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### MERKEL OIL AREA OUTPUT GROWING WITH 14 NEW RIGS

#### Drilling Activity Greatest in History of the Field.

Fourteen rigs are going up in the nearby Merkel oil field—the most pronounced activity at any one time since the coming in of the discovery well two years ago.

Of the fourteen rigs now going up, twelve are in close proximity to the Bickley well, and two are immediately north of the Tiner field.

According to the weekly summary of the American Petroleum Institute, the three areas near Merkel have enjoyed a strong revival of development, gaining in daily output by 1,040 barrels, due chiefly to the output of Snowden and McSweeney's No. 1 Bickley. A new record for the field is recorded, with a daily production of 4,280 barrels.

Merkel is daily experiencing the benefits resulting from renewed activity in the field. Rig builders and drilling crews attracted here by the field are increasing in number, indicated by the number of strangers seen on the streets and the numerous inquiries being made for houses, apartments and rooms.

**Oil Field Road.**  
Need for the early completion of the oil field road is becoming more apparent from day to day. Commissioner P. A. Diltz has the construction of the road in hand and is making preparations to proceed with all possible dispatch. A modernly constructed graveled highway, such as is to be built, will afford Merkel easy access to the center of activities.

**New Operations.**  
New operations reported from the field include: Three new rigs being built on section 13, T. & P. block 9, with locations announced for two others.  
Roesser & Pendleton-Landreth Production company are rigging up for their No. B-1 Grayson, in the south. (Continued on Page 10.)

### Merkel Cattle Are Shown at Fairs

Forming a part of the San Angelo Fair stock exhibit will be the second herd of prize winning Hereford cattle owned by C. M. Largent & Sons of Merkel. This same herd, in charge of Roy Largent, will make all the principal fairs of Texas. The first herd, with many prizes to their credit, is touring the large fairs of the North and East in charge of C. M. Largent.

The Largent cattle, with their home near Merkel, have long been recognized as one of the finest herds in the country.

### FIRST PRACTICE MERKEL BADGERS

Coach Melvin Davis had his first work-out with his 1928 football squad on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Twenty badgers came out of their hiding and reported for scrimmage on Tuesday. Only five of these have had previous experience in football, but with these five veterans and the new material, Coach Davis hopes to whip into shape a good team.

From the aggregation listed below who have already reported for work-out, Coach Davis hopes to select a team of eligible men that will well represent Merkel. The following experienced men have reported: J. D. Ashby, J. E. Boaz, Horton Williams, Max Swafford, William Sheppard.

The following are new men who are showing up well:  
Earl Watts, Terrell Mashburn, Lee Ollie Essom, Jeff Chancey, Fred Harris, Orion Tittle, Harold Eitel Spurgin, Norman Hughes, Baylor Amant.

**Schedule.**  
The new team will be scheduled for the following games, howbeit arranged for:  
Merkel at Roscoe  
Merkel at Colorado  
Clyde at Merkel  
Merkel at Clyde

### W. N. Hall, Former Merkel City Marshal, Dies in Louisiana

W. N. Hall, formerly city marshal of Merkel and a resident of this city until about a year ago, died at Monroe, La., last Friday and was buried at that place Saturday. Funeral services were under Masonic auspices, deceased being a member of Merkel lodge No. 710, having at one time served as worshipful master.

Mr. Hall was well known in Merkel and this section and was universally popular among a large circle of friends. According to acquaintances here, he went to Louisiana in the hope of improving his wife's health. The telegram announcing his death caused from a stroke of apoplexy a week before, came as a surprise to Merkel friends and acquaintances.

According to Judge W. W. Wheeler, an old friend of Mr. Hall, he was a resident of Merkel for about ten years. For a short time after moving to Merkel, farming was his occupation. Later he was elected city marshal and also served in the capacity at another time by appointment.

### Frog Imprisoned in Fruit Jar by Merkel Boy Lives 5 Months

A Merkel boy has proven that a sealed fruit jar is not the natural habitat of horned frogs. On April 23, 1928, E. L. Turner, Jr., son of E. L. Turner, and a student in Merkel high school, placed a frog in a sealed jar. Death occurred about a week ago.

Not to be outdone, and as an aid to further experiments for the benefit of his science class, E. L. Jr. will imprison another frog and await developments.

### Brother Mrs. E. W. King Dies From Operation

From Deport comes news of the death of Herman L. Bray, age 32, brother of Mrs. E. W. King of Merkel. Death followed an operation for ruptured appendix.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church at Deport by Dr. W. M. Wright, pastor of the First Baptist church of Paris, assisted by Rev. David Phillips, pastor of the Deport church. Six members of the Warren Teague Post of the American Legion, of which he was a member, acted as pallbearers.

Deceased was born and reared near Deport. He was one of the first boys of the Deport community to enter the world war. Enlisting in 1917, he served overseas as a faithful member of the noted Ninetieth division, and at his death his body bore scars received in battle.

Surviving are the wife and one son, Herman Jr.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Gray of Abilene, four brothers, Boss of Milton, R. E. and Lloyd of Abilene and W. R. of Hills, N. M.; and four sisters, Mmes. S. R. Fleming, and E. W. King of Merkel, and Mmes. A. J. Brewster and Clint Stewart of Abilene.

### Presbyterian Club Talks Church Needs

Informal talks for the improvement of the Sunday school quarters and other needs of the church featured the meeting of the Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church held Tuesday evening.

Jas. F. West, president of the club, was in charge of the meeting. The program was not adhered to because of sickness in the families of two of the debaters and other contingencies.

Needs of the church and Sunday school were discussed by W. M. Elliott J. A. Sears, Dr. J. O. Hulse, R. O. Anderson, S. G. Russell, S. M. Hunter, John West, W. L. Dilz Sr.

A committee consisting of J. A. Sears, R. O. Anderson and W. L. Dilz Sr. was appointed to study Sunday school improvements. Watermelons were served on the lawn.

### INFANT BURIED HERE.

A little infant of Mr. and Mrs. Scott of Rotan, Texas, was buried in Merkel Cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Mayhew conducting the service.

### OIL DRILL GETS CLOSER TO MERKEL AS TWO DERRICKS GO UP SOUTH T. & P. RAILROAD

The oil drill is getting nearer and nearer to Merkel. Derricks are up for two wells about four miles southwest of the city. One is to be drilled by the Grisham-Hunter Corporation, and the other by the Hurley Oil Co.

The new locations are the first to be made in this section south of the T. & P. railroad. Drilling operations are to begin as soon as the derricks can be completed.

Merkel people are intensely interested in the two new tests. A well in either of the locations would be untold benefit to this section and place Merkel in the middle of a big oil field.

Oil men, as well as the people of Merkel, are watching developments in the latest tests only four miles from the city.

### MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT; SENIOR BOASTS TOTAL THIRTY-FIVE

The 1928-1929 session of the Merkel public schools opened on Monday morning with large enrollment. The increase in enrollment was marked in the High School, where one hundred sixty-five were enrolled at the opening. During the entire year last year, only one hundred eighty-six were enrolled. Forty-two freshmen, fifty sophomores, thirty-eight juniors, and thirty-five seniors. In the Grammar school three hundred sixty-six were enrolled as compared with three hundred twenty-eight at the opening last year. This brings the total enrollment for the opening day to five hundred thirty-one. With this large opening, the enrollment is expected to pass the seven hundred mark before mid-year.

**Grammar School.**

First, Miss Russell	23
First, Mrs. Teaff	19
Second, Miss West	24
Second, Miss Pogue	25
Third, Mrs. Anderson	29
Third, Miss Heizer	23
Fourth, Miss Guitier	28
Fourth, Mrs. Cookston	27
Fifth, Miss Birdwell	31
Fifth, Miss Hayes	31
Sixth, Miss Coates	31
Sixth, Miss Rodden	26
Seventh, Mr. Duke	23
Seventh, Mrs. Sublett	26
Total	366

**Thirty-Five Seniors.**

Contrary to expectations, the senior class for this year is showing a marked increase, the number enrolling on the opening day being thirty-five. This increase is due to the large number coming in from surrounding schools. One comes from Dora, two from Noodle, three from Stith, three from Compere, one from Cross Roads, and twenty-five from Merkel high school. The following seniors have already enrolled:
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Alton, Whitaker, Wanna Spurgin, Clyde Chancey, Etyl Spurgin, Howard Smith, Leon McDonald, Wesley Butler, Buster Horton, Finus Cade, Lester Beene, William Horton, Image Mangum, R. E. Cole, Jr., Lola Shelton, Lester Patterson, Lois Suber, Bernice Lasater, Max Swafford, Emma Lea Gilmore, Helen Compton, Addie Fae Patterson, Norma Shannon, Rustin Smith, Helen McCormick, Vivian Berger, Elsie Riche, Velma Walker, Roy Kelso, Selma Lee Russell, Raymond Earthman, Ruby Patton, Vernie Derrick, Robert Riney, Norma Sloan, William Sheppard.

**Opening Exercises.**  
Members of the board of trustees, parents and a number of visitors were present for the opening of the 1928 session, which was marked by an interesting program.

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### Baptists Choose Abilene Man Again

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 13—Walter Jackson, Abilene, former educational director of the College Avenue Baptist Church here, was re-elected president of the Texas Baptist Religious Educational Association at the closing session of its annual convention Thursday night at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Popham Dies After Protracted Illness

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Popham, age 72, a resident of Merkel and this section for 25 years, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Callie Daniel. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, assisted by Rev. D. J. Dodd.

Mrs. Popham came from Georgia to Texas in 1889. Her husband, S. D. Popham, preceded her to the grave by about three years.

Deceased had been a member of the Baptist denomination since early girlhood, and a member of the local church for about fifteen years. An invalid for many years, she bore her affliction with true Christian fortitude. She was known and loved by a wide circle of friends and was devoted to church work as long as her health permitted.

She was the mother of six children, four daughters and three sons, six of whom survive: Mrs. Annie Pinkston, Bowie; Mrs. Mary Ashcraft, Merkel; Mrs. Callie Daniel, Merkel; three sons, John, Big Spring; Bob, Aubrey and Bill, Troy. Thirty-three grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren survive.

### FOUR BALES GET PREMIUM MONEY

Merkel's first bale of cotton of the 1928 season came in last Saturday. It was raised by I. I. Vancil on the E. Dickinson, estate farm four miles north of Noodle, and was ginned by the Farm Bureau Gin at Merkel. The bale was shipped to Farm Bureau headquarters, where it will be sold by this organization. The raiser, Mr. Vancil, received a premium of \$32.80, being a part of the money raised among Merkel business men by the Lions Club for the first bale.

Monday of this week the second bale arrived, being raised by A. J. Jordan, on the D. O. Huddlestone farm, one mile north of Noodle. The second bale was bought by Max Mellinger, Merkel merchant, at 18 cents. The grower received a premium of \$24.60 as a reward in bringing in the second bale of the 1928 crop.

Premium for the third bale, amounting to \$16.80, went to E. J. Osborn, west of Blair. The bale was brought in Tuesday.

The fourth bale also came in Tuesday, arriving only a short time after the third. It was raised by J. R. Cleveland, northeast of Noodle. His share of the premium money was \$8.20.

### Move Buildings To Widen the Tye Road

Contract to move ten store buildings 30 feet back from the highway in the business district of Tye has been let to C. Spicer, county officials reported Monday. The contract was allowed after an agreement between county officials and property owners in Tye and will make the highway through that community 80 feet in width instead of 50.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF MERKEL MAIL

We hereby announce to the good people of Merkel and surrounding country that we have sold the Merkel Mail, newspaper and job printing plant, to Messrs. C. J. Glover, Jr., J. J. Hutchison and George E. Caple, all of Waco, Texas, and these gentlemen are now actively in charge of the business.

These gentlemen were formerly connected with the Waco Times-Herald, and are thoroughly experienced and capable of giving this city a newspaper of which they will be proud. Besides their newspaper qualifications they are each gentlemen of the highest character, and we bespeak for them the loyal co-operation and patronage that has heretofore been accorded the Mail under the management of the undersigned.

It is with many regrets and considerable sadness that we relinquish our interest and association with the Merkel Mail, for while the nine years we have labored among you, as your newspaper publisher, have not all been one of ease and comfort, we have received much joy and happiness from our association with the business interests and the good people of the town and community.

We are indeed thankful and grateful to the business men for their patronage and support during all these years, and it gives us much pleasure to know that our relations have been very pleasant in the extreme. To our eighteen hundred subscribers we are also thankful.

It has always been our aim and the best interest of the city and community, and we trust that our efforts have not been entirely in vain, but in this the people are the judge.

As to our future, we frankly state that we have made no plans whatsoever, and expect to continue to make Merkel our home for some months yet.

With kindest regards to all our friends, I am,

Yours most respectfully,  
THOS. DURHAM.

Referring to the above, the new owners of the Merkel Mail and printing plant appreciate the responsibilities incumbent upon them in giving to Merkel the same high class newspaper to which it has been accustomed under the direction of Mr. Durham.

We have invested and located in Merkel because we like the town and its people. It is an ideal town in which to live, with a trade territory second to none. The nearby oil field, we believe, affords an opportunity for Merkel to double and perhaps treble its population in a short time.

The new owners have no boast to make about the future of the Merkel Mail, further than to say that it will be their aim and ambition to give to this community a newspaper of which they will ever be proud, devoted at all times to the upbuilding, and what we conceive to be the best interests of this section.

The new owners want to become an active part of this community. They are anxious to join forces with the forward looking citizens of Merkel in its upbuilding. Every effort will be exerted to make the Merkel Mail keep step with the progress of the community and its trade territory, and we solicit the continued patronage of the people of this section on the basis of merit.

To our correspondents, readers and advertisers we will say: Come to see us—we want to work hand in hand with all of you to our mutual advantage, and to the end that Merkel may have the best possible paper.

### Trent Merchants Offer Premiums For First Three Bales

We, whose names appear below, hereby subscribe the amounts set opposite our names for the purpose of paying a premium for the first three bales of cotton to be ginned and sold at Trent, Texas, season of 1928-29.

Fifty per cent of the amounts subscribed are to be given as a first premium, thirty per cent as a second premium, and the remaining twenty per cent as a premium on the third bale. Such bales to belong to different growers and no one grower is to receive two premiums. Such premiums to be given only to regular customers of some business in Trent.

The Home State Bank \$5.00; Star Hardware Company \$5.00; Loveless Drug Co. \$2.50; Winn Drug Co. \$2.00; Burton-Lingo Co. \$2.00; Massy-Woods \$2.50; Pete's Shop \$1.00; M. G. Scott \$2.00; R. B. Johnson \$2.00; Gosnell Cafe \$1.00; Carl Edwards \$2.00; E. L. Mangum \$2.00; Bills Shop \$1.00; Gaffon Theatre \$2.50; Bowers and Hammer \$2.00; Cap McCloud \$1.50; Planters Gin Co. \$5.00; Trent Texan \$1.00; Steen Garage \$1.00; Gus' Cafe \$1.00; A. C. Terry 50c; J. C. Hamner \$1.00; C. A. Atwell \$1.00; R. L. Rievis \$1.00; Trent Oil Co. \$1.00; Acme Lumber Co. \$2.50; L. H. Hightower \$1.00; Liberty Hardware Co. \$2.00; J. B. Matthews \$1.50.

### HALF WAY MARK IN MOVE BEHALF GREATER MERKEL

#### United Effort Encourages Belief Citizens Will Build Hotel.

Enthusiastic applause greeted the announcement of R. O. Anderson at the Lions club meeting Tuesday at noon that approximately \$20,000 had been subscribed to the \$75,000 hotel project for Merkel, making half of the needed amount to insure the erection of the hotel. According to agreed plans, a total of \$40,000 in stock subscriptions will be necessary, and when this amount is in hand, financing of the project is practically assured.

#### Half Way Mark Reached.

Mr. Anderson explained that the half way mark had been reached with practically no solicitation. Subscription blanks had been placed at the two banks and hotel enthusiasts had run the amount up to nearly \$20,000. This, he believed, was an indication of how the people of Merkel and its trade territory felt towards the hotel project.

Several members of the club cited instances of where people wanted to locate in Merkel, but were forced to go elsewhere for lack of hotel accommodations. Mayor West asked that every member of the Lions Club, as well as citizens generally, interest themselves in the hotel project and not wait for members of the committee to advance the need for a modern hotel. It was agreed that immediate action was necessary if Merkel is to reap the benefit of the influx of visitors attracted here by the near-by oil field.

#### Is Good Investment.

Committees expect to make an effort to see every prospect in the next few days, and will endeavor to complete their work in the shortest possible time. According to members of the committee, subscriptions to the hotel project is in no wise a gift, but an investment with Merkel people as stockholders, and every prospect of the stock yielding satisfactory dividends. In addition to its being a good business proposition, as the committee points out, the matter of civic pride and enabling Merkel to take advantage of the opportunities now being presented, is worthy of the support of every person living in Merkel and its trade territory.

#### Entertainment Features.

Dr. R. I. Grimes was toastmaster at the Tuesday meeting. Opening songs were led by Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano. Two solo numbers were rendered by Miss Christine Collins, accompanied by Mrs. Brown, the entertainment feature concluding with a reading by Miss Lucy Tracy.

It was announced that Bill Boney would be the toastmaster for next week's meeting, with Prof. Roger Burgess, superintendent of schools, delivering the principal address on a subject of his own choosing. Max Mellinger will talk on the "Cause and Effect of Boll Worms." Among the entertainment features will be a solo by Mrs. Yates Brown, and a reading by Miss Lucy Brown or one of her pupils.

### Bickley Here to See Oil Well in Action

C. A. Bickley, on whose holdings the oil well bearing his name has made history in the Central West Texas area, has been a visitor in Merkel all this week.

Mr. Bickley is a resident of Chelsea, Oklahoma, and the object of his visit was to see the "Bickley No. 1" in action and perhaps to witness the bringing in of other wells on his property.

Mr. Bickley has many friends in Merkel, all of whom greeted him most cordially.

#### FOOTBALL GAMES

The first game of the season will be played in Merkel Friday afternoon, Sept. 21, the Merkel Juniors vs. the Sweetwater Rooters. The game is to be played on the Merkel field.



## EXPERIENCE A DEAR SCHOOL

Experience is too dear a school,  
It costs too much as a general rule  
And the safest way for us to choose  
Is the successful way that others use.  
It's up to us to apply the thought  
That master minds to us have taught.  
The man who prospers must be wise  
And use the experience of other guys.  
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Some little thing to help you out.

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 Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier  
 Dallas Scarbrough  
 David Hendricks

### Grand Jury Urges Four Story Court House and New Jail

Abilene, Tex., Sept. 13.—Returning 38 bills, 36 of them felonies and two misdemeanors, the Taylor County grand jury adjourned late Friday afternoon after being in session for five consecutive days. A total of 152 witnesses were examined.

Among the recommendations of the county inquisitors was one for more police protection for Abilene and the building of a fourth story to the county court house. A more modern jail was the third recommendation, all of which follows:

"That the mayor and the city commissioners of Abilene take into consideration that we are now a city of some 30,000 inhabitants and as such are entitled to more police protection, and we suggest increasing the force to at least two day policemen; one to patrol the residential district and another the district east of Pine and for night protection.

Oak streets; also a similar increase. The jury recommended that the county judge and legislators urge the employment of a stenographer to work during each session of the grand jury for both the 104th judicial district courts. The compensation of the stenographer is to be paid for by the counties embraced in the two judicial districts, the jurors pointed out.

Another recommendation read: "We would also recommend and urge upon the county commissioners and the citizens of Taylor county the importance of putting a fourth story to our present courthouse to be used as a county jail, as we deem the present jail inadequate and unsanitary.

**Would Sell Site.**  
"We would also recommend that in order to secure funds to put on this fourth story to the courthouse that the land that the present jail is now on, be sold and the proceeds applied as far as same will go towards building a modern jail."

Members of the jury were: Phillip Hoffman, A. E. Barker, O. A. Hale, W. R. Allison, Harold D. Austin, Lyle H. Tarpley, J. H. Ferrell, Abilene; W. C. Hunter, Merkel; T. L. Stevens, Trent; Andrew Hancock, Lawn; Roy Filipp, George W. Holmes, Tuscola.

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

### Baptist Association With Stith Church

The Jones county Baptist association convened with the Stith church the past week. The first day was set aside for W. M. U. work. Quite a large number of visiting ladies were with us from different sections of the county. The day's program, as a whole was helpful, inspiring, edifying and Thursday were given to the general association, Friends were with us, not only from our own county, but from different states and as far west as California.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins, First Church, Abilene, and Pres. J. D. Sandifer, Simmons University, delivered two of the best addresses it has been the privilege for our people to hear.

Large tables were constructed under the Tabernacle, where dinner and supper were served to the immense crowds all three days of the association.

The members of the Stith church thank the many friends who in any way helped take care of this fine group of God's children. We take pride in boasting of the fact that we are a community where one can't tell a Methodist from a Baptist when there is work to be done for the Heavenly Father.

Health, generally, is good in our community at this writing.

Rev. D. G. Reid and family from Roby, spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Burton and attended the association.

J. H. Edmunds and wife from Anson, were in our midst the past few days. Wednesday night Bro. Edmunds delivered a "Political speech" to the association that was a treat to all who heard it.

Miss Lucile Robinson, a teacher in the Cisco High School, who had spent some ten days visiting friends in Lubbock and Tahoka, returned Monday and visited our association. She was one of our teachers in the years gone by and we are always glad to have her with us. She is a sister of Mrs. Edgar Bradley, who is open spoken of as "The live wire at Stith."

Crop talk, in our community is a little more favorable at this writing, since we are not having so much rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers, and children have returned from South Texas. They report a fine trip, and Mrs. Deavers' health is improved. She underwent an operation on the throat while there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Woolsey have had as their guests, Mrs. Woolsey's parents and two sisters visiting them from Comanche County.

The Baptist church members have called as their new pastor Rev. Partin, who is a student in Simmons University. He is expected to be on the field in about a month.

There has been circulated through our community the past few days a petition concerning good roads. Of course, it took only a few hours to get the required number of names because it is known far and near how Stith people are on the better roads proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley and son, Edgar Jr., have recently returned from a ten days trip to New Mexico, they visited Mr. Bradley's sister, Mrs. Gus Canon who lives at Rencona, N. M. Before coming home they saw many sights of interest in our sister State. Some of them: Pecos Canyon, which has the longest "tram" line in the world, aside from its beautiful scenery; ruins of the Cliff Dwellers, near Santa Fe; the oldest house and oldest church in U. S. A., located at Santa Fe; "Bottomless Lakes" at Roswell, and the Eight Wonder of the world, the Carlsbad Cavern, thirty five miles from Carlsbad.

We regret very much that we are going to lose two of our fine young people, Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald. They are moving to New Home, where he has accepted a position in the McDonald gin there.

Miss Mary Kate Lightsey is home after spending the past few weeks in Simmons University.

Royce McDonald left for Lockney, Saturday, where he will engage in the teaching profession the next few months.

Our Boy Scouts are doing fine. We appreciate their help and co-operation during the association. The man or woman who knocks on the Scout movement, surely does not know they are knocking on those things that build strong character and men who can stand the storms of life—Lets read more about the Scouts and get first hand information concerning their work.

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.

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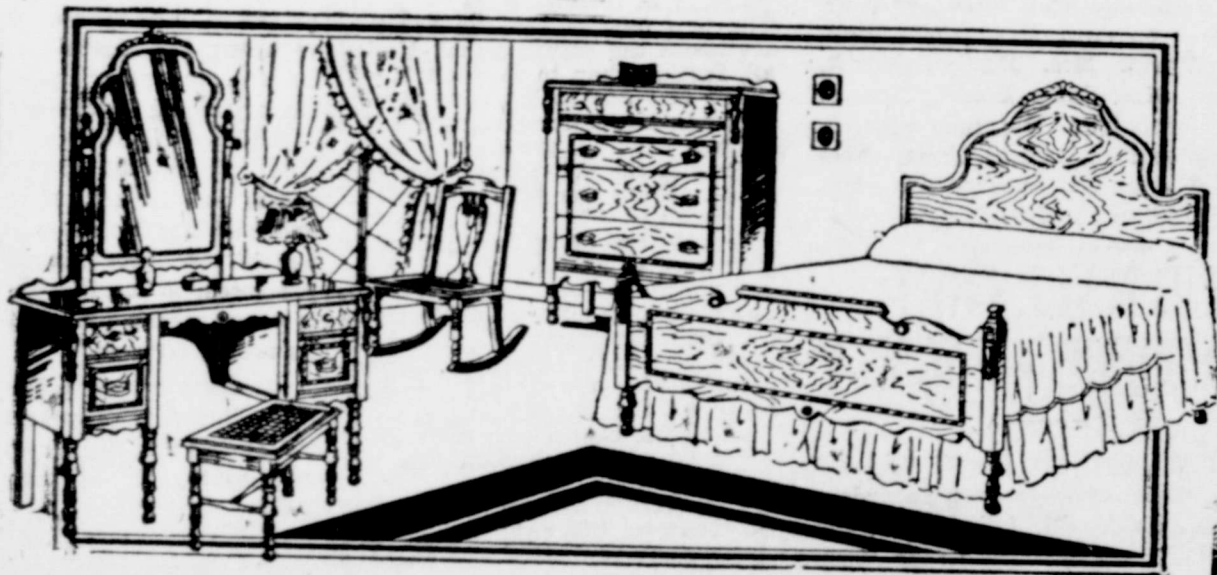
Third Liberty Loan Bonds mature on September 15th, 1928, and will cease to bear interest on that date.

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## Barrow Furniture Company

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Merkel, Texas

### Thought Dead 30 Years, He Returns

Waco, Sept. 13—Godfrey Burger 67, who disappeared more than 30 years ago and was thought dead, returned to his old home at Burlington, Milam County. His only surviving relatives are

nieces and nephews, who had thought for more than a quarter of a century that their uncle was dead.

Burger revealed that he has been living on a 3300-acre ranch near Brady for many years.

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

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**Society**

**IDLEWISE CLUB.**

One of the prettiest parties of the season was given Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Jack Durham graciously entertained members of the Idlewise club and a number of friends at her lovely home in South Merkel. In keeping with early fall days, autumn flowers were chosen for house decorations and favored in all party appointments. Zinnias and roses of various colors, appropriately arranged, afforded a charming background for dainty appointed tables placed for the club game of auction bridge. Games progressed merrily for a number of hours.

At the tea hour the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Tom Price in serving a most appetizing salad plate consisting of brown bread sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and pear salad with iced tea. Club members enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Durham were: Miss Lucy Tracy, Mesdames, S. J. Brown, Warren Smith, Roy Largent, Tom Price; Guests, Missess Johnnie Sears, Tommy Durham, Lorena Dry, Doris Durham, Elizabeth Harkrider, Lola Dennis, Melva West, Mesdames, Edward McCrary, Sie Hamm, Guy Darsey, Jim Sears.

**DINNER PARTY.**

Sie Hamm entertained Tuesday evening with a "pot-Luck dinner" for of her sisters, Misses Doris Tommy, Durham, who leave this week for college. Games of Auction bridge were enjoyed after dinner by Misses Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Francis Anderson, Doris and Tommy Durham, Mesdames Jack Durham and Sie Hamm.

**GLEANER CLASS MEETS**

On Tuesday afternoon the Gleaner Class met at the Methodist Church in an annual business meeting. Election of officers was the main feature of the meeting. Mrs. B. L. Hamilton was elected president of the class. Mrs. Etsel Church, vice-president; Mrs. Brackeen, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. L. R. Thompson, teacher; Mrs. Reece Hail, first assistant teacher; Mrs. R. A. Burgess, second assistant teacher. Plans for the work of the coming year were discussed. A refreshment plate of peach ice cream with angel food cake was served to the following: Mesdames Herbert

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## Grand Jury Urges Four Story Court House and New Jail

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"That the mayor and the city commissioners of Abilene take into consideration that we are now a city of some 30,000 inhabitants and as such are entitled to more police protection, and we suggest increasing the force to at least two day policemen; one to patrol the residential district and another the district east of Pine and Oak streets; also a similar increase

The jury recommended that the county judge and legislators urge the employment of a stenographer to work during each session of the grand jury for both the 104th judicial district courts. The compensation of the stenographer is to be paid for by the counties embraced in the two judicial districts, the jurors pointed out.

Another recommendation read: "We would also recommend and urge upon the county commissioners and the citizens of Taylor county the importance of putting a fourth story to our present courthouse to be used as a county jail, as we deem the present jail inadequate and unsanitary.

Members of the jury were: Phillip Hoffman, A. E. Barker, O. A. Hale, W. R. Allison, Harold D. Austin, Lyle H. Tarpley, J. H. Ferrell, Abilene; W. C. Hunter, Merkel; T. L. Stevens, Trent; Andrew Hancock, Lawn; Roy Flipp, George W. Holmes, Tuscola.

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

## Baptist Association With Stith Church

The Jones county Baptist association convened with the Stith church the past week. The first day was set aside for W. M. U. work. Quite a large number of visiting ladies were with us from different sections of the county. The day's program, as a whole was helpful, inspiring, edifying and Thursday were given to the general association. Friends were with us, not only from our own county, but from different states and as far west as California.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins, First Church, Abilene, and Pres. J. D. Sandifer, Simmons University, delivered two of the best addresses it has been the privilege for our people to hear.

Large tables were constructed under the Tabernacle, where dinner and supper were served to the immense crowds all three days of the association.

The members of the Stith church thank the many friends who in any way helped take care of this fine group of God's children. We take pride in boasting of the fact that we are a community where one can't tell a Methodist from a Baptist when there is work to be done for the Heavenly Father.

Health, generally, is good in our community at this writing.

Rev. D. G. Reid and family from Roby, spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Burton and attended the association.

J. H. Edmunds and wife from Anson, were in our midst the past few days. Wednesday night Bro. Edmunds delivered a "Political speech" to the association that was a treat to all who heard it.

Miss Lucile Robinson, a teacher in the Cisco High School, who had spent some ten days visiting friends in Lubbock and Tahoka, returned Monday and visited our association. She was one of our teachers in the years gone by and we are always glad to have her with us. She is a sister of Mrs. Edgar Bradley, who is open spoken of as "The live wire at Stith."

Crop talk, in our community is a little more favorable at this writing, since we are not having so much rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers, and children have returned from South Texas. They report a fine trip, and Mrs. Deavers' health is improved. She underwent an operation on the throat while there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Woolsey have had as their guests, Mrs. Woolsey's parents and two sisters visiting them from Comanche County.

The Baptist church members have called as their new pastor Rev. Partin, who is a student in Simmons University. He is expected to be on the field in about a month.

There has been circulated through our community the past few days a petition concerning good roads. Of course, it took only a few hours to get the required number of names because it is known far and near how Stith people are on the better roads proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley and son, Edgar Jr., have recently returned from a ten days trip to New Mexico, they visited Mr. Bradley's sister, Mrs. Gus Canon who lives at Rencona, N. M. Before coming home they saw many sights of interest in our sister State. Some of them: Pecos Canyon, which has the longest "tram" line in the world, aside from its beautiful scenery; ruins of the Cliff Dwellers, near Santa Fe; the oldest house and oldest church in U. S. A., located at Santa Fe; "Bottomless Lakes" at Roswell, and the Eight Wonder of the world, the Carlsbad Cavern, thirty five miles from Carlsbad.

We regret very much that we are going to lose two of our fine young people, Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald. They are moving to New Home, where he has accepted a position in the McDonald gin there.

Miss Mary Kate Lightsey is home after spending the past few weeks in Simmons University.

Royce McDonald left for Lockney, Saturday, where he will engage in the teaching profession the next few months.

Our Boy Scouts are doing fine. We appreciate their help and co-operation during the association. The man or woman who knocks on the Scout movement, surely does not know they are knocking on those things that build strong character and men who can stand the storms of life—Let's read more about the Scouts and get first hand information concerning their work.

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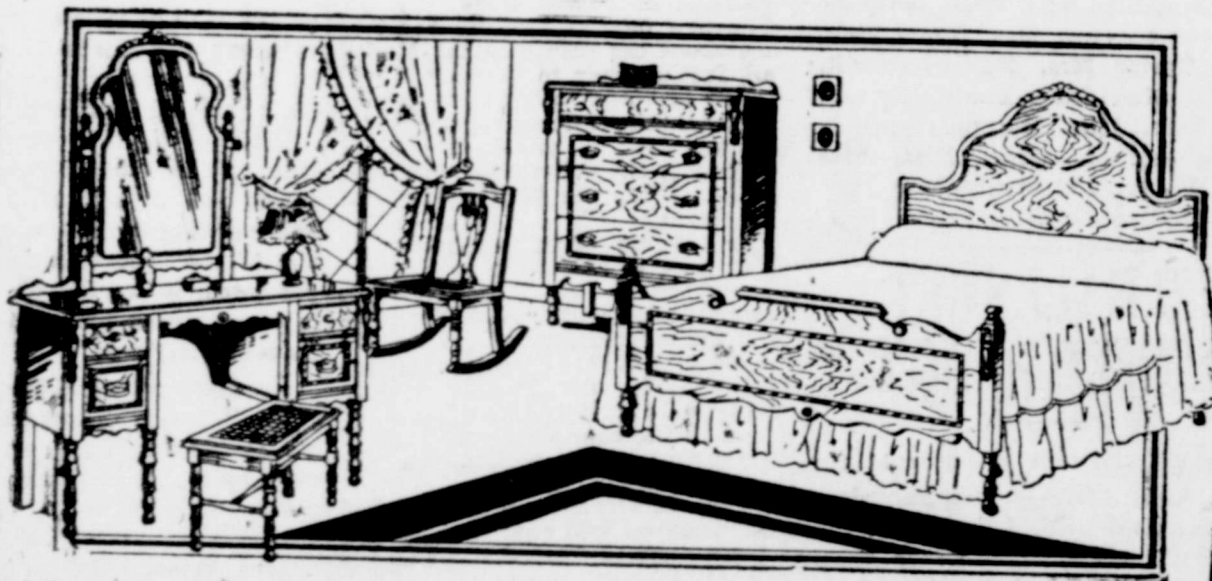
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At the tea hour the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Tom Price in serving a most appetizing salad plate consisting of brown bread sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and pear salad with iced tea. Club members enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Durham were: Miss Lucy Tracy, Mesdames, S. J. Brown, Warren Smith, Roy Largent, Tom Price; Guests, Missess Johnnie Sears, Tommy Durham, Lorena Dry, Doris Durham, Elizabeth Harkrider, Lola Dennis, Melva West, Mesdames, Edward McCrary, Sie Hamm, Guy Darsey, Jim Sears.

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Merkel is what they see from the  
railroad or from the highway.

This paper wants to be of real  
service to Merkel and its trade ter-  
ritory. If you have a suggestion  
for civic improvement, let us have  
it for publication. An idea without  
action is as useless as an automo-  
bile without gas.

**Will Mark Towns  
For Legion Fliers**

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 13.—  
Cities and towns all over Texas are  
to be marked for the guidance of  
aviators flying to the great airplane  
demonstration in connection with the  
national convention of the American  
Legion at San Antonio October 8 to  
12.

E. A. Feille, vice president of the  
San Antonio chapter of the Nation-  
al Aeronautic association and chair-  
man of the aeronautics committee  
for the Legion convention, has writ-  
ten all Chambers of Commerce in  
Texas asking them to take immedi-  
ate steps to have their towns mark-  
ed.

Every American Legion Post in  
the state is being asked in a letter  
just sent out by Department Com-  
mander Walton D. Hood to co-oper-  
ate with its local Chamber of Com-  
merce in carrying the project  
through to completion.

**INFANT BOY DIES**

Vernon Odell, six-weeks' old son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hudson, who  
live one and one-half miles west of  
Compere, died Sunday and was buried  
at the Stith cemetery Monday after-  
noon. Funeral services were conduct-  
ed by Rev. Hendrix of Stith.

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

**Trent P. T. A. Will  
Meet Tuesday With  
Attractive Program**

The Parent-Teacher's Association of  
the Trent school will hold their regu-  
lar meeting at the schoolhouse Tues-  
day afternoon and the following pro-  
gram will be presented, according to  
Mrs. C. L. Blankenship, program  
chairman:

Mr. Jim Waters will speak on  
"What the P. T. A. means to Parents,  
Teachers, Children and the Commu-  
nity?" Mrs. L. E. Adrian will discuss  
"Do we fail to train for good Citizen-  
ship?" Miss Sallie Freeman will give  
a piano solo, "Voice of the Heart," and  
Miss Sarah Julia Johnson will read,  
"Almost Beyond Endurance," by  
James Whitcomb Riley. Teachers  
and parents will close the program  
with a round table discussion of school  
needs and problems.

**Farewell Party to Trent.**

Miss Ruby Johnson and Alice Big-  
ham were honorees at a farewell party  
given Thursday evening by Mr. and  
Mrs. C. L. Blankenship at their home.  
Miss Johnson, a member of the grad-  
uating class of Trent High school,  
class of 1927, leaves Sunday for C. I.  
A. at Denton. Miss Bigham, who has  
taught in the Trent school for the past  
two years, leaves for Abilene where  
she will teach in the city schools.

Tables were arranged for "42" and  
an impromptu program of contests,  
stunts and musical numbers made the  
evening a very enjoyable one. The  
honorees were presented with dainty  
hand painted handkerchiefs by the  
hostess, and a delicious ice course was  
served to the following:

Misses Maurine Smith, Ora Smith,  
Mattie White, Helen Bisbee, Ruby  
Johnson, Alice Bigham, Mesdames  
Rado Archer, Winslow Beckham,  
Messrs. Leon Ashford, Carlton Vick,  
Leslie Beasley, W. S. Cunningham,  
Rado Archer, Winslow Beckham and  
the host and hostess.

**JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

Subject: Messages from some home  
mission board workers.  
1 Scripture reading, Matt. 25:34-40,  
by Billie Bernice Gambill.  
2 Introduction, by Roger Derrick,  
First Junior, by Ora Derrick, Second  
Junior, by Howard Carson, Third  
Junior by Lois Beasley, Fourth Jun-  
ior, by Vivian Davis, Fifth Junior, by  
Johna Jones, Sixth Junior, by Sara  
Sheppard.

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with all the latest machinery for sample and  
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**Case Settings For  
42d District Court**

ABILENE, Texas, Sept. 13.— Five  
cases have been set for trial during  
the present term of 42nd district  
court following action of the grand  
jury which ended a five day session  
last week, district court records show.

The cases include, A. Reynolds,  
forgery, set for Sept. 21; Loyce  
Gooch, destroying fence, Sept. 17;  
Mrs. Q. A. Bailey, liquor, Sept. 12;  
O. H. Bailey, liquor, Sept. 12; Mat  
Stokes, liquor, Sept. 13.

Other criminal cases set for trial  
for this month and October include,  
Sam Ellison, charged with murder,  
October 17; Annie L. Stevens, liquor,  
Sept. 24; Jessie Mae Robertson, li-  
quor, Sept. 24; A. S. Lewallen, theft,  
Oct. 1; V. B. Kembrell, bigamy, Oct.  
2; J. T. Hagar, theft, Oct. 1.

New warrants were ordered in  
three cases yesterday in Judge Mil-  
burn S. Long's court following fail-  
ure of defendants to appear. They  
were Jeff Hill, liquor; Joe Caminus,  
liquor, and Walter Bennett.

**TO THE PUBLIC**

In connection with the sale of the  
Merkel Mail and job printing shop,  
which is announced in this issue of  
the paper, the public is advised that  
all accounts due to the above con-  
cern prior to Sept. 1, 1928, are pay-  
able to Thos. Durham, and all in-  
debtedness prior to said date is to be  
paid by Thos. Durham. All business  
beginning Sept. 1, 1928, and there-  
after, belongs to the new owners, who  
have assumed all contracts to sub-  
scribers.

(Signed) Thos. Durham.  
J. J. Hutchison.  
George E. Caple.  
C. J. Glover, Jr.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We surely thank each and every  
one for their kindness, shown us,  
and comforting words in the loss of  
our dear son and brother, Olice Win-  
ter, we also thank you for the beauti-  
ful floral offerings.

May God bless each of you.  
Bill Winter.  
T. J. Wintetr.  
Leona Winter.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. K. McCaul.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

W. G. Cypert will preach at the  
North Side Church of Christ next  
Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Com-  
munity singing at 8 o'clock in the eve-  
ning. Come and enjoy the day with us

**STANDARD TRAINING  
SCHOOL.**

During this week a Standard Train-  
ing School is being conducted at the  
Merkel Methodist Church. The text  
being studied is "The Worker and His  
Bible," and the pastor is the instruc-  
tor. There is a class of fifteen taking  
the work for credit.

**REVIVAL AT BERTRAM.**

Rev. C. C. Montandon of Merkel  
will begin a revival at Bertram, in  
the new tabernacle, Monday night,  
Sept. 16. Everybody is cordially in-  
vited to attend.

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TRENT, TEXAS "Always a Good Show"  
—TODAY, FRIDAY—  
**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS**

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**"THE MARK of ZORRO"**  
One of the Best Fairbanks has ever done—packed with  
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Comedy— "PANTING PAPA'S"

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**HOOT GIBSON**  
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Action—Thrills—Fun Galore!  
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—MONDAY AND TUESDAY—  
—A Positive Knockout—  
**FRED THOMPSON**  
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Fred portrays the life story of this Greatest of all Indian  
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—WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—  
—THE ONE YOU ALL WANT TO SEE—  
**MARY PICKFORD**  
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**"MY BEST GIRL"**  
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sure to find the car you want, at a  
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1926 CHEVROLET LANDAU  
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1926 FORD TOURING  
Reconditioned, "A-1", new paint,  
5 new tires, new top.  
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1926 OAKLAND COACH  
New paint, motor perfect, a real  
bargain.  
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The Watkins Dealer serves you with every advantage and convenience, for you make your selections and your purchases right in your own home.

In order to give their customers better service, the Watkins Company is now reorganizing their salesforce, and subdividing the country in smaller territories. This will make room for about 3,000 more men. The Watkins Company has now around 7,000 men and would like to make it 10,000 by the year 1930. Are you going to be one of them? You can answer this question yourself, by writing to me. I will be glad to call on you and explain the proposition, if interested. If eventually, why not now? Write or see—

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## Merkel Students

Where They Will Attend College This Year

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider will enter McMurry College, Abilene, this year.

John D. Coats will be in Simmons University, Abilene, for his freshman year.

Joe Largent left Saturday for Boonville, Mo., where he returns for his second year in Kemper Military Institute.

Charles Largent will return to Texas Christian University at Fort Worth again this year.

Miss Irene Perry will locate in Abilene Christian College, Abilene, this winter.

Miss Eva May Johnson left last week for Columbia, Mo., where she will enter the school of journalism there.

Miss Berdelle Adcock will enter Abilene Christian College this year.

Miss Iris Garrett will be a Simmons University student this year.

Mr. Roy Propst will enter State University, Austin, this year.

Miss Mary Hutcheson will again attend McMurry College, Abilene, this fall.

Sterling Sheppard will enter Southern Methodist University in Dallas this year.

Misses Tommie and Dorris Durham will again enter the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson will return to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth this fall.

Miss Mary Hughes will enter the College of Industrial Arts at Denton for her second year.

Miss Lola Dennis will be a Senior



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in Simmons University this year.

Weston West will again attend S. M. U. at Dallas.

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

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Well, we haven't quite reached the 300 in attendance at Sunday school, but the last two Sundays have gone so close to it that we will not have to put forth much effort to reach that number. May we look for you to be in your place next Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

The pastor will preach at both morning and evening hours. The time for the evening service has been

changed to 7:30. Bear this in mind and be on time.

Remember that we have but two months remaining of this Conference Year, and there is much yet to be done. In order to close out the year in such a way as not to be ashamed of ourselves we must put forth our best efforts without further delay.

W. J. Mayhew, pastor.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

### Historical Old Mine Opened For Picture To Show at Queen

An historic old mine came back to life as one of the interesting features of "The Fifty-Fifty Girl," Bebe Daniels' latest starring vehicle for Paramount which will show Monday and Tuesday at the Queen Theatre.

The climax of the production is staged in the tunnels of the mine and the famous Yellow Aster Mine at Randsburg, California, was selected by director Clarence Badger for this novel and rapid fire action.

Years ago the Yellow Aster was one of the richest gold producers in California history and the memories of those years still remain. Almost deserted when Badger thought of it as a location, the mine was given the life of other years after crews from the Paramount studio in Hollywood and engineers had been called upon to rejuvenate it.

Members of the cast used in support of the star are James Hall, William Austin, George Kotsanaros and Jonnie Morris.

"The Little Sheppard of Kingdom Come," starring Richard Barthelme, will be the attraction at this theatre Wednesday and Thursday. It deals with the adventures which befell a fourteen-year-old mountain boy, homeless and a wanderer, with no other companion than his faithful dog. They travel into the distant mountain regions, far from civilization; into the aristocratic homes of the Blue Grass country and into the Union Camps where the lad meets General U. S. Grant.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

All regular services Sunday and during the week.

Sunday School 10 a.m. with classes suited to all who wish to study the Bible. There are places to serve in the Sunday School. We need a number of teachers and workers. Let all those willing to do some real work in the Sunday School volunteer their services to Mr. W. W. Haynes or to one of the department superintendents. Vacation time is over and it is time for real Christians to help in the reorganization of the work for the new Sunday School year.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 7 p.m. and it is planned to start real work in each of these. We need some half dozen who are willing to work as sponsors are leaders as well as several of the general officers.

Let all those who love the Lord and want to have a part in bringing in the Kingdom of Heaven be in their places Sunday.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers and visitors to be in our services Sunday.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

## 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—

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**Merkel Man Dies in Highway Accident**

Relatives have received additional details of the accidental death near Bakersfield, Calif., of Olice Winters, who was buried in Rose Hill cemetery here August 29.

At the time of death, Mr. Winter was employed by the California State Highway commission. He was driving a truck, loaded with rock, which plunged over the edge of the Kern river canyon, 100 feet below. Death followed about three hours after the accident.

Mr. Winter was born at Noodle, Texas, Oct. 7, 1907, living in Texas until three years ago, when he moved to California with his mother. His kindly disposition endeared him to a wide circle of friends.

Attending the funeral here was a large circle of friends. His Mother, father, sister and brother were also in attendance. One sister in Los Angeles was unable to be present.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM**

Song.  
Prayer.  
Roll Call.  
Song.  
Scripture, John 15:5, by Leader, Lois Whiteley.  
Leader's talk, page 28, September Juniors.

"Open Your Eyes," by Imogene Middleton.

"How one boy's love forr living things developed," by Bertie Mae Leslie.

"Beauties of our Land," West Virginia, by Billy Bernice Gamble; Arkansas, by Frances Marie Church; Tennessee, by Rogene Dye; Oklahoma, by Kennedy Whiteley; Louisiana, by Walderine Huskey.

**Benediction.**

**ADVOCATES ADVERTISING ROOMS AND APARTMENTS**

As I am acting in the capacity of Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce without pay, trying to render what service I can to my home town, it would help me greatly if all those who have rooms or apartments to rent would make it known through the want column of the Merkel Mail. I could then have a list of these on my desk and can easily direct applicants. Without this arrangement I am compelled to do much useless phoning and am out a good many gallons of gas.  
L. R. THOMPSON.

**INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM**

Subject: True Courage.  
1. Introduction, by Maurine Davis.  
2. Moral courage, by Willie Evelyn Boaz.  
3. Situations that require moral courage.  
1. By Vera Derrick. 2. By Cullen Tittle. 3. By Harry Boaz. 4. By Ida Mae Derstine.

**Deaths From Accident Is Highest in Males**

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 13—Deaths of 95,500 persons due to accidents in the United States during 1927 were analyzed as a study program for the first-aid committee of the Dallas Red Cross Society at a meeting Friday in chapter headquarters, 315 South Harwood street. Dr. Guy T. Denton led discussion on the subject.

"The latest figures available show that 95,500 deaths by accident occurred in the United States last year," Dr. Denton said. "The figures show that the greatest number of these accident, 23,251, was due to automobile.

"Falls of all kinds claimed 17,000 lives. Deaths by suffocation, which includes drowning, numbered 8,000.

"It is interesting to note that twice as many men and boys are injured as are women and girls, according to a digest just completed by the Red Cross. Partly, of course, this is due to the fact that more men and boys are employed and are on the streets, but safety experts figure the inequality is also due to greater female caution.

Chevrolet Coupe for sale. See W. E. Lowe.

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**Texas Drillers Bring In 385 Oil Producers**

Austin, Texas, Sept. 13—Texas drillers brought in 358 producing oil wells during August an increase of seven compared with the previous month, the oil and gas division of the Railroad Commission has reported. Winkler County with forty-five wells, headed the list. Shackelford County was second with thirty-four. Other counties reporting new producers were:

Archer, 21; Brown, 18; Bexar, 4; Callahan, 6; Comanche, 1; Coleman, 10; Carson, 2; Cooke, 2; Crockett, 2; Crane, 1; Caldwell, 5; Duval, 1; Eastland, 6; Fort Bend, 10; Glasscock, 1; Howard, 13; Hutchinson, 3; Harris, 5; Hardin, 4; Hartley, 1; Jones, 6; Jim Hogg, 1; Jefferson, 5; Jack, 2; Jasper, 1; Liberty, 6; Montague, 4; Navarro, 1; Orange, 1; Pecos, 12; Palo Pinto, 2; Panola, 1; Refugio, 1; Reagan, 10; Stephens, 5; Throckmorton, 1; Upton, 5; Wichita, 26; Wilbarger, 24; Webb, 12; Wheeler, 1; Wharton, 7; Young, 14.

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We give expert service on washing and greasing your car. Close inspection given to every part that needs cleansing in the interest of better motor satisfaction. Then, too, while we are cleaning, we give attention to all bolts and nuts that need tightening.

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The New Atwater Kent Electric sets are simple and very easy to operate. Only one switch and one tuning dial. Just remember this—you can get a Six Tube, built in a steel, dust-proof case, Duco enameled, Atwater Kent Radio, complete with speaker, installed in your home for only—

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Starts the Greatest Manufacturer's advertising toilet goods sale ever held in Merkel.

On Sale Friday and Saturday, September 14-15

**Genuine French Narcissus**

The World's Most Popular Perfume and we will give you absolutely

—comes to you from the wonderful flower gardens of Sunny Southern France, and is put up in a beautiful gift package and is ideal for presents.

**FREE**

A Regular \$3.00 Value 98c

A regular \$2.00 value of Narcissus De Luxe exquisite face powder.

**BOTH ARTICLES, \$5.00 VALUE FOR 98c**

This is the first and only time that these products will ever be sold at less than the regular price. We want every lady in Merkel to take advantage of this saving and try these exquisite products.

What could be sweeter than the real odor of freshly cut Narcissus Flowers? (Each item in Fancy Black and Gold Box.) Direct from France come these exquisite toilet articles to enchant the American Lady. Never before in long history have such wonderful products been sold at this price. This sale is made possible by the manufacturer standing the expense and we are sacrificing our profits that you may know and love these toilet goods as do two million ladies throughout the world. We cannot urge you too strongly to take advantage of this wonderful offer. Limit of three sales to a customer.

**MANUFACTURER'S INTRODUCTORY OFFER**

Bring This Coupon and 98 Cents

to our store and receive a beautiful \$5.00 Gift Package consisting of a \$3.00 size of

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and \$2.00 box of Narcissus De Luxe Exquisite Face Powder. You save \$4.02

Please sign your name and address on this certificate. Extra coupons for your friends may be had for the asking. Remember, only 3 gift sets to each customer at this price. Certificates are good only as long as these exquisite sets last.

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TO THE PUBLIC

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 15th

ACCOUNT

## Jewish Holiday

Open for business Monday morning.

**Max Mellinger**

### West Texas Fair to Feature Agriculture

ABILENE, Texas, September 13.—For the past several years the agricultural department of the West Texas Fair has been one of the largest and best, from the standpoint of quality of the products and quantity of the exhibits, in all the southwest. J. R. Masterson, superintendent of that division for this year's exposition to be staged during the week of September 24, is expecting to have even a better show than at any time in the past for the 1928 offering.

Premiums for county and community exhibits have been increased and this is likely to bring on stronger competition than any other inducement that could have been offered.

The agricultural shows at the West Texas Fair have had much to do with stimulating an interest in diversification. Officials of the exposition have always been anxious to get specimen of all the products of the soil of this area shown, so the general public could see what could be produced and it is largely due to that fact that fruit and vegetable culture is every year growing in importance over West Texas—for people have seen what other folks have done and have then gone home and done it themselves.

### Haskell Sheriff Contest Sept. 24

Haskell, Sept. 13—Al Cousins, sherriff of Haskell County, is contesting the election of W. T. Sarrells to the office in the last primary.

Hearing in the case have been set for District Court which convenes here September 24.

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.

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### American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Bell System 156th Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$2.25) per share will be paid on Monday, Oct. 15, 1928, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Sept. 20, 1928.

H. BLAIR-SMITH, Treasurer.

### Merkel Theatre To Offer Day-Night Show Beginning Monday

Following the custom of the larger towns and cities, the Merkel Theatre announces that, beginning Monday, day and night shows will be presented at this theatre. Increased patronage, largely by reason of many visitors to Merkel, is given as the reason for this advanced step in the theatrical life of Merkel.

The double daily showing begins Monday afternoon, starting at 2:30 o'clock, with bargain matinees of 5 and 15 cents Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

For the first two days next week, Monday and Tuesday, "The Night Watch," will be the attraction. It is a spectacular naval war drama starring Billie Dove, with action taking place on board a French battleship on the eve of war. Behind the drama of a surprise attack is a love intrigue that threatens to end in disaster when discovery and a shooting follow.

"Win That Girl," a big college picture, will be featured Wednesday and Thursday. It is one of those fascinating pictures with the glamour of youth and all the excitement that can be crowded into an hour's film showing, climaxed by a big football game with the hand of a beautiful girl depending on the outcome.

For Friday and Saturday Zane Grey's popular "Water Hole," with Jack Holt in the lead role and Nancy Carroll supporting, will be the attraction, revealing a new Zane Grey. The famous author of Western turns to Eastern society and carries its smart beauty to the wild Arizona desert. Water—that's what she wants—and she discovers love.

### R. Q. Lee Grateful For Congress Vote

Cisco, Sept. 13—R. Q. Lee, democratic nominee for congress from the 17th congressional district, in commenting upon the action of the democratic district convention held in Abilene, Saturday, September 8, had the following to say:

"Saturday, September 8, the District Convention of the 17th Congressional district met in Abilene and declared me the Democratic nominee of this district, and their report disclosed that I carried sixteen of the nineteen counties of the district. This check of the votes revealed that I received from all parts of the district, a very gratifying support. And I desire, through the courtesy of the press, to express to the voters of the district my appreciation for the preference shown me in August primary.

"While I appreciate to the fullest extent the splendid vote I received, I realize that the results place a tremendous responsibility on me, and I am resolved to apply myself to the task of trying to work out the local problems that effect the citizenship of my district so as to give the greatest amount of relief and service possible.

"On those great questions which are fundamental in democracy, I expect to go with my party. I shall oppose extravagance and graft at all times and contribute what I can to honest Government economically administered."

### CONDITION IMPROVED

Wm. Sheppard, who was accidentally shot while out hunting early in the month, has almost completely recovered. He was able to return to his studies with the opening of school Monday.

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### Looking Into Things



That's what we want you to do at this garage. We want you to look into the superior quality of Brunswick Tires and learn to appreciate their great wearing quality. We carry only standard and recognized leaders in automobile supplies and invite an investigation and trial. Then don't forget our oil and gasoline—in fact, a real garage with real service.

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Now that so many women are driving cars Tire Service is becoming more and more important. Our Prompt—Expert—Courteous service is one of the best things we have to offer

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### Blair Items

Mrs. Lula Walker and daughter, Annie, of Abilene, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Hellms and children of Winters left for their home after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan and grandson, Etsel Farmer, spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. N. E. Myers and daughter, Dovie, of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son of Seymour are spending an indefinite time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Davenport of Oklahoma, were the house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Provine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Walker of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.

Britt Mayfield of Abilene visited in the home of O. L. Mayfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes visited relatives in Trent during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sanford of Tuscola for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown dined with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips Sunday.

Pat Addison made a business trip to Abilene one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer, family and mother, Mrs. J. M. Reeves, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burk of Butman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and

family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Juna, motored to Tye Sunday to the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burfiend and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors Sunday.

### Another Oil Gusher For Howard County

Big Spring, Sept. 13—The Magnolia No. 4 Dora Roberts in the northwest corner of Section 157, Block 29, W. & N. W., drilled to total depth of 3,036 feet, is producing at a rate estimated at 5,000 barrels per day.

This well is an offset to the Texas-Marland that has been producing from the 2,500-foot level for the past two weeks, which will be deepened

to the 3,000-foot level. It is a diagonal offset to the Sun well.

Three tests are to be drilled in from the deep pay, the Schermerhorn on Section 157, Evans Oil Company on Section 157 and the Sprague Oil Company on Section 156.

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### Trench Mouth Healed

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## Truett Asking For Check-up By Baptists

DALLAS, Sept. 13.—Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas at a meeting of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here recommended that the affairs of every home mission board in the State handling money should be investigated to the fullest extent.

Dr. Truett returned Thursday from Atlanta, where he and former Governor Pat M. Neff sat upon the board which uncovered a shortage of \$1,000,000 in the accounts of Clinton S. Carnes, former treasurer of the Baptist Home Mission board.

"If any person connected with a church organization does not beg for an investigation of his affairs after the scandal in Atlanta, he should be discharged in 15 seconds," declared Dr. Truett.

His statement was greeted by "amens" from 300 Baptist leaders attending the convention.

"We are in the throes of the greatest period of depression our church has ever known as the result of this disaster in the Atlanta district," said Dr. Truett. "Without bitterness of cynicism, let us look into everything. In fact we are advised by the central committee of the board to investigate conditions everywhere."

While 50 per cent of the money collected in Texas goes to Atlanta for disbursement, the remainder stays in Dallas and is distributed from here, it was explained.

Neff, Texas representative of the Southern board, corroborated Dr. Truett's statements in every respect.

"The church ought to be benefited by this tragedy," the former Governor declared. "Every member of every board must investigate conditions in the institutions under his supervision. Either get your hands on affairs in your institution or resign," he concluded.

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

## Democratic Vets Name Zone Heads

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, director of the Veterans Bureau division of the Democratic National Committee, has announced the formation of a series of zone headquarters of the division and the appointment of zone directors. The plan of organization will be carried out on the army basis, he said, each zone to embrace a group of states, and correspond with army division headquarters. Included among the appointments Friday were:

Southern zone: Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina—Maj. Wayne Davis, San Antonio, director.

Western zone: Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona—Former Governor J. G. Schrugham, Reno, Nev., director.

Central zone: Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Tennessee—Maj. Gen. M. A. Tinley, Council Bluffs, Iowa, director.

## Lost Money Recovered By Small Ad. in Mail

Bob Martin and one of his lady customers who has been a resident of Merkel but a short time both testify to the merits of Mail advertising.

The customer was shopping in Mr. Martin's grocery store last week and lost \$9.35 in currency and silver. Mr. Martin found the money and placed a small ad. in the Mail for the owner. The latter bought a copy of the paper, hoping against hope that she would recover the lost money. She read the ad., went to Mr. Martin's store, identified the denominations, and recovered the lost money.

Mr. Martin said that four other people had lost money the same day, and made inquiry of him after reading the ad.

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## "THE SCARLET WEST"

A Big picture of the early days in the West!

—Also—  
The Last Chapter of "PERILS of The JUNGLE" And 2-reel Comedy "FOR SALE A BUNGALOW"

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## "THE FIFTY-FIFTY GIRL"

Here's a fountain of golden laughs from the breezy West. You'll just skip over miles of smiles and get the good hearty ha ha's when this gay giggler starts going.

Also Comedy—"WILD DAZE" and International News Reel

**Wednesday & Thurs**  
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A nameless Kid's game fight to make a name for himself and his surprising choice between two great loves. Millions have praised this great story. You have read the story, now see it much greater in the picture.

Also 2-reel Comedy—"SLIPPERY HEELS"

## Largest Bank in World At Chicago

Chicago, Sept. 13—Chicago will have what is claimed to be the largest bank in the world under one roof as a result of the consolidation of the Continental National Bank and Trust Company and the Illinois Merchants Trust Company.

In financial resources of America, the new bank will rank second only to the National City Bank of New York.

Both banks have figured in consolidations involving smaller banking houses over a period of years. The new institution, to be known as the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, will have resources exceeding \$1,000,000,000, with a capital of

\$75,000,000, a surplus of approximately \$65,000,000, and a reserve fund of \$10,000,000.

## Lindy's Mother Sails For Work in Turkey

New York, Sept. 13—Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh, mother of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, sailed for Turkey on the Conte Grande last week to teach at the Constantinople Woman's College, where she has accepted an appointment as visiting professor of chemistry.

She was accompanied by Miss Alice Morrow, sister of Dwight Morrow American Ambassador to Mexico. Miss Morrow is to be hostess at the college.

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IT IS NOT to be wondered at that the new Chryslers—"75" and "65"—are everywhere being received with cordiality unusual even to Chrysler.... Chrysler, in one stroke, less than five years ago captured the style, performance and value leadership of the industry.... That superiority has been strengthened by each succeeding step until the newest Chryslers

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New slender-profile chromium-plated radiator, harmonizing with cowl moulding;  
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New bowl-type headlamps;  
New "arched-window" silhouette (with hood panels harmonizing in design);  
New sweeping rear-deck lines in coupe and roadster;  
Counterweighted 7-bearing crank shafts;

New Chrysler-designed gasoline tank shield;  
Power, speed, pick-up that out-Chrysler even Chrysler;  
New "Silver-Dome" high-compression engine using any gasoline;  
New light-action internal-expanding hydraulic 4-wheel brakes with squeakless moulded brake lining;  
New, longer chassis;

Rubber shock insulators in place of metal shackles;  
New Lovejoy hydraulic shock absorbers;  
Duplex channel frame on "75";  
Six-ply full-balloon tires on "75";  
New thermostatically-controlled integral radiator shutters on "75";  
Non-shatterable glass in windshield of "75."

And all these are added to numberless developments which Chrysler owners have enjoyed for years and years and which have contributed to Chrysler satisfaction and long life.... The public acceptance of these remarkable develop-

ments pioneered and perfected by Chrysler—never more clearly shown than in the acclaim of the new "75" and "65"—proves that the style and performance dominance of the automobile industry belongs clearly to Chrysler.

New Chrysler "75" Prices (with 6-ply full-balloon tires)—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; Touring Car, \$1075; 4-door Sedan, \$1145; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1145. All prices f. o. b. Detroit.

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WRIGHTON DENTIST Abilene

Recent Bride Favored With Party at Blair

In the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks, Mrs. Ed Dye, who until her marriage last week was Miss Willie Mae Meeks, was named guest of honor. This in-honor event being planned to compliment the bride during her visit with her parents. Pink and white were the favored colors emphasized in the table appointments. Following games, a shower of gifts was presented to the honoree in an umbrella ruffled in pink, by little Dorothy Fay Horton, a cousin of the bride. With Mrs. Alfred Meeks, Mrs. Beulah Wilson and Mrs. Maron Logan, acted as hostesses, Dainty plates of ice cream and cake were passed to Misses Clara Phillips,

Unabell Provine, Addie Mae Rosson, Nola Provine, Clarece Rosson, Grace Fate, Mary Ellen Horton, Alma eeks; Mesdames John Meeks, Charlie Brown, Grady Meeks, Luther Brown, Arlon Farmer, Vernon Melton, Buster Horton, Jack Meeks; Messers and Mesdames Jim Horton, Ransom Meeks, Aaron Horton, Tom Heud, Roscoe Horton, Alfred Carter, Sam Rosson, Maron Logan, Edd Dye, Mrs. J. R. Meeks, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. Marshall Provine.

Dora Doings

Singing school has closed and teachers have gone to their homes. All are well pleased with the results, as a lot of our very small boys and girls are able to direct a song right along unaided.

We are having more showers and cloudy, cool weather, just the kind for the boll worms to grow on.

We are sorry to report Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Clayton's baby is very low with green diarrhoea in Sweetwater at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Perkins. Little Miss Evelyn Ensuinger left Sunday for Merkel, where she will enter school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West of White church spent Sunday here with John Dudley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cargile are the proud parents of an 11 pound boy born September 6. Mother and babe both doing fine.

Mrs. Ben Jenkins of Merkel is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Whitaker.

The Dora Home Demonstration club entertained the County Federation here Saturday.

Miss Faye Lewis of Lockney is spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Joe Brownfield and children spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Flinn, near Sweetwater.

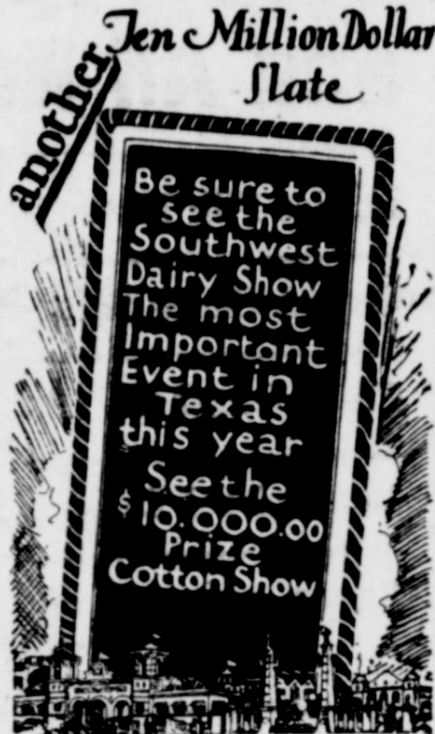
A. D. Cross and family were visiting in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Cotton of Albany were visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

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And we are prepared to render the same high class ginning service that was the occasion for so many compliments last year.

We cordially invite the farmers of this section to bring their cotton to us. A modern gin, fair and square treatment, and a real appreciation of your business.

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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.

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

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

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

FOR SALE-Extra fine bundle cane. Price 3c in field, 4c delivered. R. B. Wells.

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.

FOR SALE-Sewing machine, practically new. \$30.00 cash or trade for cows and hogs. J. A. Patterson, Jr.

Chevrolet Coupe for sale. See W. E. Lowe.

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FOR SALE-All white Hot Point Electric Stove, slightly used. Herbert Patterson, phone 282W.

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

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

STORE House For Rent; would sell stock of groceries. See W. E. Price or J. D. Porter.

ROOMS for Rent, furnished or unfurnished. See W. E. Lowe.

FOR RENT-Two room furnished apartment to couple. Call 26. Mrs. Comegys.

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

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LOST-Green and gold bar pin, platinum top, five diamonds. Reward J. H. Jackson at Bakery.

LOST-Works out of lady's wrist watch. Finder please leave at Merkel Mail office.

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WANTED-Two or three nice house-keeping rooms, furnished or unfurnished, for couple. Phone or apply at Merkel Mail office.

WANTED-To rent piano. Call Miss Christine Collins. Phone 29.

Brothers United After 39 Years

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 13-Two brothers, separated when they were small children, met recently in Fort Worth for the first time in 39 years.

They are W. D. Laughlin of Booneville, Miss., and J. M. Laughlin of Bonham. They met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ratliff, 1101 Fifth Avenue, the latter a sister-in-law of W. D. Laughlin.

The meeting, arranged by letter, was to have been in Bonham, but J. M. Laughlin, knowing that his brother, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff, would pass through Fort Worth enroute to Bonham, grew impatient and came here.

The two were born in Hardeman

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Monday & Tuesday

September 17-18

MATINEE AND NIGHT

Billie Dove

-in-

'The Night Watch'

A wife's honor and a husband's career clash in "The Night Watch," spectacular naval war drama.

Comedy-

Krazy Kat and News Events Admission 10c and 25c

Wednesday & Thur.

September 19-20

MATINEE AND NIGHT

DAVID ROLLINS and SUE CAROL

-in-

"Win That Girl"

A beautiful story of College life with a thrilling football game for a climax.

Comedy-"Cow's Husband"

News Events Adm. 10c-25c School Children Matinee 5c-10c

Bargain Matinee Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. 5 Cents and 15 Cents

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Sept. 21st-22nd

-MATINEE and NIGHT-

ZANE GREY'S

"THE WATER HOLE"

with JACK HOLT

With Scenes in Natural Color!

County, Tennessee, W. D. in 1867 and they were separated and reared by relatives. Both are farmers. The died when they were small children elder brother return Thurs. to Miss.

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**Merkel Oil Area Output Is Growing**

(Continued From Page 1)  
east corner of the Grayson 70-acre tract in division 3 of section 13.

Texas Company and Cosden & Company are building a rig for their No. 2 Carter-Coates, located 690 feet due north of their No. 1 on the same fee and Robert Oil Corporation and Cosden & Company are offsetting it to the west with their No. 4 Grayson. Rig for that test is also being built.

Texas Company and Cosden & Company are preparing to offset the No. B-1 Grayson of Roeser & Pendleton-Landreth, with their No. 1 Camp to be in the southwest corner of the 105 acre Camp fee in the north part of section 13.

Robert Oil Corporation and Cosden & Company have made a location for their No. 6 Grayson, to be one location due north of their No. 1 Grayson and halfway between No. 4 and No. 5 on the same fee.

Cosden & Company are rigging up for their No. 1 Bickley on section 50, T. & P. survey 18. It will be in the southwest corner of the south half of the northwest quarter of the section. The same operators are digging cellar and slush pit for their No. 2 Bickley, located in the northeast corner of the same tract.

McMan Oil & Gas company is building a rig for its No. 1 Bickley at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 50.

Rigs are practically completed on Snowden & McSweeney's No. 2 and No. 3 Bickley. No. 2 is one location south of the No. 1 Bickley, the producer completed two weeks ago and No. 3 is a west offset.

Sinclair Oil & Gas company is almost ready to spud in their No. 1 Bickley, an east offset to the producer. Building rig for their No. 2 offset to their No. 1.

Independent Oil & Gas company are building a rig on their No. 1 Smith, in the southeast corner of the southwest 59 acres of section 51, one location west and one north of the Bickley producer.

It is reported that Texas company will offset Cosden & Company's No. 1 Bickley, to the west, with No. 2 Camp, to be 330 feet west of the east line of section 13, T. & P. survey 19.

**Merkel Schools Open; Large Enrollment**

(Continued From Page 1)  
Miss Christine Collins, teacher of voice and director of choral work, led in the singing of "America," accompanied by Mrs. Yates Brown. The latter also rendered two delightful piano numbers.

Devotional exercises were in charge of Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, following which Oscar J. Adeock, president of the board of trustees, addressed the assemblage, welcoming the return of Superintendent Burgess, and pleading for the co-operation of students and parents, to the end that 1928 will be the most successful year in the history of the Merkel schools.

*Seek Additional Units.*

Superintendent Burgess expressed his pleasure at being again in Merkel after an absence of three years. He announced that the Merkel schools now enjoyed 19½ units of affiliation—that this year two additional units would be asked for—in biology and public speaking.

Play as friends, not as enemies, was stressed by Superintendent Burgess in contests with other schools, who stated that Merkel schools would again play under the rules and regulations of the Interscholastic League. "Win, but win honorably, and be friends with the opposite side in victory or defeat," was the closing admonition of the superintendent.

It was announced that school sessions each morning would begin at 8:45, continuing until 3:15, with 45 minutes for lunch.

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**Personal Mention**

Misses Helen and Frances Massengale of Houston are guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, and cousin, Mrs. Roy Largent. They were accompanied from San Angelo, where they had been visiting, by Misses Velma, Ann, Homer J. and June Tippett, who returned home last Wednesday. Miss Elizabeth Harkrider also returned from San Angelo with them after a visit there.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock and daughters, Georgene and Anna Marie, left last Friday for their home in Stanton, after a pleasant visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Doyle Garrett left last Sunday for Waco, where he will visit a few days with his brother, B. A. Garrett. From there he will go to Austin, where he will enter the law school of the State University.

Ray Garrett left last Monday for Louisville, Kentucky, where he will enter the Baptist Theological Seminary.

S. C. Beall, wife and children of Edom, Texas, have been visitors in Merkel for the past few days. Mr. Beall, who is a brother of N. Beall, of this city, whom he visited about a year ago, is agent for the Illinois Life Insurance Company in his home town. He is also a singer and teacher and travels over Texas a great deal.

G. M. Reeves and family are removing to Sweetwater, where Mr. Reeves is now engaged in the dairy business. While regretting to lose these worthy people from our city, the Mail wishes Mr. Reeves much success in his new line of endeavor.

One of Merkel's newest citizens is J. W. Enes, drilling contractor, who has just removed here from Haskell, with his family. Mr. Enes states that his children have already started to school and he further identified himself with the city's interest by subscribing to the Merkel Mail.

Miss Madge Pierce, who for three years taught History in Merkel High School, and for the past three years has been teaching at Childress, stopped off with friends here Friday and Saturday. She was on her way to Childress to resume her work there in Childress High School.

Otho Venable of Rising Star visited with O. E. Deal Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black are visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Smith, in Runnels county. Mr. Black, as is well known, is the voluntary weather observer for Merkel and vicinity.

Misses Iva Bragg and Christine Collins have just returned from an automobile trip through points of interest in East and South Texas.

Miss Tommy Durham left Wednesday for Dallas, where she will attend a house party before going on to C. I. A. Denton.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider had as her house guest last week Misses Helen and Frances Massengale of Houston, Misses Velma, Ann, Homer J. and June Tippett, all of San Angelo.

Miss Boog Sears of Abilene was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Mrs. Charlie Jones and Miss Mary Eula Sears left Tuesday for East Texas, via automobile. Miss Sears will visit with Miss Loyce Dry of Clarksville, while Mrs. Jones will be joined en route by Miss Mona Margaret Jones for a visit in Cado and Paris, Texas.

Miss Johnnie Sears had as her guest Miss Louise Anderson of White-wright, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lackard and daughter, Mary Ann, of Amarillo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cookston this week-end.

Rev. W. R. McCarter, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in Merkel now of Crowell, Texas, was a visitor to Merkel this week, spending Wednesday night with L. R. Thompson. He greeted many old friends while here.

Miss Lonnie Shook of Temple is the guest of Miss Cora Lee Hulsey this week.

Willis Holden has returned from a visit to Abilene, where he was the guest of his uncle, R. L. Holden, and of his cousin, W. C. Holden.

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