

BROTHER MERKEL MAN HAD PART IN VESTRIS RESCUE

Norris Books Was Seaman on Wyoming, Ordered to Aid of Ill-Fated Ship; Letter Describes Horrors of Disaster.

A Merkel man's brother participated in the rescue of passengers and crew of the ill-fated S. S. Vestris, conceded to have been the grimmest epic of the seas since the sinking of the Lusitania.

Morris Books, 18 year old, brother of Buford Books of Merkel, has been in the navy for the past eighteen months, and was on the Wyoming one of the ships that was ordered to the assistance of the Vestris. In a letter to his brother here, he describes the rescue work and some of the horrible scenes he witnessed. The letter says in part:

"Guess you have been reading of the S. S. Vestris sinking. If you haven't, be sure to keep up with it, for I was there and saw everything that happened after the ship sunk. It was sure a pitiful sight just to look over the side of a ship and see a live body float by. I saw a girl about 14 years old pass by, also two women and three men, and there were several more bodies passing. They had been out in the water for nearly 26 hours. "We picked up five women and three negro men. There were a few other ships out there picking up lots more than we were, but no ship would come out unless we did. We were 275 miles from the place where the Vestris sunk, but we left Monday morning at 10 o'clock and got there at 5 Tuesday morning.

"I'll tell you I have never witnessed anything like this before. I am sending a press clipping so that you can read a little and understand just what I saw with my own eyes. We have five white women and three negroes on here now. They sure are happy, for they were out in the water about 26 hours."

Humble Pipeline Co. Builds Pump Station

A booster pump station is to be built by the Humble Pipeline company in the Merkel oil area to be used in pumping the crude in this district to the company's trunk line near Hawley. This action is considered as indicating that a steady increase is expected in production in this area.

According to latest reports, two 5,000-barrel pumps are being installed on the Bickley-Irvin lease in the south part of the Shaheen area.

Lige Gambill Builds Two Modern Houses

Lige Gambill is erecting two houses on his lots in South Merkel. One, a 6-room stucco, with hall and bath, is to be his home place, and will be modern in every respect. The house where he has been living is being torn down and the new home will take its place.

On the same lot he is erecting a 4-room frame cottage, with hall and bath, which will be rent property. Both houses will be completed soon after the first of the year.

County Teachers to Meet December 8

December 8 was selected as the next meeting of the Taylor County Teachers' association by the executive committee of the organization meeting at Abilene Saturday.

The meeting was presided over by C. L. Blankenship, superintendent of the Trent school and president of the association. Members of the committee present were: E. B. Pruitt, Pleasant Hill; F. T. Brown, Ovalo; T. M. Rushing, Lawn, and A. J. Morris, Potosi. Only one member of the committee Miss Pebble Graham of Wylie, secretary-treasurer was absent.

Arrangements for speakers and preparation of a program is to be made this week by the committee. The December meeting will be the first of the association since its organization meeting several weeks ago.

Club Meeting Postponed

The monthly meeting of the Westbrotherhood club of the Methodist church, scheduled for last Tuesday night, was postponed for one week on account of the serious illness of J. R. Pea.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS VG

A 17-month-old registered Hereford bull was sold at Alpine for \$250.

Fire destroyed the cafeteria at Sam Houston Teachers' College at Huntsville.

Machinery is being installed for a new and modern steam laundry at Spur.

Two men were burned to death in a ranch house blaze near Midland Sunday.

Officials of the Abilene public schools are planning the erection of an athletic stadium.

Robinson Academy, located near Waco, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

Horace Goodson has been appointed city manager at San Angelo, vice E. V. Spence, resigned.

The gin plant at Benjamin owned by the Swift Gin company of Stamford was destroyed by fire.

The First National Bank of Ballinger recently moved into its fine new home, which cost \$50,000.

Baird Baptists have plans under way for the erection of a new church soon after the first of the year.

Beaumont was chosen as the 1929 meeting place of the county tax assessors at the convention in Austin.

Harvey Austin of Slaton rode the fire truck in answer to an alarm to find that it was his own home ablaze.

Mrs. Mattie Mayfield, 77, resident of Paris for the past sixty-five years, is dead from injuries received from a fall.

Additional phone equipment costing \$15,000 has been ordered for the expansion of the Midland telephone system.

Much interest is being manifested in the \$2,004,000 road bond issue to be voted on in Lubbock county next Saturday.

Gary W. Disham, dairy owner at Abilene, died suddenly from an apopleptic stroke. Funeral services were held Sunday.

Mrs. P. L. White, pioneer ranchwoman of Taylor county and resident of Abilene for 31 years, died at her home Saturday morning.

A "Goodfellows club" has been organized at Baird for the purpose of soliciting and distributing funds to the poor and needy during the Christmas holidays.

The recently organized Lions club at Odessa received its charter Tuesday night. John T. Erhard, district governor of Texas made the presentation.

The Evans hotel at Stamford, destroyed by fire on Oct. 7, casting the life of W. D. Jones and severely burning another guest, is being rebuilt by its owner.

Bodies of two unknown men were cremated and three car loads of livestock perished in a fire which followed the head-on collision of two T. & P. freight trains near Gordon.

Injuries received in a fire at McGregor, caused by an explosion, resulted in the death of Russell Hamilton, who was aiding in fighting the blaze. Three other men were hurt, but not seriously.

Frank "Bo" Speights, former Cisco high grid star, was fatally injured near Rising Star when the truck he was riding collided with a heavy wagon. Otis Evans received serious injuries.

Funeral services were held at Abilene Tuesday for Mrs. Eula Pearl Free, wife of W. H. Free, secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees Abilene Christian College and cashier of the Central State Bank of Abilene.

Rev. Ira Parrack Preaches in New Church at Hamlin

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church, attended the B. Y. P. U. convention at Hamlin Sunday afternoon. He remained over and at night had the pleasure of preaching in the new Baptist church at that place, which he declares is one of the best arranged and most finely appointed churches in West Texas. It was completed about two weeks ago at a cost of \$35,000.

Rev. Earnest Neff of Tye filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here Sunday night in the absence of the pastor.

Merkel to Decorate For West Texas Convention

LIONS CONTEST IN "LITIGATION" FOR TWO WEEKS

Losing Side Charges "Conspiracy;" Two Members Likely to Face "Trial" Pending Appeal; Brackeen is "Attorney"

The attendance contest of the Lions club is in "litigation," with charges of irregularities on the part of the winning side which promise to put to shame the Teapot Dome disclosure.

The contest came to a close with the Tuesday meeting, with the Blues the winners. Chairman H. P. Hulsey, fighting against prospect of his side having to eat beans, announced that he had "employed" counsel in the person of A. H. Brackeen, who asked that the result be not declared pending "appeal" and the possible trial of the winning side, whom he alleged had been guilty of "conniving, conspiring and even grafting," in order to obtain victory—all this against the spirit of brotherly love taught in the Lions club and against the well established custom of fair dealing recognized among "honored" men. "Attorney" Brackeen eloquently invoking the spirit of fair play, appealed to the Blues to postpone infliction of the "bean eating" penalty on their rivals until investigation could be made and the "guilty" parties brought before the club for trial.

The Blues magnanimously agreed to the proposal of "counsel" for the Reds, the trial of the "conspirators" set for two weeks hence and an agreement reached to continue the contest for one more month with the sides reorganized under the same captains—Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Sie Hamm.

DISCUSS C. O. C. CONVENTION Discussion and arranging for the meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 6 occupied the principal business of the meeting. Dee Grimes reported that he had arranged for the decoration of the streets, the meeting place and the banquet hall. A committee composed of Bob Dennis, Byars Petty, Jerome Hutcheson and Sie Hamm was appointed to interest the business establishments of every business house being decorated.

Anticipating that a number of visiting ladies will be in Merkel for the convention, President Scott appointed the following committee of Merkel ladies to entertain, look after visiting ladies: Mesdames Dee Grimes, Sam Swann, Booth Warren, R. O. Anderson, Tom Largent, R. I. Grimes, L. B. Scott, Frank McFarland and Lige Gabill.

Entertainment features consisted of a reading dealing with "matrimonial tangles" by Miss Lucy Tracy, and two solo numbers by Miss Edith Baker, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist.

The program committee for December consists of J. J. Hutchison, W. O. Boney and C. R. Tittle.

Emergency Operation.

Miss Lora Hail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hail, underwent an emergency operation for acute appendicitis Tuesday afternoon at a local sanitarium. While her condition was considered extremely critical for a time, she is reported as recuperating nicely.

Granted Furlough.

Austin, Nov. 29.—Lee Jackson, serving a term of two years in the penitentiary from Pak Pinto county for violation of the prohibition law and felonious theft, was granted a 30-day furlough. His wife is ill at Mineral Wells.

Car Wreck at Trent.

A bad car wreck occurred at Trent Sunday evening, when a Chrysler coupe and Pontiac coach crashed on the Bankhead highway. Both cars were practically demolished, but it was reported none of the occupants was seriously injured.

OPEN LETTER TO THE MERCHANTS ABOUT 1929 HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL

To the Business Men of Merkel: The annual question is settled—and how? All records are broken and more annuals will go into Merkel homes than ever before. This is not only good news to the student body, but it also opens the door of opportunity to you. Now is the time to build a future trade and give your advertising a wider circulation than any other possible way.

One hundred and fifty copies will go into the hands of more than 150 of the most prominent families of Merkel, to be read over and over by

each of the family, to be passed out among friends, and to be kept by the students themselves. And in later life, do you not realize that they will think of the merchants who patronized "their annual" in a more appreciative way?

We want you to think of this as "your annual" as well as that of the high school. Do your part to make it represent Merkel.

RAYMOND EARTHMAN, Editor-in-Chief
WILLIAM SHEPPARD, Business Manager.

EVERY BUSINESS HOUSE URGED TO DRESS UP FRONT

Streets Will Be in Gala Attire With Bunting and Flags on December 6.

A committee from the Lions club is calling on the merchants of Merkel urging them to decorate their fronts for the district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which meets here on December 6.

An expert decorator has been employed, and it is the plan of the Lions club to have Merkel give 100 per cent welcome to delegates and visitors attending the convention. In addition to the store front decorations, window cards and street bunting will contribute to the greeting Merkel gives its visitors. The Merkel theatre, meeting place for the convention, will be made to look its best, as will the banquet hall across from the postoffice.

Decorate and greet the visitors with a smile should be uppermost in the thoughts of Merkel people as the big convention assembles.

FORMER MERKEL MAN IS HONORED

Thomas Johnson is Elected Director of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank.

Many Merkel friends will rejoice to know that Thomas Johnson of McKinney, formerly one of the leading "business men" of Merkel, having organized the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city and its executive head for fifteen years, has been elected a director of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank, one of the most prosperous and largest land loan organizations in the state, with resources totaling \$47,000,000.

Mr. Johnson began his banking career in Merkel with the organization of the F&M bank, and his rise in the financial world has been rapid since that time. At present he is vice president and cashier of the Collins County National bank.

Unusual honor and distinction are attached to a directorship of the Dallas Joint Stock Land bank, composed of men prominent in the financial affairs of the state, and Merkel friends will rejoice with those of McKinney and other sections of the state where Mr. Johnson is so well and favorably known. He will continue to make his home at McKinney, where he has for the past five years been prominent in the civic affairs of that city.

TEXAS-COSDEN WELL PRODUCER

Another new well was added to the Merkel oil field Monday night, when the Texas-Cosden, Willie Camp No. 1 was drilled in, giving every promise of being among the best wells in the field. It is located about half way between the Bickley and Tiner producing areas, and is an east offset to Roeser-Pendleton's Grayson No. 3, which was completed two weeks ago for a 300 barrel producer.

The Cranfill-Reynolds test, on the extreme south end of the Bickley lease, is being watched with interest. Six-inch casing is being run at 2307 feet.

Two new wildcat tests have been announced for the western section of Jones county. Sedgwick Oil and Gas company will start drilling on a 3,250-foot test a mile and a half south of Hamlin, on the T. J. Routh farm. The other test is by Roeser-Pendleton, Inc., on the H. O. Cassell fee in the Go-laid county school land.

Prosytherian Mission Program

Following is the program for the Prosytherian Missionary society, which meets Monday at 3 p. m.:

Devotional—Mrs. George West. "Just Making Friends"—Mrs. John West.

"In Bible VII"—Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

"Ceremonial Mormonism"—First part, Mrs. Tucker; second, Mrs. W. M. Elliott; third, Mrs. Marvin Smith.

Roll Call—Answer with Scripture quotation.

Fingers Crushed.

O. C. Gattin, oil field worker, had two fingers on his left hand badly crushed when caught in oil well machinery the first of the week.

Injury to Skull.

Wm. Cooney, working on the Stevens well, suffered a painful but not serious injury to his skull when hit on the head by a heavy piece of machinery the first of the week.

One-Third Inch Rain

Rainfall in Merkel during the week totaled one-third of an inch, according to the measurements of B. M. Black, voluntary weather observer.

WILLETT COMES AS NEW PASTOR MERKEL CHURCH

Methodist Conference Sends Rotan Pastor to Merkel and Rev. Mayhew to Rotan; Change is Effective, Beginning Sunday.

Rev. T. C. Willett, for the past years Methodist pastor at Rotan, is to become the pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, he having been assigned to this charge at the closing session of the conference held at Lubbock. He succeeds Rev. W. J. Mayhew, who has been pastor here for one year, and who has been assigned to the charge at Rotan, which makes it really an exchange of pulpits between Rev. Willett and Rev. Mayhew. Prior to coming to Merkel, Rev. Mayhew was pastor for two years at Crowell.

According to those who know him, Rev. Willett is an able preacher, and is popular with the congregations wherever he has been. During the year that he has served the local church, Rev. Mayhew has made many friends, not only in his own congregation, but in others as well.

FILL PULPIT SUNDAY.

If the weather permits, Rev. Willett will occupy the local pulpit next Sunday, and Rev. Mayhew will be in his new work at Rotan. Both plan to move to their new homes Friday, depending on the condition of the roads.

Rev. E. E. White, who has been pastor of the church at Lubbock for several years, is the new presiding elder of this district, succeeding Rev. W. E. Lyon, who was appointed dual extension secretary in charge of all rural Sunday schools of the conference, and will continue to make his home at Abilene. Prior to being transferred to the West Texas conference, Rev. White was pastor of the First Methodist church at Waco.

FORMER MERKEL PASTORS.

Of interest to Merkel people is the assignment given to recent former pastors here. Rev. W. M. Murrell, now presiding elder at Clarendon, has been returned to that charge. Rev. C. W. Foote has been assigned to Shamrock for the third year. Rev. T. J. Ray was returned for his second year at Post. Rev. W. R. McCarter returns to Crowell for his second year. Rev. E. D. Landreth was assigned to the pastorate of the Hedley station after serving for five years as pastor of Oak street church at Abilene.

Following are the appointments in the Abilene and Sweetwater districts:

Abilene District—Presiding elder, E. E. White; Abilene, First Church, J. L. Henson; Abilene, St. Paul, J. Richard Spann; Abilene, Oak street, O. A. Hood; Abilene Circuit, C. D. Damron, supply; Albany, Joe E. Boyd; Anson, H. C. Gordon; Anson Circuit, J. H. Westbrook; Avoca, M. B. Norwood; Baird, C. C. Wright; Blair, Marvin Williams, supply; Caps, H. L. Thurston, Clyde, W. R. Jenkins; Clyde Circuit, C. B. Meador; Cross Plains, Ira T. Huckabee; Cross Plains Circuit, G. C. Williams, Hawley, J. R. Plant; Merkel, T. C. Willett; Moran, George W. Montgomery; Ovalo, John W. Price; Putman; J. B. Baker; Trent, J. P. Watson; Tuscola, R. V. Tooley; Tye, L. H. Davis; president McMurry College; J. W. Hunt; student McMurry College, L. W. Russell; professor of Weatherford College, J. V. G. Anderson; conference Sunday school superintendent, B. L. Nance; dual extension Sunday school secretary, W. E. Lyon; conference secretary of education, J. L. Henson; conference missionary secretary, J. W. Hunt; conference evangelist, W. B. Morton.

Sweetwater District—Presiding elder, L. N. Lipscomb; Big Spring, W. G. Bailey; Blackwell, Raymond Van Zandt; Coahoma, J. S. Johnson; Colorado, W. C. Hinds; Colorado circuit, F. O. Garner; Dora, I. E. Biggs; Dunn, W. W. Rife; Fluanna, J. R. Williamson; Hamlin, Ben Hardy; Hermleigh-Camp Springs, M. H. Hudson; Langworth, M. L. Moody; Loraine, J. M. Iron; McCauley, J. W. Hawkins; Mineral Wells, O. C. Coppage; Royston, M. J. Iron; supply; Roscoe, S. H. Young; St. Louis, W. J. Mayhew; Snyder, J. F. Jess; Stanton, J. B. McReynolds; Sweetwater, First Church, O. P. Clark; Sweetwater, Highland Heights, H. W. Hanks; Sylvester, J. H. Westbrook, E. L. Naugle.

THE FARMER HOLDS BOTH ENDS

The world has lately just found out
That agriculture is the route
On which its real success depends.
Somehow the farmer holds both ends.
Unless the farmer has success
All other lines get in a mess.
From congress now to president
To help the farmer they are bent.
The Farmers State Bank has seen this trend,
Has always been the farmer's friend.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President	HERBERT PATTERSON,
R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
W. I. DILTZ, Cashier.	DAVID HENDRICKS

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Plainview's newest industry is the making of Uncle Tom pure ribbon cane syrup. F. O. Boliver has started manufacturing it and has put it on sale at local grocery stores.

Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds of wool were sold at Rock-springs, at a price calculated to be 35 cents. Edwards county will market approximately 1,700,000 pounds of mohair this year.

Some idea of the progress Woodson is enjoying may be gathered from the fact that 182 cars of commercial

AUTO REPAIRS

It is a saving of money and possible loss of life to see that your car is in tip-top shape.

We specialize on repair work—all makes of cars. The price is as low as is consistent with good workmanship.

C. S. HIGGINS GARAGE

Back of Postoffice



A. G. ORNELIUS
JEWELER
At Hamm Drug Co.
MERKEL, TEXAS
Where Satisfaction Follows
Every Transaction.
All Watches and Jewelry Repairing
Guaranteed.

freight consisting mostly of cattle, cotton and cotton seed, and sheep have been shipped from the place during the last seven months.

The contract has been signed and the work will probably be started within thirty days on the installation of a water works system for Junction. The authorities of Junction have been working on the project for some time.

The Bankhead Poultry Association is opening its new and large headquarters in Eastland, and is receiving more membership daily. Membership in the organization enables poultrymen to get better prices for their produce.

The main street of Rotan has been much improved by the grading and improving of Snyder avenue through to the west end of the thoroughfare. A railroad switch in the center of the street will be removed as soon as the street is opened for traffic.

The fire insurance key rate is to be lowered again in Baird as the result of the removal of telephone, telegraph and light poles from the business section. Since the present mayor Schwartz has been in office the rate has been reduced from 60 cents per hundred to 43 cents.

With the arrival of a car of steel to be used on the International steel bridge, across the Rio Grande at Del Rio, it is estimated that the bridge can be completed in four months and be available for traffic in early spring.

Charles Muerer, a Fredericksburg farmer who began budding native pecan trees with paper shell buds five years ago, now has 550 trees budded to Burkett, Halbert, Texas Prolific, Kincaid and other soft shell varieties.

Booker is experiencing much building activity. This ranges from barns in the rural district, to houses and garages in the residential district, to a brick business house with a fifty foot front on main street.

O'Donnell's next progressive acquisition will be a modern sewer system. Those responsible for the improvement realize that it will mean new homes, increased population, and added industries.

The Club and Vocational Livestock Exhibit is an institution in De Leon, and is held on the streets of that city. The streets are roped off, pens and stalls constructed for livestock, and feed crops exhibited in designated places. Competition is keen for prizes offered.

Lampas county will be free of tick inspection with the exception of one herd on December 1. This herd is under special quarantine till May. By diligent co-operation of all cattle men eradication has been practically completed.

Twelve boys in the Winters territory now have registered Jersey calves. They are members of the Vocational Agricultural Class sponsored by the Lions Club, and are planning to compete with one another in the Second Cow-Sow-and-Hen show next spring.

Sweetwater, Eastland in West Texas Loop

San Angelo, Nov. 29.—Sweetwater and Eastland were admitted to the West Texas Baseball League at the annual mid-winter session of league officials. The move boosts the league to an eight-club circuit. Old members are Midland, Lubbock, Big Spring, Coleman, Abilene, and San Angelo. Harley Saddler of Sweetwater, and R. E. Welch of Eastland, have placed protection fees with the league president, J. McAllister Stevenson of Abilene.

Election of officers for the 1929 season and adoption of a schedule was deferred to a meeting scheduled for Sweetwater, Jan. 6.

Officials in attendance were: H. H. Shell and John Dalrymple of Lubbock D. L. Snodgrass and Leon Shield of Coleman, Guy Airey of Wichita Falls, owner of the Abilene club; Gene Lowrie of San Angelo, R. E. Welch of Eastland and Stevenson.

BLACKSMITH WORK

We have bought the Polly Blacksmith Shop and are prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Wood work and Acetylene Welding, with complete equipment. We are prepared to give the very best of service and guarantee our work. We respectfully solicit the patronage of those in need of anything in our line.
J. H. MENGES & CO.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.
\$17.50 Per Ton
Sam Swann

Just received a nice assortment of pipes of all kind—Hamm Drug Co.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Read This

One of our customers started last Spring with nine (9) turkey hens. She had only reasonably good luck. Last week she sold seventy (70) turkeys on the local market which averaged nearly twelve (12) pounds each and brought thirty (30c) cents per pound. Her check was for Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$250.45) and she has twenty three (23) turkeys left to select her stock from for another year.

This lot of turkeys has paid her more money than many farmers in this territory are getting out of their entire cotton crop. Does this mean anything to you? To us it is just another example and further proof that DIVERSIFICATION on the farms of this community will pay.

Plan now to DIVERSIFY next year. This BANK will help you. (If you would like to know we will tell you, upon application, who the above customer is).

The Old Reliable

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Directors

J. T. WARREN	G. F. WEST	SAM BUTMAN, SR.
GEO. L. PAXTON		BOOTH WARREN

"Never missed a dividend—never assessed a shareholder"

Organized

1904

Merkelites Home From Hunt.

Howard Laney and Carl Dennis returned Friday night from a hunting trip that took them to Encinal, 35 miles from the Mexican border. One buck deer was killed, Mr. Laney reported. While in that section the Merkelites visited with Mr. Laney's cousin, Bob Richardson. They also made a trip into Old Mexico, crossing the river at Laredo.

Rev. Dodd Improved.

Rev. D. J. Dodd, long time resident of Merkel, who has been ill at his home here for the past two months or

more, is reported much improved and able to sit up some, a fact that will be learned with pleasure by his host of friends in this section.

THINK IT OVER

You say it takes all you can make to meet your family's daily needs. For this reason you cannot afford insurance. What would your family do if deprived of your salary?

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone
Southwestern Life Representative

Never Having Tried To Steal A Car

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.

We DO know how to protect you. Our policies cover theft, collision, public liability and all the misfortunes that the automobile owner is heir to.

We represent a company widely known for prompt settlements and good service.

W. O. BONEY

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS
FIRE INSURANCE

MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult Your Insurance Agent As You Would Your Lawyer

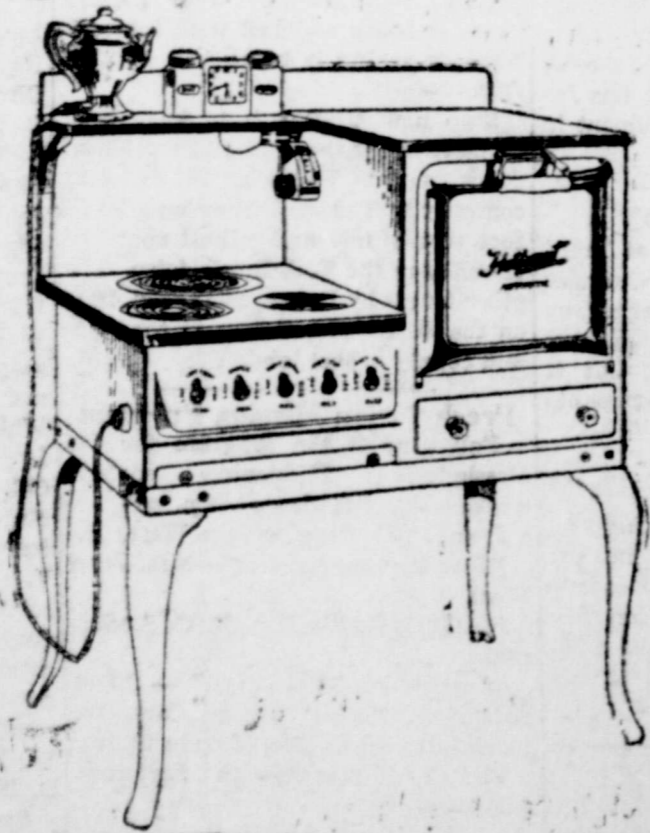
MAKE HER HAPPY—

Build Her a Home First.
For the Best Material, See

CLAY LUMBER COMPANY



WHAT MOTHER REALLY WANTS



NO "SOOT" NO "FUMES"
NO "FIRE" "DANCERS"

West Texas Utilities Company

The Day of Thanksgiving

November Twenty-Ninth

BUSINESS men of Merkel, listed on this page, on this day of universal Thanksgiving, are thankful for the many blessings that have come to them during the past year—thankful for the country in which we live, thankful that peace and prosperity prevails in the nation and in the greater part of the civilized world; and thankful for our friends who are enabling us to enjoy health and prosperity. We approach the Thanksgiving season with a deep appreciation of the favors of the past and a resolve to do all in our power to merit the continued favors of friends and neighbors of this section.

<p>FARMERS STATE BANK.</p> <p>It is a privilege we appreciate to acknowledge our debt of gratitude.</p>	<p>CROWN HARDWARE CO.</p> <p>ATWATER-KENT RADIOES General Hardware.</p>
<p>SAM SWANN GIN</p> <p>We are thankful for our old friends and the privilege of making new ones.</p>	<p>SEARS VARIETY STORE</p> <p>Looking back over the past year, we have many things for which to be thankful.</p>
<p>WEST CO.</p> <p>GENERAL MERCHANDISE</p> <p>Your friends for 40 years.</p>	<p>MERKEL DRUG CO.</p> <p>We are thankful for the happiness and prosperity that is ours.</p>
<p>PIERCE PETROLEUM CO.</p> <p>W. L. Carolan, Agent.</p> <p>With Bird and Mashburn Service Station.</p>	<p>DR. H. P. HULSEY</p> <p>CHIROPRACTOR</p> <p>Is thankful for the smiles and hearty handshake of his friends.</p>



Thanksgiving and Its Meaning

Originating with the New England colonists, Thanksgiving Day has long been designated by Federal and State executives as the one day in the year for the universal rendering of thanks and praise to God for the mercies of the year past.

Thanksgiving is an act of rendering thanks and expressing gratitude for favors or mercies.

It is with this thought that people of the nation and of the world will assemble in their respective houses of worship and in their homes today and make public acknowledgement of their gratitude for the comforts they enjoy and the blessings that have been bestowed upon them during the past year.

We of Texas have much to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving day. A contented and prosperous people; our natural resources being developed at a rapid rate; the entire citizenship dwelling together in a spirit of unity and love—indeed, the people of the Lone Star state have every reason to render thanks to the Almighty on this day of universal acknowledgement.

In Merkel a union Thanksgiving and praise service will be held at the Methodist church. If at all possible, be there and join with your friends and neighbors in this service. If not, observe the spirit of the day in your home or wherever you may be.



<p>HOKUS-POKUS</p> <p>GROCERIES</p> <p>For the many new friends of the past year we are truly thankful.</p>	<p>FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK</p> <p>Thankful for Our Nation, State and Community and their happiness.</p>
<p>J. T. DENNIS</p> <p>DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES</p> <p>Striving to merit the confidence of our friends, we are indeed thankful for the privilege.</p>	<p>MODERN DRY CLEANERS</p> <p>The happiness of our friends is of deep concern to us, and we try to merit the same consideration.</p>
<p>HAMM DRUG CO.</p> <p>We are truly thankful for our many friends and the favors they have shown us.</p>	<p>MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO.</p> <p>C. H. Jones, Agent</p> <p>We are glad to join with our friends and neighbors in a Thanksgiving expression.</p>
<p>S. M. HUNTER</p> <p>THE BATTERY MAN.</p> <p>The many good things that have come to us during the past year should make us all grateful</p>	<p>J. T. DARSEY & CO.</p> <p>FURNITURE AND STOVES</p> <p>We greet Thanksgiving Day in the spirit of genuine gratitude.</p>

THE MERKEL MAIL

Published Every Friday Morning
J.J. HUTCHISON, Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else \$2.00
(In Advance)

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

Here's hoping that Mayor West will continue to agitate the paving of Oak street.

Now is the time to make effective those resolutions you made last year about doing your Christmas shopping early.

Construction of a plant for the making of gasoline at Noodle Dome is an unmistakable sign of the increasing importance of the Merkel oil area.

The constantly increasing number of inquiries for homes and rooms is evidence of Merkel's growth. It also emphasizes the need for a new hotel.

Merkel stores are loaded with huge stocks of Christmas merchandise. Special price inducements are in effect. The thing to do is to get your holiday shopping out of the way.

Mayor West believes that a town worth living in is deserving the support of its entire citizenship in all worth-while civic matters. The mayor is right. A town prospers in proportion to the efforts put forth by its men and women.

TALKING TO HIS MULE.

Over the hill trailed a man behind a mule drawing a Dixie plow. The cloidhopper was "broadcasting."

"Bill, you are a mule, the son of a jackass, and I'm a man made in the image of God. Yet, here we work hitched together year in and year out. I often wonder if you work for me or I work for you. Sometimes I think this is a partnership between a mule and a fool. For surely I work harder than you do. Plowing here we cover the same distance, but you do it on four legs and I on two. So Mathematically speaking I do twice as much work per leg as you do.

"Soon we'll be preparing for a corn crop. When the crop is harvested, I give one-third to the landlord for being kind enough to let me use this corner of God's universe. The other third goes to you, and what is left is my share. But while you consume all of your third with the exception of a few cobs, I divide my third among seven children, six hens, two ducks and a banker. Bill you're getting the best of me; is it fair for a mule, the son of a jackass, to rob a man, the lord of creation, of his substance. And come to think of it, you only help to cultivate the ground. After that I cut, shock and husk it, while you look at me over the pasture fence and 'he-haw' at me.

"All fall and part of the winter the whole family, from granny on down to the baby, pick cotton to help raise money to buy you a new set of harness, and pay interest on the mortgage on you, and by the way, what do you are about the mortgage? It doesn't worry you any. Not a darn bit. You leave that to me, you ungrateful, honery cuss.

"About the only time when I'm your better is on election day, for I can vote and you can't. But if I ever get any more out of politics than you I can't see where it is."—Yancy Elder.

Merkel Girl Visiting.

The following news items appearing in the Texas Mesquiter, are of interest in Merkel. The Miss Moore's mentioned being the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore of this city. Miss Delphene Moore of Merkel, who recently finished a stenographic course in a commercial college at Abilene, came in Friday and will be in the Mesquiter office, and a member of the Mayor's family until after the holidays when she hopes to get a position in the representatives at Austin. Moore's plans now are to go to with the editor's family in the session of the legislature, convenes on January 8.

DR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

all.
g. Marie Stanford.
are, Matthew 7:12, by leader,
Church.
ong No. 269.
Talk No. 1, by Florene Rider.
Talk No. 2, by Mildred Richardson.
Talk No. 3, by Bertie Mae Leslie.
tory, by Imogene Middleton.
ible Story, by Mary Grace Dunn.
teading, by Frances Marie Church.
enediction.

Jail Grid Team
Big Film Laugh
At Queen Theatre

Karl Dane and George K. Arthur are partners in cinema as well as comedy in "Brotherly Love" which comes Friday to the Queen Theatre as a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer fun feature.

In the satire on "reform" prisons, the famous laugh team are seen as convicts in a collegiate penitentiary where they have guards only to keep paroled prisoners from breaking in again.

London's slums have been called the cup that holds the world's dregs. That would appeal to Emil Jannings, character star, as a setting for his dramatic talents, and the idea, evolved by him, has been translated into a motion picture called "The Street of Sin." Tuesday and Wednesday.

Will Rogers, star of "A Texas Steer," comedy special of First National Pictures, coming to the Queen Theatre next Thursday and Friday has the distinction being the world's first and only Congressman-at-large and in the film he has the part of a Texas cattleman elected to Congress.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our Sunday school is to welcome back our superintendent, who has been away for sometime. Let every department superintendent working through their officers, teachers and pupils seek to have a full attendance to greet his return.

The pastor will speak both morning and evening. Morning subject "A Life with a Purpose." Evening subject, "Valuing Christ." All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m. A welcome for all.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 Per Ton Sam Swann

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

COAST WALKER IS
MERKEL VISITOR

Drawing Small Toy Wagon From New York to Los Angeles; Varied Experiences

Merkel had a visitor Monday whose mode of travel was unique and attention compelling, to say the least, especially to those who have become accustomed to seeing highpowered cars speed along the "Broadway of America" at from 40 to 60 miles per hour.

The visitor was James Hand, drawing a small toy wagon with a cover not unlike the famous covered wagon of the not so long ago. Instead of the usual "tongue" for propelling purposes, a set of harness was used for the man to draw the wagon behind him. The wagon cover was filled with all kinds of inscriptions.

Mr. Hand is walking across the continent, pulling the little wagon that contains change of wearing apparel and souvenirs he picks up at the various places where he stops. His only object in making the trip, he said, was the adventure and fresh air. He started from the mayor's office in New York City June 15 of this year and expects to reach his destination, Los Angeles, about the first of the year.

Letters in possession of Mr. Hand show that he has had an interesting history. He was poisoned in a coal mine at Cherry, Ill. in 1909, and was dangerously ill for some time. Three years later an accident in the Cherry mine resulted in a broken back. In addition to this, he claims to be one of the survivors of the Cherry mine explosion, in which 257 men were killed. Walking, he says, furnishes relief from suffering. His only means of support while on the trip is by selling pencils and postcards, which has so far enabled to live at hotels in the great majority of stops. The traveler bears letters from every hotel where he has stayed, as well as from city officials and newspaper men along the route. He arrived in Merkel Sunday and was forced to stay over Monday and Monday night on account of the rain. His home is at Granville, Ill., where his wife and family reside.

P. T. A. Association
Organized at Caps

A Parent-Teacher association has been organized at Caps and is now holding semi-monthly meetings, with good interest reported.

Mrs. Roy Quattlebaum was chosen president and Miss Johnnie Hiads secretary-treasurer. Vice presidents elected were Mrs. W. D. Blanks, Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. W. A. Harber.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 Per Ton Sam Swann

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Georgia Bank Closed.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 29.—The Fourth National Bank of Macon, one of the largest financial institutions in central Georgia, closed its doors after a



\$8.00

Ask those who have tried our

ELECTRIC FACIALS FINGER WAVING

is a specialty at this shop—the most approved method. The latest equipment for every kind of Beauty Shop work as taught by the Marinello shop of Dallas.

Modern Marinello Beauty Shop

At Merkel Drug Co. Mrs. Billy Sheppard

two-hour run of withdrawals. Leon S. Dure, president, said the bank's board of directors at a special meeting had decided to close the doors and take steps toward reorganization of the institution.

QUEEN

SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES

FRIDAY, NOV. 30
Karl Dane and Geo. K. Arthur in
"BROTHERLY LOVE"

A football comedy with something that is new. Also the first chapter of "THE SCARLET ARROW" and two reel comedy "Call Your Shot"

SATURDAY, DEC. 1
Buddy Roosevelt in
"RIDE 'EM HIGH"

Some high riding, fast and rough. Also the first chapter of "THE SCARLET ARROW" and two reel comedy. All children under twelve admitted FREE

At Saturday Matinee only
MONDAY, DEC. 3
Jesse James, Jr., in

"Jesse James Under the Black Flag"

A thrilling, spectacular, historical drama portraying the true life of Jesse James, with Jesse James, Jr., playing his father's part. Also comedy, "Two Tar's" and International News

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 and 5
Emil Jannings in
"THE STREET OF SIN"

Bold, powerful, cruel as lightning, soft as moonlight, a picture of gasps, tears and waggish humor; a mighty picture of life's weakness and love's strength. It will color your dreams for months. Also Comedy and News

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, DEC. 6 and 7
Will Rogers in
"A TEXAS STEER"

From roping steers in Texas to throwing the bull in Washington, he's the people's choice for the president of funland, the laugh of both parties, elected by a landslide of behaws. Also comedy, "Trouble Galore" and Kinograms.

The new Ford has a very simple and effective lubrication system



THE lubrication system for the engine of the new Ford is as simple in principle as water running down-hill.

A gear pump in the bottom of the oil pan raises the oil to the valve chamber reservoir. From here it flows on to the main crankshaft bearings and the front camshaft bearing. Overflow oil drops into the oil pan tray and runs into troughs through which the connecting rods pass.

As the ends of these rods strike the oil they scoop up a supply for the connecting rod bearing. At the same time they set up a fine spray that lubricates the pistons and other moving parts.

From the tray the oil runs into the bottom of the pan, and is again drawn up through a fine mesh screen and pumped to the valve chamber.

This system is so effective that the five-quart contents of the oil pan pass through the pump twice in every mile when you are traveling at only 30 miles an hour. Yet there is only one movable part—the oil pump.

As a matter of fact, the lubrication system for the new Ford is so simple in design and so carefully made that it requires practically no service attention.

There is just one thing for you to do, but it is a very important thing... watch the oil! Change the oil every 500 miles and be sure the indicator rod never registers below low (L).

If the oil level is allowed to fall below low, the supply becomes insufficient to oil all parts as they should be oiled.

To insure best performance it is also advisable to have the chassis of your car lubricated every 500 miles. This has been made easy in the new Ford through the use of the high pressure grease gun system.

Proper oiling and greasing mean so much to the life of your car that they should not be neglected or carelessly done.

See your Ford dealer regularly. He is especially well-fitted to lubricate the new Ford and he will do a good, thorough job at a fair price.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Pay Cash For Your Gasoline and Oils

We desire to announce to our patrons and the general public that, following the lead of modern business this Station will go on a

CASH BASIS DEC. 1

After December 1 we will keep no credit books. In inaugurating the cash system, we believe we can better serve our customers and give them the benefit of the very lowest prices by eliminating the expense of book-keeping and collecting.

Quaker State Oil
Brunswick Tires
Conoco and Gulf Gasoline

It costs you less to pay cash and will enable us to serve you better. Quality products and quality service at all times.

Broadway Service Station

BUFORD BOOKS.

BUFORD SMITH

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Practically new Dodge Victory Sedan at a saving. Ross Ferrier at Merkel Garage.

FOR SALE—Large Shapley heating stove for wood or coal, suitable for homes, churches or school. Known as furnace stove. Bargain. Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE—Cole heater, good as new. C. S. Higgins Garage.

FOR SALE—Old papers, 15 cents per bundle of 100. Apply Merkel Mail.

WOOD FOR SALE—\$2.00 per Mexican cord; 2 1-2 miles northeast of Merkel. L. B. McClain, Route 4.

FORD truck for sale. Good '26 model, special transmission and good casings. Engine in good shape. J. H. Menges, Polly Blacksmith Shop.

FOR SALE—Coal hot blast stove, practically new. Charlie Jones.

FOR SALE—1 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, good as new.
1 Folding Ironing Board.
See Mrs. Sie Hamm or Phone 167.

FOR SALE—Two complete dump gravel beds. See W. W. Wallis.

FRESH COW for sale. Mrs. E. B. Wilburn, near Compere.

FOR SALE—1,000 bushels hasting oats, clear of Johnson Grass. J. E. Boaz, Phone 200.

FOR SALE—Jersey heifers, heavy springers, the good kind. At my place at Noodle. T. C. Jinkens.

ONE WHITE Wyandotte cockrel for sale. F. Y. Gaither.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—160 acre farm. C. A. Duncan, Trent, Texas Route 2.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms with gas, lights, and water. See J. C. Tucker at home of Mrs. E. D. Coats.

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished rooms. See Mrs. Dan Reidnbach.

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished rooms; will board couple or two ladies. F. E. Church.

TWO ROOMS for light house-keeping, water in house, lights, gas, phone, bath, handy; garage if wanted. Phone 278W. B. M. Black.

WANTED

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

LOST AND FOUND

\$25.00 REWARD—Lost Gold South-bend watch on Bickley lease, size 16 no questions asked. Return to Merkel Mail or call 215. Frank Mullican.

FOUND—One part bull dog, part white and black. Owner reply Camp Fair. Box 553, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—Black police pup, about two months old Reward. Call Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, Phone 276J.

FOUND—Pair of pants, owner can recover by identifying and paying for this advertisement.

Merkel High School Over KFYO Tuesday

The Merkel High School Choral Glee clubs, under the direction Miss Christine Collins, with Mrs. Fates Brown at the piano, will appear over KFYO next Tuesday evening from 8 to 9, presenting both vocal and piano numbers. The inclement weather and the condition of the roads prevented the performance being presented last Monday.

Notice to Odd Fellows members of Merkel Lodge No. 335, O. F., are earnestly urged to attend the regular meeting of the lodge on Monday night, Dec. 10. Business of importance is to be transacted which each and every member should follow the business of the lodge.

Merkel Lodge No. 335, O. F., Porter, N. G. M. Elliott, Sec.

Merkel Theatre Now Under Management of Curtis S. Wilcox

Effective this week, the Merkel theatre passed to the management of C. S. Wilcox, who has been connected with the theatre since its opening.

It will be the aim of Mr. Wilcox, he said in assuming the management of the house, to make it a feature playhouse, showing the very best pictures available, and those that appeal to the theatre-goers of Merkel and this territory. To this end, he invites suggestions from patrons, and will exert every effort to procure pictures for which there is a popular demand.

Mr. Wilcox has been a resident of Merkel for three or four years and knows the kind of pictures that the people like. He has practically grown up in the show business, which gives him a grasp of his new duties which his many friends declare will enable him to make a success of the Merkel theatre.

COMPERE NEWS

Due to the weather farm work has been delayed this week.

The missionary ladies of Zion chapel rendered a Thanksgiving program Sunday night which was enjoyed by the large crowd.

Rev. Berryhill and wife took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin are spending two weeks in McKinney on business.

School is progressing nicely under the supervision of R. D. Price, Principal, Miss Nina McAninch sixth and seventh; Mrs. Marvin Milner fourth and fifth; Robye Evans, primary.

Mrs. W. T. Evans, Sewell Evans, Haskell, and Mrs. M. D. Goodyear and Leta Goodyear, Anson, visited Miss Robye Evans Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marvin Milner visited relatives in Abilene the past week-end.

Misses E. C. Spurgin, Sam Guy, and Misses Robye Evans, Nina McAninch, Maud Cook, Gertrude Cook and Mary Jane Guy attended the four cornered singing school Sunday afternoon at Hodges.

Quite a few from this community enjoyed "King of Kings" at the Merkel Theatre Saturday night.

Etcyle Spurgin was the guest Sunday of Conrad Guy.

Raymond Adkins is on the sick list this week.

Every one has a special invitation to attend singing at Compere Sunday afternoon.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$17.50 Per Ton Sam Swann

Adding Machine paper—Typewriter paper and ribbons—Loose leaf ledgers and all kind of office supplies—Hamm Drug Co.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail



WHAT OUR BEAUTY SHOP Offers to the Women of MERKEL

- A Smart Bob
- A Perfect Manicure
- A Chic Finger Wave
- A Fascinating Marcel
- A Healthful Shampoo
- A Natural Permanent and

Arnao Steamer Scalp Treatment

The expertness of our operators and our moderate prices insure your complete satisfaction.

Phone for Appointment

Marinello Shop
Mollye Shannon
Phone 123

SHEEP RAISERS WAR ON WOLVES

Sheep and goat raisers of Taylor county, meeting at Abilene last Saturday, perfected an organization, the purpose of which is war on wolves and other animals in sections of the county where the sheep and goats of the ranchers are being killed by wolves in considerable numbers.

Lem Dudley, rancher living south of Merkel, was elected secretary-treasurer of the association.

A round table discussion was had as to the means of maintaining a government trapper in the county, following which D. C. Walker of the Hogan Loftland ranch, who has been in the state and county for about a year, combined employe of the association, told the ranchmen about his work.

He reported that he had trapped 85 or 90 wolves since he has been in the work here.

The body voted to retain the services of the trapper and advanced plans for presenting the matter before the county board of commissioners at their next meeting in December.

The election of president and vice-president of the association was deferred until the next meeting. L. S. Mungor and P. L. White, president and vice-president, respectively, are candidates for re-election.

C. Metz Heald, county farm agent, spoke telling of his trips through the county, when he learned of wolves preying upon the sheep at many of the farms he visited. He said the beasts are also killing chickens and turkeys. He urged that taxpayers be asked to support the maintenance of a trapper in the county.

"Other Texas counties have upward of 10 trappers, and Taylor has only one," he pointed out. "The trapping of one wolf that is damaging a flock of sheep, goats or poultry is worth the salary of a trapper for a month," he said. He told of prospects for sheep and goat raising in the county.

Eli Perkins is the retiring secretary-treasurer.

The following attended the meeting: W. O. Davis and Martin of Abilene; H. W. Cathey, ranching near Tuscola; L. A. Wall, 20 miles southwest of Abilene; W. T. Lindley and son, Hardy Lindley, 14 miles southwest of Abilene; Dudley, Perkins and Walker.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Dr. H. P. Hulsey and family left Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. Hulsey's mother at Caddo Mills, in Hunt county. They expect to return by Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burgess and Miss Julia Martin left Wednesday for Austin, where they will see the game between Texas and A. & M. and will go from there to San Antonio to attend the State Teachers Association.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton returned home Tuesday from the Alexander Sanitarium, and is recovering nicely from a very serious operation.

Mrs. Vernon Simpson of Trent has been spending the week with her father, J. S. Thomas.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, McMurry student, came home Wednesday to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

F. L. Gordon and C. L. Bowwell transacted business in Trent and Blair Friday evening.

Bob Fowler, who has been engaged for sometime in the building of some

homes in Dawson county, has returned to his home in Merkel.

Mrs. G. R. Cathey, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey, for some time, returned last week to her home in Coleman.

Wren Durham and Byron Curb left Wednesday for Austin to witness the football game between Tex-

as and A. & M. Both are former Texas students.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz Jr. returned the first of the week from Canyon, where she was called some time ago, on account of the death of her father. Her mother, Mrs. Cyrus Eakman, returned to Merkel with her, and will remain permanently in the Diltz home.

Try a Classified Ad for Results
Try a Classified Ad for Results



NO BEATING AROUND THE BUSH.

We do not have to do any "explaining" about our filling station and garage service. We tolerate nothing but careful and painstaking attention to every customer. Quality oils and greases, with expert attendants to serve you. If you have never had the pleasure of perfect tire satisfaction, we urge you to try the Brunswick.

EXPERT REPAIRING GREASING, ETC.

Everybody's Garage

TELEPHONE 72

"Your Friends Can Buy Anything You Can Give Them Except Your Photograph"

RODDEN'S STUDIO

O. R. RODDEN, PROP.

MERKEL, TEXAS

November 25, 1928.

Mr. & Mrs. Public, Merkel, Tex.

Dear Folks:

One month till Christmas! It seems like a long time, but you will be surprised how quickly it passes. Why, even now you can feel the Holiday Spirit spreading. Thanksgiving just makes a convenient stepping-stone to Christmas.

You ought to start thinking now about the gifts you're going to give. We want to suggest photographs. That will be something different this year. All your friends and all your family would enjoy having a real portrait of you. A portrait represents the essence of Christmas - - A personal Greeting.

You've no doubt seen portraits by Rodden and liked them. They're high in quality and moderate in price. Drop in this week and arrange for your Christmas portraits. Then you will avoid the worry and rush that start next month. Remember "Photographs Live Forever."

Very Truly Yours,
RODDEN STUDIO.

\$35 Wristlets we fully recommend

Gruen Cartouche, \$35.

The impression is widespread that a Gruen Watch is necessarily expensive, yet here is one of several thoroughly reliable models in sturdy reinforced gold cases at only \$35.

Let us explain how Gruen obtains dependability with daintiness in this patented Cartouche movement.

REX A. SMITH
JEWELER
The Diamond Merchant
243 Pine St. Abilene, Texas

EXTRA SPECIAL

On Saturday, Dec. 1st, just one day only we will have a special sale on our famous Brazos coffee which will be run along with other Saturday Specials.

Our old customers all know Brazos Coffee and to those who do not know it will state that we positively guarantee every can to give entire satisfaction or your money will be cheerfully refunded.

In addition to the regular premium that we are giving with this coffee which is a beautiful berry set for Saturday only we will give three pounds of sugar with each three pound can of Brazos coffee and the coffee will be sold at the regular price of \$1.63, which is the price of the coffee without the sugar.

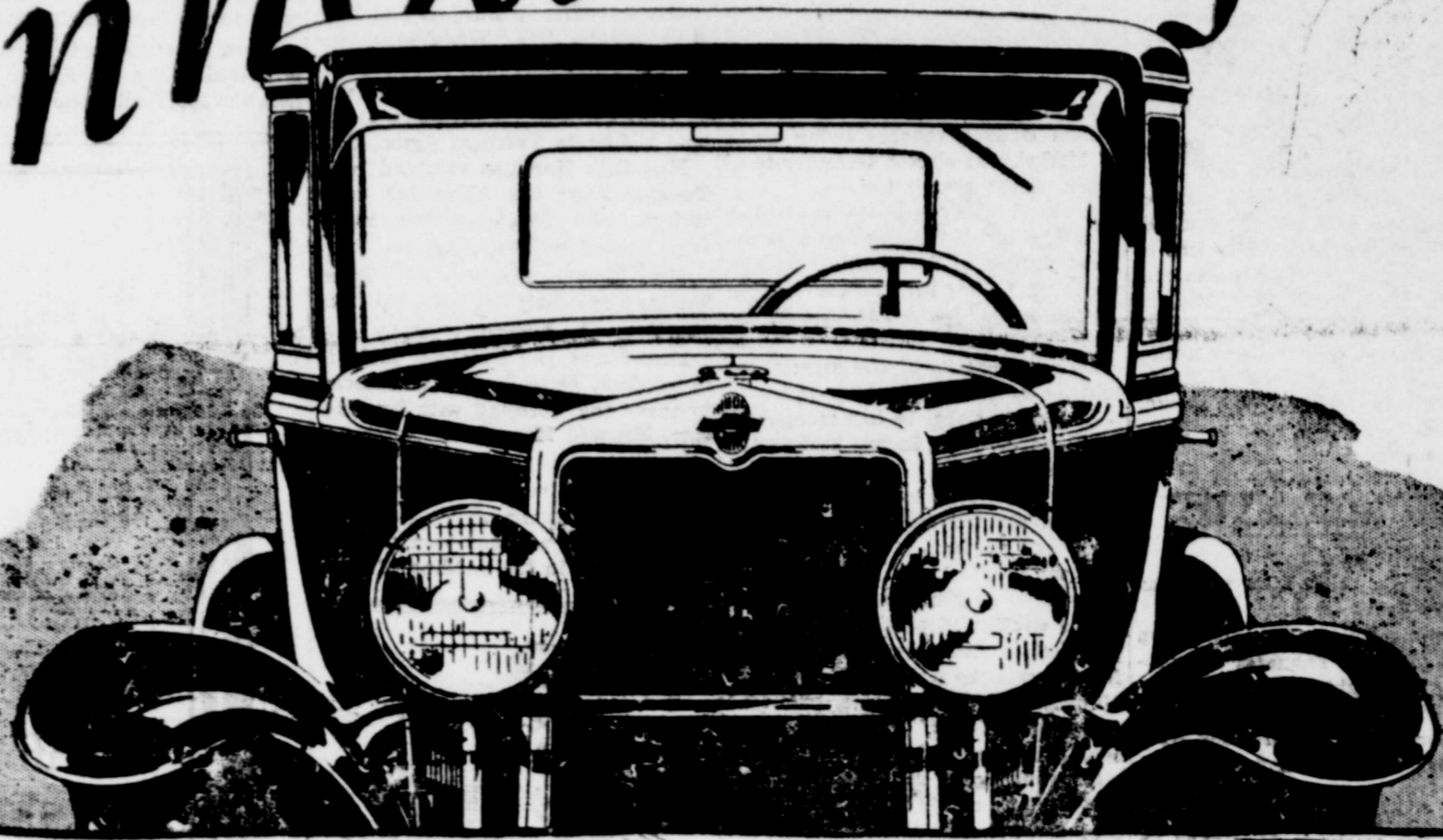
REMEMBER THIS IS FOR ONE DAY SATURDAY ONLY.

Come and spend some cash with the store that gives you more and better goods for the cash.

M. G. SCOTT CASH GROCERY

TRENT, TEXAS

Announcing -



The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History - a Six in the price range of the four!

The Chevrolet Motor Company announces The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History... a Six in the price range of the four!

Spectacular as Chevrolet's achievements have been in the past... notable as its engineering triumphs have proved themselves to be—this remarkable new car dwarfs every previous Chevrolet accomplishment. Not only does it introduce into the low-priced field an entirely new measure of performance, comfort, beauty and style—but it is sold at prices so low as to alter every previous conception of motor car value.

The new six-cylinder valve-in-head engine—developed from more than a hundred motors designed especially for this sensational car—stands out as an engineering masterpiece. With a power increase of approximately 32% over the previous Chevrolet motor, with sensationally greater speed, and faster acceleration—it offers a type of performance that is literally astounding... even to those who have been driving cars costing hundreds of dollars more.

Throughout the entire speed range, it performs with a smoothness and quietness of operation that have never before been approached in a low-priced automobile. At the slower speeds of city traffic it idles along with wonderful silence and ease. On boulevards and country roads it responds with an eagerness that is a constant delight. It takes the longest and steepest hills with an abundant reserve of power that is a source of pride to the driver. And its economy of operation

averages better than 20 miles to the gallon of gasoline!

This revolutionary performance has been achieved as a result of the greatest array of engineering advancements that Chevrolet has ever announced. A high compression, non-detonating cylinder head... a new heavier crankshaft, statically and dynamically balanced... automatic lubrication of the entire rocker arm mechanism... semi-automatic spark control... hot-spot manifold... gasoline pump and filter... new and larger carburetor, with automatic acceleration pump and improved venturi choke... fabric camshaft gear... heavier driving gears... heavier differential gears... improved crankcase breathing system... improved lubrication... new 4-wheel brakes that are powerful, safe and quiet under all conditions—these indicate the importance of a group of engineering advancements that embrace every major unit of the entire chassis.

In appearance, this Outstanding Chevrolet is destined to become an automotive sensation—so smart, so stylish and so distinctively appointed that it rivals the costliest custom creations. The new Fisher bodies are longer, lower and roomier with an adjustable driver's seat in all closed models—and reveal the matchless artistry of Fisher designers. With their modish new colors, their smart dual mouldings and their distinctive concave pillars, they achieve a degree of original beauty that has seldom been equalled in motor car design.

You are cordially invited to visit our showroom and secure complete and detailed information on this sensational new car which will be ready for delivery beginning January 1st.

The Roadster... \$525	The Convertible... \$725
The Phaeton... \$525	Light Delivery Chassis... \$400
The Coach... \$595	1 1/2 Ton Chassis... \$545
The Coupe... \$595	1 1/2 Ton Chassis With Cab... \$650
The Sedan... \$675	Sedan Delivery... \$595
The Sport Cabriolet... \$695	

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

Advance Showings

The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History will be displayed in a series of advance showings in the cities listed below:

- New York, Nov. 24-29, Waldorf Astoria Hotel and Chevrolet Retail Store, Broadway at 57th
- Detroit, Nov. 24-29, General Motors Bldg. Auditorium
- Washington, D. C., Dec. 1-4, The Mayflower Hotel
- Chicago, Dec. 1-6, Pure Oil Bldg., Wacker Drive & Wabash Avenue
- Los Angeles, Dec. 1-6, Ambassador Hotel Auditorium
- San Francisco, Dec. 8-13, Civic Auditorium Larkin Hall
- Cincinnati, Dec. 8-14, Hotel Sinton
- St. Louis, Dec. 8-14, Arcadia Ballroom 3515 Olive St.
- Atlanta, Dec. 18-22, The Auditorium—Armory
- Dallas, Dec. 18-22, Adolphus Hotel Junior Ballroom
- Portland, Ore., Dec. 18-22, Public Auditorium

BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET COMPANY

MERKEL, TEXAS

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Friday
Tren
Mr.
and He
here vi
Mr.
flying
Sunday
Mr.
cent ne
honey
Mrs.
days w
W. E
ed from
they h
interes
Clint
John
with th
Mrs.
from C
water
G. Scot
Mrs.
few da
her hu
ville se
Miss
were n
Gayl
a visit
J. M
home t
visiting
Ben
the me
er.
Sam
visited
week.
Mr.
visited
and fa
John
were v
Give
the su
we bel
regula
Marke
Bar
with o
vestors
you to
Thi
store
reason
Barga
You
when
Dr.
uate i
license
does n
dicitis,
tonsils
He l
sults i
bowels
ney, b
weak l
ulcers
Belo
many
have b
causes
Mrs.
Mrs.
W. J
lbe
Hr

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and Herbert Beckham of Lamesa are here visiting homefolks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop made a flying trip to their ranch at Lamesa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Minck, recent newlyweds, left Sunday on their honeymoon.

Mrs. John Payne is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Shouse.

W. H. Hale and family have returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where they have been for sometime in the interest of Mr. Hale's health.

Clinton Bryan who is a student in John Tarlton College spent Sunday with the homefolks.

Mrs. G. C. Williams and children from Cross Plains en route to Sweetwater spent Friday night with the M. G. Scott family.

Mrs. Robert Martin is spending a few days with her parents here, while her husband is on a hunt in the Kerrville section.

Miss Ruby Self and Austin Watts were married here Sunday.

Gaylord Wood has returned from a visit with his uncle at Big Spring.

J. M. Cross of Ranger has returned home to meet his wife who has been visiting relatives in Arkansas.

Byn Howell has sold his interest in the meat market here to Clark Hammer.

Sam Howell and wife of Ft. Worth visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Merkel visited their daughter, Mrs. Simpson and family Sunday.

John Howell and family of Abilene were visitors in Trent Saturday.

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.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us. Thomson and Boswell

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

Your favorite cigar is always moist when you buy it at—Hamm Drug Co.

Coming to ABILENE Dr. Mellenthin

SPECIALIST
in Internal Medicine for the past fifteen years

DOES NOT OPERATE

Will be at
Grace Hotel
Tues. and Wed. Dec. 11 and 12
Office Hours: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

TWO DAYS ONLY

No Charge for Consultation

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas. He does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers of stomach tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas who have been treated for one of the above causes:

Mrs. Ilai Bean, Grapeland.
Mrs. Tom Bolton, Clarksville.
W. H. Brogden, Crosbyton.
Albert Cooper, Conroe.
Ilfred Erfurt, Kendalia.
A. Krause, Yoakum.
S. J. D. McCollough, Colorado.
Orsak, Sealy.
Nora Hillboldt, Cat Springs.
Number above date, that consultation trip will be free and that tent is different.
women must be accompanied by their husbands.
224 Bradbury Bldg., Los Alamos, California.

Gums-Pyorrhea
loose teeth or sore
gums, disgusting to behold, all
due to Pyorrhea Remedy
recommended by leading
dentists. Never disappears
unless you use it.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins and daughters, Francis and Nell, visited during the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Zebb Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson and baby of Trent were guests last Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan have a bouncing baby boy born the 24th.

Mrs. A. P. Sanford and children of Tuscola visited relatives here the past week-end.

Sherman Rosson is enjoying the ownership of a Nash coach.

Mrs. Sam Phillips spent the past week in Abilene.

Misses Eva Farmer and McDonald of Merkel, Misses Nola and Vera Bell Provine were guests with Miss Clara Phillips last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Chappell and Mrs. Hugh Campbell motored to Abilene Saturday to attend the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family have moved back to their home in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears motored to Hodges to attend the singing Sunday.

The Salt Branch B. Y. P. U. rendered an interesting program at the Baptist church Sunday evening and we will welcome these young people again.

There will be preaching at the Blair Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday by Brother Owen, the missionary.

CANYON NEWS

It appears that winter is determined to come full blast and find some cotton still unpicked and worlds of feed still in the fields.

The mixed car of calves and hogs that Sam Butman, Sr., shipped last week found fair market prices at Ft. Worth. Hogs were selling at 8.70 and calves at 9.10 per pound.

J. D. Jones has been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Miss Lottie Butman was hostess at an old fashioned apron party Saturday night. There were about fifteen neat aprons for the gentlemen to hem and great pride was taken in showing their sewing genius. Prizes were awarded for the best seamsters, Odis Pribble receiving first prize and Burnett Orr second prize. Other interesting games were played.

Brother Marvin Williams was appointed on the Blair Methodist church circuit in Brother Reginald Hardy's stead. Brother Hardy was appointed on the Westover circuit.

Everybody is asked to remember that Sunday is regular preaching day at the Live Oak Baptist church at Nubia and you are invited to attend the service there.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.
\$17.50 Per Ton
Sam Swann

Take home a box of good candy, our candy is fresh—Hamm Drug Co.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

DIAMONDS T.C. WILSON WATCHES

JEWELER

TELEPHONE 6
118 Chestnut Street

ABILENE, TEXAS.

= Gafton =

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 30
A Guaranteed Attraction
William Fox Presents
"NONE BUT THE BRAVE"
A story of youth making good. In this picture you will see the recent International Bathing Beauty Pageant in gorgeous beautiful technicolor.
Also Pathe presents "The Eagle of the Night"
And M. G. M. News.

SATURDAY
Hoot Gibson in a new one
"THE FLYING COWBOY"
Hoot brings you plenty of thrills and laughs galore.
Also Comedy—News

MONDAY—TUESDAY
A Paramount Special
ZANE GREY'S
"THE WATER HOLE"
with Jack Holt and Nancy Carroll
A Great Show—also comedy, "Leave 'Em Laughing"

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY
A Super-Special
Douglas Fairbanks as
"THE GAUCHO"
Doug brings you more wildcat action than ever before. Better see it.
Comedy, "Half Back Hannah" and News

COMING SOON
Clara Bow in her newest and cutest
"THE FLEET'S IN"
WATCH FOR DATE

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

PROFESSIONAL

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.
Office Over Farmers State Bank.
Res. Phone 12. Office 196.
Local Surgeon T. & P. For Last 10 Years.
Furnish Drugs From Office.

Dr's. Grimes & Sadler
PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS
HOSPITAL FACILITIES
—X-RAY—
PHONE DR. GRIMES PHONE DR. SADLER
Res. 165 Of. 163 Res. 136 Of. 169

PAULINE JOHNSON
Successor to
G. W. JOHNSON
Insurance—Notary Public
In New City Hall—Front St.
Merkel — Texas

W. W. WHEELER
Real Estate, Fire, Accident and
Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.
Office over Crown Hardware Co.

—PILES CURED—
No Knife No Pain No Detention from Work
DR. E. E. COCKRELL
Rectal and Skin Specialist
of Abilene, Texas
Phone No. 359 Alexander Bldg

Lee R. York
LAWYER
Civil Practice in all Courts. Special attention to land titles and probate matters.
711 and 712 Mims Building
ABILENE, TEXAS

H. P. HULSEY, D. C.
CHIROPRACTOR
Merkel, Texas Phone 51
In Boney Building on Front St.

Dr. Chas. E. Harrison
Practice Limited to
The Eye and its Errors of Refraction
Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted.
PHONE 2020
209 Clinton Bldg. Over Brooks D.G.
ABILENE, TEXAS

FREE! FREE!
One Large 8x10 Enlargement with each \$5.00 worth of Kodak Finishing

RODDEN'S STUDIO
Roll Developed 10c; Prints 3,4,5c
—ONE DAY SERVICE—
All Work Strictly Guaranteed

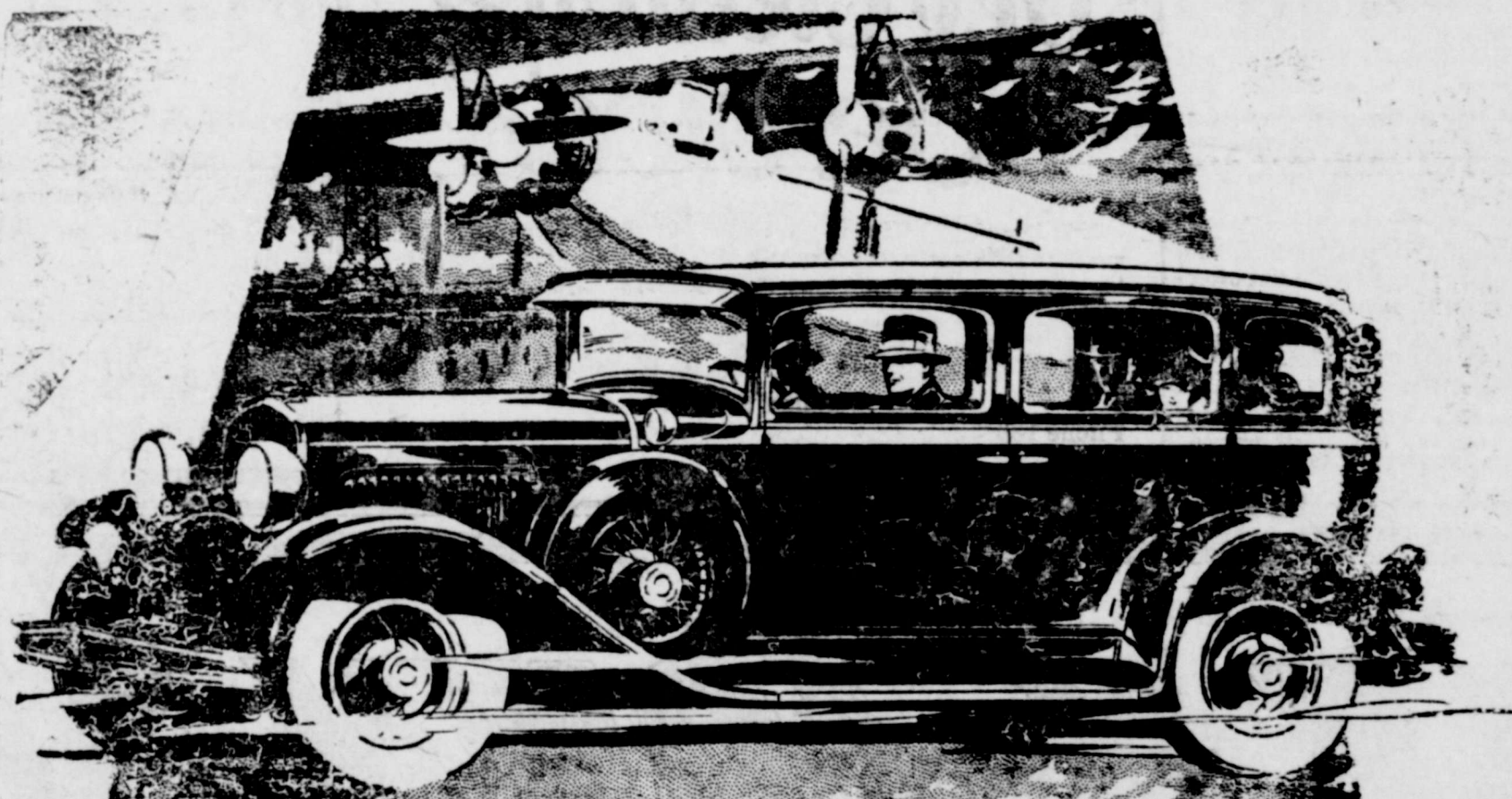
J. T. (Tom) COATS
WATER WELL DRILLER
My Work As Good As The Best.
Phone 274W
Merkel, Texas

Len Sublett
Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 164w P. O. Box 224

Full Set Teeth \$17.50
No Better Plate Made at Any Price
22-k Gold used in all Crown and
Bridgework at \$4.50 and Up
Gold Filling \$1.50 and Up.
I Cure Those Old Bad Gums.

NATURAL GUMS
DR. HOUGHTON
All Work Guaranteed
25 Years Experience
SOUTH SIDE DENTIST
116 1-2 Chestnut St. Abilene.

Dr. W. A. BUCKNER
Dentist
Office, Farmers State Bank Bldg.
Phone, Office 196



New Chrysler "75" Royal Sedan, \$1535
Wire wheels extra. Immediate delivery.

The Scramble to Match Chrysler Style, Performance and Value

The Chrysler owner takes pride in the way Chrysler constantly provides wholly new, distinctive and original engineering developments . . . He surveys with quiet satisfaction the scramble of competition to catch up with Chrysler style, performance and value . . . An ever-growing public, appreciative of the greater values in Chrysler, bestows its marked approval upon

Chrysler's originality—upon the new Chrysler style which re-styles all motor cars—and the new performance which out-Chryslers even Chrysler . . . And because people everywhere realize that all these features in Chrysler cannot be had in other cars that sell for even a thousand dollars more, it is easy to understand why Chrysler's greatest production is taxed to the utmost.

New Chrysler "75" Prices—(with 6-ply full-balloon tires). Royal Sedan, \$1535; Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1535; Roadster (with rumble seat), \$1535; Town Sedan, \$1635; Crown Sedan, \$1635; Convertible Coupe (with rumble seat), \$1795; 2-passenger Phaeton, \$1795; 7-passenger Phaeton, \$1865;

Convertible Sedan, \$2345. Wire wheels extra . . . 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. Wire wheels extra. All prices f. o. b. Detroit. Immediate deliveries.

CHRYSLER

Front Street **MAVERICK MOTOR COMPANY** Merkel, Texas

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29—Vera Baker sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—J. T. Darsey Jr. Miss. Editor—Frances Frederickson.
 Asst. Editor-in-Chief—Milton Case Senior Reporter—Raymond Earhman.
 Sport Editor—J. D. Ashby. Junior Reporter—J. T. Darsey Jr.
 Humor Editor—Willie Harris. Sophomore Reporter—Louise Booth
 Society Editor—Dorice Brown. Freshman Reporter—Willie Evelyn Boaz.

MERKEL JUNIORS LOSE TO CENTRAL WARD OF ABILENE

On last Tuesday, November 21st, the local boys' Junior team journeyed to Abilene, where they met the gridiron warriors of Central ward at 3:30 o'clock, losing 12 to 7.

In the first quarter, great running by Central made one touchdown. They were unable to gain the extra point after goal. Then a blocked kick enabled, Huddleston, himself a former Merkel player, to score the other touchdown. Again Abilene was unable to kick goal against the powerful little Merkel team. That ended the scoring as far as Central was concerned.

In the last quarter Joel Darsey, one of the Merkel halfbacks, caught a pass and made the remaining 35 yards to goal for a touchdown. King of Merkel then illustrated to the Central kickers how to drop-kick a perfect goal.

The game ended with Central ward still leading, but the Merkel team had completely stopped the "Little Eagles" and had scored themselves in the latter part.

The starting line up for Merkel was Right end, Chester Frady; right tackle, Wayne Nickleson; right guard Alton Davis; center, La Doyte Warren; left guard, Isadore Mellingner; left tackle, Selma Jones; left end, Cullen Tittle; quarterback, Leon McGaughey; right half, Joel Darsey; left half, Harry Boaz; full back, Minter King.

MERKEL BADGERS MEET SYLVESTER HERE THANKSGIVING

At 2:30 o'clock Turkey day, on the local gridiron, will begin one of the biggest football classics of this section when the Merkel Badgers meet the strong Sylvester eleven. A great game is in prospect.

In as much as this is the last game of their high school careers for several of the boys, it is expected that there will be some great playing.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS.

On Monday the Juniors held a brief business session to select their class colors and flower. A red carnation was the flower selected, while the colors will be white and red.

Even though they lost the big prize of the recent annual contest, the Juniors are gradually getting up pep. The honor of being second to

only the great Freshman class, ably assisted by the dignified Seniors.

While there is no prize except the honor attached, the Juniors are striving to be 100 per cent for the Badgers by all buying tickets to the big game here Turkey day with Sylvester. So far as is known, this is the only class in school to thus so signally declare their intentions to help the Badgers.

FACULTY ENJOYS PICNIC.

The faculty of the Merkel public school met on Thursday evening at 5:30 o'clock for a delightful picnic on Mulberry creek. The men proved to be excellent fire builders and soon everyone was busy roasting weiners, bacon, and marshmallows. With these they enjoyed buns, apples, cakes, pickles, olives, and coffee. All too soon the hour arrived for going home. Those enjoying the occasion were: Misses Eunice Russell, Pogue, Melba West, Heizer, Guitar, Hays, Bridwell, Jessie Rodden, Lucy Tracy, Sloan, Baker, Martin; Mesdames Cookston, Len Subblett, Teaff, Young; Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown; Messrs. Duke, Burgess; Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

BAIRD 7, MERKEL 7.

One of the best high school games of West Texas was played Friday when Baird and Merkel tied, 7 to 7. Merkel scored the tying touchdown and extra point as the final whistle blew after Baird had scored in the same quarter.

Bell's sensational playing and the interference running of Stephen featured for Baird and Little, Boaz, and Guitar starred for Merkel.

Merkel kicked off to Baird at the opening of the game. Merkel's line held for three downs on Baird's 40 yard line after the short kick-off and a pass Bell to Putman, gained twenty yards. After three incomplete passes Bell punted 45 yards to the 3 yard line. Merkel punted to Baird's 23 yard line and Merkel held Baird for downs. Merkel punted and Bell returned it 36 yards as the first quarter ended.

Bell gained 11 yards through the line and Stephens emulated him, but Merkel braced and the ball went over. Boaz and Williams gained 31 yards and Darby blocked a pass, Boaz to Ashby, as the last half ended.

Bell received the kickoff on the 3 yard line and returned to the 38 yard line. A pass, Bell to Camlett, gained 45 yards, but Merkel held and the

teams battled almost in mid-field. Bell averaged 45 yards on three punts returns, placing the ball in scoring position and Elder on a "quarterback sneak" play through center, scored a touchdown for Baird. Bell dropped-kicked a perfect goal for extra point.

Baird kicked off to Merkel's 35 yard line. By line bucks and end plays, Merkel placed the ball on Baird's 40 yard line. Boaz tossed a 35 yard pass to Tittle, who crossed the goal line as the game ended. Boaz added extra point to tie the game.

TEACHERS TO SAN ANTONIO.

The Texas Teachers' Association meets in San Antonio on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday of this week. Although the meeting is some five hundred miles distant from Merkel, three of the faculty are going. Mr. Burgess will drive through in his car and will be accompanied by Miss Bridwell, Miss Martin and Mrs. Burgess. They will go via Ft. Worth, Waco and Austin, stopping off at Austin to see the annual gridiron clash between A. & M. and Texas University. Some forty thousand tickets have already been sold to this football game, always the most largely attended game in the southwest.

This is the fiftieth annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association, and some ten thousand teachers are expected to attend. Besides our governor and state superintendent, many out-of-state speakers of note will be in attendance and address the Association.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We had a good day at the North Side Church of Christ last Sunday. Let us do a little better next Sunday. W. G. Cyfert will preach next Sunday at 11 o'clock, also at 7 p. m. If possible, let us have all the Sunday school teachers present at 10 o'clock. All are invited to be with us.

Wanted—To buy maize heads.
\$17.50 Per Ton
Sam Swann

Dry Cleaning Service!

Isn't it real satisfaction to know that when you send your garments to the cleaner that they will get the best and most painstaking attention. That's the kind of service we always try to render.

CITY DRY CLEANERS

"Sudden Service" Kent Street Phone 189



IDLEWISE

Miss Mary Cleo Booth was the charming hostess at a lovely party, complimenting members of the Idlewise club.

Gorgeous autumn flowers adorned the entertaining rooms; massed chrysanthemums and tall American beauty roses reflected a riot of color, a beautiful setting for the rich colorings produced in the gowns of the guests.

Games of Auction Bridge progressed until tea time, when the hostess served a most delectable sandwich plate with sweets and chocolate to Misses Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Melba West, Vennie Heizer, Lucy Tracy, Mesdames W. V. Ransey of Abilene, Cummings Mayfield, Grimes, Brown, White Hamm, Smith, Largent, Cookston and Dillingham.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson, near Noodle Dome, was the scene of much merriment, when all of their children gathered there last Sunday morning to help Mr. Henderson celebrate his birthday.

At the noon hour a delicious chicken dinner, with all the accessories, was spread, the lovely birthday cake, with its 58 lighted candles, gracing the center of the table. Mr. Henderson received many gifts and many called in the afternoon to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Those present at the noon hour were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and two children, Juanita Faye and Ernest Nelson Jr., of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and their children who

were at home; Thomas Jr., Atwell, and Ina Faye.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school 10 a. m. Be on time not only to count in attendance, but for the good you may get, and be to somebody in your class. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by communion service Offering for Reynolds Home will be made. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Meeting of session Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

CARD OF THANKS.

To those friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful in our recent sorrow during the illness and death of our sister, Mrs. P. I. Stevenson, we wish to assure you that we feel very grateful to you and pray that God's blessings will be upon you.

M. G. Scott and Family.
Trent, Texas.

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

This is to notify you that our store will be headquarters for reasonable Xmas Gifts. Boston Bargain Store.

Merkel Teachers Join Association

Merkel teachers are again in the 100 per cent column. During the last week every teacher in the system has joined the Texas State Teachers' Association. The Association includes some ten thousand progressive Texas teachers. This association fights the battles of the Texas schools, and Merkel is 100 per cent behind it. The following teachers of Merkel (the entire faculty) are members of the Association:

Eunice Russell, life member, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Alzada Pogue, Melba West, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Vennie Heizer, Lucile Guitar, Mrs. Alice Cookston, Imogene Hayes, Marthalee Bridwell, Minnie Coates, Jessie Rodden, Ralph Duke, Mrs. Len Sublett, Lucy Tracy, Mrs. Geneva Young, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Julia Martin, Melvin Davis, and Supt. Roger A. Burgess, life member.

The Association has its fiftieth meeting in San Antonio on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. Those who will attend this meeting from Merkel are: Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Miss Marthalee Bridwell, and Miss Julia Martin, and Mrs. Len Sublett.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

MERKEL THEATRE

Under New Management
SHOWING GOOD PICTURES IN A GOOD TOWN.

THURSDAY MILTON SILLS IN "THE CRASH"

The story is a melodrama of the railroad. An ex-war veteran who finds a job as a wrecker-boss high in the Sierras

Supported by Thelma Todd, Directed by Eddie Cline.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BOB CUSTER IN "ARIZONA DAYS"

The Cowboy Cyclone in a big time Western.
Also Mystery Serial "The Mark of the Frog"
Comedy and News

NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY RICHARD DIX IN "MORAN OF THE MARINES"

Another Big Paramount Picture.
Wednesday and Thursday Nights are Family Nights
The Whole Family for 50 cents
YOUR THEATRE. COME AND FEEL AT HOME

TALK OF THE TOWN SALE



Yes, this big sale has been not only the talk of the town, but of the country for miles around. The people of this section have been quick to realize the wonderful bargains we are offering and have bought liberally. To buy the very choicest merchandise right at the beginning of the winter season is an opportunity seldom offered. The "talk-of-the-Town" sale continues with the same low prices all over the store. Read a few of the special offerings below—they are only samples of what the entire store offers:

Ladies' \$1.50 Outing Pajamas 98c Saturday Only	Ladies' \$1.95 Long Sleeve House Dresses. 98c Saturday Only	50c Gingham and Prints the yard special 29c	Childrens Coats 2 to 6 \$2.95	Misses Coats \$4.95 to \$10.75
Men's Suits \$28.50 two pant Suits—Now \$17.50	OVERCOATS \$22.50 Now \$17.85 \$32.50 Now \$26.85	SHOES—Cheaper than ever before to get cash.	Boys' and Girls Union Suits Save Half and buy here	Men's Furnishings priced to turn into money during this

DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING NOW--GIVE PRACTICAL GIFTS AND SAVE DURING THIS SALE

Bragg Dry Goods Company