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MRS. JIM WEST DIES FOLLOWING WEEK'S ILLNESS

Merkel in Sorrow Over Death Universally Beloved Woman.

Mrs. Eugenia Lee West, wife of James H. West, died in an Abilene hospital early Wednesday, following an illness of one week. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. A. Rister, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Fred S. Rogge of Stamford, her former pastor here, and Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church.

The death of Mrs. West caused universal sorrow throughout this community. The solicitude shown by friends and acquaintances during the time that her condition was serious bespoke the esteem in which she was held by the people of Merkel in all walks of life, and when the death message was received early Wednesday Merkel people's hearts beat as one in realization of their loss to the community and in genuine sympathy for the bereaved family.

Mrs. West's life in Merkel has been one of service. As an active and earnest worker in the Presbyterian church, she was always at her post, exerting her best efforts in advancing the Master's cause. Her cheerful disposition and the faculty for making happy those with whom she came in contact, endeared her to a host of friends. At the time of her death she was teacher of the young people's class at the Presbyterian church, and derived her greatest pleasure from instructing the young in the Word of the Master. As a member of the Thursday club and as president of the P. T. A. she was a tireless worker, giving of her time and ability in advancing the best interests of these organizations. In the P. T. A. she carried with her that love for the young that has ever been predominant in her work in the church. Teachers and pupils alike bear testimony to her wonderful grasp of the needs of children and her unusual faculty for meeting every demand of the child mind. Her kindly ministrations have been a blessing to old and young alike—people here in all walks of life have been truly blessed by her having lived among them.

The funeral cortege was one of the longest ever seen in Merkel, while the beautiful floral offerings were beautiful in the extreme—mute evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held by the people of this community. These, with tears in every eye, was Merkel's silent tribute to one who has been a leader in all things worth while, a devoted mother and homemaker. Her devotion to her family and loved ones was beautiful to behold, and in her home, as in all other places where duty called her, she exemplified at all times the true Christian character of radiating happiness to those about her.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. West was Miss Eugenia Rister. She was married to Jas. H. West on January 23, 1915. Survivors are her husband and two children, Jas. H. Jr. and Mary Zoe; her mother, Mrs. G. A. Rister, Merkel; one brother, Pope Rister, El Paso; two sisters, Mrs. O. J. Shaffer, El Paso, and Mrs. W. B. Brown, Anson, all of whom had been summoned to her bedside and were with her at the time of death. An infant preceded Mrs. West to the grave by three days.

Butman Builds Brick Veneer Home

Tractor A. V. Dye is at present building a beautiful six room, brick veneer home on the corner of 10th and 11th streets, near the school. The property is owned by the Butman family.

Two Merkel Young People Members of Radio Orchestra

Two young Merkel musicians, Mabel Corinne Morton and Lynn McFadden, distinguished themselves over the radio Tuesday night broadcasting over station KFQB, from the Westbrook hotel at Fort Worth. Both were members of the Rider Gloom Chasers orchestra of Abilene, the entire membership of 14 being composed of boys and girls ranging in age from 9 to 15.

Little Miss Morton played the saxophone and mandolin, while Clyde McFadden played the violin and baritone horn, both acquitting themselves admirably and receiving many compliments from the orchestra director and other members. Messages received from many places over the state indicated that the West Texas musicians popularized themselves with the radio audience.

Mrs. A. Morton accompanied her daughter to Fort Worth.

HOUSTON TEAM DIXIE CHAMPS

Birmingham, Oct. 4—Houston holds the baseball championship of Dixie-land.

The Houston Buffs, Texas League pennant winners, won the title of Dixie by defeating the Birmingham Barons, Southern Association pennant winners, here Wednesday, 5 to 1, in the sixth game of the Dixie Series. The victory gave the Texans four of the games.

Support the Ticket Forces Organize For Taylor County

Abilene, Oct. 4—Supporters of the straight democratic ticket in Taylor county organized here this week with the appointment of H. A. Tillett as county chairman and R. L. Young as treasurer.

Chairman Tillett's first announcement was an appeal for campaign funds. He issued a statement, combining it with an appeal for "whole hearted democrats to support the party ticket from president to constable."

Merkel People Hurt As Auto Turns Over

J. H. Grayson, Mrs. Grayson and their daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, were bruised and badly shaken up when their automobile turned over near DeLeon last Sunday. The injuries to all three occupants of the car consisted of bruises around the shoulders and neck.

They were brought to Merkel and treated by Dr. L. P. Hulse, who reports that all are doing nicely. The car was badly damaged.

Better Homes Display Is Planned at Trent

Trent, Oct. 4—A Texas Better Homes display is being arranged by members of the Trent Parent-Teachers' association, according to Mrs. Joe Nalley, chairman of the committee appointed by Mrs. W. L. Boyd, president of the Trent association, at the meeting held Monday afternoon.

The window of some local store is to be decorated by the association and filled with a display of samples from the leading Texas manufacturers, with placards attached to each, showing the best uses of the product, the manufacturer's name, and where in Texas the product is made.

At the end of a week, the entire display is to be auctioned at a sale held in the school house, the proceeds to go to the school, and the products to find their way into the homes of this trade territory.

It is planned to arrange the display for the last week in October, and to hold the sale in connection with the Halloween high school carnival to be staged by the school and the P. T. A.

AGAIN HEADS S.C.V.

Tyler, Texas, Oct. 4—Judge E. S. McCarver of Orange today was re-elected state commander of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans at the thirty-sixth annual reunion here.

HOTEL GOAL IN SIGHT AS WORKERS DOUBLE STOCK SALE EFFORTS

Definite announcement that Merkel is to have a new, modern 75-room hotel is expected to be made at the postponed meeting of the Lions club to be held next Tuesday night, at which time the wives of the members will be honor guests. This meeting was originally scheduled for tonight, but was deferred until next week. A bird supper will be served the Lions and their ladies Tuesday night.

"It looks like we are going over the top for the new hotel," said President L. B. Scott of the Lions Club. "While the soliciting committees have been unable to see a number of men whom we are sure will be glad to participate in the hotel project, several of them have sought out members of the committee and subscribed. It is this spirit that leads us to believe we can soon announce that success has crowned our efforts, and that the dream of a modern hotel has been realized."

A conference of the central hotel committee during the present week was marked by enthusiasm. It was agreed that a combined effort would bring the hotel project to a successful conclusion. Different aspects of the campaign were discussed, it being the consensus of opinion that success is in sight. The committee is anxious that every person in Merkel's trade territory who will be benefited by the building of the hotel, have a part in its construction. It was for this reason that the final report was delayed from Tuesday until Friday night.

Merkel's citizenship, which apparently is practically unanimous for the new hotel, is not by any means the only persons interested in the project. It is known that representatives of two or three business enterprises are awaiting Merkel's answer to the demand for a new hotel. Some of these have let it be definitely known that they are awaiting the outcome of the hotel movement before deciding whether or not they will locate here.

"We are too near the goal to look back now," said President Scott of the Lions club, "and we do not intend to fall down at this stage of the game. We are going to keep on working until the hotel is assured."

Claud Derrick Given New Chrysler Auto

Claud Derrick is one man who will testify that there's a "Santa Claus"—even if he did come in October.

Mr. Derrick is sporting a fine new 75 Chrysler car which was presented to him Wednesday by C. E. Dilworth Jr. of Gonzales, who has been in Merkel for the past few days looking after oil interests.

According to friends, Mr. Derrick was instrumental in securing for Mr. Dilworth some valuable oil royalties in this section about eight months ago. The latter, desiring to show his appreciation, chose the automobile route, hence Mr. Derrick is driving the fine new car which came to him as a token of appreciation and esteem from Mr. Dilworth.

Drives From Dallas Five and Half Hours

L. B. Scott made a hurried trip from Dallas Wednesday in answer to a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. Jas. H. West. He made the trip from Dallas to Merkel in five and one-half hours, driving a Ford demonstrator that had been driven 12,000 miles. He reached Merkel about thirty minutes before the funeral services.

Lions Club to Meet Next Tuesday Night

Ladies' night at the Lions club, originally scheduled for this Friday night, has been postponed until next Tuesday. The program arranged for tonight will be rendered Tuesday night.

Monday afternoon sixteen members of the club will go out after enough doves to feed the Lions and "Lionesses" the following night.

New York Yankees Win First World's Series Game 4 to 1

Yankee Stadium, New York, Oct. 4—The New York Yankees, champions of the American League got away to a flying start in the opening game of world series here this afternoon and trounced the St. Louis Cardinals, National League pennant winners.

The score was 4 to 1. A record crowd nearly 80,000 persons jammed their way into the stadium to witness the annual baseball classic.

A mighty cheer arose as the umpires called "play ball" and the 1928 classic was on. Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball pitched the first ball.

Babe Ruth, idol of Yankee fans, got a rousing cheer as he hobbled out to right field. He limped perceptibly. Cards — 000 000 100—1 3 1
Yanks — 100 200 01x—4 7 0
Sherdel, Johnson and Wilson; Hoyt and Benbough.

Ford Dealers of West Texas Hold Service Meet at Sweetwater

Ford dealers of West Texas attended a service meeting at Sweetwater Wednesday night, at which 105 persons connected with Ford agencies in this section were present.

Those attending from Merkel were L. B. Scott, Bill Haynes, Edward McCrary, Chas. Hill and Walter Jackson.

Talks were made by W. C. Proctor, assistant manager of the Ford Motor Co. at Dallas, and W. S. Erskine, assistant wholesale manager at Dallas. A three-reel picture, of special interest to the Ford dealers, was shown on the screen. The Delegation from Merkel reports a most profitable meeting.

Committee Named to Outline Plan For New Hotel at Trent

Trent citizens in large numbers attended the mass meeting Monday night, assembled for the purpose of devising ways and means for the building of a modern hotel of 33 rooms at Kent.

Need for the hotel was stressed by a number of speakers, all of whom were enthusiastic over the project. A committee was appointed to investigate the different suggestions and to outline a plan for the building of the hotel. This committee, composed of L. E. Adrian, Joe Nalley, M. G. Scott and Reis Dowdy, will make their report to another mass meeting to be held Monday night of next week, together with recommendations.

Those who attended the mass meeting, as well as the citizens of Trent generally, believe the hotel movement is certain of success.

SCOUT TRAINING MEET HERE SOON

The first meetings of the Five Year Boy Scout Training program are to be held in Merkel in the near future, as announced by Scout Executive Ed Shumway, who has recently returned from the Fifth National Training School of Scout Executives held at Cornell University with an attendance of over one thousand professional workers.

Herbert Patterson, local chairman and enthusiastic Boy Scout leader, will endeavor to enroll a large number of men to take the training school, learn more about Boy Scout work and have a "rip snorting" good time as they learn of the great Boy Scout program.

Mr. Patterson and Executive Shumway will confer immediately and outline plans for the training school. A real attempt will be made to interest every boy in Merkel when he reaches his 12th birthday in joining the Boy Scouts of America, and advanced plans will be submitted which will hold and interest the older boys.

A younger boy program for all boys in America from 9 to 11 years of age is in the making and important announcement about this program may be expected before the first of the year.

TWO CONCERNS LOCATE HERE FOR OIL OPERATIONS

Rig Machinery and Tool Depots to be Main- tained.

The outstanding recognition of Merkel as an oil center came during the present week with the announcement of the location here of two large supply houses.

The Bridgeport Machinery Co., through its representative Robert Horton, has leased the Nunn building on Kent Street, and has already begun the installation of a large stock of drilling and fishing tools. The building is 25x65 feet, and it is to be completely filled with drilling materials. A larger building was sought, but none could be secured in a location suitable to the company's needs, which necessitated arrangements being concluded for outdoor space totaling 75x50 feet in the vicinity of the building.

Space 65x70 feet on the railroad right-of-way has been leased from the T. & P. line by the Acme Tool Co., on which is to be erected a building to meet the needs of this company in serving the near-by oil field. The Acme company deals extensively in drilling tools and, according to information from the locating representative, will carry a complete line in the Merkel house. The building is to have a concrete floor and will be arranged for the expeditious handling of the oil field business.

Other supply houses have either had representatives here or have made written inquiries as to locations, which local business leaders consider a sure sign that the men in the supply business not only consider Merkel the strategic center of the near-by oil field, but that they have faith in the field expanding at a rapid rate. This has been the history of other towns that have prospered from oil—the coming of the supply houses has almost invariably been the forerunner of extensive development.

It is the general belief that the coming of the two supply houses will result in the location of others here in the next few weeks. According to oil men, this has been the history of all towns fortunate enough to be considered the logical place for companies supplying the drilling machinery for a field.

Establishment of the two supply houses here will bring several new families as residents of Merkel.

Shot Fired, Iron Pipe Used in an Affray in Merkel Suburbs

The county attorney's office at Abilene is conducting an investigation of an affray alleged to have taken place in the suburbs of Merkel Wednesday morning, in which one shot is said to have been fired and one man considerably bruised up with an iron pipe, according to Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney, who took two of the combatants to the county seat.

Mr. Laney said that several parties were involved in the alleged affray, but that so far as he knew no charges had been filed.

Sister Mrs. Moody Weds Houston Man

Austin, Tex., Oct. 4—The stately halls and drawing rooms of the historic executive mansion in Austin were the scene of a brilliant gathering of members of Texas society Tuesday evening when Miss Helen Paxton, sister of Mrs. Dan Moody, became the bride of Weaver Moore, attorney of Houston.

George L. Paxton, prominent banker of Abilene and West Texas, gave his daughter in marriage to Weaver Moore, George L. Paxton Jr., attorney of Abilene, serving as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were the four daughters of the bride, her aunts.

MOOK-TEXAS AND CAMPBELL WELLS CLAIM INTEREST

Both Near Completion and Would Mean Field Extension.

Chief interest in the oil field near Merkel during the past week has been centered in two wells—The Mook-Texas McCreight No. 1, one mile northwest of the Tiner pool, and the Clark and Campbell, one mile northwest of the Bickley producer.

The Mook-Texas is underreaming with a 6 5-8 casing at 2400 feet. Some water difficulty has been encountered, which has slowed down to some extent the actual completion. This well is claiming special interest of those who follow the development of oil fields, its completion as a producer meaning an extension of the field about a mile northwest of the Tiner pool.

Twenty-four Hundred Feet.

The Clark and Campbell, Dickerson No. 1, drilling at around 2480 feet, is dividing attention with the Mook-Texas. Its coming in would mean an extension of the field for approximately one and one-half miles northeast of Snowden-McSweeney's Bickley No. 1, which came in less than two months ago for 45 barrels an hour. According to those in close touch with drilling operations, the Clark and Campbell is due to come in at any time.

Rosser & Pendleton Grayson No. A2 is drilling at 2270 feet, and Grayson No. B1 has reached a depth of 1120 feet.

Roberts Oil Corporation, Grayson No. 4, is mudding their 8 1-4 inch casing to shut off water at 2370 feet. Their Smith No. 2 is drilling at 1050 feet, and their Smith No. 3 at 350 feet.

Snowden-McSweeney, Bickley No. 2, has reached a depth of 850 feet, and the Bickley No. 3 is drilling at 1400 feet.

Cosden Company No. 1 is fishing for 14-inch bailer.

Phillips Petroleum Company have made new location north of the Mason No. 3, now producing, which it is said will probably result in an offset being drilled by Marland.

Fishing For Casing.

Independent Oil and Gas Co.'s Smith No. 1 parted 12 1-2 inch casing, and was fishing for it during the first of the week.

Texas Co.'s Carter No. 2 is drilling at 1050 feet, while Carter No. 3 is underreaming 12 1-2 inch casing.

Gresham & Hunter, Stephens No. 1, is drilling at 7020 feet.

Sinclair Oil and Gas is rigging up on their Bickley No. 2.

Jacksboro Man Buys Lot to Build Home

J. T. Miller of Jacksboro has purchased a lot from John S. Hughes, in the Haynes-Moody addition, and will build a modern home at once. Mr. Miller will bring his family to Merkel to make their home. He is a rig builder, connected with the Clay Lumber Co.

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Mrs. Robertson of Salt Branch Given Surprise Dinner

On Tuesday of this week the relatives and friends of Mrs. W. B. Robertson, of Salt Branch surprised her with a birthday dinner. The table was laden with "good stuff" to eat, and with the cake bearing 69 burning candles was indeed a welcome sight. A very enjoyable time was had by all; and as the time for departure came, all wished Grandma Robertson many more happy birthdays.

Those present were: Mr. Jim Rainier, Mrs. George Reeves, Mrs. George Harris, Mrs. Will Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Jeneral Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingram, Lee Gолightly, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baker and



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Trent P. T. A. to Give School Carnival

Trent, Oct. 4.—A High School Carnival with a brilliant galaxy of decorated booths, a bazaar of novelties, a colorful afternoon street parade, and an elaborate entertainment, including costumed musical numbers and dramatic stunts, will be presented by pupils of Trent school under the auspices of the Trent Parents Teacher's Association on Hallowe'en according to an announcement made by Mrs. Jno. Payne, chairman of the finance committee for the association.

Mrs. Payne has marshalled the children in each school room, under their teacher, and the room mothers, and has issued definite plans for the organization of the carnival, details of costumes, properties and rehearsals, and work is going forward at once, to produce a community frolic of the finest type.

Plans are to produce the big show on a lot in the business part of Trent, so that everyone in town may enjoy the colored lights, the music, the entertainment features and the refreshment booths. Final arrangements, as to date and place, will be announced later, Mrs. Payne stated.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing to all who so lovingly and tenderly administered to our dear loved one, and so freely expressed their sympathy during her last hours, our heart-felt gratitude.

We especially extend our thanks for the profuse and beautiful floral offering that covers her last resting place.

There are many to whom we should like to give special mention, but we do at this time make mention of her nurse, Miss Lee Owens, who so skillfully and lovingly expended herself to alleviate the intense suffering of our loved one in her days of illness; and say that words cannot express the deep gratitude we owe her.

May God's richest blessing rest upon each and every one of you, in the prayer of our broken hearts.

Jas. H. West and Children,
 The Rister Family
 The West Family.

NEW CAFE IN MERKEL

The Silver Grill Cafe is the latest business acquisition to Merkel, which has just opened for business in the block with the Clarence Saunders store and the Quality Bakery.

E. H. Allen and E. B. Belyeu are the proprietors, and both are experienced restaurant men. Mr. Allen is well known in Merkel, while Mr. Belyeu comes from Abilene, where he was formerly chef at the Grace Hotel.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

All regular services Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock, followed by Communion service. Offering for Reynolds Orphans home. Evening service 7:30. Prayer worship Wednesday night. Come worship with us in, all the services.

Wm Elliott, Supt. S. S.
 R. A. Walker, pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

W. G. Cypert will preach at North Side Church of Christ Sunday at 11 o'clock and 7:30 p. m. Subject at morning hour "The Resurrection of the dead." Come and be with us. There will be some fine singing special songs. Sunday School 10 a. m. Let's be on time.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular Services Sunday and through the week. Willie Joe Largent is expected to be present to preside over the Sunday school Sunday. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30. All B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30 and at the close of the B. Y. P. U. meetings there will be public installation of all officers for the new church year. Sunday is State Mission day in all Southern Baptist Sunday schools. The Intermediate will bring a program of instruction and inspiration on this vital subject.

Our association meets with the Lamar Street Church in Sweetwater on Thursday the 11th, the W.M.U. day being on Wednesday with the evening hour given to their work among young people. Let all the messengers plan to go to Sweetwater at least in time for the Wednesday night service.

A cordial invitation is extended to visitors and strangers in Merkel to come worship with us.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Pastor Parrack will Preach at Compere at 3 p. m. Sunday and will be pleased to see a good attendance both of the membership and of the many friends in the community.

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Chicken Dinner at Trent Election Day

Trent, Oct. 4.—Voters in Trent community may enjoy an Election Day Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings according to Mrs. Bud Brown, president of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Trent. Mrs. Brown announces that it was voted at Monday's meeting of the society, to prepare a chicken dinner to be served in

a vacant building in the Trent business section, on election day, Nov. 6.

NOTICE

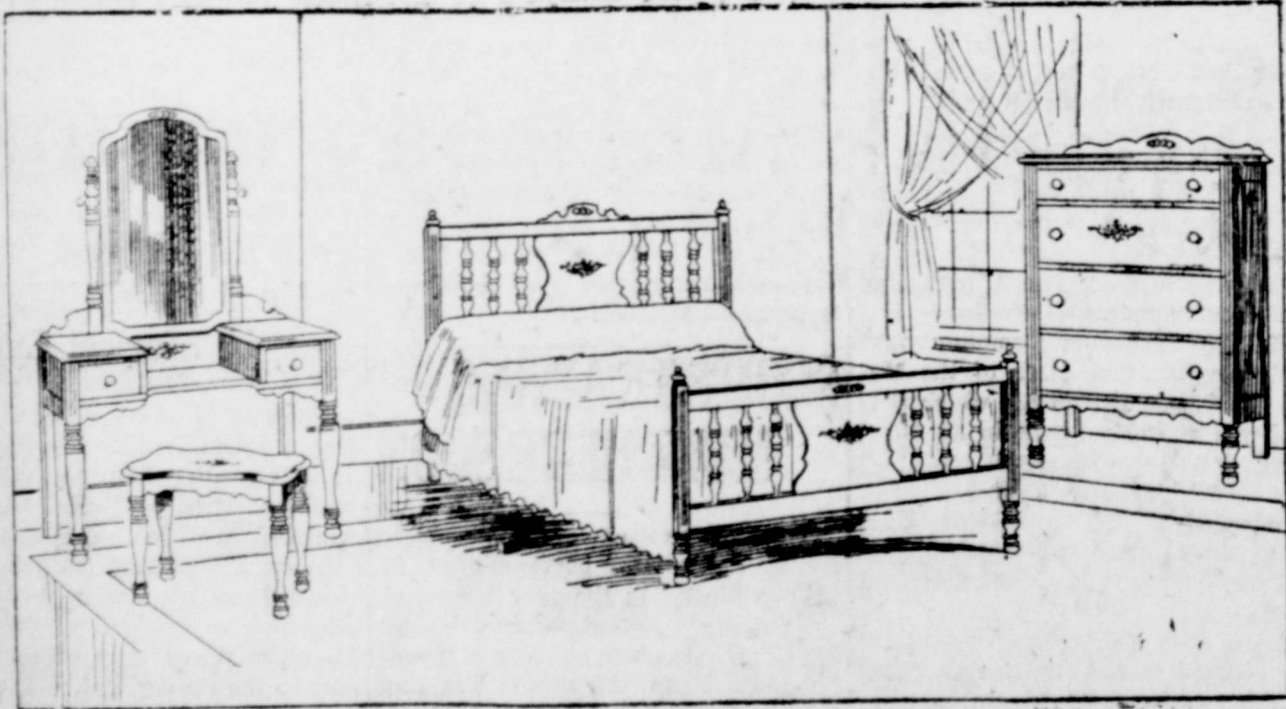
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MERKEL SCHOOLS BUSY; ENROLLMENT NOW NEARING 600

Board of Trustees Grant Two Days for Thanksgiving Vacation

Enrollment is nearing the six hundred mark in the Merkel schools. All the rooms have plenty to do, but as yet no rooms are crowded. The attendance has been exceptionally good, especially in the high school. Very few have been absent for any reason. Work has started off well in all the grades, most students having gotten right down to work, and are getting a good start. These will make their grade this year.

Home Study.
Pupils in the upper grammar grades and in the high school cannot do their work properly without some regular home work. Parents who see to it that a regular period of home study is provided for every school night, allowing nothing to interfere with this period, will be rewarded by thorough work on the part of their children. Some of those who do not regular home study may "get by," they will never be thorough. Lack of thoroughness is sure to show up on in the school life, causing trouble.

Holidays For School.
The board of trustees at its meeting on Tuesday night, decided to grant both Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving, as has been the custom for many years. There will be the only holidays between now and Christmas. School will dismiss on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 19, for the Christmas holidays, and school will reopen on Monday, Dec. 31. This will give eleven days for the Christmas vacation.

More Books For Library.
More books are badly needed for the high school library. The affiliation of the high school is threatened unless this is done. The students' library fees will be used to help, and the board also appropriate \$300 to bring the library up to requirements.
Board Elects New Member.
The board at its Tuesday night

meeting elected Colonel Church to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of R. O. Anderson last June. The board also re-adopted last year's plan of allowing teachers five days for sickness without their salaries being docked. This is the custom of many schools. Most employers do not deduct from the salaries of their employees for sickness if the duration of the illness is not too long.

All seven of the members were present for the profitable meeting held in the office of the secretary. Those comprising the board are: O. J. Adcock, president; W. O. Boney, secretary; A. J. Cannon, Herbert Patterson, Eli Case, Lige Gamble and Colonel Church. The regular meeting time for the board is the first Tuesday of each month.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF EDWARD CLINTON HORTON
On September 22, at 5:25 a. m., the death chariot swung low and carried little Clinton Edward Horton home to be with Jesus.

Clinton Edward was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horton of Merkel. He was born April 10, 1923, and while he appeared to be a robust and healthy baby, yet he had suffered a great deal in the few short months that he lived in this world.

Funeral services were conducted in the Nazarene church and the little body was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery to await the resurrection day.

It was hard to part with him, yet our loss is his gain, and we say with David of old, "We cannot call him back, but we shall go to him."
—Contributed.

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Horn News

Health of this community is very good at present.

Our farmers are all busy picking cotton.

There was a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis Saturday night. Every one reports a very good time.

Rev. J. R. Grafton of Abilene preached here last Sunday night, and we are expecting him back with us next Sunday night.

Mrs. Howard and daughter, Launina, spent Sunday with Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington, Claud and Lorene Ellington, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield and family Sunday.

Misses Lura Benningfield and Cardie Ellington visited Miss Perlie Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Dooley.

Misses Martha and Reeder Womack spent Sunday with Miss Guffie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Kenedy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gregory spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Wesley Davis and Misses Virginia Hatfield and Lorene Ellington visited Mrs. Leopard and daughter, Virginia, for a short time Sunday evening.

Fate Howard spent Sunday with Robert and Bernice Womack.

Misses Ruby Davis and Louise Daniel spent Sunday with Leodice and Ruth Benningfield.

Lodge Membership Lost Since Storm

Washington, Oct. 4—Andrew A. D. Rahn of Minneapolis, chairman of the Masonic and Shrine hurricane relief committee, told chairman Payne of the Red Cross Friday that none of the thirty-seven members of the Pahokee (Fla.) Masonic Lodge had been located after the recent storm and that apparently all had perished.

ATTENTION FARMERS.

This is to advise that I have taken the agency for the Merkel territory for ANTON PEDIGREED COTTON SEED, Early Maturing. Big Bolls. I will appreciate your order and can give the best of service.

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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.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

OLD SETTLER DEAD.
Baird, Oct. 4—John A. Flores, 84, retired cattleman and one of Callahan County's oldest settlers, died at the home of his son, J. M. Flores, where he has made his home for the last few months.

The ratio of increase in electrical production in Texas is greater than the average for the United States. Interconnection has made electricity available to hundreds of Texas towns which otherwise would not have had this convenience.



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Excursion rates daily to Dallas
OCT. 6 TO 21



Extremely Low Rates each weekend
Greater fair attractions than ever before

Another TEN-MILLION DOLLAR STATE

Ask any TaP agent for full particulars Frank Jensen G.P.A. Dallas, Texas

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WE CLEAN ANYTHING IN THE CLOTHING LINE

Why not get the best for we know how. We also guarantee a fit in tailored clothes. All the latest in Oxford Greys and Browns.

BETTER WORK IN LESS TIME.

Phone 3

Across the Street From Postoffice

Modern Dry Cleaners

ELLIOTT & WAGNER.

Mr. Land Owner

DO YOU WANT TO DISPOSE OF SOME OF YOUR WILD-CAT ROYALTIES. IF SO READ THIS.

We have two clients that have made money in wild-cat speculations. (They won't tell how much they have lost.) We have gotten them interested in trading for some wild-cat royalties in certain locations in the Southwest portion of Jones County.

One of them owns improved and unimproved lands well located in Hockley, Lamb and Cochran Counties. The other owns lands in Hill and Limestone Counties.

If interested please write us at once while our parties are ready to go, giving the amount of your acreage, what portion of what section and sur-

vey it is located in and if the location suits our parties, we will call on you at an early date.

We have a map of Jones County and the information asked for will enable us to locate the property.

Our clients are square dependable business men and agree to put their properties at actual cash value for what they may consider good royalties. (Who knows good from bad.) We refer you to any banks in Hill County where we have been doing business for the past thirty-five years as to our dependability.

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Hillsboro, Texas



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TRENT, TEXAS
Where Everybody Goes—Always a Good Show—Fine Music!

TODAY—FRIDAY 5th
Powerful Police Melo-drama

"THE SHIELD OF HONOR"

A fine Picture
Also Bob Curwood, the famous stunt cowboy in "The Get Away Kid" and M. G. M. News

SATURDAY

Ken Maynard in

"THE LAND BEYOND THE LAW"

Ken rings the bell again in this glorious western. Comedy—"All Balled Up," and News

MONDAY

"13 WASHINGTON SQUARE"

A picture that will thrill you. Mysterious, spooky—Chilling.

Als, "The Collegians-No. 3," "Dazzling Coeds"
Monday is family night—Dad pays 25c and each other member of the family pays 10c

TUESDAY, OCT. 9th

The picture that has startled the nation.

"MISSING DAUGHTERS"

Sponsored by The Detroit, Michigan, Police Department
Owing to the Sensational truths this picture depicts, it can not be shown to mixed audiences.

Matinee Tuesday, 2:30, Ladies Only—Night, 7:15, Men Only

No One Under 16 years of age admitted at either Performance

30,000 daughters missing each year—see where they go.
PRICES, MATINEE, 50c; NIGHT 50c

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

William Fox presents

"DRESSED TO KILL"

Wonderful underworld picture with Edmond Lowe, Mary Astor, Ben Bard; also Fred Gilman in "The Ranger Patrol" and News

COMING—ACT 24 and 25

The most sensational motion picture hit of the year,
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 Published Every Friday Morning
 J. J. Hutchison Editor
SUBSCRIPTION RATES
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 Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
 kel, Texas as second class mail.

MORE AND BETTER HOGS.
 More hogs for West Texas is being sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, co-operating with the Fort Worth Stockyards company. Letters are being sent to Chambers of Commerce throughout the western part of the state advising them of the movement for more hogs. Colonel C. C. French, industrial agent for the Fort Worth Stockyards company, is head of the project, and will gladly supply information to those interested. It is a worthwhile movement, one calculated to be of inestimable benefit to the individual farmer as well as to the communities that take advantage of the offer. More and better stock will help any community or any section of the state.

Merkel and Taylor county farmers should grasp this opportunity to improve livestock conditions in this section. More hogs and better hogs mean more profit.

MERKEL'S GREAT LOSS.

This community lost one of its most active forces for good in the death of Mrs. James H. West. She possessed to a remarkable degree the strong Christian character that derives its chief pleasure from making others happy. Her life was devoted to her family, her friends and her church. This entire community is in mourning at her passing, which removes from their midst one whose cheerful disposition and service to mankind has stood out like a shining star. She has gone to ternal Rest in the home of the God she loved to serve, leaving behind a record of good deeds that are a blessing to all with whom she came in contact.

There's big news for Merkel in this week's paper—that of the locating here of two oil field supply houses. It emphasizes the growing importance of the near-by field and the recognition of Merkel as the logical location for the expeditious serving of oil field machinery.

TOWNS AND HOTELS.

Contract has been awarded for the construction of an eight-story Hilton hotel at Plainview which will contain 110 rooms and cost around \$225,000. It will be the fifth unit of the Hilton chain in Texas, others being in Dallas, Waco, Abilene and San Angelo.

Texas towns are awakening to the fact that, with good roads and unprecedented tourist travel, proper hotel accommodations must be provided by towns and cities hoping to profit from the constantly increasing transient trade.

Merkel is alive to this fact, and it is now a certainty that work will be started on the new \$75,000 modern hotel for this city in the next few weeks.

EDITOR POINTS THE WAY.

Richard McCarty, editor of the Albany News, is a real philosopher

He is a Texan and is contributing his full share toward the upbuilding of his beloved state. He delights to write about the things that mean greater prosperity and greater happiness to all the people. For years he has preached the importance of "the hen, the sow and the cow" on the farms of West Texas. We are told that the flourishing poultry and livestock industry in and around Albany is due in large measure to the effort of Richard McCarty, who never lets an issue of his paper pass without pointing the way to greater achievement and greater happiness. He gives credit where credit is due, as witness the following:

"Supplying electric light and power to a community is not merely a business. It is a public service that forever frees men from the tyranny of excessive burden; that spells the difference between less toil and more

comfort; less confinement and more leisure; less poverty and more wealth. It is the measure of human prosperity and happiness. Every time electrical service is extended, every time there is a new labor-saving device introduced in the home or in the factory, labor is made more useful and productive, the individual is released for those pursuits which make for better government, and civilization is broadened and strengthened."

A questionnaire recently sent to a large number of farm women living on electrified farms indicates that an average of two hours a day of household work is saved by the use of electric labor-saving appliances.

Car good Lump Coal on track at Summer prices. Save the difference. Swafford. Phone 44

Our Big Rug Special
 for last Saturday was all sold out before three o'clock. We will have another bale of rugs for Saturday.
 49c Each
Boston Bargain Store

MERKEL THEATRE

WHERE YOU WILL SEE THE BIG PICTURES

FRIDAY OCT. 5th

ESTHER RALSTON
 —IN—
"The Sawdust Paradise"
 You will like this one.
 Comedy
"TWO MASTERS"
 also The Man Without a Face
 NEWS and VARIETY
 ADMISSION 10c—25c

MON.—TUES.

Oct. 8-9
"The Whip"
 WITH
 DOROTHY MACKAILL
 If you like horse racing can't miss this one, it's got everything.
 Comedy and Crazy Kat
 ADMISSION 10c—25c

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

BUDDY ROOSEVELT
 —IN—
"Code of the Cow Country"
 A thrilling Western
 Last Chapter
"The Man Without a Face"
 also
 Comedy and News
 ADMISSION 10c—25c

WED.—THURS.

Oct. 10-11
"Just Married"
 WITH
 Ruth Taylor and James Hall
 Comedy and News
 ADMISSION 10c—25c

COMING BEBE DANIELS IN
"TAKE ONE HOME"

Saturday
 IS THE DAY TO ORDER THAT
New Fall Suit

We Are to Have With Us
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The most attractive Fall fabrics you have ever seen. Tempting patterns—the very latest styles from Fashion Centers. Mr. Montgomery is Master of the Tape, assuring a perfect fit—and he can give his customers all the desired information on styles and fabrics that the good dressers are wearing.

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 KENT STREET MERKEL, TEXAS

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OCT. 2to 6 INCLUSIVE

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PRESENTING

100 PEOPLE 100

CLEAN—MORAL—ENTERTAINING
 Four High Class Riding Devices
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"Naughty Marietta"

Victor Herbert's Outstanding Opera Comique

Direct from New York—A Metropolitan cast including, Ferdinand Zegel, Era Briggs, Aimee Torriani, Dan Marble, Julia de Revueeltas, James Blaine and "The Naughty Marietta," singing and dancing chorus of fifty young and surprisingly beautiful girls and startling presentation and the "Marie Etta" orchestra under the direction of Ellsworth Gilbert.

ABILENE
FAIR PARK AUDITORIUM

Tuesday, Oct. 9th

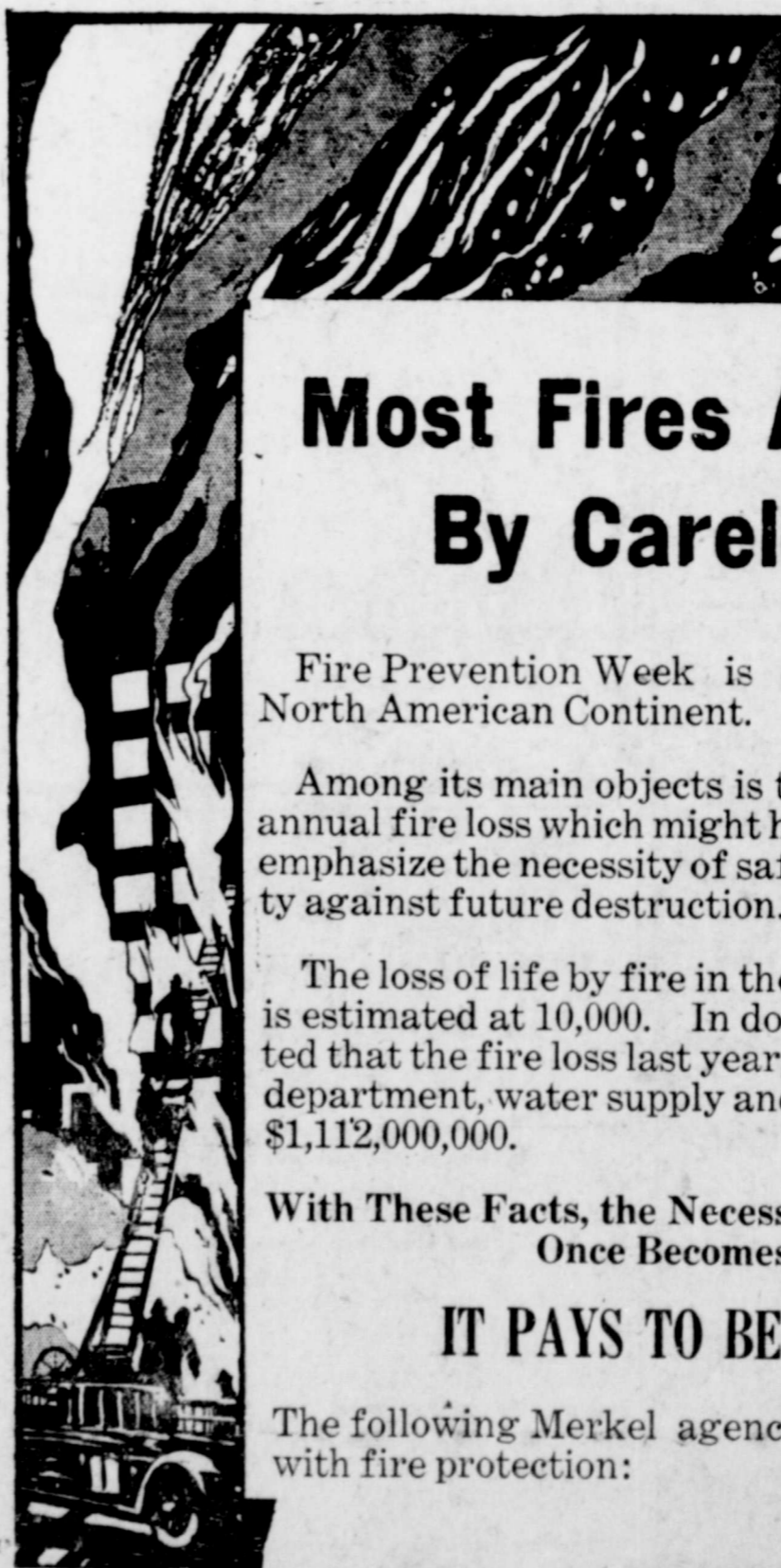
Night Performance Only
 All Seats Reserved and on sale at

COMPTON DRUG STORE NO. 5—ABILENE

All seats on main floor, back to balcony, \$3.00. First three rows in balcony and 4th, 5th and 6th rows in balcony \$2.00. All seats in balcony except first six rows, \$1.50.
 Mail orders sent to Geo. R. Harris, Box 1450, Abilene, with check or return envelope will be filled in the order received.

Fire Prevention Week

October
 7 to 13



Most Fires Are Caused By Carelessness

Fire Prevention Week is observed throughout the North American Continent.

Among its main objects is to call attention to the vast annual fire loss which might have been prevented, and to emphasize the necessity of safeguarding life and property against future destruction.

The loss of life by fire in the United States during 1927 is estimated at 10,000. In dollars and cents it is estimated that the fire loss last year, plus the upkeep of the fire department, water supply and fire alarm service, totaled \$1,112,000,000.

With These Facts, the Necessity for Fire Prevention at Once Becomes Apparent.

IT PAYS TO BE PROTECTED

The following Merkel agencies are ready to serve you with fire protection:

Pauline Johnson
 Fire, Tornado and Auto mobile Insurance
W. O. Boney
 All kinds of Insurance

Thompson & Boswell
 All kinds of Insurance, Loans and Real Estate
W. W. Wheeler
 General Insurance

Personal Mention

Miss Lillian Watts spent the week-end in Abilene.
 Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Trent was in Merkel on business Thursday.
 Miss Venice Bell spent last week in Abilene attending the West Texas Fair.
 Miss Cora Lee Hulsey has returned from Abilene, where she visited Miss Lonnie Shook.
 Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell left Friday for Canyon to enter West Texas State Teachers' college.
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland left Wednesday night for Temple, where Mrs. Garland will go through the clinic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Lay are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl, born Sept. 28, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Bell.

N. A. Dowell and family, accompanied by Miss Gladys Middleton, spent the last week-end in Fort Worth, Dallas and Commerce, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg. They were accompanied by Mrs. Clark Jones of Oklahoma City, who visited in the home of her grand mother, Mrs. Frank Sears.

E. Yates Brown, manager of the Boston Bargain store, is in Dallas to attend a Federated Chain Store meeting and to make additional purchases at the Merkel store. He expects to be in the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, residents of Waco, are now residents of Merkel. Mr. Caple is one of the new owners of the Merkel Mail. They have apartments in the M. D. Cobb home.

Miss Boog Sears, who has been employed by the Mimms Dry Goods company of Abilene for the past year, has returned to her home in Merkel for the winter.

The many friends of Miss Melba West will be glad to learn that her condition is slightly improved after a week's serious illness. Miss Evelyn Curb is teaching in Miss West's place in the grammar school.

Thos. Durham and son, Jack, returned from Temple last Saturday, where they had gone that Jack might have the benefit of an examination in the clinic at the Scott & White sanitarium. Their many friends will be glad to know that no serious complications were found.

Visitors in the city from Corona, Calif., have been Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris and child, also Carl Harris, who have been the guests of their grand-uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris. Walter Harris and family have also made an extended visit in the home of his father in Taylor county, Miss.

R. T. Cannon, a former resident of Merkel, who removed to Cordell, Okla., several months ago, has been a recent visitor to his daughter, Miss Minnie Ethel Cannon. He reports everything looks fine in his section, but was of course glad to meet old friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Paul D. Bryant of Edmond,

Okla., have moved on for a visit with Mr. Thompson's mother at Tarkio, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mrs. Austin Fitts, and Mrs. Roy Savage of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyton Howard of Hamlin were among those attending the funeral of Mrs. James West.

rapidly drawing to a close, and the support of the entire membership is needed in order that we may have a full report.
 J. P. Watson, Pastor.

Car good Lump Coal on track at Summer prices. Save the difference. Swafford. Phone 44.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.
 Sunday school 10 a. m. Divine worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning service, "Christ's Last Breakfast." The public is invited to attend all services, and especially do we welcome the stranger in our midst. The conference year is

Our Big Rug Special
 for last Saturday was all sold out before three o'clock. We will have another bale of rugs for Saturday.
49c Each
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QUEEN

SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES

FRIDAY

Reed Howes

"The Royal American"

A story of a detective among the pirates of rough seas, and a good one too.

Also the Great Serial.

"The Vanishing Rider"

and two reel comedy

"Her Huskey Hero"

SATURDAY

Buddy Roosevelt

"The Cowboy Cavalier"

A good fast action Western. Also Mystery Serial.

"The Vanishing Rider"

and Two reel comedy.

"Playing Hookey"

Monday & Tuesday

Here It Is
 Emil Jannings

"The Way of All Flesh"

Dead in name only! Mourned by his family. Honored and respected by loved ones. Then out of the hollowed past walks a great spectre, and—well come and see what happens, it is the greatest dramatic picture ever made.

Also comedy

"Staged Coached"

and International News

Thursday Only

Elinor Glyn's
 Famous

"Mad Hour"

With a notable, all star cast. What happens in that one mad hour, and after it, makes one of the strangest and most thrilling romances you've ever seen.

Also Two reel comedy.

"Scrambeled Weddings"

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

MISSING DAUGHTERS

THE GREATEST REVELATION OF ALL TIME

Fearless! Astounding! Staggering

SPONSORED BY THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

30,000 Daughters Reported Missing Each Year in the United States

SEE WHERE THEY GO—WHAT THEY DO

Children Under 16 Not Admitted

Matinee, Ladies Only—Night, Men Only
 Matinee 2 P. M.

STOP, LOOK and Listen

Belyeu and Allen, Props.

"The Silver Grill"

NEW CAFE IN MERKEL
 Between Bakery and Clarence
 Saunders Store

An up-to-date eating place, clean and sanitary, operated by experienced restaurant men. We cordially invite you to give us a trial. We aim to give the best cafe service, with the choicest foods the market affords.

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 At Hamm Drug Co.
 MERKEL, TEXAS

WHEN OTHERS FAIL TRY US.

All Watches and Jewelry Repairing Guaranteed.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Another Ten Million Dollar Slate

13 days of horse racing
 2 horse shows
 The Desert Song
 Thrilling Musical Romance
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 Free shows
 Fun galore!
 Sure you'll be on hand!

DALLAS

6 to 21

Million

TOO BUSY

We are too busy setting stoves and piping gas to write our ad.

Let Us Do Yours

Liberty Hardware Co.

If It's Hardware We Have It. Stores at Merkel and Trent

Attention

Mr. Farmer

It is to your interest to get a sample and turn-out. Remember you cannot get this on a high speed gin.

We are still running the low speed brush gin given up by all cotton men to make the best sample.

We make both round and square bales. Also buy at the gin both round and square bales.

GIVE US A TRIAL

J. P. Hamm

Million Chevrolets Delivered to Users Since January 1

Detroit, Oct. 4—Keeping pace with the most insistent demand in its history, the Chevrolet Motor Company has delivered more than one million cars into the hands of owners since the introduction of the popular "Bigger and Better" model last January first, it was announced at the company's offices here.

This sensational achievement of delivering one million cars in nine months is without a parallel in the history of the manufacture of gear-shift cars and is seen as a tribute to the manufacturing ability and far-sightedness of the company. It is regarded here as a further indication of Chevrolet's leadership as the world's largest automobile producer.

How Chevrolet marched to this height of popular acclaim may be noted in the fact that within ninety days after the introduction of the new car more than a quarter million new Chevrolets were on the highways in the service of their owners. Two months later, or on June first, a half million cars were in use from Maine to California. Another two months saw 750,000 Chevrolets providing dependable transportation in every city, town and hamlet in the Union. And then came October when the full million mark was achieved.

Life Long Friends Meet in Court Room

Fort Worth, Oct. 4—Bygone days frequently are remembered during the examination of venemen summoned for jury service. It is customary for the attorneys to ask the prospective jurors if they are acquainted with the lawyers for the opposing side. One of the venemen in Justice Balch's court became exceptionally reminiscent.

"Do you know the defendant's attorney?" asked the attorney for the plaintiff.

"Yes, sir," replied the would-be juror "How long?"

"Oh, about 50 years," replied the veneman, who once was a bartender. "I've sold him many a quart of whiskey."

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

Boy Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Riney

Friends in Merkel have received cards announcing the arrival of a 7 1-2 pound boy, born on Sept. 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Riney of Palestine. Mr. Riney formerly lived in Merkel, being the son of Mrs. J. H. Riney, who is still a resident here. Mrs. Riney was a Palestine girl.

Many friends in Merkel will extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy parents and their baby boy.

Shamrock Paper to Become Semi-Weekly

Shamrock, Oct. 4—Publishers of the Shamrock Texan, a weekly newspaper for 25 years, announced Friday that the publication would be issued semi-weekly.

Should the move prove a success a triweekly paper is in prospect, P. W. Bones, editor, said.

Slaton Will Have Free Mail Delivery

Slaton, Oct. 4—Postal inspection of Slaton is in progress relative to establishing free city mail delivery services. Houses have been numbered and streets marked.

The Slaton Chamber of Commerce has been working on the project for several months. It is said Slaton is the largest city in West Texas without city delivery.

LIONS CLUB PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, OCT. 9

Reading—Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone.

Talk—C. J. Glover Jr. Quartette—Arranged by Charlie Jones.

Texas ranks first among the state in number of ice manufacturing plants and number of persons engaged in the industry. The annual production is valued at \$25,000,000.

Core Gums Now Curable

You won't be ashamed to smile again after you use Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading dentists and cannot fail to benefit you. Druggist return money if it fails. Hamm Drug Co. Adv.

"Way of All Flesh" Intensely Human; At Queen Monday

"The Way of All Flesh" the picture that fuses the greatest acting talent of the Continent with the cream of American production genius will be the attraction at the Queen Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

Declared the most convincingly human story ever transferred to the screen "The Way of All Flesh" is the first American-made starring vehicle of Emil Jannings, international screen idol. Jannings is the actor whose Boss Mueller in "Variety" was agreed by all critics and exhibitors to be the outstanding film performance of 1926. He also won fame for his work as the hotel porter in "The Last Laugh" and as Henry VIII in "Deceit."

All the resources of the Paramount studio in Hollywood were called upon during the production of "The Way of All Flesh." The best professional talent available was assembled around the facile star and the most efficient technical staff procurable in the film capital brought it to the screen.

Belle Bennett, famous for her "Stella Dallas" portrayal, plays Jannings' wife with a sympathetic understanding that is declared inspirational. Phyllis Haver, epitomization of blonde loveliness, is the other woman.

One of the most important casts in a recent picture has been assembled for "Mad Hour," the adaptation of Elinor Glyn's "The Man and the Moment," which comes to the Queen theatre Thursday.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF W. M. HALL

To The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Brother W. N. Hall beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 7th day of September, A. D. 1928, at Monroe Louisiana, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from his earthly existence our dear brother, W. N. Hall, and to trans-plant him amember of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of The Universe presides; and Whereas, Brother Hall was an honored member of this lodge, and held membership with us for a number of years, and proved himself to be a Mason in the full sense of the teachings of the Fraternity.

Therefore, Be it resolved that in the death of our Brother, the Masonic Fraternity has lost a true brother, and this Lodge a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his everyday life was a living example of these Great Tenets, FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY, having Faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a Brother, or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation; and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, and a copy delivered to

the family of our deceased Brother, and a copy be handed to the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully Submitted, W. W. Wheeler, V. N. Ellis, A. B. Patterson, Committee

Passed and approved at a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M. held on the 29th day of September, A. D. 1928.

Attest: J. E. Boaz, Secretary P. T. Merkel Lodge, No. 710 A. F. and A. M. (Seal)

Denison Police No Respecters of Age

Denison, Oct. 4—Denison policemen are no respecters of age.

They recently arrested their youngest suspect, a seven-year-old boy, on a minor theft charge. Today a negro 102, ran afoul of the law, and was jailed for the alleged theft of a suit of clothing of collegiate cut.

Death Claims Early Resident of County

Mrs. Kate Blakemore Malone, 74, of Plainview, an early settler of Taylor county and mother of Rev. Sam Malone of Abilene, died in Plainview last Friday.

Mrs. Malone had been in ill health for several months. Her son living here was called to her bedside last Tuesday.

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

Wellington Assured of New Postoffice

Wellington, Oct. 4—Wellington will have a new postoffice building within the next few months, according to A. S. Page, postoffice inspector from Ft. Worth who has been in Wellington to examine the present quarters.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT TO MEMORY OF W. M. HALL

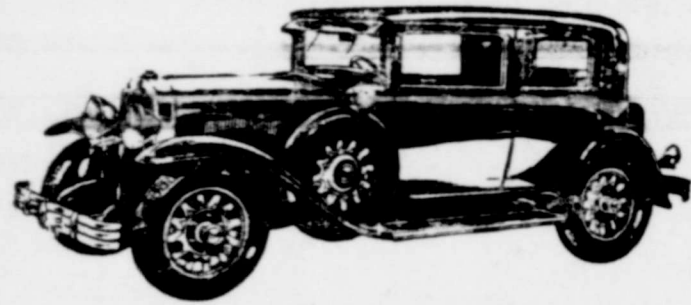
The following resolution was adopted by Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, to the memory of W. N. Hall, who died Sept. 24, 1928:

Death has again entered our Chapter Hall and called to the Eternal Home a dearly beloved brother, who has completed his faithful labor here in ministering to the cry of the orphan, to the call of want and to the piteous wail of sorrow, and as a recompense has received the welcome plaudits, "well done," from the Great Master.

And Whereas, the loving Father has called our beloved and respected Brother home, and he having been a true and faithful member of our Mystic Order, therefore be it

Resolved, That Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star of Merkel, Texas, in testimony of its loss, drape its charter in mourning for thirty days, that we tender to the family of our deceased brother sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent the family.

M. C. Graham, Mrs. Jennie Graham, Mrs. May Lee, Committee (Seal)



Because it's new . . . Because it's individual . . . Because it's the most beautiful automobile of the day, this new Buick . . . the car of cars is enjoying the year of years . . .

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Drawing the greatest crowds—winning the most enthusiastic praise—rolling up the biggest demand in all fine-car history—the Silver Anniversary Buick with New Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher is scoring the most sensational success ever won by any new quality car!

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bodying performance abilities unmatched anywhere in the world—but also because it ushers in an entirely new style—a fascinating new mode—of automotive beauty and luxury!

The motorists of America "looked to the leader for leadership" in automotive design. Buick answered with this epic car. And the public is responding with overwhelming demand—a demand that has forced the great Buick factory to production levels unprecedented in its entire history!

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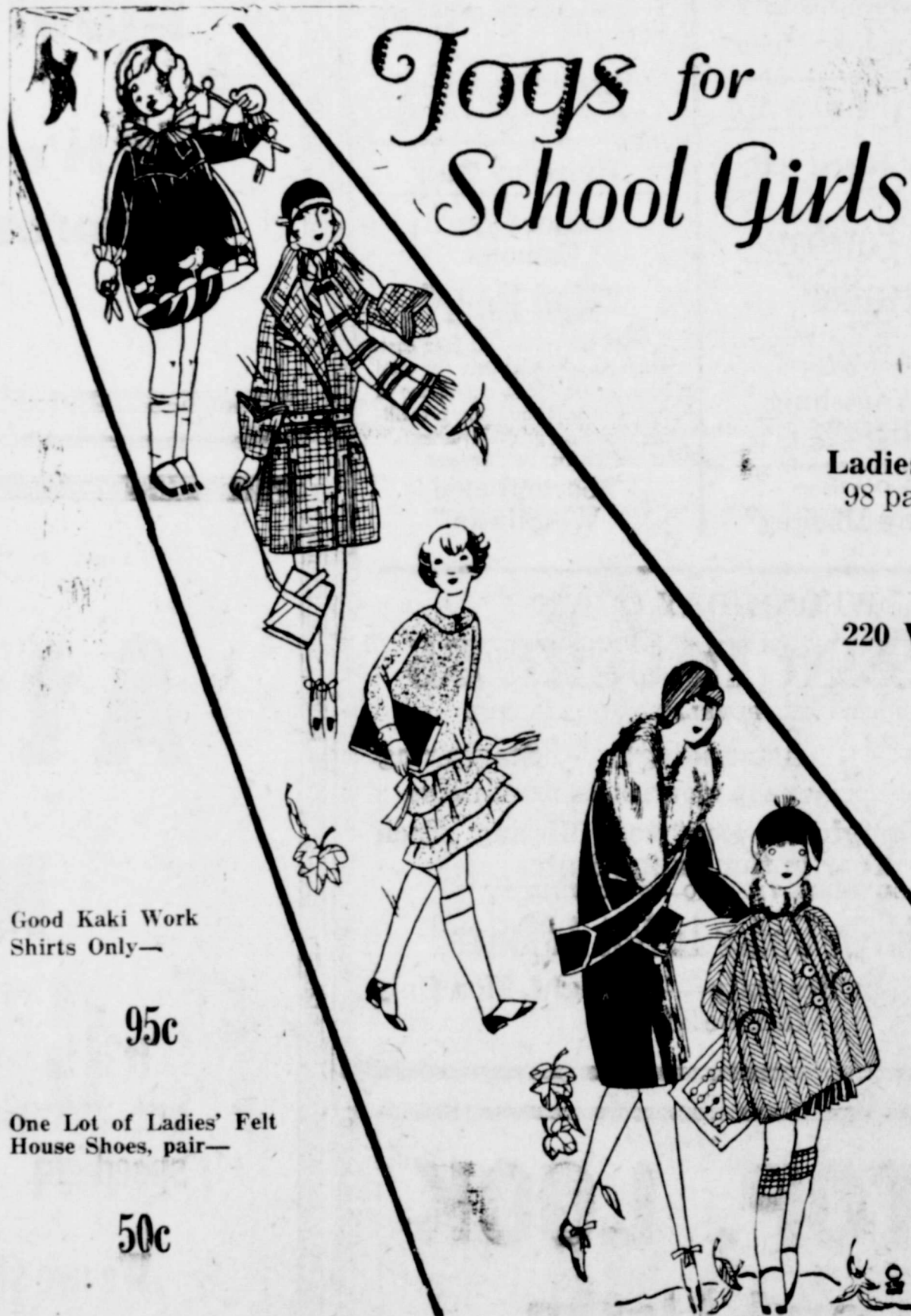
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SO GOOD AND SO PURE



Toys for School Girls

Good Kaki Work Shirts Only—

95c

One Lot of Ladies' Felt House Shoes, pair—

50c

Odd lots of Shoes at unheard of prices.

A Special Line of Men's Dress Hats \$3.50

New Shipment Ladies' Hats

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Real value in Ladies' Silk Hose at

98c and 49c

Ladies' Silk Bloomers 59c

Children's Hats and Tams priced Special. Outing Gingham and Cotton Checks priced cheap for quilt Coverings.

Coats Fur Trimmed

\$3.95

the sort of coat that makes the daughter look her best as she saunters off to school. Beautiful materials—Smart styles.

Ladies' \$5.00 to \$6.95 Shoes

98 pairs in the lot only— \$2.95

220 Weight High Back Overalls

\$1.45

Ladies' and Misses Silk Dresses

\$9.85 and \$5.75

Ladies' Coats Priced Special

BIG SISTER Coats deep shawl collars of mandel fur, priced—

\$9.85

Long Sleeve Dresses

69c

OUR AIM IS TO GIVE YOU LOWEST PRICES ON GOOD MERCHANDISE. WE COMPETE WITH MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

Bragg's Cash Store

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE—160 acre farm; all fine land; wood, water, new seven-room house including bath; all built-in features; water piped in house; carbide light plant; good three-room rent house on place; close to gin, school and highway. \$80.00 per acre. M. M. Thomasson. Address 125 Chestnut Street, Abilene, Texas. Phone 3603.

FOR SALE—Our 160 acre farm in Mulberry Canyon. Call or see, Sallie Strickland. Merkel, Texas

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RHODE ISLAND RED COCKS AND COCKERELS—Good thrifty birds at one and two dollars each. Ira L. Par-rack.

TWO PERFECTLY good coal heaters for sale; a bargain if taken at once. Mrs. W. O. Boney.

FOR SALE—Lots 1 to 6 inclusive Grimmerette Addition Merkel, Texas. Write or wire owner. G. E. Evans, Mercantile Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas

FOR SALE—Rhode Island red and Cornish game eggs for hatching. Reds \$1.00 for 16; Games \$2.50 for 16. See Robert Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

FOR SALE—Three stoves, one Eter-nal Range cook stove, wood or coal; one five burner oil stove with fireless cooker; one Cole's Hot Blast No.15 burns coal. A. H. Thornton.

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FOR SALE—A large size coal heater suitable for store or school building, good as new. Will sell at bargain. Jones Dry Goods.

FOR SALE—4 wheel trailer new tires and tubes and new bed. See Mr. Speck at Deal Drug Store.

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FOR RENT—Two rooms, furnished for light housekeeping; east front, lights, water, phone, gas, bath. B. M. Black.

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FARM For Rent—130 acres, 105 A. cultivation, mile southwest of Trent. Teams and tools sold to the one renting same. See Willard Rogers.

FOR RENT—Furnished room for light housekeeping. Mrs. E. D. Coats. Phone No. 7.

FOR RENT—Two or three, furnished or unfurnished rooms. Mrs. Pilcher.

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent. Mrs. J. C. Walton.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—4 room house, gas water, lights and garage. Mrs. Taylor Davis.

FOUR ROOM house for rent; gas and lights, close in. See Joe Garland.

WANTED

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

NOTICE: To any one interested in becoming a Watkins dealer, have the following territories available: Wheeler, North Dawson, and Coleman Counties. See W. A. Whiteley, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED—To buy clean Rags. Mer-ke! Mail office.

WANTED—To buy Leghorn hens; 75 or 100. See J. F. Abernathy.

COL. R. C. LYON DIES.

Abilene, Texas, Oct. 4—Col. R. C. Lyon, pioneer stockman, frontiersman, died suddenly at his home at Buffalo Gap Friday night. His grandson, Sam Griffin, died this week at El Cento, Cal., and was buried at Buf-falo Gap Saturday.

**Officials Declare
1928 Abilene Fair
Was Best in History**

Abilene, Oct. 4—Pronounced by officials as one of the most successful, from the standpoint of finances and attendance, and acclaimed by the patrons as the best balanced fair program ever offered in West Texas, the West Texas Fair's thirteenth annual offering of six days closed Saturday night in a veritable blaze of glory—for an elaborate fireworks display was one of the concluding features.

Over 5,000 people attended the auto-mobile races during the afternoon, in which 32 automobiles took part. All amusements and exhibits offerings enjoyed good patronage and the grounds were thronged with people when the gates closed at midnight.

The fair was a success financially. All expenses of presenting the exposition have been covered by receipts during the week and a sizable surplus left over to apply on the several thousand dollars worth of improve-ments.

The executive committee of the fair association already is planning to do

more improving before next year's fair and that body also has practically completed arrangements for the amuse-ment program of the 1929 exposition.

Although Saturday's attendance was good, it failed to reach the total of 22,500 set on Wednesday.

The exhibits in the agricultural, livestock, poultry, domestic arts and automobile departments were larger and better this season than at any previous fair.

**Deep Pay Production
in Howard Extended**

Big Springs, Oct. 4—Deep pay pro-duction in the Howard Glasscock field was extended one-half of a mile southeast when the coyle et al.began flowing at a 2,000-barrel rate in the northeast corner of the east half of the northeast corner of the east half of the pay was topped at 2,960 and penetrat-ed to 3,010 feet.

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Highest Price Paid for Second Hand Goods—And the Best Possible Trade In New and Exchange Merchandise.

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IN TRENT**

Yes there is really a Self Service Grocery Store in Trent where you can take a basket and wait on yourself just like you do at the Frogley Wogleys and Ugley Mugleys in the large towns with a plain price tag on each item and when you get your basket filled they check you up and take your money just as they do at other Self Service Stores. But if you do not want to wait on yourself there is a real live sure enough clerk ready and anxious to wait on you with that friendly service that some folks like, so there you have your choice.

We are now operating in connection with our grocery a meat market where you will find the best beef and pork the country can produce and like the groceries the prices are as good as you will find, quality considered. We also have in connection a real old time barbecue pit and a man who knows how to barbecue in the good old way each week-end we are barbecuing the choicest cuts from the hog. Just drop in and spend a little cash with us and see how much more it will buy.

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you probably don't know how easy it is. We never tried either, but we know from looking at the stolen car records that lots of people do try—and get away with it.

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**Just around
the Corner**

EVEN big-city folks must have their "neighborhood stores"! Most of them would no more think of going down town to fight their way through the crowds in search of a roast for dinner than they would of walking to the factory to get a pair of shoes.

City women know that their neighborhood stores can supply them just what they want — and that, in most cases, the service is more alert and friendly.

The same thing is true of this "neighborhood". Our merchants—the men whose ads you read in this paper — are in position to furnish your home with the best and most popular brands of goods. Not only can they save you money, but they gladly relieve you of a lot of worry and loss of time.

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

Trent News and Personal Notes

The Yankshire English Club of the seventh grade class met Friday, Sept. 28. The secretary Miss Asha McLeod read the minutes. The club motto will be "Be my ambition only to excel in the art of doing all things well." Class colors are pink and white.

Majory Adrian gave a reading, Erma Faye Boy jokes, Sara Julia Jackson gave a reading. Every member of the class gave an interesting current event.

Comer Watson, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Watson, has returned from Brantley Draughon College. Ft. worth and accepted a position with the T. & P. Railroad Station at Trent.

Mrs. T. J. Williamson is improving at her home here after being seriously ill for sometime.

Mrs. C. M. Stribling of Floydoda, is visiting her son C. C. Stribling and family near Trent.

Mrs. Berry Smith of Port Arthur spent the day Tuesday with Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Tom Steward and family are here from Logan, New Mexico, visiting Mrs. Steward's sister and brother, Mrs. Churchwill and Sam Eastep.

A few neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Capshaw's last Friday and enjoyed a quiet afternoon quilting.

M. G. Bryan and family and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family attended the Fair at Sweetwater Friday.

Mrs. Eva Parker, formerly of Trent but now living at Post, who was operated on in Abilene lastweek is doing nicely and will soon be able to return to her home at Post. Mrs. Parker is a daughter of Isaac Bright of Trent.

Miss Evelyn Hague, who is attending A. C. C., Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hague.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kegans left last Thursday for Tullia, Texas. There they will spend a few days with his father. Then they go on to Mobetia, Texas where they expect to be located for a while.

M. G. Scott and little daughter, Doreen and Jenn, attended the fair in Abilene Wednesday.

Roy Nally of Breckenridge spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Maud Bryan.

Mrs. J. M. Billings of Abilene spent a few hours in Trent, Friday

afternoon visiting with relatives and friends. Doreen Scott accompanied her home to spend the week-end.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens visited with her daughter, Mrs. Davis Jones, of Merkel this week.

John Howell of Abilene was a visitor here Friday.

Quite a number of Trent people attended the fair at Sweetwater last week.

Rev. J. P. Watson and family and M. G. Scott and family went to Sweetwater Friday night to hear the Rev. J. Frank Norris of Ft. Worth.

Prof. McAdams of Royston was in Trent Thursday shaking hands with friends.

Miss Onez Parker of Post City, who has been the guest of Miss Evelyn Hague has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Watson, E. L. Mangum and others motored to Sweetwater Monday afternoon to hear the Rev. Stratton of New York.

A Letter from Home.

Your son or daughter off at college or finishing school will welcome the home paper just like a letter from home. The subscription price for nine months for the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15 for term.) Subscribe now.

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

Election to Settle Trent School Fuss

Trent, Oct. 4—The Trent school district, split over a proposal to increase the school's term from eight months session to nine months, will settle its differences at a public election, October 13.

This was the decision of school board officials at Trent following lengthy meetings Tuesday and Wednesday. Four trustees who resigned because of the differences raised over the question have returned to their positions, it was announced.

The proposal to lengthen the school term was met with opposition by one faction of the school district. Opponents of the plan claimed taxes would become excessive and that farmers, with children needed for farm work, would be handicapped.

ANTI-THEFT CLUB

McKinley, Oct. 3—An Anti-thief club to protect poultry and livestock on Collin county farms was started at the Collin county fair here today under the direction of Bryant Lewis.

Fifteen miles of steel will be electrically welded together to form the book racks of the new memorial library at Yale University.

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



Guthrie—Pike.

The marriage of Miss Doris Pike and Cecil Guthrie came as a complete surprise to their many friends here. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. E. D. Landreth, pastor of Oak Street Methodist Church, Abilene, at 1:30 p. m. with only a few close friends and relatives present.

Miss Doris Pike is the charming and talented daughter of Mrs. J. R. Pee and a popular member of our younger set. She has served for a number of years in the capacity of pianist for the Methodist church and is the possessor of many lovable traits of character.

Mr. Guthrie was formerly of Oklahoma, but has been for the past two years, a resident of Merkel as head of the Merkel Logging crew. He is a man of dependability with the faculty to make many friends all whom hope for

him and his bride all happiness for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie will make their home in Merkel for the present.

The Louisiana state legislature has refused to pass a law forbidding the use of one-man steel cars, generally considered necessary now for economical city transportation. Thousands of one man cars are now in use throughout the country.

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.

Car good Lump Coal on track at Summer prices. Save the difference. Swafford. Phone 44

It is estimated that 5,000,000 persons outside of Texas are engaged in industries directly dependent on or connected with Texas cotton.

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

Salt Branch News

The farmers of this community are very busy gathering their crops.

Several of the Salt Branch people attended the fifth Sunday singing at Blair.

The four cornered singing will be at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon at 2:30 sharp. Every one come and bring some one with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty were the guests of Mrs. J. E. Petty.

Lee Golightly spent the week-end with his parents, brothers and sisters at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays were the noon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins Sunday.

Several enjoyed the B. Y. P. U. social at Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty's home Friday evening.

If It's Batteries--Here's your Chance
In exchange I can sell you a 13 Plate 80 Amp. Battery for
\$775
Guaranteed for One Year
Exide SERVICE BATTERIES STATION
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Marvelous Values in the Season's Newest Models

\$16.75 \$19.75
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Newest Materials
Smart Furs
Chic Details
Beautiful Workmanship

Also a special showing of dresses received this week, priced

\$9.85

Another shipment of ladies' hats placed on sale at

\$1.95
ALL HATS PRICED SPECIAL

WOOL REMNANTS

One to four yards lengths
Just right for suits and Skirts
LESS THAN HALF PRICE

In our staple department you will find 36 inch outtings all colors in heavy weight priced 18c	Dress gingham and shirting 15c and 12½c
A good grade of sheeting 35c	Good warm double blankets \$2.95 and \$1.95

Our Men's department is overflowing with new merchandise priced for quick turn over—We meet all competition—Mail order included.

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ACCO (Round) BALES

AND SQUARE BALES

To compare prices: Take a pattern of square bale bagging and ties weighing 20 pounds, and bagging for two ACCO (round) Bales together weighing 5 pounds—a difference of 15 pounds. Remember in comparing prices this is the only difference.

For example: Say you have enough seed cotton to make 500 pounds of lint—

Square Bale— 500 pounds lint 20 pounds bagging and ties 520 pounds total 20 cents per pound \$104.00	Acco Bale— 500 pounds lint 5 pounds bagging 505 pounds total 20.60 cents per pound \$104.03
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Before gining get the square bale price and the ACCO Bale price. Then multiply as above—that is, the square bale price X 520 pounds and the ACCO Bale price X 505 pounds.

THINK—DO YOU OWN FIGURING—FIGURES ARE FACTS

Remember—If you gin cotten in ACCO Bales, there is

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Gin Your Cotton in ACCO Bales and Drive by the Office for Your Check.

Sam Swann

MERKEL, TEXAS

Sheppard Seeking Appropriation For West Texas Survey

Midland, Oct. 4—Consideration of an appropriation for making a geodetic survey of West Texas is now being made by the Budget Bureau of the Federal Government, according to a letter received this week by Robert Mulrow, head of the Southwestern Elevation Company at Midland, from Senator Morris Sheppard.

Senator Sheppard requested an appropriation of \$140,000, divided in three installments, \$50,000 this year and in 1929, and \$40,000 in 1930. The request for the survey were based on application of Mulrow, who was for 40 years connected with the United States Geological Survey and was a major in the engineering corps during the World War.

The Midland man points out that while the geodetic data are needed immediately in developing the oil lands of West Texas, the facts to be gained are also essential in road work and in developing the irrigation possibilities of West Texas.

Mulrow points out that only a few West Texas counties along a line made years ago from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans have "bench" land happens to be one of these

whose sea level was determined nearly 20 years ago in the geodetic survey. The Midland man, who now supplies 35 oil companies with these sea level findings points out that every county in West Texas should have one or more bench marks.

"Indorsement of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and other chambers is being sought, not only to assist in West Texas' oil development, but also in road work and in surveys for irrigation. In the future a geodetic survey will mean more to the farming industry in West Texas than it will to oil work," Mulrow declared.

The entire matter is now up to the Budget Bureau, and indorsement of West Texas chambers is being sought to strengthen Sheppard's efforts to obtain appropriation.

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.

Pontiac is Leading All Other Sixes in New Registrations

Pontiac, Mich. Oct. 4—Continuing the record-shattering pace it has maintained since its introduction, the Pontiac Six for the three-month period ended July 31st, led all six cylinder cars in new car registrations in the United States, according to an announcement made here today by W. R. Tracy, vice-president in charge of sales of the Oakland Motor Car Company.

This relative standing, based on the most recent compilation received by Mr. Tracy from R. L. Polk and Co., credits the Pontiac Six with a total of 61,880 registrations during the three month period—more than 1,000 cars in excess of its closest competitor, and nearly 2000 units ahead for the single month of July.

This record is regarded as particularly outstanding because the Pontiac Six was first offered to the public less than thirty months before it attained first position in registration of all makes of six cylinder cars.

Almost as remarkable as its gain over competitive cars is the increase in Pontiac sales this year over previous years. In May, registrations were 21,995 units as against 13,238 in May 1927 and 5,908 in 1926. A similar increase was registered during June and July.

Reunion of 32nd Division at Waco

Waco, Oct. 4—Soldiers of the Thirty-Second Division, who trained at Camp McArthur in Waco during the World War, will return here Oct. 7 for a reunion on their way to the national American Legion convention in San Antonio Oct. 8 to 12, inclusive.

Although the majority of them live in Michigan and Wisconsin, and will arrive Sunday at 10 a. m. on several special trains, a number of the boys returned to Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma to settle after seeing service in France. Consequently, Fort Worth, Dallas, Exarkana and other Texas cities will have representatives at the reunion here.

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

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PRACTICALLY ALL COTTON SALABLE

Washington, Oct. 4—Of the 956,486 bales of this year's cotton crop ginned prior to Sept. 1, a total of 856,181 bales or 89.51 per cent was estimated tenderable by the Department of Agriculture for contracts made under section 5 of the United States Cotton Futures Act.

Of the amount tenderable, 6.68 per cent, or 63,935 bales, had a staple length of more than 1 1-32 inches. Short staple was in preponderance, 82.83 per cent of the total ginned measuring 7-8 to 1 1-32 inch. There were 356,437 bales of 7-8 and 277,650 bales of 1 5-16 staple length.

Most of the cotton, 937,398 bales, was listed under the Federal grade known as "white." There was 10,328 bales of "extra white," while "spotted" totaled 8,193 bales.

Reports was the first of a series that will continue for a year under an act of congress to compile a complete inventory of all cotton in the United States, according to grade, staple, length and tenderability.

Two Ask For Longer Terms and Get Them

Houston, Oct. 4—Two prisoners on the city prison farm seemed well satisfied with sentences given to them Thursday by Corporation Court Judge Lucian Andler.

One of them charged with vagrancy pleaded guilty.

"Five days on the city farm," Judge Andler said.

"Better make it 10, judge, I haven't anything else to do," the man said. The judge obliged.

The second man recently warned to leave town, was sentenced to 30 days.

"I ought to have more than that for getting caught, judge," he said.

Again the judge obliged, adding five days to the sentence.

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Blair Items

John Meeks, who has been real sick, left for Abilene Sanitarium last week-end.

Clayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, who had his arm broken last week, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Nell Lansen of California is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton, and other relatives, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ray, of Coleman were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cavette, and grand daughters, Thelma and Cora, visited their sons, Jim and Ira Cavette and families, Saturday.

Henry Speer of Valeria, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Spears, Sunday.

Miss Annie Walker of Abilene was the guest of her brother the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott of Trent

spent Saturday night and Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brom.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dublin, and son, Melvin and wife; of Sweetwater, visited their daughter, Mrs. R. M. Doan over the week-end.

Misses Addie, Mae, Clarence Rosson, Clara Phillips, spent Saturday with Mrs. Hugh Conybell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and daughter, Peggie Marie, motored to Abilene Sunday.

Misses Sybie and Mattie Horton, and brother Fred visited their sister Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan dined with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer Saturday night.

Miss Mae Melton has accepted the position as telephone operator at Merkel.

WANTED—Piano pupils. Thoroughness in every line stressed. Terms reasonable. Elizabeth Baker, five blocks north on Noodle Dome highway.

Fall From Oil Tank is Fatal to Worker

Midland, Oct. 4—C. F. Seegers, worker at the Atlantic tank farm, died Friday from injuries received in a fall from a crude oil tank Thursday night. His head struck the ground when he fell. He was overcome with gas fumes.

He is survived by his wife and one child of Sibley, La.

Our Big Rug Special

for last Saturday was all sold out before three o'clock. We will have another bale of rugs for Saturday.

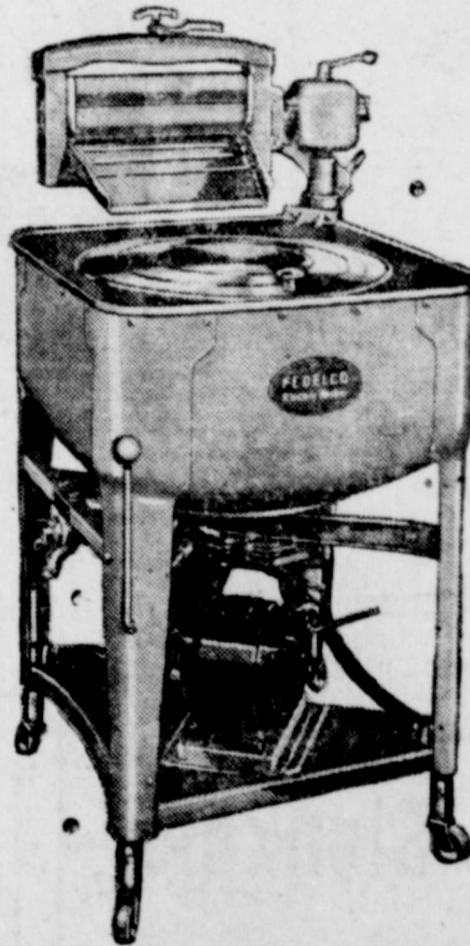
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Yes, you have toiled over the wash tub today and the clothes are on the line, but—your back feels like it was broken and those pains are all over your body. About the time you recover from one weeks' washing Blue Monday comes around again and it is the same thing over.



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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

(By West Texas Chamber of Commerce.)

The cotton compress at Turkey, built at a cost of \$100,000, is inducing many farmers to bring their cotton to that thriving South Plains town. Turkey has four gins which give excellent service.

Roby public schools lay claim to having the unique distinction of serving 100 sections of land. The school has had a phenomenal growth and its scholastic and athletic records draw recognition all over the state.

Nolan County is to have one-half state aid in surfacing Highway No. 70 between Sweetwater, and Blackwell. This is expected to total \$74,710.

Grading work on Highway No. 91 through Hale County is progressing steadily according to accounts from Plainview. It is expected that the road will be ready for paving on schedule time.

"West Texas Today," official magazine of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, carried stories on Lubbock, Slaton, Floydada, Silverton, Quitique, Turkey, and other South Plains towns in the September issue.

Wheeler is proud of the fact that thirteen carloads of dressed poultry, and ten carloads of live poultry have been shipped out of Wheeler County which until recently was considered fit only for cattle grazing.

A check of the building program in Dublin reveals expenditures in excess of \$100,000. These include \$50,000 by a products company, \$35,000 by the Katy Railroad a \$10,000 creamery and \$3000 fair exhibits.

Farmers in the immediate vicinity of Olney are taking advantage of the employment of a county agent to learn about terracing, caponizing, and culling, through demonstration.

A building twenty-seven feet by one hundred feet, built with concrete floor will house the Lockney Bencon at Lockney soon. Part of the building will be available for meetings of organizations with out buildings.

Murder Indictment Result Death Toll

Fort Worth, Oct. 4—Murder in connection with his wife's death when she suffered fatal injuries in a fall from an automobile in Riverside, Aug. 28, is charged against Roy L. Hall in one of 52 indictments returned by the Criminal District Court grand jury. Hall at present is at liberty on \$2,500 bond on a murder complaint in justice court. At the time of his arrest he declared that his wife was killed when she jumped from their car after a quarrel.

For eight years Texas has been the leading state in total value of crops produced. It is estimated the production could be more than doubled by increased land in cultivation.

Carnes Arrested in Canada; Denies He Stole Million

Winnipeg, Oct. 4—Clinton S. Carnes arrested here on charges of embezzlement brought in Atlanta, Ga., told detectives Saturday that he "never stole any such sum as a million dollars."

"I ran away," he said, "because my affairs had got so black that I could not bear it any longer. People who knew my past were continually black-mailing me and I finally got into such a fix that there was nothing else I could do."

Asked whether he had taken any money from funds of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Carnes declined to answer.

Local police said they had been informed that Carnes made his journey from Atlanta to Winnipeg in easy stages. He stopped for at least two weeks in Milwaukee, Wis., they said, and also spent some time in Chicago. His movements here are being traced several weeks back.

It is understood that Carnes had an office for a time at 1211 Broadway, in Milwaukee, and that he stopped at the Randolph Hotel. While in Milwaukee, it is reported that he went under the name of Frank J. Lewis, by which he was known here. Later he is said to have spent a few days fishing at Star Lake, Wis.

Allen Given Death For Bank Robbery

Eastland, Oct. 4—E. V. Allen, 28, charged with robbery with firearms in connection with the holdup of the First State Bank of Carbon on Dec. 13, 1927, was found guilty by a jury of the Eighty-Eighth District Court which Saturday morning assessed punishment at death. The jury had had the case about fourteen hours.



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Railway Shop Fire Loss Near \$100,000

Weatherford, Oct. 4—The Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway roundhouse and machine shop burned here at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning with a loss estimated at more than \$100,000.

Three locomotives undergoing repairs in the building could not be moved and were greatly damaged, possibly beyond repair. Most of the machine shop equipment, in the same building, will be unfit for use. A storehouse containing oil and supplies and the coal loading station nearby were saved by the fire department. The fire is believed to have originated in a washroom in the rear of the building.

The railway company announces that the destruction will not interfere with operation of trains or the regular handling of all business.

Coleman Pastor to Sweetwater Church

Coleman, Oct. 4—Rev. G. F. Mickey, pastor of the Coleman Church of Christ for the past several years, with his family, have moved to Sweetwater where he has accepted the pastorate of a church. During his pastorate here Rev. Mickey has provided a modern parsonage and adequate church building for the local congregation and his departure is universally regretted.

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Triplets Born to Woman Already the Mother of Twins

Nacogdoches, Oct. 4—Robert Lee, 24, of the Cove Spring community, 14 miles east of here, is the proud father of the first set of triplets born in this vicinity in a decade or longer. The mother is doing fine. The triplets were born Tuesday, Sept. 25. All boys. Two of them weighed 5 1-2 pounds each, and the third tipped the scales at 5 pounds.

Mrs. Lee already had had twins, a boy and girl, born four years ago. A second girl was born two years ago.

Married only five years, the young couple now have six children, none of them has yet reached the fifth birthday.

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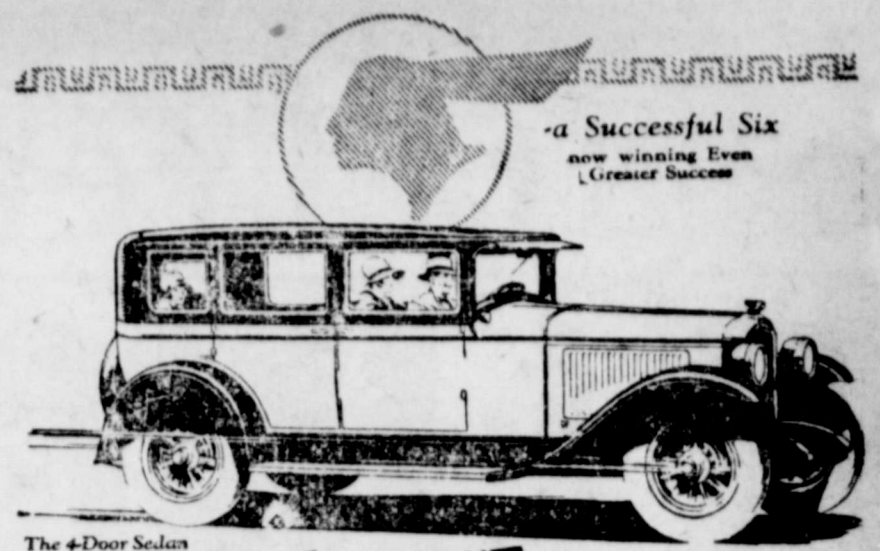
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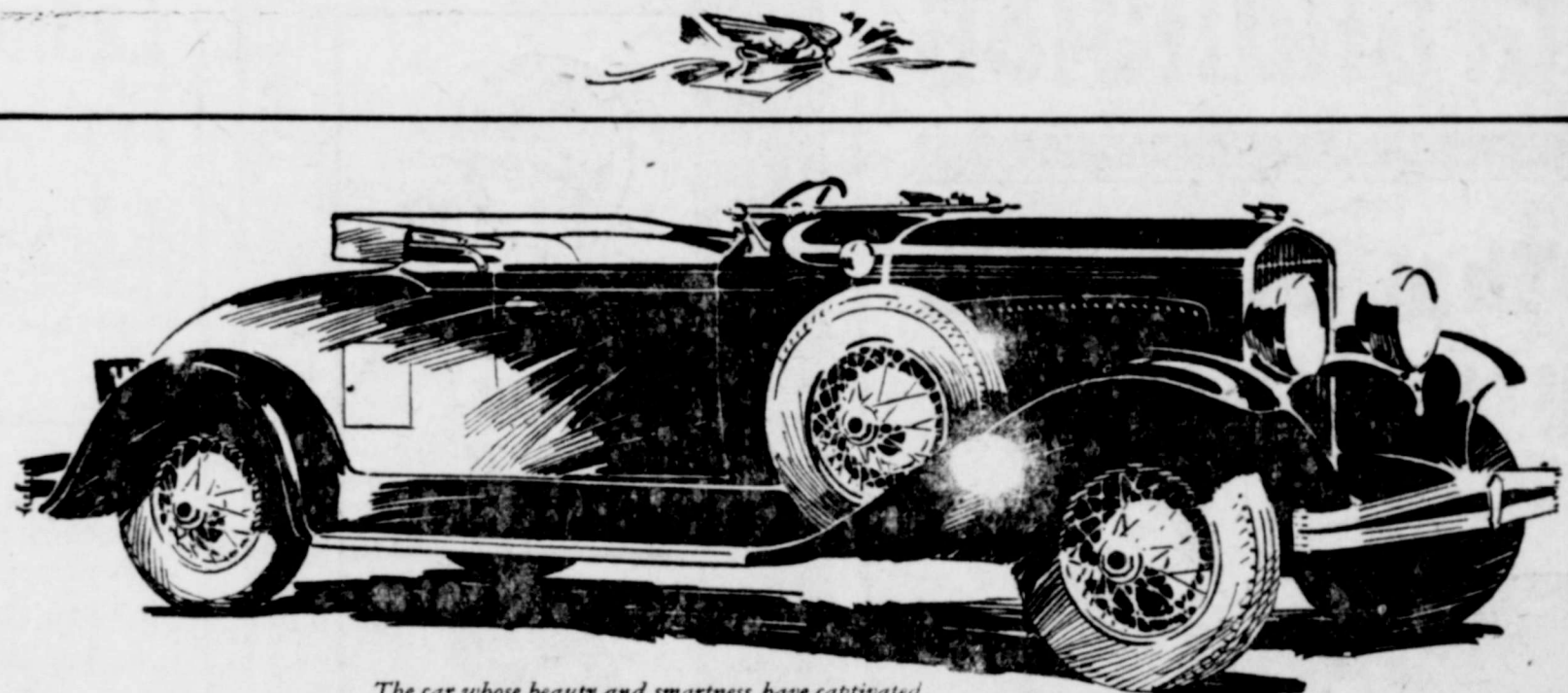
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