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DICKERSON WELL SHOWING OIL

LADIES JOIN IN MERRY-MAKING AS LION'S GUESTS

Business Cares Forgotten for Tuesday Evening Session of Roarers; Fun and Music Reign Supreme at Bird Supper.

A varied program of entertainment, consisting of readings, music and witticisms, featured the regular meeting of the Lions club, held Tuesday night, with the wives of the members as invited guests.

Following the musical numbers, each Lion present was called on to introduce his wife. Later in the evening the wives were given an opportunity to "get even" by giving their first names and telling the name by which they were known to their husbands at home. An effort to get them to give their age at the same time failed for the want of a second, the original suggestion having come from a member of the club who is not married.

Program of Merry-making.
The program of more than an hour was one continuous round of fun and merry-making. The "Lionesses" entered into the spirit of the occasion in a manner that made the evening one long to be remembered by all present. A bird supper, prepared under the direction of Mrs. McDonald, contributed in great measure to the success of the meeting.

R. O. Anderson was toastmaster, and after concluding the prepared program, he was called on by President Scott to make a report for the hotel committee, which was the only business brought before the meeting. Mr. Anderson said the hotel matter was in good shape—that the committee was marking time awaiting the outcome of conferences to be held with out of town parties interested in the hotel movement. President Scott added to Mr. Anderson's report that there was still plenty of work to be done, but that "it looks like we are going to have the new hotel."

Music and Reading.
The meeting opened with the singing of "America" by all present, led by Yates Brown. Mrs. Brown favored the assemblage with a pleasing solo, "An Old Guitar and an Old Re-frain," accompanied by Mrs. Burl Scott.

A reading by Miss Lucy Tracy was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, as was the cornet solo by Joe Ward, entitled, "Lay My Head Beneath the Rose." A quartette composed of Miss Mona Margaret Jones, Chas. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott, entitled, "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," was delightfully rendered and thoroughly appreciated, evidenced by liberal applause.

A number of Lions and their ladies accepted the invitation of the Queen theater management to visit the show following adjournment.

L. R. Thompson and Wife at Home After An Extended Tour

L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Thompson, returned Thursday from a trip of several weeks that took them through five states as well as covering a long distance through Texas. They visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Bryant and grandson in Edmond Okla., first, and from there they went to Tarkio, Mo., where Mr. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Sue A. Thompson lives, having attained her ninetieth birthday last week. They also visited Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. E. T. Hood, at Greensburg, Kansas, and returned via Oklahoma City. The other states in which they traveled were Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

LIONS CLUB PROGRAM.
Following is the program for Tuesday meeting of the Lions club:
Toastmaster, M. Armstrong.
Quartette, arranged by C. H. Jones.
Reading, little Miss Mollye Frank Touchstone.
Talk by C. J. Glover on subject of his own choosing.

CLARK AND CAMPBELL'S WILD-CAT TEST HITS POOL AT 2540 FEET; LOOKS LIKE PRODUCER

MERKEL-TRENT HIGHWAY OPEN

Wednesday saw the opening of the stretch of concrete paving of State Highway No. 1 between Merkel and Trent, making a total distance of 13 miles of permanent paving completed to the east and west of Merkel and extending to the Nolan county line.

The highway six miles east of Merkel has been open to travel for some time and part of the distance toward Trent has been used for travel, awaiting the completion of the intervening three miles into Trent.

West of Abilene is a ten mile stretch of the Bankhead Highway under construction, on which two miles of concrete has been laid and this part of the road closed. The total paving completed on the Bankhead Highway in Taylor county is now 29 miles.

F. C. Hughes Builds Brick Veneer Home

Work was started Tuesday morning on a modern brick veneer house of six rooms, to be owned and occupied by F. C. Hughes. The location is on a desirable lot on Oak street, facing west, recently purchased from L. B. Scott.

Plans and specifications for the new Hughes home call for it to be modern in every respect, while the arrangement is said to be especially appealing from the standpoint of convenience and comfort.

W. I. Crane is the contractor, who expects to have the home ready for occupancy by December 1.

Elm Street House Suffers Fire Damage

Fire at 3 o'clock last Friday morning damaged a frame house on Elm street, belonging to R. A. Adams. The fire department did effective work and saved the house from being entirely consumed, notwithstanding a high wind.

The house was unoccupied at the time, but contained furniture.

Hand is Lacerated in Gin Machinery

W. L. Johnson was treated at the Merkel Sanitarium this week for a badly lacerated hand, which was caught in the machinery at a local gin. Two fingers were mangled, but it is reported that amputation will not be necessary.

BADGERS LOSE TO COLORADO TEAM

The Badgers played their third game of the season, last Friday on the Colorado field, although defeated, the Badgers showed the true fighting spirit and hopes are soaring for the next game.

Merkel kicked to Colorado's safety, who fumbled the ball on the forty yard line. Merkel made three first downs, failing on the fourth. Boaz kicked goal from the thirty-five yard line.

Here the tide turned, and when Merkel kicked off, Colorado made two touchdowns in quick succession. The remainder of the game might be summarized as follows: "The one who had the ball made first downs."

The offense was good on both teams but the defense was weak. Colorado's quarterback seemed to go where he wanted, shaking tackler after tackler and counted for several touchdowns. The teams now appear to be more evenly matched and the Badgers will fight to the last ditch.

Boaz did some nice kicking and made two sensational runs which almost resulted in touchdowns. Sheppard played a consistent game at tackle and Cade at quarter. Porter starred for Colorado.

The score was 47 to 3 in favor of Colorado.

Well Shut Down Pending Arrangements For Installation of 5-Inch Casing Preparatory to Drilling In; Location is One and One-Half Miles of the Bickley Well and Means Extension.

Another oil well near Merkel. That was the information that spread rapidly over town Thursday morning when word reached here that the Clark & Campbell, Dickerson No. 1, one and one-half miles northeast of the Bickley field, had a good showing of oil at 2540 feet.

Investigation and inquiry from those in close touch with the well revealed the fact that what is believed to be a real oil pool, was punctured at 9:30 Thursday morning. With the showing of oil the well was immediately shut down in order to prepare for 5-inch casing. It is expected that the casing will have been placed by early this morning, when the well will be drilled in. It is estimated by oil well drillers that nine to ten hours will be required to get the casing in position.

Twenty-Nine Feet in Line.
The well was 29 feet in the line when the oil showing was discovered. Other wells in the near-by proven field have been drilled from twenty-three to twenty-seven feet in the lime before oil pocket was punctured, according to those familiar with the field.

It will not be definitely known until some time Friday the output of the new well, but the fact that oil has been encountered in this wild-cat test, has proven the prediction of many well posted oil men the field extended to the northeast—either a new field or a continuation of the three fields that have been producing for sometime. The well widens the field to about six and one-half miles—an area that oil men declare is enough to assure a field of more than ordinary proportions.

Excitement High.
Large crowds of excited people have been watching the Dickerson No. 1 day and night for more than a week. Excitement was high when the news was passed around to the faithful "watchers" that it was a well. The word was hurriedly passed on to Merkel and other near-by towns, and the crowd increased at a rapid rate throughout the day, all anxious to learn the latest news and to be on hand in case of further developments.

If the well is a paying producer, as is now generally believed, it will mean much to Merkel. It is located fourteen miles on a direct line from this city, which is the logical place for men and business houses interested in future development in the vicinity of the well.

Other Wells Due.
While the Clark & Campbell well has probably claimed more interest than any other now drilling, because of the fact that it is located in unproven territory, number of other wells are due to come in during the next few days.

Grayson No. 2, Roser & Pendleton, is in the sand and gasing. It is located on the west side of the Grayson tract, in the Tiner area, and is a western offset to the dry hole in the same tract.

The C. T. Derrick well, northeast of the Bickley, being drilled by the White Eagle Oil Co., is due to be drilled in most any time.

Roberts Oil Corp., Grayson No. 4, is due, as is Phillips Oil Co., Mason No. 4.

Negro Runs Amuck, Kills Four People

Austin, Oct. 11.—A 27-year-old negro, Armand Alexander, formerly a trusted porter in the state land office building, ran amuck here Tuesday after a family row and left four victims dead in his trail before killing himself, while state, county and city peace officers stormed a dwelling where he took refuge.

One of the victims was Police Chief J. N. Littlepage, 67, of Austin, who was called to quell the rampant negro.

The other dead are: Joe Blunn, 55, carpenter. Mrs. D. Pyburn, 45, negro. Ethel Pyburn, 24, negro.

LEASES MERKEL ICE INTERESTS

The Merkel ice interests of the West Texas Utilities Co. has been leased by Ted Nichols of Rankin, according to information from the local offices of the company.

It is understood Mr. Nichols will move to Merkel and personally direct the business here. He is an experienced ice man, having for some time been connected with the West Texas Utilities Co.

Rebuild Collapsed Bridge.

Colorado, Oct. 11.—Work on the Morgan Creek bridge, west of Colorado on the Bankhead highway, has been resumed for the first time since the collapse of one of the concrete sections a few weeks ago. Sebe Ryals, construction foreman, was killed and nine other men injured.

Two Brothers Drown.

Bryan, Oct. 11.—When his younger brother, Ladadie, 11, called for help, Geronimo Martinez 14, late yesterday ran into the Brazos river near here to rescue the younger boy and both were drowned.

The bodies later recovered, were sent to Kingsville today for burial.

TRENT TO VOTE ON SCHOOL TERM

Citizens of Trent school district will vote tomorrow on the question of an affiliated or non-affiliated school—an eight or nine months' school term.

Much interest is being manifested in the election. Because of disagreements on the question, four members of the board of trustees recently resigned, later withdrawing their resignations pending the outcome of the election tomorrow.

Both sides are said to be well organized and there has been discussion of the question.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Wesley Edwards had as her guest Neil was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. White, last week.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Green of Forney, Texas.

After a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Mrs. Mattie V. Larsen of Los Angeles left Tuesday for Fort Worth to visit her niece there. Mrs. Larsen is a daughter of the late Tom Chilton and has a large circle of friends in Merkel who gave her a most cordial welcome.

Mrs. H. C. Williams, a former resident of Merkel, who removed to Knox City about two months ago, is visiting old friends here.

Sweetwater gains a new citizen in the removal to that city of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, who have been long time residents of Merkel and whose removal from Merkel is regretted by many friends.

Mrs. Lola Plott of Abilene is the guest of her niece, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mesdames Dallas Scarborough and Harry Tom King, both of Abilene, were interested callers in Merkel Monday.

Miss Jessie Young of Temple is the guest of Misses Annie Bickley and Ganevera Middleton.

Mrs. Edith Gilmore and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter returned Wednesday from a visit to the Dallas Fair, later going to Waco before returning home.

Mrs. Frank Lyon (nee Miss Fay Allen) of Houston, has been the week's guest of Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and daughter, Dora Marie, returned Sunday from a two week's visit to Mrs. Gaither's mother at Elk City, Okla.

Mrs. G. W. Brown is at home from a visit to her mother at Oklahoma City. She was gone two weeks.

Dr. M. Armstrong returned from Fort Worth Sunday, where he had gone for a week-end visit with his son, Dr. W. F. Armstrong, and family.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, accompanied by Mrs. Parrack, left Wednesday to attend the sessions of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, meeting this week with the Lamar Street Baptist Church of Sweetwater. Several members of the Merkel Baptist congregation are in attendance.

Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, last week.

Mrs. Roy Largent, accompanied by Mrs. Warren Smith, visited in Tarkio during the Panhandle South Plains Fair last week.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas had as her guest Thursday her sister, Mrs. F. B. Williams and little daughter of Big Spring.

News received from Mrs. Joe Garland, who is in a sanitarium at Temple, is to the effect that she is improving nicely, but no time for her return has been set as yet.

Dr. J. F. Peek and two daughters, Mrs. Walter Reese Jr. and Miss Clein Peek, all of Waco, will be the guests on Friday of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Mark Owen and wife of Eunice, N. M., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, near Noodle Dome, Saturday and Sunday.

Norville Brown, wife and baby visited friends and relatives at Post Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Adcock was called to Fort Stockton Wednesday on account of the death of her brother's wife, Mrs. L. D. Williamson. She expects to return Saturday.

R. O. Anderson has returned from a business trip to Mineral Wells.

Dr. R. I. Grimes attended the sessions of the American Legion convention at San Antonio this week.

A. J. Lloyd, business manager at the Merkel Sanitarium, who was injured in an automobile accident several days ago, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties at the sanitarium. While badly shaken up and bruised, no bones were broken.

Miss Johnnie Sears, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, drove to White Wright for a visit with their grandmother.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson of T. C. U., Fort Worth, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. J. J. Hutchison formerly of Waco, arrived in Merkel Sunday with her husband who is one of the new owners of the Merkel Mail. They have apartments on West Elm st.

Miss Iris Garrett of Simmons University Abilene, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

A number of Merkel people attended the T. C. U.-Simmons University game at Breckenridge Saturday; among them being Messrs. and Mesdames L. B. Scott, Booth Warren, R. O. Anderson, Misses Frances Anderson, Mary Cleo Booth, Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Messrs. Charlie Jones, Harry Cookston, Ralph Duke, Newton Cobb, Coach Davis, Edward Lancaaster, Dr. Sadler.

Mrs. Frank Lion of Dallas is the house guest of Mrs. Dee Grimes this week.

PROSPECTS GROW BRIGHT FOR NEW MERKEL LAUNDRY

Two Experienced Men Look Over Available Sites and Indicate Interest; Option Secured on Chicken Hatchery Location.

Merkel's prospects for a modern laundry grew brighter during the week with the arrival here of two experienced laundry men, one of whom spent two days here in getting quotations on desirable sites. The other went to Fort Worth and Dallas to procure with laundry supply houses equipment.

While the deal for the laundry has not been definitely closed, the visitors were very much interested in Merkel and expressed themselves as being of the opinion that the town was big enough for an up-to-date laundry. One of the men is from El Paso and was here two or three weeks ago inquiring into the laundry situation. The fact that he returned and resumed negotiations is considered as favorable to the laundry being located in Merkel.

It is understood both men are due to return to Merkel next week, when it is expected some definite announcement will be made.

A chicken hatchery is also in prospect for Merkel. An interested party from out of town has been here during the week, securing an option on a building, which he announced would be used for the hatchery.

Trent P. T. A. Makes Appeal For United Help Co-operation

The Parent-Teachers' association is the educational agency which has as its purpose that of uniting more closely the home, the school and the community through the common cause of promoting child welfare—physical, moral and mental. Such an organization is necessary in a complex community like ours. It cultivates a better understanding and more wholesome attitude. It stands for unity, and is founded upon the basic principles that the home has a great responsibility in the rearing of a child. Never has there been a better opportunity for constructive work than at the present time.

The school needs you, the P. T. A. needs you as individuals, to help make the work this year a more complete success, and we extend to you a most earnest request that you become an active member.

The dues are only 50 cents per year. Whether you become a member or not, come and enjoy the programs. Parent-Teachers and pupils will take part on the programs. Our next meeting will be at 3:30 p. m. October 16.

MRS. J. P. WATSON,
Chairman Membership Committee.

Texas Ranch Sold For Sum \$200,000

San Angelo, Oct. 11.—Sal Sugg Switch ranch of 17,250 acres, owned by R. L. Gibson of Sugden, Okla., to that of Jackson of this city for approximately \$200,000 was announced this week. The ranch now is leased to Jim Henderson for another three years and possession will not be granted until that time. The ranch is already leased for oil.

Baird Church Dedicated

Baird, Oct. 11.—The \$15,000 Church of Christ was formally opened Sunday at 11 a. m. Workmen were busy the previous few days putting the finishing touches on the building and everything was in readiness for the dedicating services.

New Depot Completed

Dublin, Erath Co., Texas.—The new Katy combine passenger and freight depot at Dublin was formally opened to the general public by the railroad officials of the county. Eleven Katy officials were present for the occasion.

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 the Queen Theatre**

First National's latest Johnny Hines comedy, "The Wright Idea," which comes to the Queen Theatre on Friday has been called the best Johnny Hines feature comedy to date by newspaper reviewers in the towns which have already seen it and by those who saw its Hollywood previews. Johnny's an inventor and believes himself the owner of a yacht. That's where much of the comedy comes in—and a few thrills to add spice to the fun.

As the Monday and Tuesday feature picture, the Queen offer "Underworld" a melodramatic story of modern crime in a great American city. According to all reports, it daringly tears aside all the pretenses, subtleties and ignorant ranting that have



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Mary Astor and Lloyd Hughes are co-featured players in this First National Picture's drama of circus life.

**Two Men Saw Out
 of Jail at Coleman**

oleman, Oct. 11.—Officers here are searching for two men who sawed out of the Coleman county jail early Sunday morning. The escaped prisoners are L. P. Summers, 23, of Coleman and D. C. Slater 40, of Pioneer, Brown county. Both were being held on theft charges.

Slater was wanted in Eastland county on a cattle theft charge. Several hacksaw blades were found by Sheriff W. Hamilton Sunday morning in the cell occupied by the men. A rope was used in the escape from the second story window.

**Man Held in Auto
 Smash Near Ranger**

Ranger, Oct. 11.—R. C. Jackson, of Amarillo, who, with his sister-in-law and four other persons was injured when his sedan crashed into a truck on the Bankhead highway about four miles east of here today, was held tonight on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Jackson's heavy sedan crashed into the truck containing fifteen persons who were enroute to Sweetwater to pick cotton, members of the party said. The truck was almost demolished.

**Shackelford Road
 Bids Being Asked**

Austin, Oct. 11.—Bids returnable to the October Commission are sought in advertisements announced by the highway department today for construction of 102.5 feet of creosoted timber trestle on state highway No. 55 in Real county, and for construction of grading and drainage structures from Albany to the Throckmorton county line, 17.19 miles, on highway No. 23, Shackelford county.

Estimated cost of the Real county job is \$10,000 and of the work in Shackelford county, \$110,000.

**Buck Gibbs Held in
 Haskell Jewel Theft**

Haskell, Oct. 11.—Buck Gibbs 30, of this city, is being held here on a charge of burglary in connection with theft of diamond rings valued at \$2,800 from the home of Judge and Mrs. W. H. Murchison here Thursday night. District Attorney Clyde Grissom stated that one of the rings had been recovered, but didn't say how it was found.

The theft occurred while Mr. and Mrs. Murchison were attending the county fair here. Gibbs denies the charge, Grissom said. He was arrested on a downtown street Saturday morning by Al Cousins, Haskell county sherriff.

Old Money Order Cashed.

Deerfield, Mass., Oct. 11.—A 70-year-old money order has been honored by the Government and Maj. A. Frank Hutchins of this town has received a check for \$20. The money order was sent by Aza B. Munn, Chicago, to his brother, Philo Munn, of this town in 1853. It was found as a bookmark in a bible when Major Hutchins inherited Philo Munn's estate in 1908. Payment had been refused several times.

Prisoner Slashes Throat.

Waco, Oct. 11.—Temple White, who faces 24 years in prison for burglary, attempted to end his life here Monday by slashing his throat with a fragment of a razor blade.

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

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Overdrafts	2,440.62
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00

Cash, Sight Exchange and U. S. Bonds (owned)	190,270.42
	\$ 586,958.94

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,784.46
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE

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Dora Doings

Health of our community is very good at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Clayton's baby, and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hanks' baby, who have been so very sick for the last month, are slowly improving.

Our school began last Monday with a good attendance and good staff of teachers.

The gin is beginning to make a right nice showing. We hope next week the old engine won't be cut off a day and far into the night; its thump can be heard, for that is music to a farmer's ear.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodall are the proud parents of a ten pound girl, mother and babe doing nicely.

The Dora garage is wearing a new coat of paint, but we don't know the name of the color, but as the days grow cooler may be it will change to some known color.

W. F. Hardy and wife and grandson made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cargile moved to Colorado Saturday.

Maize heading is the sport of the day; the largest yield and finest feed in years, so if we haven't any cotton, may be we can feed the cow, sow then, so we won't go hungry this year.

Grandma Moore of Hyton is spending a few days with her son, Ollis and family, this week.

Mrs. John Dudley spent two days this week with her mother, who has been quite sick at Elm Grove.

Sy Dennis and Velta Brownfield made a business trip to Snyder last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oliver of Merkel visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom cmfwyroid, eSV Ira Oliver is up after an attack of flu.

Miss Lillie Richardson of Sweet-

water spent last week here with her niece, Mrs. Edgar Eliot. Afton Whittaker and Evelyn Enginger spent the week-end here with home folks.

Slaton Will Have Gas on November 1

Stanton, Oct. 11.—Natural gas is promised the people of Stanton by the first of November. The lines have been surveyed throughout the city and large crews of the West Texas Gas company are digging ditches and laying pipe for the Stanton gas system. It is estimated that there will be 11 miles of mains and if the present rate of speed in installing lines is continued the system will be completed before the first of November. About 150 meters will be installed in the city in its present state, but lines are being laid to sparsely settled sections to take care of the future growth of the rapidly growing city.

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Flagman Killed in Effort to Halt Car

Dallas, October 11.—Devotion to duty cost the life of Charles Graham, 60, railroad flagman here today when he was struck and killed by an automobile he had attempted to prevent crossing directly in the path of a fast train.

Witness told officers that the aged man heedless of danger to himself, ran in front of the automobile when it was within a few feet of him, frantically waving a flag in the face of the driver.

"I just couldn't stop the car," George Reeves, the driver, sobbed. "And besides if I had the train would have hit us." Other occupants of the automobile were Reeves' mother, a brother and sister.

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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.

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.

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.)

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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.

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Matchless Bargains All Over the Store

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Max Mellinger's Big Fall Sale

Is the merchandising event of the year in the Merkel trade territory. People from all over this section have saved many dollars during the first week of this great sale. The bargains offered have been such as to attract buyers from great distances. While our business has been phenomenal, and the bargains the best we have ever offered.

The Sale Will Continue With All Our Stocks Replenished With the Same UNUSUAL BARGAINS

It is the opportunity of a lifetime to outfit the entire family with everything they will need for the fall and winter months—and at savings you never thought possible for the class of merchandise we are offering, and at such ridiculously low prices.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Trent News and
Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Eastep were
happy to have as their guests last
Sunday all of their children, also Mr.
and Mrs. Tom Steward and family of
Logan, New Mexico, and Mrs. Church-
well of Trent. Both Mrs. Churchwell
and Mrs. Steward are sisters of Mrs.
Eastep and the family reunion was
a most enjoyable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and
family spent Sunday with Mr. and
Mrs. C. R. Shannon.

W. M. S. met at the regular hour at
the Methodist church Monday after-
noon in a business meeting. Mrs. R.
B. McRee read the Scripture lesson
and the devotional, after which plans
were discussed, the quilt now being
made and other work planned.

E. J. Christian is here from Coolidge
visiting his brother, Grover Christian,
and cousin, H. G. Stutts.

Mrs. J. G. Waters is leaving this
week from Stephenville, and from
there she will go to her school near
this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and
mother, Mrs. Berry Smith, who have
been visiting friends and relatives here,
have returned to their home at Port
Arthur. En route home they planned
to visit with Mrs. G. W. Mennis and
Newtone Smith near Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Altman spent
Sunday with Mrs. Altman's parents,
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Watson.

Miss Pearl Martin of Hermleigh
spent the week-end with Miss Ber-
dene Sarelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and
family, after spending several days
with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. H. N. Smith, have returned to
their home at Lamesa.

Miss Francis Davis of Abilene
spent Sunday with Misses Lillian and
Emma Jean McRee.

Misses Florence and Clara Sher-
man prepared a birthday dinner in
honor of Bud Wiser Sunday.

E. M. Sherman, who is here visit-
ing his family for a few days, will re-
turn soon to Dallas.

Mrs. C. A. Matthews and son, Billy,
of Berlin, Okla., are visiting gher
parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman of
Trent. Mr. Matthews accompanied
them here but returned home after a
few days' visit.

Mrs. John Payne is moving to Mer-
kel Saturday and will make that place
her home.

The Juniors of the Trent high
school have received their pins and all
seemed pleased with them. The Se-
niors have also received their rings.

Mediah Romlings was absent from
school Tuesday on account of illness.

Mesdames Joe English and E. M.
Rogers motored to Sweetwater Satur-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennie B. Winn have
bought the Joe Nalley home and will
remove to it at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell and
son, Billy, were the guests of Mr. and
Mrs. E. M. Sherman Sunday.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: How a Throne Was Lost.

1. Saul is Anointed before the peo-
ple—By Mildred McClure.

2. How Saul Got His First Army—
By Margaret Miller.

3. Saul's First Victories—By Billy
Bernice Gambill.

4. Saul Sins—By Louise Kerr.

5. Saul Fights the Amalikes—By
Dot Swafford.

6. Saul Sins Again—By Vivian
Davis.

7. God Rejects Saul, the King—By
Louise Toombs.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Be on
time. Let's make it a banner day for
our Sunday school.

Laymen's Program at the 11
o'clock hour. Let every member of
our Church be present. Visitors are
always welcome.

Topic for 11 o'clock hour: "Laymen
Work."

1. Laymen part in Church services
—H. C. West.

2. Laymen's part in Sunday School
services—S. M. Hunter.

3. Laymen's part in Bible Class
work—L. L. Murry.

We are expecting a great service.
Be on hand and on time

W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Car of New Hulls on track Satur-
day. J. M. Garrett, Phone 155.

Famous Sousa Band
to Give Two Concerts
at Simmons Oct. 18

Abilene, Oct. 11—Sousa's Band, the
world's greatest and best known musi-
cal organization, led by Lieut. Com-
mander John Philip Sousa, best known
man in music today, will appear for
two concerts at the Simmons Univer-
sity auditorium on October 18th un-
der the local direction of the Simmons
Cowboy Band.

According to information from over
this section, high school students and
bands of surrounding towns will be
here on that date for the special after-
noon program which is being given
for school children. A special ad-
mission of fifty cents, which is two

dollars under the cost of some seats
for the regular concert, together with
the fact that it is one of the last
chances to hear and see the world
famed Sousa, is expected to draw at
least two thousand children.

Another capacity crowd for the ev-
ening program is expected. Reser-
vations have been coming in from
towns all over West Texas and a large
part of the best seats are already
sold.

In the afternoon program, Sousa
will lead the Abilene high school band
through a march number as a prelude
to the program. Several bands from
over West Texas have already notified
the management that they are com-
ing in a body.

Preliminary estimates for 1928

place the values of Texas crops for the
year at \$600,000,000 and of livestock at
\$400,000,000 making a total of \$1,000,-
000,000.



BRAINS

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ries.

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The best comedy of the sea-
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Also the Great Serial.

'The Vanishing
Rider'
and two reel comedy
'You'll Be Sorry'

SATURDAY

Hoot Gibson

—in—
'The Flying
Cowboy'

Hoot's back again in his new
and best picture.

Also the Great Serial

'The Vanishing
Rider'

and Two reel comedy.

'Love in a Police
Station'

Monday & Tuesday

George Bancroft

—in—
'Underworld'

The film that critic and pub-
lic alike have acclaimed as be-
ing in a class by itself! A tale
of aboriginal men and their
mates living on the outskirts of
life. Dramatic—Dynamic—
something new in picturedom.
Don't miss it

Also comedy

'Ko Ko's Catch'
and International News

Wednesday & Thurs

Mary Astor and
Lloyd Hughes

—in—
'Three Ring
Marriage'

All the action of a three ring
circus! All the thrills of a
sweet love story! All the
drama of an underworld gang,
feud, it is their greatest picture
Also Two reel comedy.

'Slick Slickers'

We wish to announce that we are showing
some real big pictures the rest of this year
and recommend them to you. They are Edu-
cational, Exciting—Moral and Character
Building—Please see them for your sake.

Most Things Can Be
ANYBODY'S GIFT

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STOP, LOOK
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Between Bakery and Clarence
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An up-to-date eating place, clean and sanitary, oper-
ated by experienced restaurant men. We cordially
invite you to give us a trial. We aim to give the best
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Winter will soon be here with its cold days. Gas
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We now have the "WHITE STAR," "WHITE
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See them on display at our store. Watch for dem-
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BE SURE AND
WATCH FOR DATES

Liberty Hardware Co.

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

LIVES VIEWS ON SCHOOL QUESTION

Trent Citizen Discusses Merits and Demerits of Short and Long Terms.

(Editor's Note—The communication below was submitted for publication in the Merkel Mail. It is printed as the view of the author, as are all other signed communications dealing with public questions.)

Hearing so much said on the school question in the Trent school district, I am constrained to say a few words in regard to our interests in the Trent school.

I note an article in the Trent Texan from the gifted pen of one of our honored citizens, very strongly favoring an affiliated school. Now I understand there are just two such schools in Taylor county, and realizing our nearness to one of them—only six miles away—and also that we are a small independent district and a small town, and that ours is, strictly speaking, a farming district, that we are not able to equip and maintain a nine months' affiliated school for the reason, first, as a large majority of our people are dependent on farming, I think that the majority could not support a nine months' school if we had another question arises in my mind: Would it be best for our boys and girls if we could? I want to say that the study of books is just one phase of education. If we could keep all of our children in school for a term of nine months and then send them on through college, they would know absolutely nothing about the worth of a dollar or how to earn one; they would know nothing about how to maintain a home if they had one. I ask you who have pushed our civilization westward, felled the forests, established and maintained homes, has it been the college graduate or has it been the men who have learned in the school of experience not only the value of a dollar, but the satisfaction of knowing that they produced the wealth by their own honest efforts.

I call to mind the early days after the founding of this Republic; men like Washington and Lincoln were elected to guide the destinies of this nation in those days when our educational facilities were meager—some of those great men secured their education by the light of a tallow candle or a pine torch. In those days the raised statesmen worked for the best interests of all people, and I must not forget to mention such men as James Stephen Hogg of not so long ago, the rail splitter governor of Texas, one of the best governors Texas ever had.

Please turn and look at the conditions today. We have the best of educational facilities from the rural school on up to colleges and universities, hence will have educated men to frame and execute our laws, and what have we got?—graft in our law making and law enforcement machinery—with crime and disregard for law continually on the increase. Men whom we elect to places of trust either legislate in the interest of the money power and big corporations, or are left in such small minority that they can't do anything in the interest of all the people, so the great mass of people have lost confidence in our courts.

I ask you if this is the result of our great educational system or the effect that higher education has on those we have sacrificed time and money to enable them to secure? If so, is it not time to make some change in our method of education? If this is not the result, pray tell me what is the cause?

Back to the Trent situation. In place of a few homeless Tom, Dick and Harrys (as they have been termed), that are opposing a nine months' school, I find numbers of our citizens who have worked and spent time and money in trying to build up a good school—men that are considered the most substantial citizens and are still in favor of a good school and willing to continue to maintain a good eight months' school, but not willing to lose their heads and try to go beyond our ability, as I am sorry to say some of our people did when we had a little oil excitement here and they thought we were going to build a second Fort Worth right here in Trent, and fastened a debt on themselves that will have to pay.

I don't understand that I am not afforded an opportunity than I had, for I am glad, but there is such a passing to extremes in most things. We have in our district a school of eight months' school of which I ought to, and the writer does feel that, while I know there are numbers of children that cannot get the stages of that length term, especially in a cotton farming district, I want to say that if we had six

months actual work in school and not so much time spent on ball games and getting up plays to secure money to buy equipment for those things and going on picnics and hikes, we would see better results from six months than we do with eight or nine. I say we are going too fast when we are buying something we know neither we nor our children can pay for. Debt is ruining this nation today. Start with the individual, the district, the county, the state, the nation, and our debts have already reached a sum beyond our ability to ever pay? And what are we doing? Listening to the monied interests and men that are in their pay and voting more bonded indebtedness every day. One of the most prominent headlines in our daily papers is the announcement of a bond election. Is there a foot of land in these United States today that is not bonded? I know of none unless it be a cemetery.

So on next Saturday we are to decide by a vote as between a nine months' affiliated school and an eight months' non-affiliated. Let's each one vote his or her sentiments and abide by the result, join forces for the best interests of all and work harmoniously.

JACKSON BRIGHT.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: Baptists in the early days of America.

1. The Persecuted Become Persecutors—By Cullen Tittle.
2. Public Whippings—By Harold Brown.
3. Liberty in Rhode Island—By Benjamin Sheppard.
4. Early Baptists and Education—By Verna Derrick.
5. Religious Liberty Grows—By Howard Carson.
6. In the Days of the American Revolution—By H. C. Toombs.
7. The Goal is Reached—By Harold Boney.

For Sale by owner 1927 Model Ford Coupe—New Rubber-good shape \$325.00 Terms to responsible party. Address Reply Box X Merkel Mail.

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ROYAL SYRUP

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WEST COMPANY

38 YEARS IN MERKEL
PHONE 59

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Ranger is to have a vitaphone, the instrument which makes talking movies possible. Half of the cost was covered by the purchase of tickets, and the rest by local business men. This is the first town in the Oil Belt to have a vitaphone.

The Childress hotel coffee shop will be opened soon, two months previous to the opening of the hotel proper, according to J. P. Rankin, manager. This is being brought about by a special effort on the part of contractors.

Livestock buying and selling is active in Lampasas. W. T. Maxwell shipped four carloads of one and two year old fat steers to St. Joseph, Mo., recently. Three cars of mixed cattle were also shipped by breeders to Fort Worth.

A pumpkin weighing 55 pounds raised by Lon Martin, a Crosbyton farmer, was brought into town and exhibited. The pumpkin was unusual in size for this section and will be taken to some of the fall fairs.

Nine tractors have been put to work on the road between Abernathy and Hale Center to widen the roadbed and barbits to the 100 feet width required by federal regulations. The detour is in good traveling condition.

The practice that was followed by the Retail Merchants' association of distributing \$40 in premiums two years ago in Munday has been started again. The premiums are given in \$15.00, \$10.00, \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50 divisions.

Matador has a new Southwestern Fire Truck with a 500 gallon capacity and enough pressure to extinguish a large fire. The truck will be housed in the Matador Buick Co. building until the completion of the City hall this month.

The Sterling Theatre, in Sterling City, N. M. is the first theatre to show the new free picture of the process of feeding crops put out by the Soil Improvement Committee of the National Fertilizer Association.

Engineers are at work in Hamlin looking for a new water site. The water supply of Hamlin is sufficient

at the present time, but prior to the spring rains the lake was low.

A reduction in the light rate in McCamey from 17c to 16c goes into effect in a short time. If the bills are paid promptly, within a specified time a rate low as 12c may be earned.

A fine new Methodist church building has recently been completed in Amherst and services held by the pastor, Rev. Claude Ledger. The edifice is modern in every point of construction and gives the Methodist a place of worship unequalled in the city.

The new Sanitarium in Fredericksburg opened Oct. 1st. The sanitarium has equipment for taking X-ray pictures and fluoroscope, and will save the physician the great inconvenience of sending patients to neighbor towns for treatment.

Three hundred and thirty-two bales of cotton had been weighed in Stamford up to a recent date. Of this number 270 bales were handled by Joe R. Jones, cotton weigher, and 62 bales by the Stamford Compress.

As high as 15c is being paid in Ballinger for pecans. The crop in Runnels County is the best in several years because of the numerous floods in the creek and river bottoms this year.

Agent Sells Gas But Drives Horse

Brady, Oct. 11.—Although he sells thousands of gallons of gasoline, C. A. Yoas, local filling station and tourist park proprietor, still drives a horse and buggy. He is the only Brady citizen who has not discarded this ancient mode of conveyance.

Yoas, once a prosperous ranchman near Sonora and now a successful business man, could well afford an auto, but claims that he has no desire for one. His distrust in modern motor driven machinery dates back to his ranching days when he used a gasoline motor for pumping water, which gave him "plenty of worry."

Midland School Celebration. Midland, Oct. 11.—Citizens of Midland will give a housewarming to celebrate completion of the \$100,000 Junior High School. Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer is chairman of the program committee.

J. E. Hill, president of the school board, and Supt. W. W. Lackey announce that the building will be occupied Oct. 15.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

The field for fish stories apparently has expanded. John M. Vaughn of Aquilla reported a thrilling race between man's unnatural conqueror of the skies, an airplane, and the traditional undertaking of the birds, a hawk, which was close behind the plane and keeping well up with it.

Lige Bradford, farmer, who lives near Belton, is Bell county's happiest man. While driving he lost \$935 in currency which was not missed until he started to make a bank deposit. A nephew found the money in Bradford's field.

Scabies eradication work in West Texas is particularly difficult at this time of year due to excessive movements of livestock. J. H. Rasco, scabies specialist with headquarters in Fort Worth, declares.

For the tenth successive year, Dad and Mother W. F. Barnett have been elected to supervise the Methodist orphans' home at Waco. Their reappointment overshadowed in importance that plans for the construction of a \$20,000 cottage had been approved by the board of trustees.

Baptismal services have been conducted at Beaumont by Baby Carmel Barnwell, 13-year-old child evangelist, who has conducted a series of revival meetings in surrounding towns.

Armed with a good can opener, a prisoner could easily escape from the

Beaumont city jail, Ross Combust, commissioner, stated after a recent inspection of the building. Accordingly, windows of the bastille will be covered soon with heavy steel mesh wire to thwart possible escapes.

Brady Enjoined in Power Line Tangle

Brady, Oct. 11.—The Brady city council was restrained from further interfering with the West Texas Utilities company in its efforts to lay a power line into the city limits, in an injunction granted in district court here.

The appeal for an injunction was filed by the utilities company after eleven workmen were arrested Tuesday on charges of obstructing a street. The city council charges the West Texas Utilities company is entering the city without a franchise.

Marfa Gets West Texas Conference

Gallup, N. M., Oct. 11.—Southern Methodist ministers of West Texas and New Mexico, in conference here, adopted resolutions condemning Governor Alfred E. Smith for his stand on prohibition and as a conference and individuals promised to work for his defeat. Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas presided.

The conference voted to meet next year in Marfa. Alpine presented the only other invitation.

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

Oldham Acquitted in Lynching Trial

Houston, Oct. 11.—Charlie Oldham was found not guilty of murder by a jury in criminal district court Sunday.

Oldham was indicted and tried on the murder charge following the lynching of Robert Powell, negro, on the night of June 20.

The Oldham case was the first of six to go to trial. Five others still are under indictments and one case has been dismissed by the prosecution.

One Killed, Two Hurt in Accident

Seymour, Oct. 11.—Hospital authorities here expected Springer Allen and Pat Taliaferro to recover from injuries sustained Saturday night in an automobile accident near Bomarton which cost the life of Chas. McGlothlin, 20.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Merkel Boy Member of Horned Frog Band

Fort Worth, Oct. 11.—Charley Largent of Merkel is a member this year of the Horned Frog Band of Texas Christian University. He plays the saxophone.

Last year at the Ranger oil jubilee the Horned Frog band carried off first honors in competition with the best bands of West Texas, including both college and civic musical organizations.

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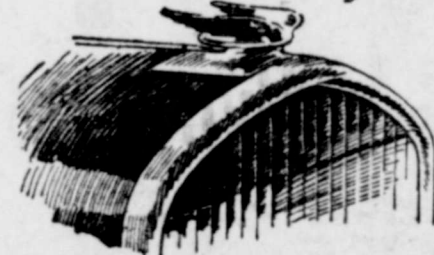
In five years Chrysler engineering has originated, pioneered or developed to highest efficiency these epoch-making features:

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- Manifold Heat Control, for elimination of "spitting" and "sputtering."
- Body and crankshaft impulse neutralizers.
- Hydraulic shock absorbers, for supreme ease of riding.
- Light-action internal-expanding hydraulic four-wheel brakes.
- Balanced road wheels.
- Ornamental, indirectly-lighted instrument panel.
- Saddle spring seat cushions.

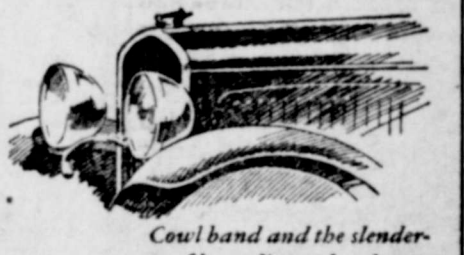
New Chrysler "75" Prices—Royal Sedan, \$1535; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1535; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1555; Town Sedan, \$1655; Crown Sedan, \$1655; Convertible Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1695; 5-passenger Phaeton, \$1795; 7-passenger Phaeton, \$1865; Convertible Sedan, \$2245. (6-ply full balloon tires.)

New Chrysler "65" Prices—Business Coupe, \$1040; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1065; 2-Door Sedan, \$1065; Touring Car, \$1075; 4-Door Sedan, \$1145; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1145. All prices f.o.b. Detroit, wire wheels extra.

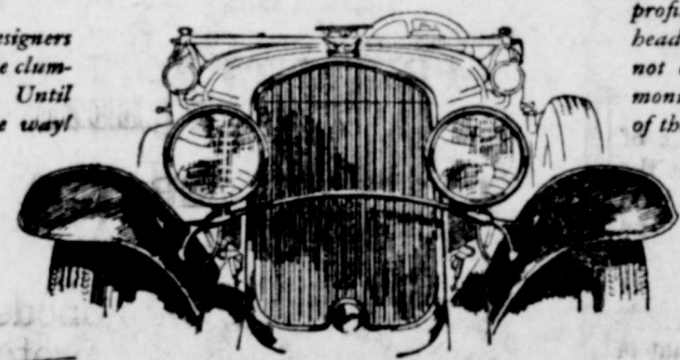
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ATHLETIC SHOW COMES TONIGHT

Feature Wrestling and Boxing Bouts Form Program at the Merkel Theatre.

Merkel wrestling and boxing fans are looking forward with intense interest to the big athletic show which is scheduled for tonight at the Merkel theatre. An effort has been made to gather the very best talent in the different events which will be "dished out" as the feature attraction to form the most elaborate athletic program ever before attempted in Merkel.

Followers of wrestling will be glad to learn that they will see in action two well matched masters of the mat—Bomar Young of Anson vs. Jack Reed of Wichita Falls. Both men have established enviable reputations as wrestlers, and "expert opinion" on the outcome of tonight's bout is about as badly divided as it is on the outcome of the presidential election. At any rate, followers of the mat game are assured a high class match, according to the followers of the principals.

Carlton Vick of Merkel will tackle Jack King of Amarillo as the feature event on the boxing bill. Both men are well known for their skill with the gloves, and while Vick is naturally the favorite with the "home" crowd, the Amarillo boy comes touted as in every

way worthy of any opponent near his weight. Devotees of the boxing game are expecting a classy exhibition from these two men, based on their past records.

Some first class preliminaries, just enough to whet the appetites of the wrestling and boxing fans, will precede the main events. One lady will be admitted free with each adult paid admission. General admission \$1.00; ringside \$1.50; School children 50 cents.

Parents Die From Grief.

Dallas, Oct. 11.—D. H. Powell of Dallas died on Friday at his home. Grief over the death of his daughter, Miss Doris Powell, who died as a result of an accident July 22, is believed to have brought about the father's death. The mother of the girl died on Sept. 4.

Hickman Appeal Denied.

Washington, Oct. 11.—William Edward Hickman, youthful kidnaper and murderer of Marion Parker, 12-year-old schoolgirl, today was denied a United States Supreme Court appeal of his sentence to the gallows.

He is scheduled to be hanged Oct. 19 in San Quentin.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Divine worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend all services, and especially do we welcome the stranger in our midst.

For Sale by owner 1927 Model Ford Coupe-New Rubber-good shape \$325.00 Terms to responsible party. Address Reply Box X Merkel Mail.

Howell Players Coming to Merkel For All Next Week

The Howell Players are coming to Merkel next week for a week's stay. This popular company needs no introduction to the people of Merkel or vicinity, having played here on several occasions. They are coming this year bigger and better than ever, with an entire new line of feature plays, including "The Push," "Why Wives Worry?," "The Noose," and a complete line of feature vaudeville between acts, including the celebrated White House Twins in their latest songs and dances.

The big tent is absolutely waterproof and is well heated in case of cold weather.

The opening play is "The Push," one of the greatest comedy dramas ev-

er written. One lady will be admitted free on Monday night when accompanied by a paid adult admission. Stan Phillips and his eight piece orchestra will give a concert before each performance, which is a big show in itself.

Texas has the first unattended dial system telephone exchange in the Southwest. It is located at Pasadena one and one-half miles east of Houston city limits. The plant works automatically without the attention of any attendant. A second such plant is to be installed at Lisbon near Dallas.

Singing at Cross Roads.

Extensive preparations are being made for the singing convention to be held at Cross Roads, one mile south of Nubia, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come and are urged to bring their books.

Rev. Walker Goes to Sessions of Synod

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, left Wednesday for New Orleans, where he is attending the sessions of synod convened in Presbytery known to have gone to

that city. Others from the Abilene vice of Abilene and Mr. Kincaid, also New Orleans include Dr. E. B. Serer from Tye.

Synod opened in the Louisiana city Thursday, sessions of which will continue over Monday. Rev. Walker expects to return to Merkel the middle of next week.

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SEE THE METHODIST Ladies' Saturday at Hamilton and Case Grocery for cakes, pies and dressed chickens.

FOR SALE—4 wheel trailer, good tires and bed, real bargain, if sold at once. See W. C. Leopard at Maverick Motor Co.

FOR SALE—5 passenger Ford, 1925 model; a bargain, Bud Cribley at Phillips Petroleum Camp.

FOR SALE—Big bone Poland China male, about one year old. J. J. Pribble, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two good heaters, wood or coal, can be seen at Crown Hardware Co.

FOR SALE—Modern new home in South Merkel, just off Oak Street. Four rooms, bath with modern fixtures and linoleum, built-in cabinet and sink in kitchen, small back porch, walks and curbing, north front, piped with gas. Price, \$3,000; cash \$1,100; balance \$38.75 per month. Jack Durham, phone 245-W.

FOR SALE—HOT Blast coal heater, See Floyd Dowell at Merkel Motor Co.

FOR SALE—Lots 1 to 6 inclusive Grimmerette Addition Merkel, Texas. Write or wire owner. G. B. 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 Eternal 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.

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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YOUR LAUNDRY work would be appreciated. Mrs. Parks, one block north of the Guitar Gin. Phone 296J

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

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YANKS CAPTURE WORLD'S SERIES

St. Louis, Oct. 11.—The Yankees said it with home runs Tuesday and brought the 1928 World Series to a crashing, record-busting conclusion with their fourth straight triumph over the Cardinals.

Five crackling circuit clouts, three of them by the one and only Babe Ruth, four of them in two successive innings, and all of them sounding taps for the Redbirds, enabled the Yankees to win by the decisive count of 7 to 3 and record a new World's Series achievement by making their second successive clean sweep over National League champions.

The central and dominating figure in the most smashing triumph of World's Series history was the mighty Ruth. The Babe's first two home runs twice tied the score, his second started the downfall of Willie Sherdel, game little southpaw of the Cardinals, and his third equalled the record for long range clouting that he set himself in the same park two years ago.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT.
All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday School 10 a. m. with trained teachers and congenial classes for all. The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "A Worthy Goal for the New Church Year." Every member of the church is urged to be present to hear this message from the pastor's heart.

Our letter to the association, shows that 82 were received into our church during the year. While we raised more than ten thousand dollars for all purposes, nearly half of which went to missions, Christian education and benevolences. This represented a per capita gift of more than \$25.00 for each member of the church. This was done in spite of the fact that we have a number of inactive members and a good many non-resident members.

A warm welcome and a friendly greeting awaits all visitors and strangers at our services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor

NOTICE
All members of the Woodman Circle are urged to be present at the meeting Friday afternoon, Oct. 12, at 2:30. There will be installation of officers.

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Customs Rules No Longer Bothersome Says Pontiac Owner

Good news for America's thousands of motorist who are planning to tour Europe by automobile, and a vivid account of the experiences likely to be encountered there, were related recently by W. Clegg Butt, of Beverly Hills, just returned from a tour of ten months on the Continent.

Custom regulations—that bane of the foreign traveler—need not deter the American motorist, Mr. Butt reported. "The American touring Europe by motor has little trouble license plate, and the number remains jous international boundaries, and receives a good treatment from the officials as well as from the natives," he said.

"I had to get a license at once, at the rate of five dollars for each horsepower of the car's engine. This method of taxation explains why small cars of only eight or nine horsepower are so popular in Europe. All foreign cars receive the QQ international Mr. Butt left Los Angeles last the same for the life of the car." Mr. BButt left Los Angeles last

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November in his 1926 Pontiac Six sedan and drove to New York, where the car was put on board the liner Olympic, landing at Southampton. Among the experiences he reported was having to pay 35 cents to have a tire pumped up, and idling along in traffic while myriads of horse-drawn vehicles and bicyclists took their time.

Fourteen Gaming Charges.

Waco, Oct. 11.—Texas Rangers, assisted by city police, cleaned up alleged gambling houses here over the week-end and as a result 14 men Monday were under charges of gaming and 5 others were under bond of \$1,000 each for the operation of gambling devices.

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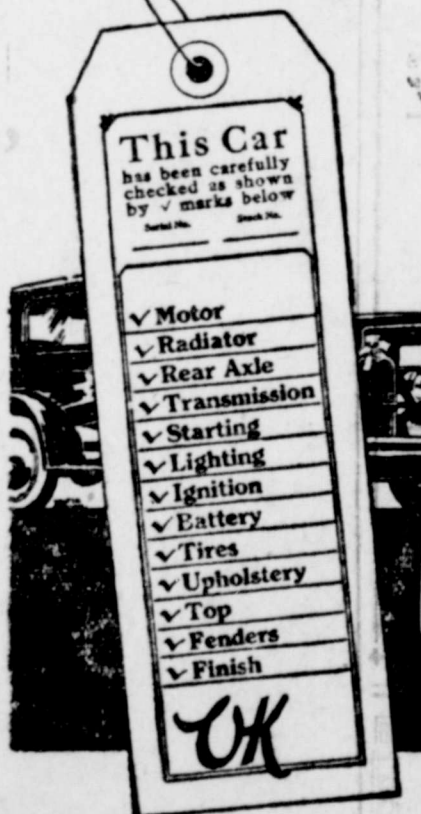
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Oldest Alumna Will Officiate at Baylor's Ground Breaking Rite

San Saba, Oct. 11.—Mrs. Fannie Rogers Harris, San Saba, member of Baylor's first graduation class, the class of '85, has been invited and will officiate in breaking the first soil, Oct. 11, for the new dormitory building for girls at Baylor University, Waco. Mrs. Harris is the only living member of her class, and is the oldest graduate of Baylor. At Baylor's Diamond Jubilee, in 1920, Mrs. Harris was given, along with other graduates of earlier days, her A. B. degree for the diploma she received in 1858. There were 14 members of this class and Miss Fannie Rogers, was valedictorian. Her father, Col. W. P. Rogers member of the faculty, made the first address on female education ever delivered in Texas, at a commencement program in the days when Dr. Burleson was president of Baylor.

Despite her advanced years, Mrs. Harris takes a keen interest in educational matters and is a delightful conversationalist. Discouraging always in well chosen English, she recalls reminiscences of Baylor at Independence with a zest.

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Six Hundred Acre Farm in Pecans

San Saba, Oct. 11.—J. L. Rainey of San Saba has sold to Eldridge Hall, two thousand pecan trees which will be set on the Hall six hundred-acre farm on the Trinity river near Fort Worth. The trees comprise the many well-known favored western varieties which are adapted to high altitudes and western soils and climates.

Deaf Man Dies in Stamford Hotel Fire

Stamford, Oct. 11.—Deafness and flames cost the life of a man here early Sunday morning.

The man was W. D. Jones, about 40 years old and a carpenter, who had been living for about four weeks in the Evans hotel.

At 3:30 Sunday morning the hotel caught on fire, from an undetermined cause.

Cemetery Contributions

Contributions to the Merkel cemetery funds since the last printed report include:

Mr. Beard (Hamlin)	\$1.00
T. M. Smith, Merkel	2.50
Mrs. A. L. Hogue, Sweetwater	2.50
J. H. Thornton Estate	2.50
Mr. Black, by J. A. Buford	5.00

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Relatives of Merkel Men Are Injured in Automobile Smash

A telegram received in Merkel Tuesday conveyed information of an automobile accident near Groom, Texas east Amarillo, in which Mrs. Lodie Griffin and her husband, W. F. Griffin, received painful but not serious injuries.

According to the telegram, Mr. Griffin was badly bruised, in addition to suffering a broken collar bone and some broken ribs. The injuries to Mrs. Griffin were not stated, her condition being reported as not serious.

Mrs. Griffin is a cousin of the Patterson boys of Merkel J. A. Jr., A. B. W., Herbert, E. A. and Homer. She is the sister of W. F. Patterson of the Stith community, who was in Merkel at the time news of the accident was received.

Figures High On Permian Oil Yield

Midland, Oct. 11.—Total production of oil in the West Texas Permian Basin since discovery on Jan. 25, 1921, was 152,280,464 barrels up to Sept. 1, 1928, according to figures prepared by Midland oil men. This oil came from 1,737 wells. Most of it has come in the past two years.

This production with the name of the pool, date of discovery and divided according to counties is as follows: Westbrook, Jan. 25, 1921, Mitchell County, 4,401,704 barrels; Big Lake, May 27, 1923, Reagan County, 34,377,440 barrels; northwest, March 22, 1924, Scurry County, 63,824 barrels; Powell, May 25, 1925, Crockett County, 1,364,927 barrels; Wheat, Oct. 26, 1925, Loving County, 68,863 barrels; University, Sept. 14, 1925, Crane-Upton Counties, 48,599,528 barrels; Chalk, Nov. 26, 1925,

Howard County, 2,406,512 barrels; Yates, Oct. 28, 1926, Pecos County, 17,547,598 barrels; Hendrick, Nov. 6, 1926, Winkler County, 43,321,247 barrels; Connell, Dec. 1, 1926, Ector County, 10,188 barrels; Settles, April 2, 1927, Glasscock County, 27,339 barrels; Stephens, Jan. 14, 1928, Fisher County, 91,499 barrels.

Further figures prepared by oil officials at Midland show that production more than trebled in the first eight months of 1928 over a similar period for 1927.

Total production for the Permian Basin for the first eight months of 1927 was 23,546,647 barrels, and 77,815,646 barrels for the first eight months of this year.

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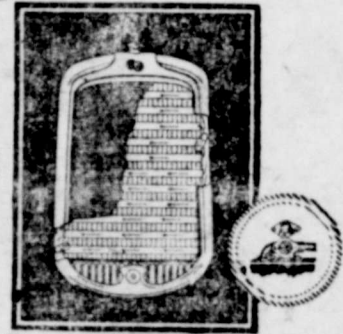


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2-Door Sedan, \$745; Coupe, \$745; Sport Roadster, \$745; Phaeton, \$775; Cabriolet, \$795; 4-Door Sedan, \$825; Sport Landau Sedan, \$875. All prices at factory. Check Oakland-Pontiac delivered prices—they include lowest handling charges. General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

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When wealthy Carl Morton, struck by her beauty, offered to "adopt" her—give her a lovely home, beautiful clothes—everything—it seemed her dreams had come true. But when Anna realized that she was simply being "bought," she flamed with revolt. Since her father was determined on the "adoption," there was only one way out. That night she boarded a train for the city, where, friendless and alone, she soon found herself eeking out a miserable existence.

Then Frank Weston came into her life.

Frank was poor, but loved her—wanted to marry her. But at thought of the future, Anna's heart quailed. Life with Frank meant honorable marriage—but it also meant more poverty, hardship and struggle. Could she do it? Were honest love and her own honor worth the sacrifice? Carl Morton, who offered her every luxury, would still welcome her. Would it not after all be better to be a rich man's darling than a poor man's slave?

Don't miss the rest of this profoundly moving story. It is entitled "Is There Any Escape," and appears complete in the November True Story Magazine.

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DINNER-BRIDGE.

Members of the Idlewise club entertained their husbands and gentlemen friends with a dinner party, followed by bridge games, on last Friday evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White.

An assortment of autumn flowers, attractively placed throughout the entertaining rooms, made a pretty background for tables serviced for a most delectable three course dinner.

Games of auction bridge gave out happy diversion for the evening.

The guest list included Misses Boog Sears, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears; Messrs. and Mesdames Roy Largent, Harry Cookston, Matt Dillingham, Dr. Buckner, Guy Darsey, Warren Smith, Geo. White and Dr. Sadler.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Mesdames Thos. Bearden and T. E. Collins complimented members of the T. E. L. Sunday school class with a Halloween party in the home of Mrs. Collins on Tuesday afternoon. House decorations, stressing the favored motif, were used throughout the entertaining rooms. A devotional opened the afternoon's program, led by Mrs. Conder, followed by business meeting, during which the following officers were elected: Mrs. E. Yates Brown, president; Mrs. Bill Sheppard, first vice president; Mrs. Sid Coats, second vice president; Mrs. Conder, third vice president; Mrs. Doyle Pogue, secretary; Mrs. Derstine, treasurer; Mrs. Collins, reporter.

Clever and unique were the contests arranged by the hostesses, and at their culmination the guests found

their places at tables where refreshments of sandwiches, salad, individual pumpkin pies and iced tea were served to Mesdames Dye, Jones, Owens, Booth, Mayfield, Lassiter, Swann, Schulze, Andy Brown, Conder, Miller, Derstine, Angus, E. Yates Brown, by Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Bearden.

KING'S DAUGHTERS MEETING.

The King's Daughters Sunday school class met with Mrs. V. N. Ellis Tuesday afternoon in a social meeting.

Eighteen members answered to roll call. After the business session, the program was rendered and was very interesting and helpful. Suggestions were offered to the class to be of more benefit to those whom we might help. The class also made a nice donation to the missionary society. Mrs. Ellis then served cake and chocolate which was very much enjoyed. We had such a nice afternoon in this home we will be glad to go again in the near future. Reporter.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.

A delegation of Y. W. A. Girls from Merkel attended a young people's program of the Sweetwater Baptist association. Wednesday evening Misses Audrey Porter, Edith Baker, Maxie Banner, Valerie Dye, Nell Swann, Mesdames Guy Darsey, Byers Petty, Florence Berry, E. N. Brown, J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, T. E. Collins, Earl Lassiter, Toombs, Richie and Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown made the trip.

CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames M. R. Haail and A. H. Brackeen entertained members of the Gleaners Sunday school class on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Mayhew with a Halloween party.

Halloween suggestions were cleverly implied in the house decorations, also an assortment of autumn blossoms graced the entertaining rooms. A devotional was lead by Mrs.

Roger Burgess followed by a short business meeting conducted by the president. Mrs. Hamilton. Games and contests, interspersed with music, proved a happy diversion for the afternoon and at tea-time delicious refreshments of cream and cake were passed to Mesdames Oscar Buford, Toombs, Vaughn, Hail and Brackeen, Mayhew, Patterson, Sears, Sublett, R. R. Buford, Burgess, Dunn, Gamble, Hunter, Hughes, Idding, Kirchman.

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There was a good crowd at singing Sunday afternoon, several visitors being present, and we had some good singing.

Miss Gladys Petty visited Mrs. Hobson Robertson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shipley and children visited relatives in this community Sunday.

Miss Braunnell Armstrong was the guest of Miss Marcella Pinckley Sunday afternoon.

Austin Petty received a sprained ankle when he was thrown from a horse Sunday. We hope he will be able to be up in a few days.

J. C. Petty was the guest of Tom Beene of Sweetwater Sunday. Misses Norma and Wynona Patton

of Blair visited Miss Ruth Pinckley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone of Merkel were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. M. Hay, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Stone took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty Sunday.

The Parrent-Teachers Association will meet Friday night, Oct. 19. An interesting program will be rendered and every one is invited to come.

Texas is the leading producer of the Bermuda onion, the annual value of the crop being around \$4,000,000.

Dies in Doctor's Office. San Angelo, Oct. 11.—James Henry Casey, 53, resident of San Angelo, years, dropped dead in a doctor's office here Monday of heart disease. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter.

Stanford Park Wins Prize. Stanford, Oct. 11.—The Harmon Park of Stanford has been awarded a prize of \$50 in the 1927-28 playground Honorarium contest, the award being one of 21 such offered annually by the Harmon Foundation. First prize of \$500 was granted to Fremont, Ohio.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. I will preach at the North Side Church of Christ Sunday at 11 o'clock on "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit." Preaching also at 7:30. Song service to be conducted by Nathan Woods. All are invited. W. C. Cypert.

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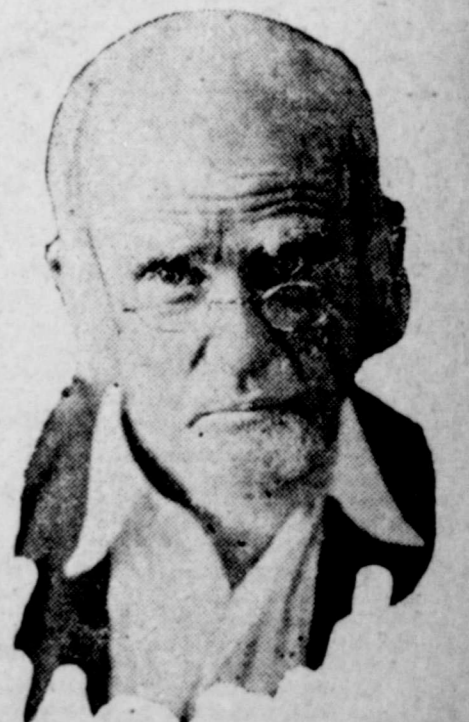
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