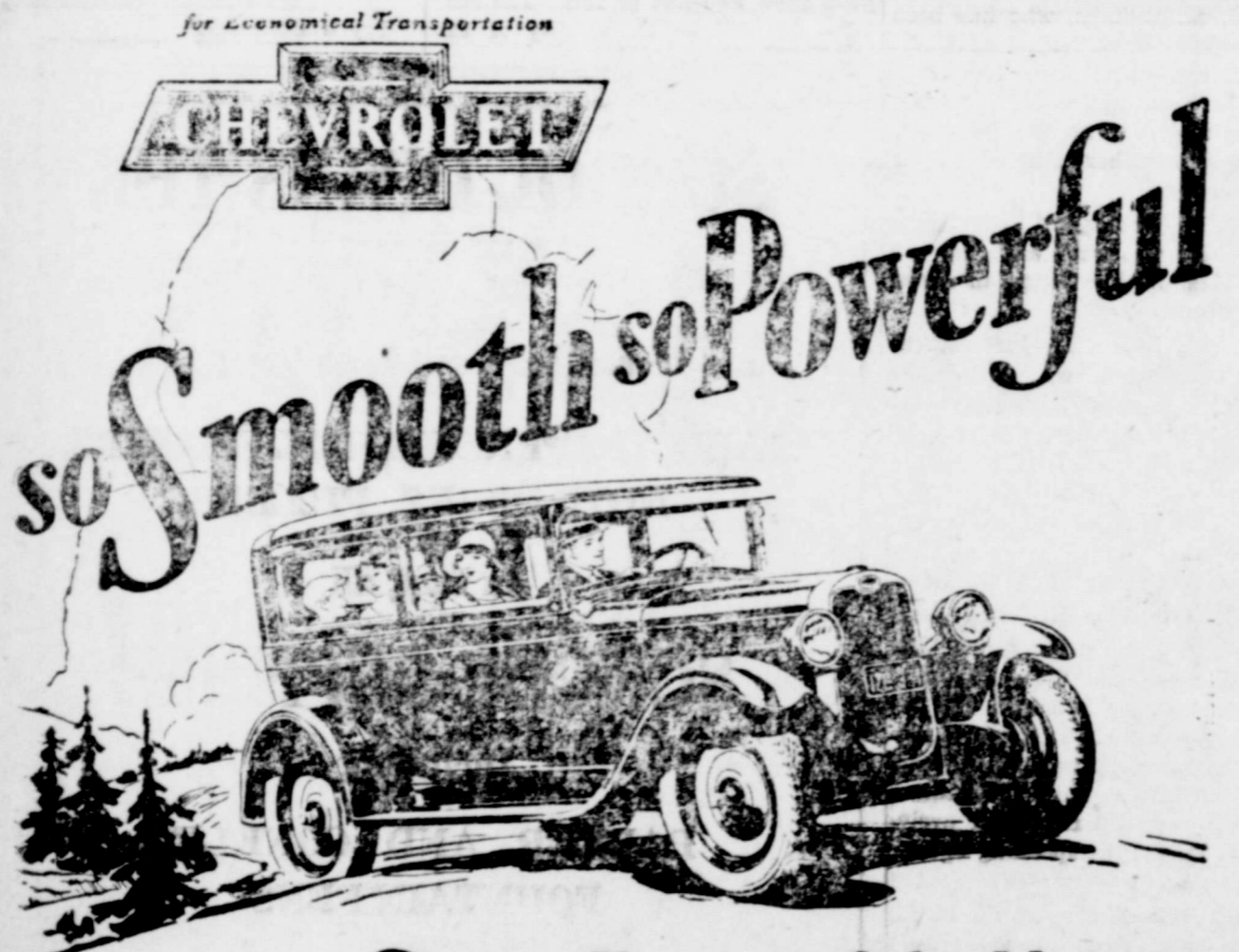


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One Rack Ladies Silk Dresses, Unusual Values at	ONE LOT WASH DRESSES
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\$5.75	\$3.95 \$2.95 \$1.95
ONE LOT JERSEY DRESSES	LADIES AND MISSES SILK HOSE, ALL COLORS
\$5.75	49c to 98c

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 - The Sedan . . . \$695
 - The Convertible . . . \$715
 - The Sport Cabriolet . . . \$715
 - The Imperial . . . \$715
 - Landau . . . \$520
 - Truck . . . \$375
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 and completeness of detail de-
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 Provine, and Luther Orsborn, Jack
 Meeks, Red Hardy, Rev. Mayhew
 and Mrs. Mayhew and Mr and Mrs.
 F. F. Logan visited Mr. and Mrs.
 Marian Logan Sunday evening.

Mrs. Marian Logan and Grace
 Tate visited Mrs. E. J. Orsborn Fri-
 day.

Grace Tate, Nola and Una Belle
 Provine, Luther Orsborn visited
 Misses Patton Friday evening.

J. M. Provine and wife visited Mr.
 and Mrs. Heiman Doan Sunday.

Charlie Brown visited Miss Alma
 Meeks the past week-end.

Miss Joy Doan visited the J. M.
 Provine family Sunday evening.

Mrs. Earl Walker and Mrs. E. J.
 Orsborn visited Mrs. S. O. Patton
 Thursday evening.

Miss Zuma Spears visited Ruby
 Patton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter of Mer-
 kel were seen in our midst Sunday
 evening.

Mrs. Sam Butman and daughters
 Mary and Lottie were seen in our
 midst Sunday.

Katherine Hogan, Morris Smith,
 Annie Mae Whyenhunt, and R. S.
 Darden attended church at Blair
 Sunday.

Rev. Hardy, Wyoma Patton, and
 Nola Provine made a flying trip to
 Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Francis Scroggins visited Anna
 Addison Sunday.

Ted Winham visited Miss Grace
 Tate recently.

A group of young people visited
 Alfred Meeks' watermelon patch.

Luther Orsborn dined with Heranan
 Doan Thursday.

Marian Logan has been building a
 residence for E. Barnes the past week,
 recently.

BROWN EYES

CARD OF THANKS.

We appreciate this opportunity of
 thanking each and all of the many
 friends and neighbors who so thought-
 fully and kindly rendered every pos-
 sible assistance during the sickness
 and death of our loved one; also to
 those who have shown so many deeds
 of kindness to us in our loneliness and
 sorrow during the days that are fol-
 lowing. May our Father bless richly
 each one of you.

A. F. Terry and family.
 J. M. Terry and family.

**MIDLAND POSTOFFICE IS
 NEAR FIRST CLASS RATE**

Midland—Records at the Midland
 postoffice show that at the present
 rate of business the office will lack
 but \$3,000 to \$4,000 of becoming
 first class by 1929.

Mrs. Mary S. Ray, postmistress,
 and her assistant, Miss Elma Graves,
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 months that the first class status can
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Every Saturday my stand will be by the Queen Theatre. Fruits and vegetables. S. K. ECKERD. 1tp

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Horn News

Health of this community is very good at present.

Mrs. S. S. Benningfield's daughter and family from Hawley spent Saturday and Sunday with them.

Miss Ollie Gregory spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Perlie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregory and family, Mrs. S. S. Benningfield spent Monday with Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Layth Lane entertained the young folks with a party on last Monday night. All report a nice time.

Bill Daniel visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gregory and family, Miss Virgie Hatfield, Alton Wardlow, Miss Juanita Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield. Mrs. Willie McCoy is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. E. Ellington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield and Oliver Wardlow visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington a while Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hatfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield.

Mrs. Jake Wardlow is on the sick list this week. Cordie Ellington visited Misses

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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Booth Home Scene Of Gay Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth was the scene of a gay party Saturday afternoon when Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Mrs. Claud Young entertained there to honor Miss Martha Bird, who left Sunday for Graham to begin her work in the high school as head of the English Department.

On the spacious shady lawn, pretty with greenery and flowers in attractive clusterings, seven tables, with score pads and tallies favoring the going-away girl motif, were arranged for bridge. The honoree's table was especially attractive with its miniature suitcase tagged, "Miss Martha Bird, Graham, Texas."

At the close of the games Miss Booth presented to the honoree a folded bandana handkerchief which was found to contain an assortment of pretty handkerchiefs.

At the time the hostesses passed a dainty plate of brick ice cream and angel food squares in the chosen colors of green and white with white summer flowers as plate favors.

The guest list included Misses Martha Bird, Jess Sutphen, Flora Frances Anderson, Melba West, Johnnie Sears, Lorena Dry, Willie Toombs, Mary Eula Sears, Vinnie Heizer, Lucy Tracy, Addie Holler, Louise Booth, and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, L. B. Scott, Jack Anderson, Edward McCrary, Chas. Jones, Harry Cookston, Frank McFarland, Bill Brown, George White, Guy Darsey, Mat Dillingham, Bob Mayfield, Roy Largent, Warren Smith, M. D. Angus, Buckner, and Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Estes of Abilene.

Lura and Leodice Benningfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr.

Mrs. S. S. Benningfield, Mrs. G. E. Ellington, Mrs. Therman McCoy and son visited Mrs. Wardlow a while Monday evening.

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.



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AN APPRECIATION

I wish to take this method of thanking all of my friends for their kindness to me, during the several months of my illness. Especially, do I wish to thank the ladies of my Sunday School class, my pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Mayhew, my physician, Dr. Grimes, and my many old friends of other days, for their unusual thoughtfulness concerning my welfare. Their many little services and words of cheer will never be forgotten I have lived in Merkel most of the time since 1893 and the longer I live here the more do I appreciate the Merkel people.

During the next few days, I will leave for Lamesa, where I will

spend the winter with my daughter, Mrs. T. H. Christopher, but I hope to be with you again after a few months "May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from another."

Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

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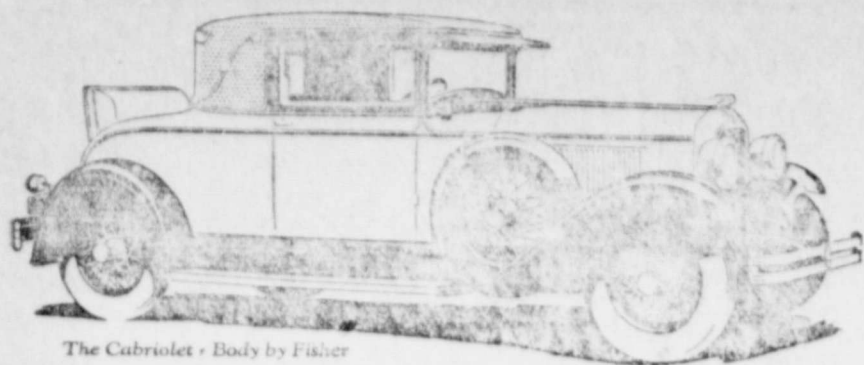
Just make out a list of the things your boys and girls will need for the school term and bring it here. In this big store you will find wearing apparel and other school supplies that will be a joy and delight to the children as they pursue their studies during the term beginning Monday.

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO INSPECT THIS STORE'S STOCK OF SCHOOL NEEDS!

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Miss Myrtle M. Carriere is with the Diem & Wing Paper Company, (423-427 Front Street) New Orleans. Within five months after she left her home at Franklinton, Louisiana, Miss Carriere had completed the thorough course of Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Posting Machine.

Roy W. McCoy, who holds a responsible position with the Texas Railroad Commission stationed at Wink, Texas, enrolled from Louisiana. Just after completing his course, he

was sent to Tulsa, Oklahoma. With the experience added to his thorough training, Roy was headed for a much larger salary, so he changed positions and was sent to Wink, Texas.

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During next week there is an effort to have a training school in every Church in Sweetwater Association. The book to be used in most churches is "Building a Standard Sunday School." Merkel is furnishing helpers in some of the nearby churches.

Visitors and strangers will find a cordial welcome in any of our services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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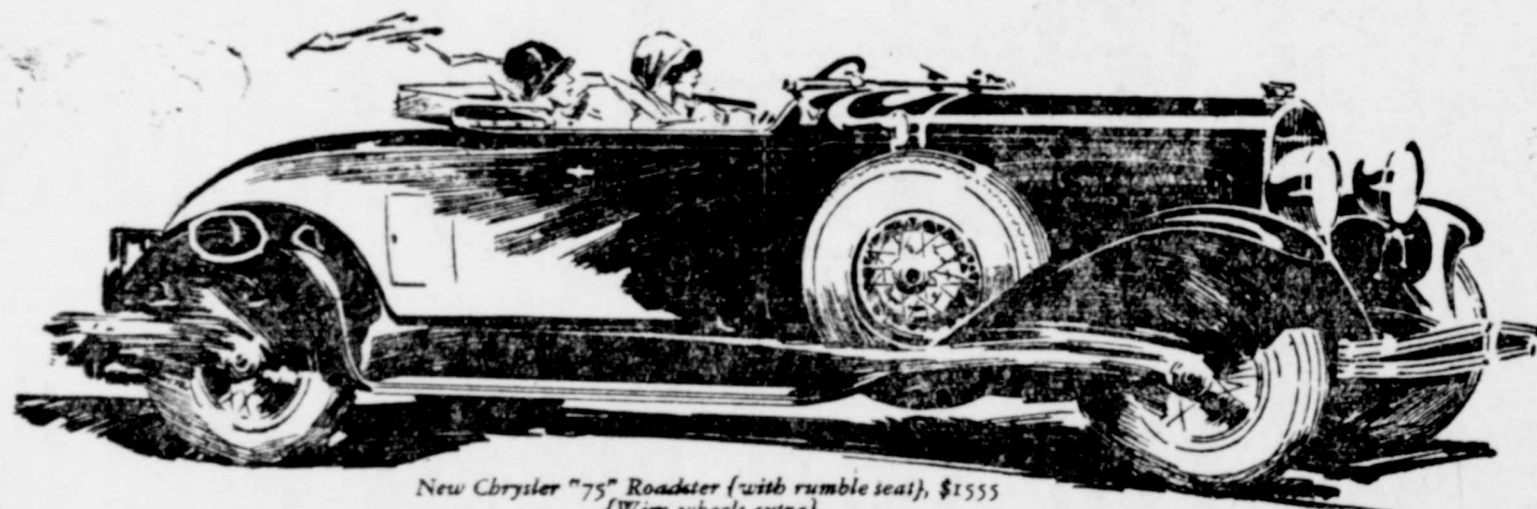
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MEETING AT BROWNWOOD DISCUSSES FEASIBILITY OF EAST-WEST HIGHWAY

Brownwood, Sept. 6.—Progress was made toward perfecting an east and west highway association at a meeting here Tuesday attended by delegates from eight towns with the election of J. M. Penland of Waco as president and J. A. Cheadle of Waco as secretary. Delegates were present from Waco, McGregor, Gatesville, Goldthwaite, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger and San Angelo.

The movement in the interest of which a temporary organization was formed at a meeting representatives of these towns in Waco recently, is in the interest of a highway from the Louisiana line to the Mexican border and the name L. T. and M. (Louisiana, Texas and Mexico) Association was suggested at that time. The name, however, has not been adopted by the organization and its permanent name is to be chosen by the committee appointed to have charge of the general organization plans.

Members of the organization committee are: W. V. Crawford, Waco; C. A. Alvis, Gatesville; C. C. Wild, San Angelo; H. Burks, Brownwood; and S. O'Neal, Coleman.

The plan of organization provides that there shall be one regional director for each major section through which the highway shall pass, the section west of San Angelo being taken as one major section, that from San Angelo to Waco another major section, and from Waco east another. Each county along the highway is to have two directors in the organ to be selected by the Chamber of Commerce of the towns in those counties. The organization is to be completed at a meeting to be held soon, the time and place of the meeting yet to be decided on.

The route that the highway should take east of Waco to the Louisiana line was one of the questions discussed at the meeting here, but the association is yet to decide upon that.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Bryan Sept. 6.—Robert Teeling, 45, carpenter, member of a prominent family at Hearne, and an itinerant patent medicine peddler named Cunningham, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the E. D. Phillips home Tuesday.

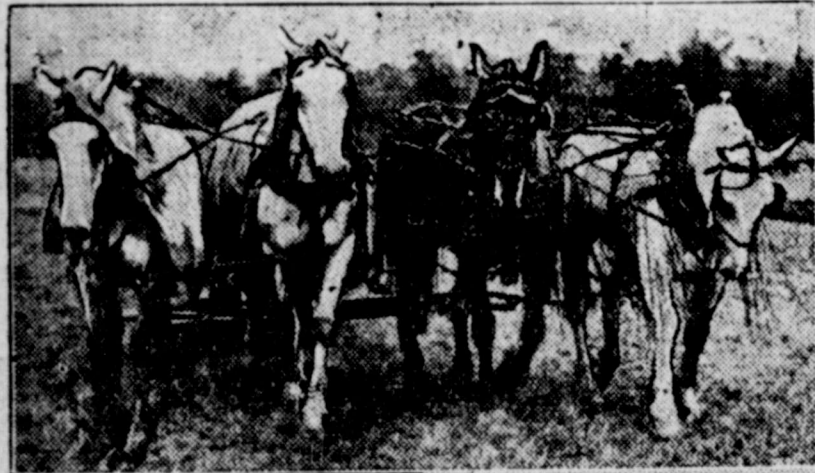
Flames enveloped the home where the two men were spending the night, before the fire was discovered, and neither had a chance to escape. Their charred bodies were found Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, a daughter and a son, and a boy named Herbert Burkhalter, who were spending the night at the house, barely escaped. The house was one of the landmarks of Bryan.

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The New Way and the Old



Every farmer in Texas who owns more than two horses will want to see the daily hitching demonstrations that are to be put on at The State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 6 to 21, it is said.

These will be held every day during the fair and will be conducted by experts from the headquarters of the Horse Association of America. They will be free, and the demonstrators will answer any questions and help solve the horse problem of any farmer.

New methods, the result of years of scientific study and tests, will be shown. The object will be to teach the farmer how to hook up his animals in teams of three, four, six, eight and ten, so as to get the very best results with the least strain on the horses and so that one man can handle any sized team, from two to ten.

The demonstrations will be "live" ones, actual horses being used and hitched to various implements, as in actual farm practice. Wayne Dinsmore, Secretary of the Horse Association, makes the astonishing statement that the farmers of Texas can add \$33,000,000 to their annual income in good years or bad, by discarding old, worn-out inefficient hitches and adopting the new ones.



FERGUSON MAY SUSPEND PUBLICATION OF FORUM

Austin, Sept. 6.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson announced the probable suspension of publication of the Ferguson Forum, said have been issued for the past eleven years, in the current number of publication.

Lack of an adequate number of subscribers was given as the cause. Final decision on permanent discontinuance will be made between now and October 1 Ferguson said.

WEST TEXAS CROWD HEARS JOE ROBINSON AT CISCO

Cisco, Tex., Sept. 6.—Drawing a contrast between Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York and the democratic nominee for the presidency, and Herbert Hoover, the former secretary of commerce and the republican candidate for president, Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic candidate for vice president, in a speech here Tuesday night enthusiastically praised Smith's qualifications for the office. He rebuked those carrying on a "whispering campaign" against Governor Smith.

Greeted by a large crowd when he arrived Tuesday afternoon, Senator Robinson headed a parade which went over the streets of the city. During the afternoon he attended a watermelon feast attended by former residents of Arkansas, and at night he was the honor guest at a banquet on the shores of Lake Cisco.

JOHN COOLIDGE DENIES HE HAS ACCEPTED A JOB

Northampton, Mass., Sept. 6.—John Coolidge, son of the president, last night ended speculation regarding his vocational intentions by denying he had accepted a position. He also denied rumors he was betrothed to Florence Trumbull, daughter of the governor of Connecticut.

TEST GETS WATER.

Coleman, Sept. 6.—At 100 feet in the Caddo line, the Continental, Cheney Midwest, Humble and Atlantic No. 7 Overall encountered a hole full of water at a total depth of 2615 feet; however, the operators are planning to continue the test further into the Caddo formation.

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JOHN PATTON TAKES UP DUTIES AS BUCK COACH

Breckenrdge, Sept. 6.—The latest addition to the Buckaroo coaching staff, John Patton, last year's captain and backfield star at John Tarleton Agricultural College, has arrived here and assumed his duties. Raymond Berry, Trinity University product, will also assist head coach P. E. Shotwell.

JOHN PATTON TAKES UP DUTIES AS BUCK COACH

Patton will probably help with the backfield. While in school, he was considered the fastest man on the teams, even though he was about the heaviest member.

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BOY LOSES HAND AND SUES CITY OF AUSTIN

Austin, Sept. 6.—The city of Austin was named defendant in a personal damage suit for \$30,000, filed in District Court here Wednesday by J. J. Thompson on behalf of his 6 year-old son, Jimmie.

Thompson claimed that the city's negligence caused the severe burning of the boy and resultant loss of his left hand when the member came in contact with an electric wire last Fall.

BAPTISTS CAN'T PAY SALARIES IN SHORTAGE

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 6.—The home mission board of the southern Baptist convention today had announced itself unable to pay current salaries due to the discovery of a \$1,000,000 shortage in accounts of Clinton Carnes, treasurer, who disappeared August 15.

Developments piled high as a special church committee headed by Dr. C. W. Daniel of Richmond, Va., dug deeper into affairs of the board and Carnes.

The committee was unable to announce the approximate size of the shortage after it was found that Carnes kept a secret file in which were entered special loan transactions with more than 150 banks in the south, transactions which never came under the scrutiny of regular auditors of the church.

"FIGHTING BOB" SHULER SPEAKS AGAINST SMITH

Abilene, Tex., Sept. 6.—"Fighting Bob" Shuler, former Texas evangelist, now of Los Angeles, delivered a heated speech against the democratic presidential nominee, Al Smith, and urged Texas democrats to vote for Hoover for president, at a rally of West Texas "Hoover Democrats" held here tonight.

The meeting was presided over by C. M. Caldwell, president of the West Texas Hoover democrats, organized here Tuesday night.

Rev. Shuler was introduced by Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university, who was his Abilene host.

As a result of the Wednesday night meeting, the California evangelist may become an active member of the Texas Hoover democrats. He has been invited by the West Texas organization to return to Texas for a speaking campaign, and it is probable that that he will be able to give the entire month of October to Texas, Dr. Sandefer said Thursday.

The speaker discussed what he termed "the three great issues of the presidential campaign, prohibition, immigration and religion," giving emphasis to the prohibition question.

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Will be glad to have your patronage.

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WEST TEXAS FAIR TO HAVE HORSE RACING

Abilene, Tex., Sept. 6.—Horse racing, one of the first sports ever presented in West Texas, but which has been neglected considerably during recent years, will be revived in full force in this city during the West Texas Fair, September 24 to 29.

A three-day program of turf contests has been arranged for the fair week, and already entries have been received by Cecil Childers, manager of the meet, on more than 100 horses. In the list are a number of animals that have given outstanding performances on other tracks of the southwest.

Several horsemen now racing in the Riverside Park meet at Kansas City are to ship here following the close of that affair. Liberal premiums are being offered for all three days of the fair program, and officials of the association are expecting every event to be full of thrills and interest for the thousands of West Texans who will come here for the meet.

TENNIS CLUB ORGANIZED

W. S. Cunningham, principal of Trent high school, was elected president and coach of a tennis club organized Wednesday afternoon by a group of interested students, teachers and townspeople. Miss Lillie Harris was elected secretary-treasurer, and the president appointed Misses Lillian McRee and Mary Boyd on the membership committee.

Plans are under way to erect two double size courts on the school ground with taped lines and full size back stops. Nominal dues will be charged, and necessary supplies and equipment will be purchased immediately so that the teams can get in all possible practice during pleasant weather, according to the discussion.

It is planned to train student teams for interscholastic tennis events, as well as afford club members pleasant exercise and recreation, it was stated, and an invitation will be extended to those in the community interested, to join the club, and be present at the meeting to be held Friday afternoon at the school house at three-thirty o'clock.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—My home in South Merkel. Four rooms and bath; new frame structure, north front, 70x100, just off Oak Street. Piped with gas, modern bath fixtures, sink and built-in cabinet in kitchen, small back porch. Less than half cash, balance about \$38.75 per month. See me at once. JACK DURHAM, phone 61 or 245-w or call at Merkel Mail. tf

FOR SOLE—Bundle cane, four cents per bundle on the ground. Call at King's Blacksmith Shop, on Kent street. 1t

FOR SALE—Part or all of my place at Noodle. See Mrs. Lottie Green, 325 Mulberry Street, Abilene, Texas, Phone 803-J. 24t4p

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

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

FOR LEASE—350 acres for oil and gas. One mile from production, north of Tiner field, Jones County. C. A. Duncan, Trent, route two. tf

FOR SALE—Extra fine bundle cane. Price 4c in field, 5c delivered. R. B. Wells. 7t2

FOR SALE—Between now and Oct. 1st, my Blacksmith tools at Noodle, Texas, route 2. A large power hammer, 50-lb lick, good blower and forge, heavy anvil, power drill large block and tackle, large assortment of wrenches and all other tools that go with a good shop. See me at once near new oil field. J. F. Baker, route 2, Noodle, Texas. 7t2

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—The Boney Service Station, located on highway. See Marvin or W. O. Boney. tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Mrs. Duncan Briggs. tf

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished apartment, close in, absolutely private. Access to bath. Gas, lights, telephone and garage furnished. Mrs. Jas. H. West, Telephone 145. 1t

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms with gas and good stove. First house north of Christian Church. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1tp

FARMERS—See us before you sell your cattle and hogs. Will pay market price. O. F. Weidenbach, at Clarence Saunders Market. tf

FOR RENT—The Mrs. Ada Walker house, south side; pump and plenty good water. J. L. McLean, route 5, Merkel. 1t

FOR RENT—Furnished bed room; private entrance; all conveniences. Mrs. J. R. Baze. 1tp

FOR RENT—A house near school and churches; with all modern conveniences. F. S. Haynes 1t

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A purse containing some money. Owner can get same by calling and properly describing the purse and giving amount of money. Bob Martin Grocery Co. 1t

LOST—\$4.00 in currency Saturday, Sept. 1st, in Merkel. Reward. W. C. Ervin, route 5. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—Two boarders. Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Phone 229. 1t

WANTED—Two school girls, to board and room. Close to school. See Mrs. W. C. Black. 1t

MRS. E. E. DUNN HONORED.

On last Friday evening at six o'clock Misses Autry Porter, Edith Baker and Thelma Copeland entertained in the home of Miss Porter with a shower for Mrs. E. E. Dunn, who before her recent marriage, was Miss Mary Alice Johnson.

Flowers decorated the rooms, and lovely piano and Victrola music furnished entertainment until unique games and contests were introduced. In an interesting game of "surprise fortunes," the honoree was surprised with a huge, beautifully decorated basket of lovely and useful gifts.

Dainty refreshments of ice cream, cakes and mints were served to the following: Mesdames E. E. Dunn, W. L. Johnson, Golliday, Dowell, Hollingsworth, Whitlock, W. L. Johnson Jr., Porter, Wheeler, Leopard, Robinson, Dunn, and E. E. Riggs of Pecos; Misses Maxie Banner, Stella Wilson, Annie Lou Russell, Pauline Chinn, Irene Warren and hostesses.

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We have a program we know will please you!

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A Special Full-of-Action and Thrills

So Take-A-Chance and See A Real Show!

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Dramatic story of the love of two West Point Cadets for one girl—a picture full of drama, thrill and charm, actually filmed in West Point.

SPECIAL MATINEE THURSDAY AT 2:30 and 4:30
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Admission 10c and 25c

Coming—ZANE GRAY'S

"THE WATER HOLE"

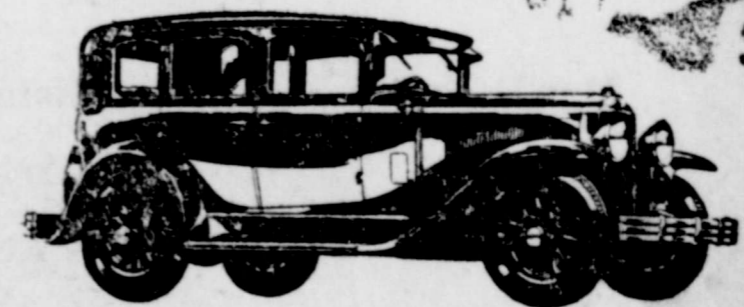
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More than handsome... more than luxurious... a wonderful new type of motor car beauty... a thrilling turning point in body design

It will be imitated, of course! The new, the fine and the beautiful always inspire emulation. But so great is the cost of building the magnificent new Fisher bodies for the Silver Anniversary Buick that imitation will be possible only to much costlier cars, and even these will find difficulty in following where Buick leads!

\$1,500,000 has been expended in manufacturing the dies alone for the new Buick bodies; and the gracefully curving side panels which form one of their distinguishing characteristics represent the most expensive steel paneling work employed on any automobile in the world!

But it is not in the matchless grace and beauty of exterior design alone that the Silver Anniversary Buick eclipses other cars. In fleet, powerful performance too, the world holds no equal for the Silver Anniversary Buick with Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher. And the motor-public, buying in such tremendous volume as to force the great Buick factories to work day and night to supply the demand, is elevating it to the prominence of a vogue!

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Merkel Schools To Open Monday

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be offered for 4th year mathematics. Public Speaking will be again offered and we hope to this year secure affiliation in this and in Biology.

Four Regular Subjects.

Students will be permitted to carry four regular subjects, and those whose last year's record is good may by permission of the superintendent take five subjects.

Pupils who have fewer than four subjects will be classed as freshmen; those having four credits or more and fewer than seven will be classed as sophomores; those having seven or more and fewer than eleven will be classed as Juniors; those having eleven or more credits will be classed as Seniors.

Report at Opening.

Pupils should report at the 9:00 o'clock Monday morning. It is very important that all students be present at the opening for announcements that are to be made.

FACULTY.

High School.

Melvin S. Davis, Principal-Coach, Science; Vera Baker, English; Roberta Sloan, Hist-Math; Mrs. Jeneva Sudderth Young, Spanish; Julia Martin, History-English; Lucy Tracy, English-Expression.

Grammar School.

Mrs. Len Sublett, Principal, 7th grade; Ralph L. Duke, 7th Grade; Jessie Rodden, 6th Grade; Minnie Coates, 6th Grade; Ouida Campbell, 5th Grade; Imogene Hayes, 5th Grade Lucille Guitart, 4th Grade; Mrs. Alice Cookston, 4th Grade; Mrs. Bernice Anderson, 3rd Grade; Vennie Heizer, 3rd Grade; Alzada Pogue, 2nd Grade; Melba West, 2nd Grade; Mrs. Holland Teaff, 1st Grade; Eunice Russell, 1st Grade; Mrs. Yates Brown, Piano; Christine Collins, Voice; Rogers Burgess Superintendent.

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Another shipment of Silk, Silk and Velvet combination, and velvet dresses, Priced—

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A nice showing of children's Dresses, age 7 to 14, made of silk and velvet. Also wool crepe and plaid combinations—

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New Merchandise daily for entire store—Shop here and get New Things First!

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A big shipment Ladies and Misses hats this week priced—

\$1.95 to \$4.95

Children's and Misses Tams—

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A nice showing Ladies and Misses Coats, Priced Special.

Varied Activities West Texas Towns

(By West Texas Chamber of Commerce.)

Balmorhea—A jury of view has been appointed to lay out a road from Balmorhea to Fort Davis.

Ozona—Five thousand head of Crockett county lambs were sold here this week at 11c a pound.

Turkey—A campaign for 200 members of the Staked Plains Turkey Growers' association is starting here.

Paint Rock—Improvement has been made in the school house and grounds here for the opening of school this week.

Crosbyton—The last three miles of highway leading south from here to Watson have been completed.

Del Rio—Order for 99 double deck cots to be used for the shipping of sheep from this place in the next month has been placed.

Hale Center—A car of genuine turkey red seed wheat will be distributed to Hale county farmers at cost.

Channing—Five thousand 16-page booklets for the Wonder District of Texas, composed of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Hutchinson and Ochiltree counties, Texas, and Union.

N. M., will be distributed at Matador—Matador is to

500 watt electric spotlight on top of the local water tank.

Miami—One thousand head of cattle recently brought here from Mexico were driven 300 miles and shipped 500 miles without loss.

San Angelo—Eight thousand three hundred dollars have been raised on a \$30,000 hospital project here.

Pampa—President A. M. Bourland of the W. T. C. C. will speak at the Panhandle-North Plains district convention here Sept. 10.

Presidio—This town, and Ojiniago, Mexico, will celebrate the completion of the KaKnsas City, Mexico and Orient railway Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

Vernon—Two brick school buildings will be constructed here this year.

Abilene—The W. T. C. C. agricultural motoreade left Abilene on noon Saturday, Sept. 1.

McLean—A new school building is to be built here at a cost of \$10,000.

NOTICE—If you suffer with Rupture ask to see our Trusser Hamm Drug Company.

A 25c classified ad often bring surprising results. tf

Skule Days

Are Here Sept. 10, 1928

We Have a Complete Line of School Supplies, Including—

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Note Fillers

Free with a 50c purchase of School Supplies, on Opening Day, a 50c Boomer Rang. Hurry while they last!

Hamm Drug Company

Dora Doings

Our ball team went to Denton Store and played three games and lost two so that makes three and three out of the six games, but when we meet to play off that sugar game, Dora aims to win it.

We are still wormy up here too, but in some fields they seem to be letting up, but at the best the cotton crop is sorry and short.

Mrs. Frank Magee is visiting relatives in Clyde this week.

G. P. Phillips and Albert Mallon made a business trip to Demont one day this week.

A group young people enjoyed eating birthday dinner with Dint Wallis Sunday, turkey and all the good side lines were served. Dent will leave in a few days for school at Canyon City.

Mrs. J. K. Porter enjoyed a visit from her daughter Mrs. Myrtle Burrus and family of Munday, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rhoades of family of Drasco.

Doris Jones visited Miss Jeanette Eagle in Loraine Friday and Saturday. Jeanette came home with her for a few days.

Several from here went to the Dudley cemetery Saturday, cleared off the graves and mended up the fence. This is an annual affair. We go once a year to keep this cemetery in good order.

Miss Jewel Shelton left for Almagorda, N. M. Friday to begin her school, the fifth.

Mrs. J. K. Porter and son, O. Z. are visiting in Munday this week.

Mrs. Brinkley moved to Abilene the first of last week.

Everybody but the writer went to Paint Rock fishing last week, but luck was against them, the fish didn't bite.

Mrs. Elby Kindrick of Potosi spent several days here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy.

J. B. McCoy has taken a position with Sweetwater Drug Store No. 2 at Sweetwater. We hope he makes good and likes his work.

We are glad to report Grandma Philip is improving after several days illness at the home of her daughter in Sweetwater.

W. C. Perry of Elm Grove was in this city one day this week.

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

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