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## PLAN WHITE WAY SYSTEM ON OAK STREET

### LIONS TOLD OF LIGHTING PLAN ON OAK STREET

White Way of Nineteen Ornamental Lights in Center of Street; Paving Work to Start First of Next Month.

Mayor H. C. West, called on to speak at the meeting of the Lions club Tuesday at noon, said the city council had contracted with the West Texas Utilities Co. for nineteen white way lights on Oak street.

"When the paving on this street is completed," the mayor continued, "and these lights are installed, Oak street will be as pretty as any in Texas, no matter where located. The lights are to be erected in the center of the street and of the same design as those now in use in the business district."

Mayor West spoke of the fact that he would soon retire from office and thanked the Lions for the backing they had given him as mayor, declaring that he expected to always take an interest in civic affairs and work for the upbuilding of Merkel, whether in office or out.

#### OAK STREET PAVING

W. A. Zant, representing the general Construction Co. of Fort Worth, successful bidders for the Oak street paving was a guest of the club, and said approximately half of the property owners on Oak street had signed contracts. "We are making our plans to begin actual construction about May 1," Mr. Zant continued, "and it will require from six weeks to two months to complete the work."

Abilene radio broadcasters, who were visitors and favored the club two double act accordion numbers. The radio artists are en route to the Pacific coast, appearing at the clubs in the smaller towns. Mrs. Zant's son is ill, and it is in the hope that the leisurely trip west will do him that they are filling engagements on the trip. They are staying in Abilene for the present, and filling engagements by making one day trips from that city.

#### SAN ANGELO CONVENTION

President Dee Grimes urged a large attendance from Merkel to the Lions state convention at San Angelo April 9-10, and eight members volunteered to attend. A committee composed of Dee Grimes, B. L. Scott, Booth Warren and W. L. Diltz Jr. was named to arrange for the trip and to interest members of the club in attending the convention.

Sie Hamm said the Merkel club had an invitation to meet with the Albany Lions at some time in the near future, and Friday, April 19, was selected as the date for the visit.

Mayor H. C. West was named as spokesman for Merkel on the occasion of the visit of Dallas trade trippers on April 25.

The program committee for this month consists of Charles Jones, Hail Lancaster and A. H. Brackeen. Dr. W. A. Buckner will be toastmaster for the next meeting and Charles Jones the following week.

### Honor Merkel Boy At Sul Ross College

Alpine, Tex., Apr. 11.—Blanton McLean, Merkel boy was awarded a football sweater for the season of 1928 at the regular chapel period of the Sul Ross State Teachers College here this week. Blanton plays in the line. He is a splendid player, fast and shifty. He is playing his first year at Sul Ross, and great things are expected of him in the future.

Owing to the policy of Coach B. C. Graves, Lobo mentor, of playing as few men as possible, only 15 out of the 22 regulars were awarded letters this year. Blanton is doubly honored.

#### Notice to Parents.

If you have a school census blank in your possession, you are urged by the school census enumerator to send it in at once. If you have been missed by the enumerator, please telephone 167.

### SCHOOL BOARD GIVES VIEWS ABOUT BONDS

#### TWO NEW WELLS IN BICKLEY AREA

Two new producing well were added in the Bickley tract this week, Cosden's No. 6 coming in Monday at 2488 feet, good for 100 barrels.

McMan Oil and Gas company's No. 2 Bickley also came in Monday and is making 75 barrels. This completion gave a short south extension to the pool.

Phillips Petroleum Co. have made a new location on the Pomroy and is erecting rig. Two new locations have been made by McMan on the Bickley.

The Texas Co. well, on the Camp tract, between the Tiner and Bickley areas, was dry.

### TRENT SCHOOLS ELECT TRUSTEES

Voters of Trent independent school district elected four new trustees in the election held last Saturday.

G. T. West, W. H. Hale, W. F. Stedman and J. C. Hamner are the newly elected trustees, they having defeated the four members of the board whose terms expired and who were candidates for re-election.

### Ex-Service Men to Celebrate Tonight

"A Whoopie time for all!" That is the inducement held out for ex-service men who attend the big barbecue to be given at Lytle Beach, Abilene, tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. Senator Oliver Cunningham and B. C. Winters, past state commander of the American Legion, are on the program for addresses. Senator Cunningham will speak on legislation of special interest to ex-service men.

The night's program is sponsored by the American Legion and all ex-service men are cordially invited. It is announced that everything will be free.

### Son Former Merkel Resident is Visitor

Ralph Bigham, whose parents and grandparents were residents of Merkel several years ago, accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Ed Young of Lampasas, visited friends in Merkel Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Bigham has held a responsible position with the Lax Bros. Packing Co. at Havana, Cuba, for over two years and was planning to return to his duties there after spending a few days with Mrs. Young of Lampasas.

### Music Department Trent Schools Ends Year With Recital

A recital, featuring choruses and solo numbers, closed the musical department of the Trent schools Wednesday evening, with Miss Christine Collins as director and Miss Helen Bisbee pianist.

"An Evening of Melody" was the title of the closing recital, which was heard by a large crowd, all of whom were well repaid by the excellence of the program and the ability shown by each participant during the school term.

The program was divided into three parts, "The Children's Hour," "An Hour in Dixie," and "The Hour Classique."

The recital marked the close of Miss Collins' second year as musical director in the Trent schools, and the progress made by the pupils under her direction has been rapid and thorough.

#### Jail Break at Breckenridge.

Breckenridge, Texas, April 11.—Five prisoners of the Stephens county jail here, three of them with penitentiary sentences, successfully made their escape from their third-story cell early Wednesday morning.

### Detailed Statement as to How They Propose to Spend the Money.

On April 3, the board of trustees of the Merkel independent school district, after having considered a petition, ordered an election for Tuesday, April 30, at which time the taxpaying voters of this district will decide whether or not bonds to the amount of \$16,000 will be issued to repair and remodel the present Grammar school building.

The board has gone into this matter thoroughly with an architect, and after several weeks of figuring, has arrived at estimates of what it will take in each instance to make the needed repairs. The board believes the repairs should be made NOW for the following reasons:

The heating system now consists of seventeen large jacketed stoves which have been in use these fifteen years and must now be replaced with something. They are burned out, are very wasteful of fuel (seventeen coal eaters), do not give a satisfactory heat, and should be replaced with a steam heating system similar to the one now in the High school. By installing a steam heating system where gas is used for fuel, it is estimated that 25% or more in fuel bill will be saved. This will be in addition to the convenience and uniform heat.

The roof, now fifteen years old, must now be replaced to save the building. The good building will soon go to ruin if something is not done NOW. It is economy to care for what we have NOW before it goes to ruin. The building needs repainting, plaster must be replaced, the sewer system worked over, and the entire building overhauled and put in good shape. About 500 of our 700 students are in

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### Former Resident, Father W. M. Elliott, Dies at Stamford

W. A. Elliott, 76, formerly a resident of Merkel and the father of W. M. Elliott of this city, died at Stamford Sunday following an illness of two years, the last two and a half months of which he was confined to his bed. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Stamford Monday afternoon, with Rev. M. C. Moffett, the pastor, officiating, assisted by ministers of all the other denominations in Stamford.

Mr. Elliott located in Taylor county in 1890 and came to the Merkel section in 1895, residing here for about twelve years. Seven years ago he moved to Jones county and in recent years has made his home at Stamford.

During his residence near Merkel Mr. Elliott made many friends, and he was known and highly esteemed by the people of this section. He was a member of the Baptist church and took an active interest in all its undertakings so long as his health permitted.

Attending the funeral from Merkel were W. M. Elliott and wife, Bob Martin and Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker.

Surviving Mr. Elliott are his wife, six sons and five daughters, all of whom were present for the funeral. The six sons who were active pallbearers, are: William, Merkel; Allen Big Spring, George, Abilene Marvin and Tom, Stamford; Harry, Hamlin. The daughters are: Mrs. Bertie Sims, Mineral Wells; Mrs. Maye Kemp, New York; Mrs. Lennie Weaver, Westbrook; Mrs. Alice Owen, Electra; Miss Pearl Elliott, Stamford.

#### Former Merkel Woman Ill.

Miss Amanda Curtis is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. L. E. Marten stating that her mother, Mrs. J. D. Brown, is very low at Fort Worth, suffering from a stroke of paralysis. It will be remembered that Mrs. Boren and family lived in Merkel a number of years, and her many friends will regret to learn of her illness.

### PUBLIC HEARING ON OAK STREET PAVING PROJECT

Adjourned Meeting City Council Held Monday Night to Give Property Owners Opportunity to Urge Legal Objections.

An adjourned meeting of the city council Monday night was devoted to a public hearing on the recent action of that body in ordering Oak street paved.

The hearing was in compliance with legal requirements and the notice to property owners on Oak street that an opportunity would be given them to appear and be heard concerning the improvements assessment or benefits to accrue by reason of the paving.

Mayor H. C. West presided and stated the purpose of the meeting. Several property owners spoke in opposition to the project, urging as objections the cost and possible doubtful benefits. Some said they were not financially able to pay for the paving.

When all had been heard, Mayor West stated that the ordinance providing for the pavement had already been passed upon petitions signed by a majority of property owners on Oak street, that assessments had been made and the metes and bounds of all property affected had been fixed and published. The purpose of the hearing, he said, was for correcting possible mistakes in assessment, ownership or description of property.

Following the hearing, the council adopted the necessary ordinances to complete the paving contract with the General Construction Co. of Fort Worth, successful bidders. It was stated by a representative of the company that actual construction should begin about May 1, and that it would require from six weeks to two months to complete the work.

### New City Officers Assume Duties May 6

J. P. Sharp, mayor-elect, and W. O. Boney, newly elected alderman, will be sworn in at the next regular meeting of the council, which will be held the first Monday night in May.

Returns of the recent election were canvassed by the city council at an adjourned meeting Monday night and the results declared.

### Lige Gamble's Car Stolen in Abilene

Abilene police Wednesday morning recovered the Hudson automobile belonging to Lige Gamble of Merkel, which was stolen from Sixth and Pine streets Tuesday night while Mr. and Mrs. Gamble were attending the Harley Sadler show. The car was not damaged, but the gasoline and oil gauges showed that it had been driven about fifty miles, Mr. Gamble reported.

### Mrs. M. C. Church is Critically Ill

Mrs. M. C. Church is critically ill at her home in Merkel, having returned from an Abilene hospital Wednesday night, where she had gone early this week with the expectation of undergoing an operation.

Her condition is such that an operation was deemed inadvisable. She has been quite ill for about ten days, and no improvement has been noted in her condition.

### Free Agricultural Livestock Bulletins

L. R. Thompson has received from Congressman R. Q. Lee a quantity of livestock and agricultural bulletins of the U. S. government for distribution in this territory. The bulletins contain much valuable information to livestock men and farmers. Those interested in securing copies are welcome to them by calling at Mr. Thompson's office.

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Fire damaged the Crescent theater building at Temple to the amount of \$25,000.

Lorraine has organized a Chamber of Commerce, with J. C. Hall, banker, president.

Walter I. Norwood, prominent in Texas Masonry, died early Sunday morning at his home in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hatcher were killed by a Santa Fe freight train near Moody Sunday.

The body of an infant was found this week in the Clear Fork of the Brazos, 12 miles from Anson.

The Laguna, Cisco's new \$450,000 hotel, was formally opened Saturday night with elaborate ceremonies.

Miss Fannie Fargason, 18, of Harleigh, was instantly killed when her automobile turned over near Snyder.

Mrs. W. D. Smith, 33, of Mart, was killed when her car overturned on the Hempstead road, her neck being broken.

Mrs. Beulah Bilton, 25, tried at Houston, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for selling a bottle of beer for 25c.

A hail storm in the vicinity of Troup destroyed young crops and demolished roofs and windows of a number of houses.

G. A. Hagan, Snyder business man, broke his right arm while throwing a tone at a chicken which was molesting his garden.

John Henry Kirby of Houston, mentioned prominently as a candidate for governor, has announced that he will not seek the office.

A strong wind of cyclonic proportions swept the Clarksville section of East Texas Monday, demolishing a number of buildings.

S. G. Redus, 85, confederate veteran and a resident of West Texas for 30 years, died last week in an Abilene hospital. His home was near Hamlin.

Salvador Lopez, shadow boxer, who cut his arm when he plunged his fist through a glass door April 3, at Houston, died Monday. The blow cut an artery.

The Jesse H. Jones interests have announced a \$2,000,000 office and store building to be erected at Fort Worth. The structure is to be 18 stories.

Rev. F. Roberts, 70, retired Baptist minister, said to be suffering from an insanity fit, hacked his wife to death with an ax at their home at Terrell.

Motion for a new trial for Bill Fritts, under death penalty for the killing of Earl Hamilton, Haskell county youth, was overruled by Judge Bruce Bryant at Anson Saturday.

Joe Lopez, 40, and his two sons, 14 and 11, living north of Rockdale, were drowned in the San Gabriel river Sunday, where they had gone for a day's fishing.

Thomas L. Blanton Jr., son of ex-Congressman Blanton, and Miss Martha Edna Diller, daughter of D. D. Diller, prominent Shackelford county ranchman, were married at Albany Wednesday afternoon.

T. C. Austin, 32, alleged to have "swapped" old auto tires for new ones found on cars parked on the streets of Houston, was given 24 years in prison on his plea of guilty to theft of 12 automobiles.

Concrete, paving on a nine-mile stretch of the Bankhead Highway through the famous Iatan flats of Mitchell county, is scheduled to begin at once, L. A. Fletcher, acting divisional engineer, has announced.

### Blair Working For New School Building

Citizens of Blair common school district are circulating petitions for a \$4,000 bond election, the purpose being to raze the present school building and erect in its place a modern structure, with more class room and an auditorium.

The petitions will be presented to the county judge asking that an election be ordered and the date set.

### INSTALLATION OF 19 LIGHTS VOTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Ornamental Illumination in Center to Add to Beauty of Street Recently Ordered Paved; Two Lights to Each Block.

Merkel's white way system will be extended to include Oak street with the completion of paving work on that thoroughfare, the city council having negotiated a contract with the West Texas Utilities Co. to install nineteen ornamental lights of the same design and candle power as those now in use in the business district.

The ornamental lights are to be installed in the center of the 40-foot paved street, which will have the effect of boulevard thoroughfare and affording the conveniences of two-way traffic and the safeguards in driving which such an arrangement affords.

The contract calls for nineteen lights, one in the center of each street intersection and one in the center of each block between intersections, maintenance being provided for in the agreement for a term of five years.

With the installation of the white way lights on Oak street, Merkel can lay claim to one of the best ornamental lighting systems of any town of like size in the state. Already blessed with many fine homes and well kept yards, Oak street, when paved and the white way installed, will equal in beauty streets that are the pride of the larger cities.

#### INSTALL WITH PAVING

The contract was awarded and arrangements made for the erection of the ornamental lights while the paving work is under way, which will effect a considerable saving in the expense and avoid necessity of tearing up and repairing the paving.

Plans call for the completion of the paving and the lighting system simultaneously.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WIN

One hundred and fifty votes were cast in the school trustee election held last Saturday, the four members of the board who were candidates all being re-elected. The vote for each candidate was as follows:

Herbert Patterson	135
W. O. Boney	123
S. D. Gamble	105
C. P. Church	115
C. R. Tittle	83
Bob McDonald	26

### Officers Chosen Merkel Volunteer Fire Department

The Merkel volunteer fire department elected officers Monday night. Booth Warren being again chosen as president. W. L. Diltz Jr. was elected vice president; N. A. Dowell, chief; Pete White, assistant chief; Robert Dennis, secretary-treasurer; Chester Hutcherson, hose foreman No. 1; Morris Horton, hose foreman No. 2; Joe Owens, chemical foreman, and C. K. Russell, fire police.

N. A. Dowell, Robert Dennis, Morris Horton and Carlton Vick were elected delegates to the state firemen's convention which meets at Galveston June 11, 12, 13, and 14. W. L. Burns will also attend the convention as fire marshal.

### Murderer of Wife Is Declared Insane

Breckenridge, April 11.—Al Rowden, who was tried and convicted in the ninetieth district court here on January 21 of this year and sentenced to a term of ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary for the murder of his wife, Pauline, was found insane by a jury.

Judge C. O. Hamlin has now certified the above facts to County Judge W. J. Arrington, who will see that Rowden is placed in some insane asylum, where he will remain so long as he is insane.

Condensed Statement of Condition  
**The Farmers State Bank**

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Mar. 27, 1929

**RESOURCES.**

Loans	\$361,392.68
Overdrafts	1,496.87
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	11,355.40
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	4,055.44
U. S. Bonds	\$41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	16,120.80
Cash & Exchange	88,221.02
	145,641.82
	\$560,548.09

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	13,172.49
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	497,375.60
	\$560,548.09

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business. Our funds are loaned locally for the benefit of this community.

**The Farmers State Bank**

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President  
 R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.  
 DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.  
 W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

HERBERT PATTERSON,  
 Assistant Cashier  
 B. L. HAMILTON,  
 Assistant Cashier

**WHAT'S DOING In West Texas**

San Angelo was chosen as the meeting place for the 1930 convention of the Texas and Southern Cattle Raisers' Association, at the last meeting held in Houston. T. D. Hobart of Pampa, former vice-president, will direct activities.

Booker will have natural gas for fuel by September, according to a franchise granted by the local city council at the last regular meeting, to a company which plans to supply Perrytown, Darrouzett, Follett, Higgins and Sattuck besides Booker.

Roswell, N. M., is to have sixteen

**R & R PALACE SWEETWATER VITAPHONE AND MOVIE TONE PICTURES SEE AND HEAR**

COMING ATTRACTIONS:  
 April 13—"Shopworn Angel."

15-16—"Abies Irish Rose." (All Talking)

19-20—"Tide of Empire."

22-23—"Nothing But the Truth." (All Talking.)

April 24-25-26—At Jolson "The Singing Fool."

All talking pictures for the balance of the month.

Keep this ad for reference if you care to be placed on our mailing list send name and address. We appreciate the large attendance we are getting from Merkel to see and hear our Talking Pictures.

new cabins added to the girl scout summer camp in Bear Canyon. This will make a total of 58 new cabins. The camp period is from July 18 to August 15, and 300 girls from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will spend their vacations there.

Hamlin is expecting continued prosperity, considering that the early grass will make fat cattle, and the early season a good cotton crop. Some of the wealth is coming through the cream, butter, poultry, and hog avenue, these commodities making the farming outlook better than usual.

Tahoka is to have a talkie theater at no distant date. The new show house is to be of brick and tile construction, 38 by 100 feet in size and installed with vitaphone equipment. This theater will not cause the old theater to be discontinued, but will be under the same management.

Muleshoe's record million dollars worth of farm products, including sudan, maize, kaffir, corn and wheat made already this year is growing continually. A low estimate by local buyers is that at least 150 more cars of grains of all kinds will move from the town before April 15.

Lampasas is to be the home of a salt factory as soon as the proper location in the city can be found. It is expected that work will be started on the building in a few days, and it may be completed during the month of April.

San Saba has been the scene of the death of innumerable prairie dogs lately. L. C. Whitehead of the federal bureau of biology for extermination of predatory animals, conducted the campaign, setting out over 500 pounds of poison with the aid of farmers in the community.

Ovale's Methodist pastor, John W. Price, will conduct a boys' trip to the East, taking twelve boys with him, ranging in age from 13 to 17 years of age. Some sights scheduled to be seen are the village of Harper's Ferry, Washington Monument, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the capitol, and Mount Vernon.

Ranger and Tahoka will be the scenes of the next two district conventions of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The oil belt district will hold its meeting in Ranger April 18, and the south plains district will convene on April 24 at Tahoka. Well rounded speaking programs have been announced for each.

Estelina is enthusiastic about securing the right of way for highway No. 5 from the town to the Red river. The contract for both bridge and paving will be let early in April. The bridge will be one of the best on the river or in the whole state. The old bridge was too small to accommodate traffic and needed repairing.

**Two-Year Term For Brownwood Mayor**

Brownwood, April 11.—Mayor-Palmer C. McInnis of Brownwood was found guilty and given a two-year penitentiary sentence by a jury in Thirty-fifth judicial district court here Saturday morning on charges of an assault with intent to murder on Clyde Maner, Brownwood tire salesman, last November 11.

Evidence during the trial was that McInnis attacked Maner on the Brownwood-Blanket road last Nov. 11 and that after striking Maner three times with his fist the mayor fired one shot from a .38 caliber pistol that struck Maner in the right leg just below the hip.

McInnis claimed to have acted in self-defense when he shot Maner and stated that he had hit Maner with his fists for having given his minor son, Palmer C. Jr., intoxicating drinks. Maner and other state witnesses testified that McInnis told Maner he was going to kill him several times before the shot was fired.

**Merkel Men Honored By Farm Bureau**

The Taylor County Farm Bureau, in session at Abilene last Saturday, elected C. E. Oliver of that city as a delegate and Jess Higgins of Merkel as alternate to the district meeting of the Texas Cotton Bureau Farm Association, April 13.

J. M. Spurgin of Merkel was endorsed for re-election as district director. The delegate or alternate will attend the district meeting for units of Taylor, Jones, Callahan and Shackelford counties to be held at Abilene Saturday. Delegates elected at this meeting will attend the state meet at Dallas May 13.

The total poll tax in Texas for 1928 was \$1,737,616

The Old Reliable  
**Farmers & Merchants National Bank**

Merkel, Texas  
 Close of Business March 27, 1929

**RESOURCES**

Loans, Time and Demand	\$293,656.04
Overdrafts	2,981.16
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Bankers' Acceptances	\$ 51,266.28
Commercial Paper	30,000.00
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	6,690.78
U. S. Bonds (owned)	112,300.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	82,632.12
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$282,889.18</b>
	\$588,838.88

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	23,786.69
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$483,802.19</b>
	\$588,838.88

Upon the merits of the above statement we respectfully solicit your business. Observe our cash resources. The bonds listed therein are owned by the bank. Backed by abundant available funds we are able and willing to meet the requirements of our customers.

**Farmers & Merchants National Bank**  
 Merkel, Texas

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**"FOR THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY"**

**168,208 Autos Sold in State This Year**

Austin, Texas, April 11.—More passenger automobiles have changed ownership since January 1 than there are motor trucks in the State.

Registration figures of the Highway Department show 168,208 trans-

fers in automobiles and there are 720 motor trucks, 802,193 passenger automobiles, 3,035 motor buses, motorcycles, 412 tractors, 3,379 cars, 3,137 dealers, 6,699 chains and 4,956 duplicate plates have issued to replace lost ones.

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**QUEEN**  
 SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES

**FRIDAY**  
 RANGER (THE WONDER DOG)  
 —IN—  
 "DOG LAW"  
 Again a marvelous triumph of this Wonder Dog. Also the tenth chapter of "Tarzan The Mighty", and Two Reel comedy, "Wives Won't Weaken."

**SATURDAY**  
 TED WELLS  
 —IN—  
 "THE CLEAN-UP MAN"  
 A Western Melodrama with a mystery plot. Also the Jungle Serial "Tarzan The Mighty", and Two Reel comedy, "Smith's Baby's Birthday."

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
 RONALD COLMAN  
 —IN—  
 "THE RESCUE"  
 A surging, sweeping drama of a Sea Rover anchored in a land of treachery and savage superstitions. Captivating! Compelling! Colorful! You must see it. Also comedy "Ruby Lips", and News Reel.

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
 LEATRICE JOY  
 —IN—  
 "TROPIC MADNESS"  
 A picture of the tropics in all its beauty and power. Also "The Best Dressed Woman in the World" and News Reel  
**FREE CHINA TO EACH LADY PRESENT**

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A SIX IN THE PRICE RANGE OF THE FOUR!

### Thrilling Romance of Conrad's "Rescue" Coming to Queen

A cinematic event of no small importance comes to the Queen theater on Monday and Tuesday, when Samuel Goldwyn presents "The Rescue," a picturization of Joseph Conrad's famous romance of the same name, serving as Ronald Colman's first individual starring vehicle. "The Rescue" has been directed by Herbert Brenon, maker of "Beau Geste," and judged the "best director of 1927."

Playing opposite Colman in this picture is Lily Damita, Samuel Goldwyn's new Parisian find who is making her first appearance in American films after becoming one of the most successful picture actresses in Europe. Other notable names in the cast are Duke Kahanamoku, the celebrated Hawaiian swimming champion, Laska Winters, Philip Strange, Theodore von Eltz, Sojin, Harry Cording and Alfred Hickman.

The entire picture was filmed on the most deserted of the Catalina Islands off the coast of California during the summer months. The culmination of the location work was the blowing up of a 250-foot schooner by dynamite, at an expense of \$50,000 for 25 feet of film. The location company were kept in constant communication with the Goldwyn studio in Hollywood by radio.

### West Texas C. C. Meet Postponed So Hoover Can Attend

El Paso, Texas, April 11.—Dates for the eleventh annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce here still are undetermined, Homer D. Wade, manager, announced here.

A decision to abandon the dates first announced—May 13, 14 and 15—was reached because of the uncertainty of the plans of President Hoover, who has been asked to attend. The president expressed a desire to attend the meet but told officials he would not be able to leave Washington during the special session of Congress.

Renewed efforts will be made to get a pledge from the president to attend the meeting, Mr. Wade said. If necessary the convention will be postponed until early fall, after the special session adjourns.

**Abilene Pioneer Dies.**  
Abilene, Texas, April 11.—I. O. Neece, 71, a resident of Abilene for nearly forty years, died here Monday morning. Three children, Jack Neece and Mrs. T. J. Rist of Abilene and Mrs. E. J. Powers of Waco, survive.

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### BANKS

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### FARMERS STATE BANK

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Cash on hand	23,306.14
Due from approved reserve agents	64,759.88
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	155.00
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,000.00
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	16,120.80
Other Resources, due from the City or Merkel	4,055.44
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$560,548.09</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	8,172.49
Individual Deposits subject to check	411,008.81
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,986.27
Public Funds on Deposit, City	16,603.11
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	5,477.41
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	41,300.00
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STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:  
We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice President, and Herbert Patterson, as Assistant Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. O. ANDERSON, Vice President.  
HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, A. D. 1929.  
WILLIE TOOMBS,  
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
W. L. DILTZ,  
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DAVID HENDRICKS,  
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### Athens Basketeers National Champs

Chicago, April 11.—A team of young giants from Athens, Texas, with a distinctly futuristic style of play, Monday held the most cherished prize of high school basket ball, the national interscholastic championship.

The title fell to the sturdy Texans Saturday night as they capped a spectacular week's campaign in the University of Chicago's eleventh annual tournament by a 25 to 21 decision over Klassen, a fast, scrappy team from Oklahoma City.

Coaches and critics of basket ball, who watched Athens march to the crown, were interested in its style of play, which they termed futuristic in pattern. Averaging approximately six feet, two inches each, the Texans played a peculiar overhead game, which none of their opponents could solve.

### Lone Bandit Robs Bells Bank of \$700.

Denison, April 11.—Presenting himself as a federal officer investigating counterfeit bills, a lone bandit entered the First National Bank at Bells, 18 miles southeast of here, Monday afternoon, locked Joe Hughes, cashier, and P. H. Wilson, assistant cashier, in the vault at the point of a revolver and escaped with \$700 in cash.

### May 1 Child Health Day

Austin, April 11.—Calling upon the citizenship of Texas to awaken to the necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of children, Governor Moody today issued a proclamation designating May 1 as Child Health Day in Texas.

### Central West Texas Poultrymen to Meet

Stamford, April 11.—Annual meeting of the Central West Texas Poultry Association will be convened in Stamford April 10, according to announcement here by Col. R. L. Penick, president. The meeting will be held in the municipal auditorium and will be attended by some 250 poultry breeders.

The Central West Texas association with a membership of more than 350 poultry breeders in five West Texas

counties, is one of the largest poultry producing and marketing organizations in the State. General offices are maintained here.

### Woman's Head Crushed

Victoria, April 11.—Officers have established the identity of the woman found in Reeves Thicket, near Rains, as Mrs. Julia Mascorra Hernandez, a Mexican woman who formerly lived at Sweetwater.

The head was crushed so that for a time identification was thought to be impossible.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No 11  
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

### FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 27, 1929.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including Commercial Paper and Banker's Acceptances, purchased	\$374,922.32
Overdrafts	2,981.16
United States Government securities owned	112,300.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
Customers' liability on account of acceptances executed (Bills of Exchange Cotton)	6,690.78
Banking house (do not own.) Furniture and fixtures	6,750.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,313.72
Cash and due from banks	51,161.39
Outside checks and other cash items	157.01
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,838.88</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided profits—net	23,786.69
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	24,175.16
Demand deposits	387,396.61
Time deposits	72,230.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,838.88</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 1929.  
ROSIE LANEY,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
G. F. WEST,  
J. T. WARREN,  
SAM BUTMAN,  
Directors.

Form B-76 No. 1398

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#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$136,039.83
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	2,865.50
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	911.94
Bonds, stocks and other securities	300.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash on hand	5,601.64
Due from approved reserve agents	87,612.55
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	5,224.98
Other Resources, Items in transit	115.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244,071.44</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, net	8,040.16
Individual Deposits subject to check	195,181.28
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244,071.44</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrain, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.  
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.  
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W. O. BONEY,  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
WILLIAMSON,  
T. L. STEVENS,  
Directors.

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When Dapper Dan, the Cleaning Man,  
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Ingenious, recently perfected devices are now holding ruptures firmly which heretofore never had been retained.

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MATINEE FOR CHILDREN AND VISITING BANDS 50c

NIGHT PRICES, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50

## Condensed Statement of Condition The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Mar. 27, 1929

RESOURCES.	
Loans	\$361,392.68
Overdrafts	1,496.87
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	11,355.40
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	4,055.44
U. S. Bonds	\$41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	16,120.80
Cash & Exchange	\$8,221.02
	145,641.82
	\$560,548.09

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	13,172.49
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	497,375.60
	\$560,548.09

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business. Our funds are loaned locally for the benefit of this community.

## The Farmers State Bank

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President  
R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.  
DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.  
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

HERBERT PATTERSON,  
Assistant Cashier  
B. L. HAMILTON,  
Assistant Cashier

### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

San Angelo was chosen as the meeting place for the 1930 convention of the Texas and Southern Cattle Raisers' Association, at the last meeting held in Houston. T. D. Hobart of Pampa, former vice-president, will direct activities.

Booker will have natural gas for fuel by September, according to a franchise granted by the local city council at the last regular meeting, to a company which plans to supply Perrytown, Darrouzett, Follett, Higgins and Sattuck besides Booker.

Roswell, N. M., is to have sixteen

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COMING ATTRACTIONS:  
April 13—"Shopworn Angel."

15-16—"Abies Irish Rose."  
(All Talking)

19-20—"Tide of Empire."

22-23—"Nothing But the Truth."  
(All Talking.)

April 24-25-26—At Jolson  
"The Singing Fool."

All talking pictures for the balance of the month.

Keep this ad for reference if you care to be placed on our mailing list send name and address. We appreciate the large attendance we are getting from Merkel to see and hear our Talking Pictures.

new cabins added to the girl scout summer camp in Bear Canyon. This will make a total of 58 new cabins. The camp period is from July 18 to August 15, and 300 girls from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will spend their vacations there.

Hamlin is expecting continued prosperity, considering that the early grass will make fat cattle, and the early season a good cotton crop. Some of the wealth is coming through the cream, butter, poultry, and hog avenue, these commodities making the farming outlook better than usual.

Tahoka is to have a talkie theater at no distant date. The new show house is to be of brick and tile construction, 38 by 100 feet in size and installed with vitaphone equipment. This theater will not cause the old theater to be discontinued, but will be under the same management.

Muleshoe's record million dollars worth of farm products, including sudan, maize, kaffir, corn and wheat made already this year is growing continually. A low estimate by local buyers is that at least 150 more cars of grains of all kinds will move from the town before April 15.

Lampasas is to be the home of a salt factory as soon as the proper location in the city can be found. It is expected that work will be started on the building in a few days, and it may be completed during the month of April.

San Saba has been the scene of the death of innumerable prairie dogs lately. L. C. Whitehead of the federal bureau of biology for extermination of predatory animals, conducted the campaign, setting out over 500 pounds of poison with the aid of farmers in the community.

Ovale's Methodist pastor, John W. Price, will conduct a boys' trip to the East, taking twelve boys with him, ranging in age from 13 to 17 years of age. Some sights scheduled to be seen are the village of Harper's Ferry, Washington Monument, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the capitol, and Mount Vernon.

Ranger and Tahoka will be the scenes of the next two district conventions of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The oil belt district will hold its meeting in Ranger April 18, and the south plains district will convene on April 24 at Tahoka. Well rounded speaking programs have been announced for each.

Estelina is enthusiastic about securing the right of way for highway No. 5 from the town to the Red river. The contract for both bridge and paving will be let early in April. The bridge will be one of the best on the river or in the whole state. The old bridge was too small to accommodate traffic and needed repairing.

### Two-Year Term For Brownwood Mayor

Brownwood, April 11.—Mayor Palmer C. McInnis of Brownwood was found guilty and given a two-year penitentiary sentence by a jury in Thirty-fifth judicial district court here Saturday morning on charges of an assault with intent to murder on Clyde Maner, Brownwood tire salesman, last November 11.

Evidence during the trial was that McInnis attacked Maner on the Brownwood-Blanck road last Nov. 11 and that after striking Maner three times with his fist the mayor fired one shot from a .38 caliber pistol that struck Maner in the right leg just below the hip.

McInnis claimed to have acted in self-defense when he shot Maner and stated that he had hit Maner with his fist for having given his minor son, Palmer C. Jr., intoxicating drinks. Maner and other state witnesses testified that McInnis told Maner he was going to kill him several times before the shot was fired.

### Merkel Men Honored By Farm Bureau

The Taylor County Farm Bureau, in session at Abilene last Saturday, elected C. F. Oliver of that city as a delegate and Jess Higgins of Merkel as alternate to the district meeting of the Texas Cotton Bureau Farm Association, April 13.

J. M. Spurgin of Merkel was endorsed for re-election as district director. The delegate or alternate will attend the district meeting for units of Taylor, Jones, Callahan and Shackelford counties to be held at Abilene Saturday. Delegates elected at this meeting will attend the state meet at Dallas May 13.

The total poll tax in Texas for 1928 was \$1,797,616

## The Old Reliable Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business March 27, 1929

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$293,656.04
Overdrafts	2,981.16
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Bankers' Acceptances	\$ 51,266.28
Commercial Paper	30,000.00
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	6,690.78
U. S. Bonds (owned)	112,300.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	82,632.12

CASH AVAILABLE \$282,889.18

\$588,838.88

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	23,786.69
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$483,802.19

\$588,838.88

Upon the merits of the above statement we respectfully solicit your business. Observe our cash resources. The bonds listed therein are owned by the bank. Backed by abundant available funds we are able and willing to meet the requirements of our customers.

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### 168,208 Autos Sold in State This Year

Austin, Texas, April 11.—More passenger automobiles have changed ownership since January 1 than there are motor trucks in the State.

Registration figures of the Highway Department show 168,208 trans-

fers in automobiles and there are 720 motor trucks, 802,103 passenger automobiles, 3,035 motor buses, motorcycles, 412 tractors, 3,379 cars, 3,137 dealers, 6,589 chains and 4,956 duplicate plates have issued to replace lost ones.

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FRIDAY

RANGER (THE WONDER DOG)

—IN—

"DOG LAW"

Again a marvelous triumph of this Wonder Dog. Also the tenth chapter of "Tarzan The Mighty", and Two Reel comedy, "Wives Won't Weaken."

SATURDAY

TED WELLS

—IN—

"THE CLEAN-UP MAN"

A Western Melodrama with a mystery plot. Also the Jungle Serial "Tarzan The Mighty", and Two Reel comedy, "Smith's Baby's Birthday."

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

RONALD COLMAN

—IN—

"THE RESCUE"

A surging, sweeping drama of a Sea Rover anchored in a land of treachery and savage superstitions. Captivating! Compelling! Colorful! You must see it. Also comedy "Ruby Lips", and News Reel.

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"TROPIC MADNESS"

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### Thrilling Romance of Conrad's "Rescue" Coming to Queen

A cinematic event of no small importance comes to the Queen theater on Monday and Tuesday, when Samuel Goldwyn presents "The Rescue," a picturization of Joseph Conrad's famous romance of the same name, serving as Ronald Colman's first individual starring vehicle. "The Rescue" has been directed by Herbert Brenon, maker of "Beau Geste," and judged the "best director of 1927."

Playing opposite Colman in this picture is Lily Damita, Samuel Goldwyn's new Parisian find who is making her first appearance in American films after becoming one of the most successful picture actresses in Europe. Other notable names in the cast are Duke Kahanamoku, the celebrated Hawaiian swimming champion, Laska Winters, Philip Strange, Theodore von Eltz, Sojin, Harry Cording and Alfred Hickman.

The entire picture was filmed on the most deserted of the Catalina Islands off the coast of California during the summer months. The culmination of the location work was the blowing up of a 250-foot schooner by dynamite, at an expense of \$50,000 for 25 feet of film. The location company were kept in constant communication with the Goldwyn studio in Hollywood by radio.

### West Texas C. C. Meet Postponed So Hoover Can Attend

El Paso, Texas, April 11.—Dates for the eleventh annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce here still are undetermined, Homer D. Wade, manager, announced here.

A decision to abandon the dates first announced—May 13, 14 and 15—was reached because of the uncertainty of the plans of President Hoover, who has been asked to attend. The president expressed a desire to attend the meet but told officials he would not be able to leave Washington during the special session of Congress.

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Other Resources, due from the City or Merkel	4,055.44
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$560,548.09</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	8,172.49
Individual Deposits subject to check	411,008.81
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,986.27
Public Funds on Deposit, City	16,603.11
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	5,477.41
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	41,300.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$560,548.09</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:  
We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice President, and Herbert Patterson, as Assistant Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
R. O. ANDERSON, Vice President.  
HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, A. D. 1929.  
WILLIE TOOMBS,  
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:  
W. L. DILTZ,  
B. L. HAMILTON,  
DAVID HENDRICKS,  
Directors.

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### Athens Basketeers National Champs

Chicago, April 11.—A team of young giants from Athens, Texas, with a distinctly futuristic style of play, Monday held the most cherished prize of high school basket ball, the national interscholastic championship.

The title fell to the sturdy Texans Saturday night as they capped a spectacular week's campaign in the University of Chicago's eleventh annual tournament by a 25 to 21 decision over Classen, a fast, scrappy team from Oklahoma City.

Coaches and critics of basket ball, who watched Athens march to the crown, were interested in its style of play, which they termed futuristic in pattern. Averaging approximately six feet, two inches each, the Texans played a peculiar overhead game, which none of their opponents could solve.

### Lone Bandit Robs Bells Bank of \$700.

Denison, April 11.—Presenting himself as a federal officer investigating counterfeit bills, a lone bandit entered the First National Bank at Bells, 18 miles southeast of here, Monday afternoon, locked Joe Hughes, cashier, and P. H. Wilson, assistant cashier, in the vault at the point of a revolver and escaped with \$700 in cash.

**May 1 Child Health Day**  
Austin, April 11.—Calling upon the citizenship of Texas to awaken to the necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of children, Governor Moody today issued a proclamation designating May 1 as Child Health Day in Texas.

Form B-76 No. 1398

### BANKS

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

### HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 27th day of March, 1929, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 12th day of April, 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$136,039.83
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	2,865.50
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	911.94
Bonds, stocks and other securities	300.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash on hand	5,601.64
Due from approved reserve agents	87,612.55
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	5,224.98
Other Resources, Items in transit	115.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244,071.44</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, net	8,040.16
Individual Deposits subject to check	195,181.28
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244,071.44</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:  
We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
J. T. WARREN, President.  
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1929.  
W. O. BONEY,  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:  
WILLIAMSON,  
T. L. STEVENS,  
Directors.

### Central West Texas Poultrymen to Meet

Stamford, April 11.—Annual meeting of the Central West Texas Poultry Association will be convened in Stamford April 10, according to announcement here by Col. R. L. Penick, president. The meeting will be held in the municipal auditorium and will be attended by some 250 poultry breeders.

The Central West Texas association with a membership of more than 350 poultry breeders in five West Texas

counties, is one of the largest poultry producing and marketing organizations in the State. General offices are maintained here.

### Woman's Head Crushed

Victoria, April 11.—Officers have established the identity of the woman found in Reeves Thicket, near Raisin, as Mrs. Julia Mascorro Hernandez, a Mexican woman who formerly lived at Sweetwater.

The head was crushed so that for a time identification was thought to be impossible.

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Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No 11

### FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 27, 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including Commercial Paper and Banker's Acceptances, purchased	\$374,922.32
Overdrafts	2,981.16
United States Government securities owned	112,300.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
Customers' liability on account of acceptances executed (Bills of Exchange Cotton)	6,690.78
Banking house (do not own.) Furniture and fixtures	6,750.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,313.72
Cash and due from banks	51,161.59
Outside checks and other cash items	157.91
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,838.88</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 1929.  
ROSIE LANEY,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:  
G. F. WEST,  
J. T. WARREN,  
SAM BUTMAN,  
Directors.

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T. L. STEVENS,  
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**GOLDEN RULE DRIVERS' CLUB.**

The Star-Telegram is sponsoring in Fort Worth a Golden Rule Safe Drivers' Club—a club without dues or expense whose members will take the wholesome pledge to obey the Golden Rule of motordom, "Drive as you would have others drive." An effort is being made to have every motorist in Fort Worth sign up. The plan could well be made to extend to every motorist in the state. The Star-Telegram records that sixty lives have been lost from automobile accidents in Fort Worth during the past fifteen months.

The school board is asking the voters of Merkel independent school district to approve a \$16,000 bond issue for necessary repairs to the Grammar school building. They point out that by making the needed repairs now will obviate a new building in the near future. Approval of the needed repairs is not only economy, but is safeguarding the health of 500 children who are housed in the Grammar school.

The city council at Roscoe voted to present each member of the town's volunteer fire department with a \$2,000 accident policy covering accidents while on duty. It is a worthy move. Often we do not appreciate the work of the volunteer firemen. He runs the risk of being killed or suffering injuries every time the alarm is sounded. His work is one of civic pride and duty.

Winters and Merkel had something in common in the voting for city officers last week. At Winters A. F. Roberts lost his race for re-election as mayor by three votes, and Mayor H. C. West of Merkel likewise fell short of re-election by three votes. Winters polled 291 votes and Merkel 299.

It seems to be open season for warfare on governors. With the chief executives of both Oklahoma and Louisiana traveling the impeachment route, and a bomb sent to the governor of New York, any ambition we might have had to become governor has suffered a severe jolt.

Extension of the white way system is the latest forward move for Merkel. The city council has contracted for nineteen ornamental lights to be erected in the middle of that street, to be completed simultaneously with the paving of that thoroughfare.

Colonel Charles Lindbergh, arriving late at Brownsville after a flight from Mexico City, was considerably perturbed over the anxiety that had been manifested for his safety. It is the price one must pay for fame, Colonel.

Press dispatches announce the hold-up of a Chicago church congregation and the escape of bandits with \$75,000, exploding the theory that only pennies and other small change finds its way to church.

Indications are that the new hotel structure, the paving of Oak street and the extension of the white way system will all be under way at the same time. It looks like a busy summer in the civic life of Merkel.

**Brownwood After University.**  
 Brownwood, April 11.—Brownwood is asking West Texas at large to help it convince the locating board of the Presbyterian (Southern) synod that the university to be built in Texas by that denomination should be located as nearly as possible in the geographical center of the state and that Brownwood is the logical place.

**Big Spring Manager Quits.**  
 Big Spring, April 11.—Resignation of William V. Montin, city manager of Big Spring, was accepted by the board of city commissioners, effective June 1.

The city manager was the center of a heated campaign preceding the city election of April 2 in which two members of the commission were re-elected by narrow margins. No negative votes were cast when the resignation was acted upon.

**New Pastor at Midland.**  
 Midland, April 10.—Rev. J. Thomas Barr, formerly of Lamesa and Rotan, has accepted the pastorate of the local Church of Christ. Rev. Mr. Barr is a graduate of Abilene Christian College.

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**TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS**  
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**ROGERS QUARLES MILLS**  
 (1892-1899)

Rogers Quarles Mills was born in Todd county, Kentucky, on March 30, 1832, a son of Charles Henley and Tabitha (Daniel) Mills. He attended the common schools and had the benefit of a good early education. At the age of seventeen he moved to Palestine, Anderson county, Texas. Here he was a clerk in the postoffice and at the same time studied law. He became a clerk in the state legislature, being at the time under twenty-one years old. The unusual promise of his youth was carried out by his speedily won fame in his profession.

In January, 1858, he was married to Carrie R., daughter of Colonel Henry Jones, a well known planter, Indian fighter, and later a large ranch owner in Texas. He was a member of the Texas house of representatives in 1859-1860. He was a democrat of sincere and reasonable beliefs. In the matter of secession, after mature deliberation, he fearlessly stood forth as the champion of the liberties of the south. His speeches aroused the deepest feeling of his listeners. On one occasion, soon after Mr. Lincoln's election, Mr. Mills was carried onto the stand by his enthusiastic admirers, and the impromptu address which he then delivered was one of the most glowing and impassioned ever uttered.

Colonel Mills' first appearance in the field in the civil war was in Greer's cavalry at Oak Hills. He was afterwards appointed lieutenant-colonel, and then colonel of the 10th Texas infantry, defending most gallantly the garrison at Arkansas Post, although overcome by superior numbers. Following imprisonment, came his exchange. He was then given command of a regiment, and received serious injuries at Chickamauga.

In 1865, Colonel Mills resumed his business and remained at home until he was elected to congress, in 1873. When the state democratic convention met at Corsicana in 1872, two candidates for congressman-at large were to be nominated, and the contest, while free from bitterness and personalities, was very vigorous. There was a number of candidates, but the leading ones were Asa H. Willie, Roger Q. Mills, and J. W. Throckmorton.

Judge Willie, who was on the Supreme court bench in 1866, was nominated first. The vote between Colonel Mills and Governor Throckmorton was evidently very close. The convention adjourned over to give the clerks time to verify the roll call and count. There was many divided delegations and, consequently, many fractional votes. The result was anxiously awaited and when announced, Colonel Mills had secured a two-thirds vote by the narrow margin of three-fourths of a vote, so a political career which gave Colonel Mills national reputation, and revealed him as one of the ablest leaders of the democratic party of his day and time, began by a victory won by less than one vote.

Colonel Mills was, therefore, elected as a democrat to the forty-third, and was re-elected to the nine succeeding congresses, and served from March 4, 1873, until his resignation on March 28, 1892. He was elected to the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Reagan, succeeding Horace Chilton, of Tyler, Texas, who served from December 7, 1881, to March 30, 1892, under appointment by Governor Hogg. Colonel Mills took his seat in the senate on March 3, 1892, and served until March 3, 1899, when he resumed the practice of law at Corsicana, Texas.

His interests being mainly directed toward the advancement of Texas, Colonel Mills favored general revision of tariff regulations which were "working against the home producers and consumers." His speeches on this subject showed marked skill and perservering investigation. He was a

firm believer in the advancement of the industrial and producing classes to that power in the government which would enable them to correct unjust laws.

His loyalty to principle and his unflinching courage were very marked when opposing the electoral commission conferring the presidency on Mr. Hayes, for he was convinced that Mr. Tilden had been constitutionally chosen.

Colonel Mills died in Corsicana, Texas, on September 2, 1911.

**Sanitarium Service at Baptist Church**

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be a special service at the local Baptist church conducted by the superintendent of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium of Abilene and a number of his associates, including his wife who is an accomplished musician and singer.

Mr. L. A. Sanders the superintendent is a fine Christian character and will endeavor to help us to know that this good institution is trying to act as our "good Samaritan" in ministering to the needy and the unfortunate of all this great section of country.

A part of our gifts to benevolence each Sunday go to this good work and every member of the church should take advantage of this opportunity to come to know the workers of our sanitarium and to learn something more of the work they are doing.

The service will be a varied program There will be special music both instrumental and vocal, and there will be some first hand human interest stories of patients in the sanitarium.

Our friends and the public in general are invited to come with us Sunday morning and enjoy this good treat.

All other services as usual.

Next week the state Sunday school convention meets at Sherman and we are counting on a number of our people attending. It is being planned that as many as can go in cars will try to get together at the church early Monday morning and go in a crowd to the convention.

If you can go to but one convention in the year, then go to this one, as it will be worth more to you than any other convention of the year.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.  
**Junior League Program.**  
 Leader, Mary Eva Nichols; Scripture, Psalm 5:3, leader; Story of the Hymn, Lois Whiteley; A Hymn of Praise, Nell Hughes; The Song of the Lark, Kennedy Whiteley; The Morning Hour For Juniors, Opal Husky; Bible Story, Cullen Tittle; Piano Solo, Mary Grace Dunn. Don't forget the Junior picnic Friday afternoon.

**Junior League Program.**  
 On Friday, March 29, the Junior League was entertained at the Methodist church. Outside games were enjoyed by everyone present. After roasting weiners, a picnic lunch was spread to Mary Grace Dunn, Mary Eva Nichols, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Wayman Richards, Cullen Tittle, Imogene Middleton, Lois Whiteley, Eloise Mansell, E. P. Middleton, Marie Stanford, Gene Hulsey, Billie Bob Hulsey, Wilbur Willet, Donald Willet, Wanda Huddleston, Stacy Huddleston, John Russell Willet, Vivian Lasater, Pauline Lasater, Raymond Lasater, Billy George Cobb, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Wanda Hunter, Odell Hunter and the hostess, Miss Cora Lee Hulsey.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
 We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father, G. H. Tucker, and for the beautiful floral offerings.  
 Mrs. G. H. Tucker.  
 Mrs. J. H. Simpson.  
 Mrs. E. Marshall.  
 Mack C. and J. D. Tucker.  
 C. R. and M. L. Tucker.  
 Prompt, efficient prescription service. Phillips Drug Store.

**SOCIETY**

**THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.**

Members of the Thursday Night Bridge club were entertained in the home of Miss Christine Collins last week. Blooming plants and Texas Blue Bonnets made the entertaining rooms attractive for tables arranged for games of auction bridge. Miss Iva Bragg assisted the hostess in serving dainty refreshments to Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Misses Melba West, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, Iva Bragg and Christine Collins.

**IDLEWISE**

Mrs. W. T. Sadler named Idlewise club members the honorees at her party Tuesday afternoon. All party accessories favored a pretty shade of pink and gorgeous pink carnations, as the house decorations, further exemplified this color scheme. Bridge games were enjoyed until tea time when the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Robert Mayfield, served dainty confections, again employing the colors of the afternoon, to Mesdames W. V. Ramsey, J. W. Horn of Abilene, Bert Kimbrough, Harvey, Marvin, Bass, Grimes, Angus, Sears, Dillingham, Cookston, Brown, Largent, Misses Boog and Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracey, ohnie Sears, Iva Bragg and Melba West.

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 the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

**YOUR CREAM WANTED**  
 Located at Earl Teague's Tin Shop. Will pay highest cash price for all your cream.  
**C. E. CONNER**

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mrs. E. L. Mangum attended the woman's missionary conference in Lubbock last week.

Mrs. J. A. Brown entertained the T. E. L. class Thursday afternoon. Interesting contests and games were enjoyed and refreshments of cream and cake were served to more than twenty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West are announcing the arrival of a baby boy born April 7.

Cop McLeod is recovering from a serious sick spell.

Mrs. Mary Seago is in the Merkel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens left last Monday for Mineral Wells.

J. E. Kirkpatrick of Arlington was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Billings and Helen Roden of Trent attended the open house church affair at Simmons University Monday night.

Miss Edna McGregor of Big Spring was the week-end guest of Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Mesdames Frank Allen and May Day of Escota were shopping in Trent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Mrs. Hale McRee returned from Lamesa Saturday. They were accompanied by Herbert Beckham.

A number of ladies attended the

district P. T. A. meeting at Sweetwater Monday and Tuesday. Among those attending were: Mesdames W. L. Boyd, A. W. Woods, L. E. Adrian, Tom Williams, Alex Williamson, Buna McLeod, Jack Bright, J. B. Winn and Miss Lillie Harris.

R. E. Dowdy, J. E. Bowers and Murel Manuel left Tuesday morning for a fishing trip of several days.

Mrs. Archer's recital was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Her work has been successful and appreciated by patrons.

Jasper Minick is visiting his sister, Mrs. Elbert Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene visited in Trent Tuesday.

Shorty Morgan of Stephenville visited friends here over the week-end.

**Meeting of Willing Workers.**

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian Sunday School met April 9, with Mrs. T. M. Smith.

The meeting opened with a song, followed by devotional led by Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Quotations and discussions by the class. After several contests the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Ola Smith, and Miss Mary Derstine served a very delicious refreshment plate to the following members: Mesdames S. G. Russell, J. L. Tucker, J. J. Russell, E. Tucker, Butler, Elliott, Walker, Derstine, Ponder, Miss Mary Keny. The following visitors were present: Mrs. O'Donnell, Miss Armanda J. Curtis and the hostess.

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## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Second hand windows, doors and screens. C. K. Russell.

FOR SALE—4 room house and lot, south side, 4 blocks from T. P. station. Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE—Baby chicks from the M. Johnson strain of Leghorns; hatched in May for \$11.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas. Phone 9036 F 13 Anson.

FOR SALE—Maize heads \$20.00 per ton; also good cane, 4c per bundle. C. L. Whitescarver, Route 4. Salt Branch community.

GOOD BRIGHT maize heads for sale by W. R. Sandusky, 6 miles South of Merkel.

FOR SALE—June pink tomato slips from Hasting seed, 65c per 100; for sale at Wood Grocery or G. L. Baker, Route 1.

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### CHEVROLETS

- 1926 Chevrolet Coupe, motor A 1, new rubber, good car \$225.00
- Late 26 Chevrolet Roadster a good one \$240.00
- 1928 Chevrolet Coupe, run only few thousand, looks and runs like new \$500.00
- 1927 Chevrolet Sedan, a good serviceable car, motor thoroughly reconditioned, original paint \$395.00
- 1927 Chevrolet Roadster, new paint, new rubber, a bargain \$275.00

### FORDS

- Dandy good Ford Coupe, 25 model \$160.00
- 1928 Ford Truck, good condition \$385.00

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Studebaker Sedan, a bargain, new rubber, reconditioned \$390.00
- 1925 Dodge Touring.
- 1926 Dodge Coupe.

### BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.

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FOR SALE—Quick Meal Natural Gas Range, in good condition; price \$20. Can be seen at Dowell's auto top and shoe shop.

NOTICE—This is to advise that my land which has been offered for sale is hereby withdrawn from the market. S. W. Sheppard.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Ford touring, 1925 model. Dan Reidenbach.

FOR SALE—Ford truck with gear shift. See Clay Lumber Co.

TOMATO Plants for sale; best brands and finest quality; 10 cents per dozen, three dozen for 25c. Mrs. J. A. Patterson Jr.

FOR SALE—Heavy bright, red maize; \$20.00 per ton; at my farm three miles east Merkel Highway. J. T. Warren.

## FOR RENT

BLAIR HOTEL—Room and board \$10.50 per week. Also furnished rooms.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms; all modern conveniences. B. M. Black.

FOR RENT—Furnished bed room, all conveniences. Mrs. Cyrus Pee. Phone 278J or 113.

ROOM AND BOARD with all conveniences. C. McCain at the pierce House.

NEW 2-ROOM apartment; modern. Mrs. C. L. Boswell, Phone 171W.

FOR RENT—Four room house, lights, gas and garage; close in. Apply at City Furniture or call Joe Garland. Phone 272.

THREE ROOM furnished apartment; also four room house with gas. S. F. Haynes.

## WANTED

MAKE YOUR old furniture look new. G. L. Bishop Paint Shop at Burton.

ATTENTION WANTED—A house and lot to chop by the day or by the week. Address C. D. Lindsey, Merkel, Texas, Route 5.

WANTED—To buy used or discarded windmill. W. S. Chinn, Merkel, Texas.

## LOST AND FOUND

LOST—One white face yearling, branded circle R on left hip. Notify Henry Ellerbee, Merkel Texas.

## LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

J. A. Patterson, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The Woodmen Circle will meet every first and third Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## LEGAL NOTICE.

Citation on Publication for Probate of Will

No. 1765

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the Estate of G. H. Tucker deceased.

You are hereby notified that Mary Louisa Tucker, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said G. H. Tucker deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1929, the same being the 15th day of April 1929 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said court on the first day thereof of this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this 2nd day of April 1929.

W. P. Bounds, Clerk County Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Vivian Fryar, Deputy (Seal)

An Ordinance entitled an ordinance, regulating the keeping of hogs in the City of Merkel, and providing a penalty for its violation.

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section No. 1—That hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner, his agent or caretaker to keep or permit to be kept, within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas, any hog or hogs.

Section No. 2—It is intended by the word hog, or hogs, to mean a hog, shoat or pig.

Section No. 3—It is further declared that the keeping of any hog or hogs within the corporate limits in the city of Merkel, Texas, as hereinbefore mentioned, is a nuisance.

Section No. 4—That any person or persons guilty of any violation of any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than \$100.00; provided that each day's violation and each act of violation shall be deemed a separate offense, and prosecuted as such.

Section No. 5—All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Section No. 6—The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed April 1st A. D. 1929.  
H. C. WEST, Mayor.

Attest:  
PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.  
(SEAL)

### H. J. R. NO. 6

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 5 Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the occurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; in other matters, until otherwise provided by Law, the jurisdiction of the Court shall be exercised under such regulations and orders as the Court by a majority vote may prescribe. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this State and unless he shall have attained the

age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court, or such lawyer and judge together at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for State officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court, who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office and the present Constitution is amended and until their successors are elected and qualified. When this amendment takes effect, the Governor shall immediately appoint six additional Associate Justices of the Supreme Court for terms of office so that the terms of two of such appointed Associate Justices shall expire with the term of office of each of the present members of the Supreme Court, and, upon the qualification of such new Justices, the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas shall terminate."

"Article V. Section 3. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction only except as herein specified, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State. Its appellate jurisdiction shall extend to questions of law arising in cases of which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Until otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall extend to questions of law arising in the cases in which the Judges of any Court of Civil Appeals may disagree or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals may hold differently on the same question of law, or where a Statute of the State is held void, and shall extend to such other questions as may be within the Court's Appellate Jurisdiction under the Statutes of the State in force when this amendment takes effect. The Supreme Court and the Justices thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, as may be prescribed by Law, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by Law, the said Court and the Justices thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, procedendo, certiorari and such other writs, as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. The Legislature may confer original jurisdiction on the Supreme Court to issue writs of quo warrantum and mandamus in such cases as may be specified, except as against the Governor of the State. The Supreme Court shall have power, upon affidavit or otherwise as by the Court may be determined, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capitol for the transaction of business at such times as may be designated by the Court. The Supreme Court shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter be required by law, and he may hold his office for four years and shall be

subject to removal by said Court, for good cause entered of record on the Minutes of said Court who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide."

Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State, at a special election to be held throughout the State on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot: "For the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court", and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the following words printed on said ballot: "Against the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court." If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

Approved February 19, 1929.  
(A Correct Copy)  
JANE Y. McCALLUM, Secretary of State.

### Methodist Sunday School.

We had very good service last Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The bright weather brought a large crowd out to Sunday school, and every one seemed glad to get back to work after the splendid program given Easter Sunday.

Mr. S. M. Hunter and family were back in Sunday school after a visit to relatives at O'Brien, Texas.

Mrs. Cyrus Pee, the Sunday school secretary, was absent last Sunday because of illness.

Our visitors for last Sunday included Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt and her guest, Miss Viola Martin, both of McMurry, and Miss Alice Glenn Young of Lampasas, who was visiting Miss Nadine Tippet during the week-end.

### REPORTER.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. A cordial invitation is extended to strangers to attend all the services of this church.

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

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## Dora Doings

The workers' meeting of the Baptist church Monday was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Bloxom of Rising Star spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. T. Mallon.

Mark Whiteaker and family of Winters visited G. N. Whiteaker Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagan attended the singing convention at Ballinger Saturday night and Sunday. They report a large crowd and fine singing.

The program put on by the High students Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Jim York of Del Rio spent the week-

end here visiting his niece, Mrs. Bruce Brown.

Our baseball nine went over to Merkel Friday carrying off the game by 11 to 0.

G. M. Whiteaker and Lawn Howell reported for jury duty at Sweetwater Monday morning.

Mrs. Elliott of Merkel visited her children in this community several days last week.

A. N. Cook and son, Lewis, made a business trip to Sweetwater Monday.

Jim Henson was called Sunday to the bedside of his mother, who is ill in Winters.

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- Cheese, Swifts Longhorn, lb. 30c
- Potatoes, New Red Triumph's, lb. 6c
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**GOLDEN RULE DRIVERS CLUB.**

The Star-Telegram is sponsoring in Fort Worth a Golden Rule Safe Drivers' Club—a club without dues or expense whose members will take the wholesome pledge to obey the Golden Rule of motordom, "Drive as you would have others drive." An effort is being made to have every motorist in Fort Worth sign up. The plan would well be made to extend to every motorist in the state. The Star-Telegram records that sixty lives have been lost from automobile accidents in Fort Worth during the past fifteen months.

The school board is asking the voters of Merkel independent school district to approve a \$16,000 bond issue for necessary repairs to the Grammar school building. They point out that by making the needed repairs now will obviate a new building in the near future. Approval of the needed repairs is not only economy, but is safeguarding the health of 500 children who are housed in the Grammar school.

The city council at Roscoe voted to present each member of the town's volunteer fire department with a \$2,000 accident policy covering accidents while on duty. It is a worthy move. Often we do not appreciate the work of the volunteer firemen. He runs the risk of being killed or suffering injuries every time the alarm is sounded. His work is one of civic pride and duty.

Winters and Merkel had something in common in the voting for city officers last week. At Winters A. F. Roberts lost his race for re-election as mayor by three votes, and Mayor H. C. West of Merkel likewise fell short of re-election by three votes. Winters polled 291 votes and Merkel 299.

It seems to be open season for warfare on governors. With the chief executives of both Oklahoma and Louisiana traveling the impeachment route, and a bomb sent to the governor of New York, any ambition we might have had to become governor has suffered a severe jolt.

Extension of the white way system is the latest forward move for Merkel. The city council has contracted for nineteen ornamental lights to be erected in the middle of that street, to be completed simultaneously with the paving of that thoroughfare.

Colonel Charles Lindbergh, arriving late at Brownsville after a flight from Mexico City, was considerably perturbed over the anxiety that had been manifested for his safety. It is the price one must pay for fame, Colonel.

Press dispatches announce the hold-up of a Chicago church congregation and the escape of bandits with \$75,000, exploding the theory that only pennies and other small change finds its way to church.

Indications are that the new hotel structure, the paving of Oak street and the extension of the white way system will all be under way at the same time. It looks like a busy summer in the civic life of Merkel.

**Brownwood After University.**  
 Brownwood, April 11.—Brownwood is asking West Texas at large to help it convince the locating board of the Presbyterian (Southern) synod that the university to be built in Texas by that denomination should be located as nearly as possible in the geographical center of the state and that Brownwood is the logical place.

**Big Spring Manager Quits.**  
 Big Spring, April 11.—Resignation of William V. Montin, city manager of Big Spring, was accepted by the board of city commissioners, effective June 1.

The city manager was the center of a heated campaign preceding the city election of April 2 in which two members of the commission were re-elected by narrow margins. No negative votes were cast when the resignation was acted upon.

**New Pastor at Midland.**  
 Midland, April 10.—Rev. J. Thomas Barr, formerly of Lamesa and Rotan, has accepted the pastorate of the local Church of Christ. Rev. Mr. Barr is a graduate of Abilene Christian College.

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**TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS**  
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**ROGERS QUARLES MILLS**  
(1892-1899)

Rogers Quarles Mills was born in Todd county, Kentucky, on March 30, 1832, a son of Charles Henley and Tabitha (Daniel) Mills. He attended the common schools and had the benefit of a good early education. At the age of seventeen he moved to Palestine, Anderson county, Texas. Here he was a clerk in the postoffice and at the same time studied law. He became a clerk in the state legislature, being at the time under twenty-one years old. The unusual promise of his youth was carried out by his speedily won fame in his profession.

In January, 1858, he was married to Carrie R., daughter of Colonel Henry Jones, a well known planter, Indian fighter, and later a large ranch owner in Texas. He was a member of the Texas house of representatives in 1859-1860. He was a democrat of sincere and reasonable beliefs. In the matter of secession, after mature deliberation, he fearlessly stood forth as the champion of the liberties of the south. His speeches aroused the deepest feeling of his listeners. On one occasion, soon after Mr. Lincoln's election, Mr. Mills was carried onto the stand by his enthusiastic admirers, and the impromptu address which he then delivered was one of the most glowing and impassioned ever uttered.

Colonel Mills' first appearance in the field in the civil war was in Greer's cavalry at Oak Hills. He was afterwards appointed lieutenant-colonel, and then colonel of the 10th Texas infantry, defending most gallantly the garrison at Arkansas Post, although overcome by superior numbers. Following imprisonment, came his exchange. He was then given command of a regiment, and received serious injuries at Chickamauga.

In 1865, Colonel Mills resumed his business and remained at home until he was elected to congress, in 1873. When the state democratic convention met at Corsicana in 1872, two candidates for congressman-at large were to be nominated, and the contest, while free from bitterness and personalities, was very vigorous. There was a number of candidates, but the leading ones were Asa H. Willie, Roger Q. Mills, and J. W. Throckmorton.

Judge Willie, who was on the Supreme court bench in 1866, was nominated first. The vote between Colonel Mills and Governor Throckmorton was evidently very close. The convention adjourned over to give the clerks time to verify the roll call and count. There was many divided delegations and, consequently, many fractional votes. The result was anxiously awaited and when announced, Colonel Mills had secured a two-thirds vote by the narrow margin of three-fourths of a vote, so a political career which gave Colonel Mills national reputation, and revealed him as one of the ablest leaders of the democratic party of his day and time, began by a victory won by less than one vote.

Colonel Mills was, therefore, elected as a democrat to the Forty-third, and was re-elected to the nine succeeding congresses, and served from March 4, 1873, until his resignation on March 28, 1892. He was elected to the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Reagan, succeeding Horace Chilton, of Tyler, Texas, who served from December 7, 1881, to March 30, 1892, under appointment by Governor Hogg. Colonel Mills took his seat in the senate on March 3, 1892, and served until March 3, 1899, when he resumed the practice of law at Corsicana, Texas.

His interests being mainly directed toward the advancement of Texas, Colonel Mills favored general revision of tariff regulations which were "working against the home producers and consumers." His speeches on this subject showed marked skill and persevering investigation. He was a

firm believer in the advancement of the industrial and producing classes to that power in the government which would enable them to correct unjust laws.

His loyalty to principle and his unflinching courage were very marked when opposing the electoral commission conferring the presidency on Mr. Hayes, for he was convinced that Mr. Tilden had been constitutionally chosen.

Colonel Mills died in Corsicana, Texas, on September 2, 1911.

**Sanitarium Service at Baptist Church**

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be a special service at the local Baptist church conducted by the superintendent of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium of Abilene and a number of his associates, including his wife who is an accomplished musician and singer.

Mr. L. A. Sanders the superintendent is a fine Christian character and will endeavor to help us to know that this good institution is trying to act as our "good Samaritan" in ministering to the needy and the unfortunate of all this great section of country.

A part of our gifts to benevolence each Sunday go to this good work and every member of the church should take advantage of this opportunity to come to know the workers of our sanitarium and to learn something more of the work they are doing.

The service will be a varied program There will be special music both instrumental and vocal, and there will be some first hand human interest stories of patients in the sanitarium. Our friends and the public in general are invited to come with us Sunday morning and enjoy this good treat.

All other services as usual.

Next week the state Sunday school convention meets at Sherman and we are counting on a number of our people attending. It is being planned that as many as can go in cars will try to get together at the church early Monday morning and go in a crowd to the convention.

If you can go to but one convention in the year, then go to this one, as it will be worth more to you than any other convention of the year.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

**Junior League Program.**  
 Leader, Mary Eva Nichols; Scripture, Psalm 5:3, leader; Story of the Hymn, Lois Whiteley; A Hymn of Praise, Nell Hughes; The Song of the Lark, Kennedy Whiteley; The Morning Hour For Juniors, Opal Husky; Bible Story, Cullen Tittle; Piano Solo, Mary Grace Dunn. Don't forget the Junior picnic Friday afternoon.

**Junior League Program.**  
 On Friday, March 29, the Junior League was entertained at the Methodist church. Outside games were enjoyed by everyone present. After roasting weiners, a picnic lunch was spread to Mary Grace Dunn, Mary Eva Nichols, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Wayman Richards, Cullen Tittle, Imogene Middleton, Lois Whiteley, Eloise Mansell, B. P. Middleton, Marie Stanford, Gene Hulsey, Billie Bob Hulsey, Wilbur Willet, Donald Willet, Wanda Huddleston, Stacy Huddleston, John Russell Willet, Vivian Lasater, Pauline Lasater, Raymond Lasater, Billy George Cobb, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Wanda Hunter, Odell Hunter and the hostess, Miss Cora Lee Hulsey.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
 We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father, G. H. Tucker, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

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**THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.**

Members of the Thursday Night Bridge club were entertained in the home of Miss Christine Collins last week. Blooming plants and Texas Blue Bonnets made the entertaining rooms attractive for tables arranged for games of auction bridge. Miss Iva Bragg assisted the hostess in serving dainty refreshments to Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Misses Melba West, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, Iva Bragg and Christine Collins.

**IDLEWISE**

Mrs. W. T. Sadler named Idlewise club members the honorees at her party Tuesday afternoon. All party accessories favored a pretty shade of pink and gorgeous pink carnations, as the house decorations, further exemplified this color scheme. Bridge games were enjoyed until tea time when the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Robert Mayfield, served dainty confections, again employing the colors of the afternoon, to Mesdames W. V. Ramsey, J. W. Horn of Abilene, Bert Kimbrough, Harvey, Marvin, Bass, Grimes, Angus, Sears, Dillingham, Cookston, Brown, Largent, Misses Boog and Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracey, ohnnie Sears, Iva Bragg and Melba West.

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**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mrs. E. L. Mangum attended the woman's missionary conference in Lubbock last week.

Mrs. J. A. Brown entertained the T. E. L. class Thursday afternoon. Interesting contests and games were enjoyed and refreshments of cream and cake were served to more than twenty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West are announcing the arrival of a baby boy born April 7.

Cop McLeod is recovering from a serious sick spell.

Mrs. Mary Seago is in the Merkel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens left last Monday for Mineral Wells.

J. E. Kirkpatrick of Arlington was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Billings and Helen Roden of Trent attended the open house church affair at Simmons University Monday night.

Miss Edna McGregor of Big Spring was the week-end guest of Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Mesdames Frank Allen and May Day of Escota were shopping in Trent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Mrs. Hale McRee returned from Lamesa Saturday. They were accompanied by Herbert Beckham.

A number of ladies attended the

district P. T. A. meeting at Sweetwater Monday and Tuesday. Among those attending were: Mesdames W. L. Boyd, A. W. Woods, L. E. Adrian, Tom Williams, Alex Williamson, Buna McLeod, Jack Brigh, J. B. Winn and Miss Lillie Harris.

R. E. Dowdy, J. E. Bowers and Murel Manuel left Tuesday morning for a fishing trip of several days.

Mrs. Archer's recital was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Her work has been successful and appreciated by patrons.

Jasper Minick is visiting his sister, Mrs. Elbert Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene visited in Trent Tuesday.

Shorty Morgan of Stephenville visited friends here over the week-end.

**Meeting of Willing Workers.**

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian Sunday School met April 9, with Mrs. T. M. Smith.

The meeting opened with a song, followed by devotion led by Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Quotations and discussions by the class. After several contests the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Ola Smith, and Miss Mary Derstine served a very delicious refreshment plate to the following members: Mesdames S. G. Russell, J. L. Tucker, J. J. Russell, E. Tucker, Butler, Elliott, Walker, Derstine, Ponder, Miss Mary Keny. The following visitors were present: Mrs. O'Donnell, Miss Armanda J. Curtis and the hostess.

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**NOTICE**—This is to advise that my land which has been offered for sale is hereby withdrawn from the market. S. W. Sheppard.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Ford touring, 1925 model. Dan Reidenbach.

**FOR SALE**—Ford truck with gear shift. See Clay Lumber Co.

**TOMATO** Plants for sale; best brands and finest quality; 10 cents per dozen, three dozen for 25c. Mrs. J. A. Patterson Jr.

**FOR SALE**—Heavy bright, red maize; \$20.00 per ton; at my farm three miles east Merkel Highway. J. T. Warren.

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## LOST AND FOUND

**LOST**—One white face yearling, branded circle R on left hip. Notify Henry Ellerbee, Merkel Texas.

## LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

J. A. Patterson, H. P.  
O. R. Dye, Secretary.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE

The Woodmen Circle will meet every first and third Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## LEGAL NOTICE.

Citation on Publication for Probate of Will

No. 1765

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the Estate of G. H. Tucker deceased.

You are hereby notified that Mary Louisa Tucker, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said G. H. Tucker deceased. filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1929, the same being the 15th day of April 1929 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said court on the first day thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this 2nd day of April 1929.

W. P. Bounds, Clerk  
County Court, Taylor County, Texas

By Vivian Fryar, Deputy (Seal)

An Ordinance entitled an ordinance, regulating the keeping of hogs in the City of Merkel, and providing a penalty for its violation.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:**

Section No. 1.—That hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner, his agent or caretaker to keep or permit to be kept, within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas, any hog or hogs.

Section No. 2.—It is intended by the word hog, or hogs, to mean a hog, shoat or pig.

Section No. 3.—It is further declared that the keeping of any hog or hogs within the corporate limits in the city of Merkel, Texas, as hereinbefore mentioned, is a nuisance.

Section No. 4.—That any person or persons guilty of any violations of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than \$100.00; provided that each day's violation and each act of violation shall be deemed a separate offense, and prosecuted as such.

Section No. 5.—All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Section No. 6.—The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed April 1st A. D. 1929.  
H. C. WEST,  
Mayor.

Attest:  
PAULINE JOHNSON,  
City Secretary.  
(SEAL.)

### H. J. R. NO. 6

**A JOINT RESOLUTION** proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 5 Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the occurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; in other matters, until otherwise provided by Law, the jurisdiction of the Court shall be exercised under such regulations and orders as the Court by a majority vote may prescribe. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this State and unless he shall have attained the

age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court, or such lawyer and judge together at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for State officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court, who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified. When this amendment takes effect, the Governor shall immediately appoint six additional Associate Justices of the Supreme Court for terms of office so that the terms of two of such appointed Associate Justices shall expire with the term of office of each of the present members of the Supreme Court, and, upon the qualification of such new Justices, the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas shall terminate."

"Article V. Section 3. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction only except as herein specified, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State. Its appellate jurisdiction shall extend to questions of law arising in cases of which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Until otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall extend to questions of law arising in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the Judges of any Court of Civil Appeals may disagree or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals may hold differently on the same question of law, or where a Statute of the State is held void, and shall extend to such other questions as may be within the Court's Appellate Jurisdiction under the Statutes of the State in force when this amendment takes effect. The Supreme Court and the Justices thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, as may be prescribed by Law, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by Law, the said Court and the Justices thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, procedendo, certiorari and such other writs, as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. The Legislature may confer original jurisdiction on the Supreme Court to issue writs of quo warrantum and mandamus in such cases as may be specified, except as against the Governor of the State. The Supreme Court shall have power, upon affidavit or otherwise as by the Court may be determined, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capitol for the transaction of business at such times as may be designated by the Court.

The Supreme Court shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter be required by law, and he may hold his office for four years and shall be

subject to removal by said Court, for good cause entered of record on the Minutes of said Court who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide."

Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot: "For the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court", and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot in the same manner the following words printed on said ballot: "Against the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court." If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

Approved February 19, 1929.  
(A Correct Copy)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,  
Secretary of State.

## Methodist Sunday School.

We had very good service last Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The bright weather brought a large crowd out to Sunday school, and every one seemed glad to get back to work after the splendid program given Easter Sunday.

Mr. S. M. Hunter and family were back in Sunday school after a visit to relatives at O'Brien, Texas.

Mrs. Cyrus Pee, the Sunday school secretary, was absent last Sunday because of illness.

Our visitors for last Sunday included Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt and her guest, Miss Viola Martin, both of McMurry, and Miss Alice Glenn Young of Lampasas, who was visiting Miss Nadine Tippet during the week-end.

### REPORTER.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. A cordial invitation is extended to strangers to attend all the services of this church.

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

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## Dora Doings

The workers' meeting of the Baptist church Monday was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Bloxom of Rising Star spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. T. Mallon.

Mark Whiteaker and family of Winters visited G. N. Whiteaker Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagan attended the singing convention at Ballinger Saturday night and Sunday. They report a large crowd and fine singing.

The program put on by the High students Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Jim York of Del Rio spent the week-

end here visiting his niece, Mrs. Bruce Brown.

Our baseball nine went over to Merkel Friday carrying off the game by 11 to 0.

G. M. Whiteaker and Lawn Howell reported for jury duty at Sweetwater Monday morning.

Mrs. Elliott of Merkel visited her children in this community several days last week.

A. N. Cook and son, Lewis, made a business trip to Sweetwater Monday.

Jim Henson was called Sunday to the bedside of his mother, who is ill in Winters.

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Corn, Clarion No. 2 Cans, Std. Can Limit 6 ..... 11c

Coffee, White Swan, 3 lb. Cans ..... \$1.77

Cheese, Swifts Longhorn, lb. ..... 30c

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### Free Hospital For Crippled Children Given Endorsement

Dallas, April 11.—Unqualified endorsement of the proposed Texas Children's Hospital, the first complete child hospitalization in the Southwest nearer than Denver and St. Louis, has been received from Sam P. Cochran, president of the board of trustees of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children here.

"The Texas Children's Hospital movement carries strong appeal and gives additional evidence of the growing sentiment on the part of our citizenship to provide every possible means of safeguarding, and developing, to the fullest extent, our coming generations. It is gratifying to me and to other members of the board of trustees for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children to know that the institution in which you are interested will be erected near our own; and we shall welcome the Texas Children Hospital and cooperate with its officers and directors in every possible way," said Mr. Cochran, who continued, "I congratulate the hospital upon the success of its effort so far and express the hope that ultimate results will far exceed your present expectations."

The Texas Children's Hospital will be located across the street from the Scottish Rite Hospital. United the two institutions will provide complete child hospital care second to none in the United States. The Scottish Rite Hospital is constantly in demand in excess of its 50-bed capacity. It cares for children afflicted with deformed bones while the Texas Children's Hospital will treat children for the whole range of mental and physical diseases, many of them exclusively the ailments of children and treatable only with the facilities to be found in a children's hospital.

A fund appeal for \$600,000 to build the 100-bed hospital and \$1,000,000 to

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endow its free service will soon be carried to the people of Texas.

### Midland Approves Civic Bond Issues

Midland, April 11.—The heaviest voting which has ever been registered here, \$260,000 in civic improvement bond issues, carried here Tuesday. The bonds included \$50,000 for paving, \$20,000 for city hall, \$5,000 for additional street lights, and \$185,000 for sewer extension.

Leon Goodman, well known cattleman and civic leader, was elected mayor of the city by a substantial majority. R. M. Barron, J. O. Nobles and M. C. Ulmer, all prominent citizens, were elected aldermen. A. J. Norwood is the new city marshal.

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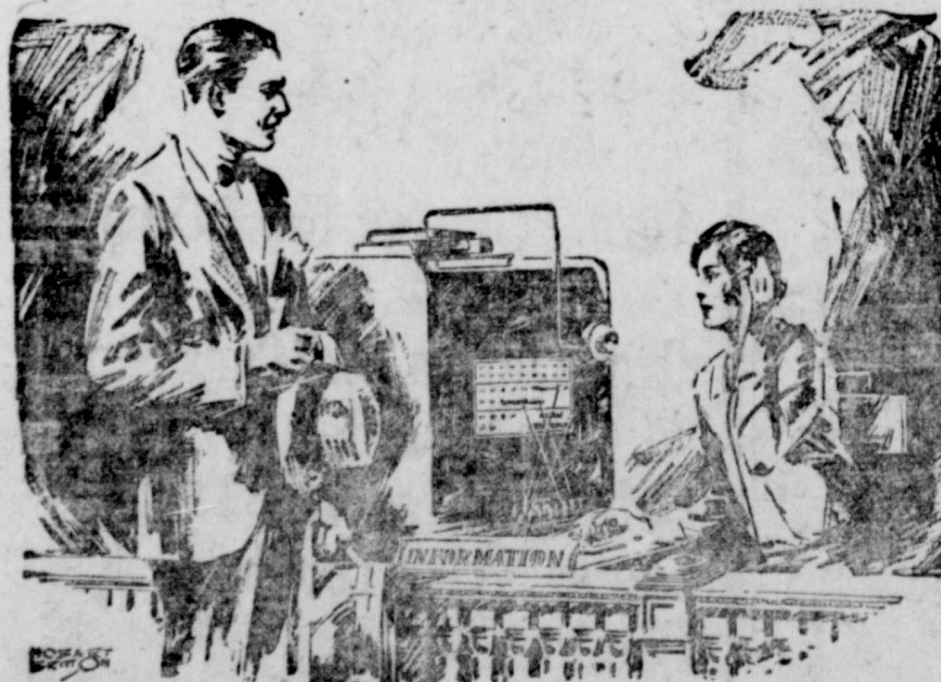
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Policies and premiums and riders and beneficiaries is the language of the call. Facts and figures are tossed about and destiny hangs on the point of a pencil.

From out a frame on the desk or from off the wall comes a cherubic smile. The poised pencil of the visitor is resolutely snatched and down goes the name on the dotted line. Trusting little lives have been protected.

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### Noted Minister to Lead Big Revival Meeting at Abilene

Dr. Len G. Broughton, formerly of the Broughton tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., and for years pastor of Spurgeon's tabernacle, London, has been secured by the First Baptist church, Abilene, to lead in a two weeks campaign beginning April 21st. Mr. W. E. Young, a noted singer of Wichita Falls and formerly of Boston and New York City, will have charge of the music, assisted by William J. Work of Simmons University and Mrs. Alex Miller officiating at the organ.

Rev. S. T. Williams has been secured to promote and manage the meeting with this crew of workers. And with the able leadership of Dr. Millard A. Jenkins and Educational Director Walter Jackson it looks like a good meeting is assured. Four minute speakers were distributed throughout the entire organization last Sunday and will continue until the meeting begins.

Beginning Monday night, the 15th, it is planned to have as many as fifty parlor meetings each night for four nights, Monday, Tuesday, (Wednesday all will be at the church) Thursday and Friday.

Towns and communities are now asking for special nights to bring delegations. Merkel has been given a night and it is believed a great crowd will be coming to the Abilene meeting. Dr. Broughton is a man that everybody ought to hear.

### Singing at Noodle Was One of Best

Our fifth Sunday convention has passed once more and I am glad to say was one of the best singing conventions I was ever in. It was fine and dandy from beginning to close—more of the old time friendship manifested.

The good people of Noodle certainly did entertain us royally. The dinner was fine and I think the coffee the best in ages. So when you want anything done on the dead square, call on those Noodle people—they know exactly how.

Our next session goes to Trent—fifth Sunday in June—and I am betting on the Trent people next time to put it over. I'll try and come to see you Trent people some time before, and if I can help you in any way in arranging things, will gladly do so, for we want it to be a glorious good day for all singers and lovers of music. Let us all pull together, and I feel that we will.

Respectfully your president,  
T. H. SPEARS.

In 1928 there were about 3,419,157 citrus trees of all kinds in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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### CANYON NEWS

We are sorry to state that little J. C. Dacey fell from a swing Sunday and broke his left arm. Both bones were broken just above the wrist. He is resting as well as could be expected.

We are glad to state these facts about Butman school. The sixth district P. T. A. convention was held at Sweetwater, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Butman school was represented by five delegates, namely: Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Will F. Butman, Mrs. Wade Engsminger, Mrs. Cleo Hunter and Mrs. Tommie Russom. Butman school was the only school in or around Merkel that had representatives who registered at the convention. Our school has plenty of good material to work with and plenty of capable leaders to take charge, so with the present efforts we hope to be entitled to more delegates next year. Each delegate reported a splendid time, and wish to thank the school for the opportunity of attending.

### Chevrolet Breaks Production Records

Detroit, April 11.—All monthly records in the history of the Chevrolet Motor Company were broken in March when the company produced 147,274 cars and trucks. A factory statement explained that this figure was considerably in excess of preliminary production schedules and was made necessary to more fully accommodate an increasing demand for the new car Chevrolet six.

This March record compares with 133,657 units for March of last year and with 121,249 for February of this year. It exceeded by nearly 7,000 units the best previous month in the history of the company, which was May, 1928, when output totalled 140,775 units.

The March performance enabled the company to exceed all records for the first quarter of the year, with a total of 354,701 units as compared with 342,184 for the first three months of 1928.

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Heavy bright, red maize; \$20.00 per ton; at my farm three miles east Merkel Highway. J. T. Warren.

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Cleaning \$1.50 to \$2.00  
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### Fort Stockton Well Has Oil Showing

Fort Stockton, Texas, April 11.—Fort Stockton was in a state of excitement Sunday after members of a crew on a wildcat oil well thirty miles northwest of here said prospects were bright for a big producer. They reported the well, which is just across the Pecos county line in Reeves county, standing several thousand feet in oil with an estimated 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

The well is in the center of the northwest quarter of section 19, Block F. G. M. B. and A. survey.

J. H. Minges of Merkel is interested in the above announcement. He owns property at Fort Stockton and is advised that the town is experiencing remarkable growth by reason of the prospects for oil.

Texas has about 600 miles of street railways.

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### Zion Chapel News

The farmers are real busy with spring planting, despite the high winds of the past week.

Mr. Johnson, the Jones county agent, met with the agriculture club Monday afternoon.

Mrs. M. K. Milner had visitors from Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin were: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mashburn, Clyde Mashburn and family, Sam Mashburn and family, Mrs. W. F. Evans and children of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warren of Knox City, Mrs. M. D. Goodyear and children of Anson, and Mrs. M. L. Estes of Merkel.

Every one has a special invitation to attend P. T. A. Friday night.

There will be a Mother's Day program at Zion Chapel 12th of May. Everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson of Noodle spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ben Adkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ramsey of

Stith, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall Sunday.

Miss Vergie Marshall is on the sick list this week.

Miss Nina McAninch spent the week-end with home folks.

In the early days of Texas, cattle were so cheap they were killed for the hides alone.

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 the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

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\$6.00 Crown and Bridge Work	\$5.00
\$15.00 X-Ray Work	\$10.00

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dreaded by fond parents, need have no terror for the child that is well nourished and fortified in advance.

#### Start now for a healthful summer

Baby authorities are in quite thorough agreement that there is nothing more essential than pure, fresh, wholesome milk in building strong, healthy young bodies. And good refrigeration, of course, is a most valuable factor in keeping milk in prime condition, right up to the moment of feeding. Ice has made a great reduction in the mortality of babies.

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Baby's health. And there is no time better than the present to obtain the necessary protection.

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Pure foods, so essential to children's health, should be kept in air that is pure as well as cold. The air in a good ice refrigerator is automatically and continuously cleaned and cooled. And when foods are properly placed in a good ice refrigerator, there is no interchange of flavors or odors. They retain their natural juices, their full flavors, their most nutritive food values.

#### A good Ice Refrigerator pays for itself

Refrigeration can be no better than the refrigerator itself. A good ice refrigerator is a good investment, whether there are children in the family or not. It quickly pays its cost in the food spoilage it prevents. And it pays further big dividends by giving you better tasting meals for years to come. If you don't know where to get a good refrigerator, ask us.

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## THE BADGER WEEKLY

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REV. ATTICUS WEBB  
 AT CHAPEL.

On Thursday morning, April 4, Rev. Atticus Webb, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, spoke to the High school. He offered as a prize to the one who wrote the best essay on the subject of liquor, a copy of his book, "Crime Our National Shame." The following is the winning essay from the tenth and eleventh grade English classes:

#### Alcohol and Its Effects

There are many different kinds of liquor, such as whiskey, beer, rum, wine, home brew, gin, "white-mule," et cetera; but each of these contains a harmful substance known as alcohol. The ancient Arabians knew that there was something in beer that made them drunk, but they did not know what it was. Some of the scientists distilled some beer and found the substance that made them drunk, but they had no name for it. The two Arabian words "al" and "kohl" pertained to the make-up that the "flappers" of that country used to make people think they were prettier than they really were. The scientists called this new substance alcohol, meaning deceiver, from those two words.

Many physicians and other people say that alcohol is a stimulant, but it paralyzes rather than stimulates. The nerves of the human body, particularly those about the brain, are very delicate. Alcohol reaches these nerves and deadens them. Most any physician will tell you that he could prescribe something else that would serve the purpose just as well as alcohol, and that would not be injurious to the health. Then why do physicians prescribe it? Merely because its taste is pleasant and because it might help them to earn more money.

Alcohol is a destroyer. It may be a quick poison or a slow poison. As a quick poison it paralyzes the nerves of the brain and kills the drinker. An over-dose is sure to prove fatal. We do not know how much it would take to make an over-dose, but scientists tell us that no person, unless he has an unusually strong constitution, can live if he takes eight ounces of alcohol into his system at one time.

The human body is made up of thirteen trillion tiny cells which are made of a substance called protoplasm. As a slow poison alcohol is a protoplasmic poison. The protoplasm is the foundation of life, and alcohol, if it is taken continuously even in small amounts, will gradually but surely destroy the cells. Just as a person accumulates money when he opens a savings account, so does alcohol destroy the protoplasm.

Dr. Webb told of seeing a moving picture of the blood stream. The blood is made up of small corpuscles, the red are the life-giving and the white are the germ-destroying corpuscles. Well do scientists call the white corpuscles the soldiers of the body. When a disease germ gets into the blood these little fighters rush to the germ and destroy it. When alcohol gets into the blood the white corpuscles become lifeless. When a disease germ gets into the blood they try to kill it but are too weak, so the person takes the disease. It is easy to see that persons who drink alcohol are much more susceptible to diseases than those who do not. The advice of medical authorities during the "flu" epidemic was, if you want to avoid the flu, let alcohol alone.

Alcohol is a habit-forming drug. A person takes a drink of liquor, his nerves are numbed, and he craves something to soothe them. He will give his last dollar to the bootlegger for more alcohol and leave his loved ones to suffer for want of food or clothing. The bootlegger and the saloon-keeper know this, so they peddle their wares to every one that they can in order that they may make more money. The people of the United States knew this, so they passed the prohibition law. Government is a game and all of the laws are the rules of the game. If a person on a football team disobeys the rules of the game he is put off the team because he is a nuisance. The bootlegger is the greatest nuisance to the game of government and he should be eliminated. Let us all play the game of government fair and square, and the bootlegger will be put out of business, for it takes two to make a business—the buyer and the seller.

VERNIE DERRICK.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—

—That we hope all the people who go to the polls Tuesday, April 30 (and here's hoping there will be almost 100% of this district vote) will vote FOR the \$16,000 school bonds; the most important proposition Merkel has voted on in quite a while?

—That Merkel is fortunate to be able to get a music teacher of the ability of Miss Comper, the new music instructor who has taken the place of Mrs. Brown, resigned?

—That the students of Merkel were indeed fortunate to have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Atticus Webb, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, last Friday?

—That one of the best Chapel programs of the school's history was given last Tuesday morning by the speech, arts and music classes?

—That Merkel, without raising any fuss over the fact, has gathered this season one of the best baseball teams that she has had for several years?

—That we feel proud of our high school history for this year, as it includes: a football team which lost their game with the district champions by a score of only 6-0; a real pep squad with a good organization and some good uniforms; several hundred dollars worth of good books added to the library; a basketball team which won the county championship and showed up well at the district meet; a track team which without much training showed up well; the winning of the county all round championship loving cup; an annual second to none for a school the size of M. H. S.; and the gaining of affiliation in almost all cjbtsb osuerffed cmfwyp mfwy fwy subjects offered?

—That we (the staff) feel particularly proud of the fact that our edition has appeared for every week of school since its beginning, and that even though there did seem to be times when the paper must fail to continue, it still survives, due to the determination of its publishers and their wish to set a record for real loyalty to old M. H. S.?

—That even tho' none of the classes has done anything so very dazzling, we feel that much good has been accomplished this year?

#### ANNUAL NEWS.

The fourth volume of the "Badger" has been sent to press. Luck has been with us in our efforts to "get the Badger out early," and we will feel well paid should the books be returned from the printer that we might distribute them by May 1.

Now that the Annual is complete, life won't seem the same when we leave "Home Sweet Home," (the Annual office.) Even "Speck", the private secretary, and Lola, the jointress, will feel lost without a job typing from dictations and sweeping twice a day; and poor Mrs. Yeung can no longer say, "You boys are the dirtiest house keepers I ever saw," and, "was

that a quartette I heard in the annual office last period?"

Another cheerful side about this annual is that "the Badger is out of the hole" financially, thanks to the Merkel and Abilene merchants who gave us their support. Look in the ad section to find a list of Merkel's best line-up of merchants and give them your trade.

We hope you will like the M. H. S. Badger.

#### CHAPEL FOR NEXT MONDAY.

Mr. Burgess has announced that J. F. Cox, dean of men at A. C. C. will deliver the principal address at the chapel hour next Monday.

As Dean Cox is a recognized speaker the students are assured a very worthwhile talk.

Mr. Burgess also plans to add other numbers to the program.

William Sheppard and Milton Case will go to Abilene next Saturday (13) to defend at the district tennis tournament, their county championship in the boys' doubles. Milton Case will also play in the singles.

Several of the high school boys who are in Joe Ward's band will go to Hamlin Friday where they will play at the district meet to be held in the Jones county metropolis.

#### "MORE SENIOR NEWS."

The honorable dignified seniors, realizing that the day of parting with dear old M. H. S. is near at hand, are at last beginning to realize what is meant by "happy school days." We can now see the fun we have had from the days of our "fishhood" up until now. 'Tis sad to think that those days are gone forever.

We even feel forgiveness in our hearts toward the faculty.

It would be a fatal blow to a Scotch pocketbook for a fellow to be a Senior two years. It takes some nerve to be a Senior; imagine the embarrassment of one who pays five dollars for invitations and is still wondering how near he will come to passing. It's a great life if you don't weaken.

#### CHAPEL PROGRAM.

Wednesday morning at the usual chapel period, the Fine Arts Department entertained the High school with an enjoyable program. The following program was rendered by the members of the department:

Duet—Ida Mae Derstine and Mrs. Brown.

Piano Solo, "La Paloma"—Himalaya Swafford.

Story, "Ransom of Red Chief,"—Vernie Derrick.

Vocal selection, "Brown Birds Singing"—Lola Shelton.

Piano solo, "Since You Came"—Carlos Montandon.

"Essay on Woman"—Ruskin Smith.

Vocal solo, "An Old Guitar and An Old Refrain"—Dorice Brown.

Piano solo, "Send the Light"—Imogene Mangum.

"Essay on Man"—Euna Lee Gilmore.

Vocal solo, "The Lilas Tree"—Hazel Leslie.

Piano solo, "He Loves Even Me"—(variations), Nadine Lippett.

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# What the Gray House Hid



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(Continued from Last Week)

"I was wandering past it last night after dinner."

"Unwise," said Appleton. "Mosquitoes. Be advised to keep away. So you made a discovery?"

"Yes—I saw a great black snake at least seven feet long."

"Is that all? My dear Miss Cella, you saw one of the most valuable of the ophidians. The black snake is a rat eater, a mouse hunter, worth his weight in gold to your honored parents in the protection of the song birds. Rats are the natural enemies of the birds. The black snakes are the natural enemies of rats." Instinct guided Mr. Appleton's eyes to Tim, who was at that moment meditating a snake hunt. "Tim will be wise not to kill any but venomous snakes, such as the copperhead."

"Tim is not going near the bird sanctuary," his mother declared.

After luncheon Appleton sought out Mr. Hanby.

"By the end of the week I shall have completed all the alterations," he said. "I have seen to the farm repairs, and have reduced your account keeping to a card index system well within the comprehension of your son."

"That doesn't mean you are leaving us, I hope?"

"Alas, yes. My poor wife has had a turn for the worse, and my duty is at her side. Darby and Joan, you know, Mr. Hanby—Darby and Joan!"

"I shall have to get some one to take your place."

"That should not be necessary," said Mr. Appleton. "Oh, dear me, no! You will have no trouble with workmen."

"I'll see Douglas about it," said Hanby. "I'm going into town in a few days."

"But if Mr. Douglas knows of any one. Everything in that line was left to me. In his desire to be courteous to you he might recommend some very unsuitable person."

Hanby ceased the dislike the former employee felt for the man who had failed to appreciate him, but this did not sway the new owner in the least. Nor did Appleton's offer to send a man meet with approval. Douglas was one of the biggest men of his culling in New York, and Hanby maintained that he would not recommend any but an expert.

When Appleton had gone, Bill Pelham asked Leslie a question.

"What was your griping against that cheerful rascal?"

"I didn't like the way he looked at Cella."

"My dear Les!" Bill protested.

"That's all right," returned Les. "but you didn't know my Uncle Russell."

"I've read enough about him in the papers."

"About his financial triumphs. I don't mean that. He was as wicked an old beast as ever lived—a calculating, smiling, respect-inspiring old libertine, and he smiled in the fatherly way that your old Applejack has. Now go and laugh and tell the others. Cella will think it a scream."

"I'll keep it to myself," said Bill; "but you won't mind if I don't agree with you?"

Poor jealous boy, he meditated, so unhappy Cella's exasperating ways that he seized on the old-world courtesies of Appleton as offensive.

"Les," he said presently, "you'll have to get over those things."

"There are some things no decent man ever gets over," Les replied warmly.

"Hist!" warned Bill. "Who comes?"

A stranger stepped out of a station taxi, walked over the terrace, and rang the bell.

"Who's that?" Les demanded.

"Except that she is a professional woman forty-three years of age, height five feet five, weight one hundred and fifty, has two gold slippings in the lower bicusplids, has never been married, is fond of hiking, and devoted to classical music, I can tell you nothing! But for those details she is a complete stranger upon whom I have never before set eyes."

"Bill, you're a marvel," said Les.

"I dare not contradict you, I am. It all comes out of a correspondence course on how to be a house detective."

"How can I check up on the teeth?" Les asked.

"You can't. That wouldn't be playing the game. It would be rude of you to ask the lady to open her mouth. Take my word for it."

"Well," said Les presently, "you the idea of being constantly checked up?"

"I do I get five and a quarter cents?"

"Dusky, Bill, what makes you giving me a check?"

"I'm giving myself away to that extent now unless you let me I thought just registering firm determina-

carried out. These alterations were not embodied in the contract that Appleton drew up. Legally she had no case. She is sure that Appleton deliberately tricked her. She was so upset that she went to Algebras to live. When she came back, she made another effort to rent the place through Douglas & Smith. They referred her to Appleton again, and he refused."

"Why?" Pelham asked. "It stood empty long enough."

"Appleton would not recommend her to old Miss Coryell, who owned it, as a suitable client. Miss Coryell believed in him implicitly. It seems amazing that Mr. Douglas can place such reliance on him."

"Not amazing to those who know him," Hanby retorted, unable to see why Frederick Appleton should be criticized thus.

"My client appealed to successive tenants to allow her to remove what she had buried, but again the Appleton influence intervened. One tenant, a Mr. Seymour, seemed likely to be agreeable, but Appleton stopped that. He informed Mr. Seymour that a tenant has no legal right to allow any excavation without the consent of the owner, Miss Coryell. Like most Englishmen, Mr. Seymour was afraid of offending against any such statutes as hedge about landowners, and had to refuse. He laid the blame squarely on Appleton. My client, having no legal adviser at the time, behaved with great unwisdom. She hired men to go there by night and Appleton bobbed up in time to prevent them from entering. I regret to say that Miss Selenos made a regrettable scene."

"I am bound to say I am not drawn to her," Hanby remarked. "I had a very unpleasant interview with her. What has she buried? Why did she bury it?"

"Mr. Hanby," Doctor Evers said in her pleasant voice, "forget for a minute that she offended you. Consider her as a lonely old woman grievously deceived by a man forty years ago. Is she the first to become embittered? Is she the first to turn to what we call the lower animals?"

"You mean those dogs?"

"I mean those dogs. The dog is the only animal that has ever made an alliance with man, the only animal that will brave death for its owner, the only really unselfish thing in the world." Doctor Evers looked about her. "You have everything—one of the loveliest women in America for a wife, beautiful children, riches, and this house. My client has nothing but her love for dogs. The second shock of her life, was when four of her dogs were poisoned here. I suppose, if I tell you she believed that Appleton did it, you will smile."

"Undoubtedly the poor creature is mad," said Hanby.

"His voice was not so vindictive now. It was true, he thought that he had everything—health, happiness, freedom from money care, a friend like Bill Pelham. Insensibly his mood softened.

"She had leaden caskets made and buried them out on a little lawn where a spindly stood. It shocked her, immeasurably to learn that Mr. Seymour had removed the dial and made a tennis lawn. She is now in a position to pay for any damages. I may say I am here to make you an offer for this house considerably in excess of what you paid for it."

"It is not in the market," replied Hanby.

"Then will you let her have the little lead caskets removed?"

"Hanby smiled a little.

"I suppose you know that my fiancée, who are devoted to that grass court, will be singularly pleased."

"She is prepared to pay."

"No money will buy a ready-made grass tennis court," he reminded her.

"Is that a refusal?"

"Does it mean so much to that old woman?"

"It means so much that you would not believe it."

"All right!" Hanby said, sighing. "Go ahead!"

But the lawn was not wrecked. With a sharp steel probe, the house detective discovered the leaden boxes. They were immediately under the net. The removal was skillfully done. Even Junior did not know it had taken place.

"Now that it is all over," said Doctor Evers, "I am commissioned to ask Mrs. Hanby if she will accept this offer."

Hanby could see that the stone set in a pendant, was of great value. "We could not think of it," he declared.

"Why not? My client, now that her California property is clear, is certainly worth \$5,000,000. She is a very remarkable woman. Please notice that she did not offer this as a bribe. If you do not take it, her directions are explicit. I am to throw it into the lake."

"Oh, Bill!" said Dina, later. "This is another of the things I've always wanted. It's the most gorgeous stone I've ever seen!"

"You never told me so," he replied, almost jealously.

"It would have made you unhappy to know there was something you could not give me."

"So that's the Selenos mystery!" he said, meditating. "Poor old soul! She couldn't bear the idea of young barbarians at play on her nursing ground. Well, if she's happier now, I'm glad, but as a mystery it has silvered badly."

(Continued Next Week.)

### Sore Hand Causes President to Limit Handshaking Line

Washington, April 11.—Word went out from the White House today to members of the house and senate that they must be more considerate in sending their constituents to the executive mansion to march in the semi-weekly presidential handshaking line.

One day last week 1,775 people filed through the executive office and grasped President Hoover's hand. The muscles of the hand became so sore he was able to write only with great difficulty for some time afterward, and he felt also the handshaking had been a considerable strain upon him.

The legislators on Capitol Hill have been asked to limit themselves to ten constituents at each reception. One member of the senate, Copeland, of New York, in one day sent 188 people to the White House with the necessary credentials, a letter of introduction to the president's secretary.

### Young Girl Dies

Evela Barber, 11 years old, died last Friday at the home of her parents near Caps. Funeral services were held Saturday from the Pleasant Hill Church of Christ. Burial was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Surviving the young girl are her parents, two brothers, J. C. and Leonard; two sisters, Perrine Frances and Hollis; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wetzel, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harber of Abilene.

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### License of Houston Embalmer Revoked

Houston, Texas, April 11.—License of Leo H. Weadlock, manager of the Houston Undertaking Company, as an embalmer, has been revoked by the State Board of Embalmers after a long executive session.

Weadlock was convicted and given eight years in prison several days ago on a charge of perjury in connection with the burial of an aged man, undraped, in a cheap wooden box.

### Sweetwater Lets Bid For Hospital

Sweetwater, April 11.—Contract was let here with an architectural firm for the preparation of plans for the first unit of a modern fireproof, four-story hospital, that eventually will contain 150 beds. The hospital is to be erected by a corporation of physicians and making up the Sweetwater Clinic, and business men. The latter, some time ago, subscribed for preferred stock and the money was used for the purchase of a quarter block of ground.

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The older woman, deathly pale, turned to her husband.

"She's right," he said. "There's no use trying to hide it any longer. You are my wife, Jean, and I love you as a companion. But I love Marie—she's the other way."

So this was her reward for sacrificing the best years of her life to her home and family. First her son, then her daughter—eager for new sensations—were swept headlong to disaster by the modern tide of jazz. And now her husband yields to the siren lure of a girl whose kisses must prove as deadly as a viper's sting! What had she, his wife, to offer against the lure of soft, red lips, against the seductiveness and passion of youth? What should she do?

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## UTILITIES CO. IS EXTENDING LINES

West Texas Organization is Active in Transmission Line Construction and Extension

Transmission line construction and extension constitutes the principal activity of the West Texas Utilities Company the first three months of this year. Approximately 200 miles of transmission line is under construction, 70 miles of which is already completed. This extends pump service to the Shell Pipe line company and the Texas Pipe Line company. The towns of Christoval and Blackwell were added to the company properties, increasing the number of cities, towns and communities served by the West Texas Utilities Company to 110.

Among the major extensions is the building of 66,000 volt lines, with the necessary substations, from San Angelo to Eldorado, a distance of 36 miles and the construction of 30 miles of 66,000 line from Sonora to Ozona. This will close the 66,000 volt loop between San Angelo and Ozona, thus affording loop service to these towns in addition to providing another circuit to the Yates oil field. Also of equal importance is the construction of 28 miles of 66,000 volt lines from Mason to the Gillespie county line to interconnect with the Central Light and Power company, thus providing loop service to towns in this district.

Tying in with these lines and requiring further 66,000 volt extensions are lines to serve five pumps stations of the Shell Pipe Line company and three of the Texas Pipe Line company, each station having a connected load of 1,000 horsepower. This work has meant the reinsulating of 30 miles of 22,000 volt line for 66,000 volt operation between Menard and Junction, constructing 19 miles of 66,000 volt line from Junction to pipe line stations, 10 miles of 66,000 volt line from Yates oil field to pipe line stations, 10 miles of 66,000 from Eldorado to pipe line stations and 15 miles of similar voltage line to serving other stations. In addition to these extensions the company is constructing 70 miles of telephone line between San Angelo and Sonora and 30 miles from Mason to the Gillespie county line to facilitate dispatching service.

Other important oil field extensions now are being made in the Wilbarger, Noodle Dome, Putnam and Yates fields.

## Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett are spending this week in Dallas.

Ralph Bigham of Havana, Cuba, visited relatives and friends here this week-end.

F. H. Buckels of Bair spent last week-end visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Dunning.

Miss Mary Parrack spent last week-end visiting with her sister and friends in Simmons University.

Mrs. Dave Collingran of Wink spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Colbert.

Edsel Church, who is now connected with an automobile house at Sedalia, Mo., is here on a visit.

Mrs. Will Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple and C. J. Glover Jr. returned Monday from a visit to Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble had as their guests for the week-end Mrs. Ed Young and daughters of Lampasas. Miss Frances Virginia Dunning and aunt, Mrs. J. W. McConnell, are visiting relatives in Big Spring this week.

Some onethousand Texas teachers were in Ballinger on Friday and Saturday of last week in attendance at the Mid-Texas Educational Association. Supt. Burgess of our school was in attendance for both days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson of Eliasville were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris. Mrs. Bullock is their daughter and Mrs. Edmondson their granddaughter.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack were in Hamlin Monday and Tuesday of this week attending a district Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. convention. They expect to go along with a group of the workers of the Merkel Baptist Sunday School to the State Baptist Sunday school convention at Sherman next week.

## Dawes Gets British Post.

Washington, April 11.—Formal announcement of the appointment of former Vice-President Charles G. Dawes to be ambassador to Great Britain was made at the White House Tuesday.

Word that Dawes would be acceptable to the British government was received by the state department. The announcement followed immediately.

## RADIO REVIVAL



Above is Lonnie Smith, a student of Simmons University, who is the public director of the Douglas evangelistic party. Many people in West Texas will be happy to know that Albert T. Douglas has returned from the Pacific coast and Canada, where he has conducted many successful meetings. Mr. Douglas and party are now conducting a radio revival over the Abilene station K. F. Y. O. Every one is invited to tune in from 9 to 10 a. m. every day and enjoy these splendid religious programs. The meeting is being financed by volunteer contributions from the radio listeners.

## Coolidge a Director.

New York, April 11.—Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, announced Wednesday that Calvin Coolidge will become a director of the company, succeeding the late Myron T. Herrick, ambassador to France. Mr. Coolidge was nominated at a meeting of the board Wednesday and will be elected at the May meeting.

## U. S. Troops Sent to Border Points

San Antonio, Texas, April 11.—Moving to anticipate any trouble that may arise along the international border from the increase in the number of Mexican federal and rebel troops in Sonora near the Arizona border. Major Gen. William Lassiter, commander of the Eighth corps area, late Wednesday announced that he had ordered a regiment of infantry from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., to Bisbee, Ariz. and the remainder of the Seventh cavalry, reinforced by a battalion of Field Artillery from Fort Bliss to Hachita, N. M.

## Negro is Killed By Marshall Constable

Marshall, April 11.—Lucky Singleton, 45 years old, negro farmer living about six miles east of Marshall, was shot and killed by Constable J. W. Smith of Waskom Wednesday morning.

Constable Smith had a warrant for the arrest of Singleton and had started to town with him when a scuffle ensued in the automobile, both falling out of the car. Smith fired one shot, which took effect in the left breast, under the heart.

A charge of murder was filed against Smith and bond, set at \$1,000, was made.

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## School Board Gives Views About Bonds

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this Grammar school building for the entire year. The board wants to be permitted to put this building in shape for these 500 of our children.

### ARCHITECT'S ESTIMATE

Replacing plaster dropped due to leaking roof	\$ 200.00
Repairing cabinets	150.00
Replacing doors outside and inside (5)	150.00
New black board	450.00
New roof, (10-year guarantee)	450.00
Providing new sewer system, providing basement for boiler, building partitions, etc.	1,500.00
Paint entire building	1,150.00
Hail wire on windows for both buildings	750.00
Modern steam heating plant	7,000.00
Seating Grammar school auditorium with opera chairs	1,800.00
Raising floor of Grammar school auditorium	400.00
Other repairs	1,475.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

The secretary of the board has also gone over the income and expenditures of the district for the coming year, and the following estimates made:

### SOURCES OF INCOME

From the state apportionment of \$15.00 per pupil	\$ 8,130.00
Local tax	22,500.00
Tuition from out-of-district pupils	2,500.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$33,130.00</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Interest and principal on bonds outstanding	\$ 3,835.00
Salaries	22,962.00
Incidentals, water, coal, etc.	3,856.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$30,653.00</b>

Estimated surplus for next year \$ 2,477.00

From the above statement of our financial condition, it will be seen that unless something unforeseen happens, the Board will be able to care for this bond issue without the addition of more taxes or raising the values of property. The bonds proposed are twenty-year bonds, due serially, with interest at 5%. For the first year it will take \$1600 to carry this issue (interest and principal payment), and this additional expenditure of \$1600 as the bonds are paid off. The \$2400 surplus shown above should care for this additional expenditure of 1600 without raising the value a penny.

We believe all friends of the school will support this issue so that the board may get busy at once, and have this building in shape for the opening of school next September. Don't forget the date: Tuesday, April 30.

O. J. ADCOCK,

Pres. of the Board of Trustees.

W. O. BONEY,

Secretary of the Board.

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## Eleven Jurors Won Twelfth By Prayer Alleged in Appeal

Austin, Texas, April 11.—The Court of Criminal Appeals was urged Wednesday to reverse the death penalty case of E. V. Allen, convicted in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank at Carbon, Eastland county, principally because one juror, who first voted for a prison sentence, was influenced to change to a death verdict by a series of prayers by the other eleven members of the jury.

When the disagreeing juror refused to change to a verdict assessing death as punishment, it is alleged the other jurors held a series of prayers that "the juror's judgement should be changed by Almighty God," and that after the prayers the juror changed his opinion and voted with the other eleven members. This, counsel for Allen contended, was illegal and prevented a fair verdict.

It was also argued that the State's witnesses had failed positively to identify Allen as a participant in the robbery and that the death penalty is too severe for this kind of crime when no injuries were inflicted.

The Carbon Bank was held up Dec. 13, 1927, by two bandits and \$5,676 in currency was taken.

The argument in behalf of Allen was presented by Maury Hughes, former District Attorney of Dallas County, who was retained since the trial of the case.

## Moody Calls Session.

Austin, April 11.—Prison reorganization, a state civil service and legislation to carry out the recent constitutional amendment for a state board of education are submitted as topics for the special session of the Texas legislature which Governor Moody called to convene on April 22.

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