

SLOW BUT SAFE

We hear of those who get rich quick,
Who strike it rich at one bold lick;
But somehow most of those big tales
Are told to help put over sales;
For all rich men whom we have found
Have gained their riches round by round,
Have worked and sweat year in year out
And never used the short cut route.
The Farmers State Bank has much to show
The safest route is to go slow.

The Farmers State Bank

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J. S. SWANN, President	HERBERT PATTERSON,
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It costs very little to recondition a MODEL T FORD

THE Ford Motor Company is making a new car, but it is still proud of the Model T. It wants every owner of one of these cars to run it as long as possible at a minimum of trouble and expense.

Because of this policy and because of the investment that millions of motorists have in Model T cars, the Ford Motor Company will continue to supply parts as long as they are needed by Ford owners.

So that you may get the greatest use from your Model T, we suggest that you take it to the nearest Ford dealer and have him estimate on the cost of any replacement parts that may be necessary.

You will find this the economical thing to do because a small expenditure now will help to prevent costlier repairs later on, increase the value of the car, and give you thousands of miles of additional service.

For a labor charge of only \$2.60 you can have your generator put in first-class condition. A new universal joint will be installed for a labor cost of \$3. Overhauling the carburetor costs \$1.50; steering gear, \$3.50; radiator, \$7.50. A complete overhauling of the rear axle assembly runs between \$5.75 and \$7 for labor. An average price of \$22.50 covers the overhauling of the motor and transmission.

These prices are for labor only because the need and number of new parts depend on the condition of each car. The cost of these parts is low, however, because of the Ford policy of manufacturing and selling at a small margin of profit.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY



WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

That De Leon shipped a car load of shorthorn junior and senior calves to Lake Charles, La., is an indication of what that territory is concentrating on. J. Doss Miller, Jr. and C. M. Caraway shipped the car consisting of 29 bull calves to Henry Gray, a breeder of shorthorns in that state. The animals were all fine registered stock.

Hamlin has completed plans for a cream route that makes a loop around the town, and then goes into Stamford and collection will start upon the arrival of a sufficient number of cream cans and will be under the direction of T. A. Carter. The producers will receive a premium of 10 cents per pound above market price for sweet cream.

Canyon has started a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the erection of the first unit of a museum building to house the relics of the Panhandle-Plains Historical society.

Archer county's chamber of commerce has made plans to establish a higher grade of cattle in the county with the purchase of 26 high bred registered animals to be shipped from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana breeders.

Muleshoe continues to ship car after car of maize, kaffir and corn to outside markets every day. The demand for these feeds is good because of the high quality. Much of it is used for planting.

Iowa Park will sponsor a community work day on June 4, at the Fair grounds in order to get the grounds ready for the proposed erection of a grand stand for general use. Labor and the use of tractors, teams and other equipment will be donated so that the work may be completed in one day.

Crosbyton is experiencing a new residential building boom. On one block recently sold by B. W. Ellison there is to be built six brick veneer homes by its new owner, G. H. Johnson. Johnson has already built four homes in Crosbyton.

Ralls, in being chosen the place of meeting for the 1930 South Plains district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, brings the meet to Crosby county for the second time, as it was held in Crosbyton in 1927.

Pampa's Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a poultry and dairy school at which 50 students from the vocational agricultural class of the high school, and about the same number of farmers from the territory were present. The school was in charge of Prof. K. M. Renner and Prof. R. C. Mowery of Texas Tech.

Seymour will entertain the delegates from the Lower Panhandle district of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in convention on May 16. A fish fry and golf at the Seymour chamber of commerce park at Lake Kemp under the auspices of the Lions Club and a band contest with \$160.00 in prizes will be features of the convention.

Olney's proposed street lighting system is about to become a reality. The present plans provide 40 standard lights, and 60 bracket lights to be placed where standards are not appropriate.

Borger's Little Symphony orchestra held its first meeting and formed a tentative group recently. This will be enlarged and officers named at a later meeting.

Artist Daughter of Charles Dickens Dies

London, May 16.—Mrs. Kate Perugini, 89, only surviving daughter of Charles Dickens, died in London Thursday.

Mrs. Perugini was the eldest daughter of the novelist. She achieved considerable note as an artist, particularly of children's portraits and of children's subject pictures. The best-known of these were: "An Impartial Audience," "A Little Woman," "Tom Boy," "The Rabbit Hutch," "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" and "Butterflies."

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.

Dora Doings

The play, entitled "Mamma's Little Wild Rose", which was put on by the senior class Friday night, was enjoyed by a large crowd.

We are sorry to report the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Berry very sick.

A number from here attended the Mother's Day program at Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyroning are visiting his parents in Eastland this week.

The game with Bronte Saturday was a long, hard battle, with Bronte winning by two scores. Our boys will return the game Wednesday.

D. E. Dugan is sporting a new Chevrolet Six.

John Dudley and family were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Mcgee is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coward of Clyde.

STAR DIARRHOEA TABLETS
Stops diarrhoea and saves the baby-chicks or your money back. Merkel Drug Co.



When Hot Weather
Tires Your Feet New
Soles and Heels Will
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Satisfaction Guaranteed

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have grown up in the splendid
traditions of service which

THIS BANK

has rendered to the community
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They will welcome an op-
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"Never missed a dividend—n ever assessed a shareholder"

"FOR THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY"



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This investment is safe because it is backed by modern income-earning properties. . . . Three major generating stations, fifteen auxiliary plants and more than 2,000 miles of transmission lines, other assets and an ever-growing demand for day-and-night service.

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West Texas Utilities
Company

Wife Sees Husband's Fatal Heart Attack; Dies Beside Him

Jacksonville, Texas, May 16.—Death took two pioneers Wednesday in the Mount Enterprise community near here. Amos Spafford, 66, was plowing near his home and a heart attack caused him to fall beside his plow, where he died in a short time. His wife, Mrs. Angie Spafford, who was sitting by a window, saw him fall and ran to his side, where she fell and died beside her husband.

Waldorf-Astoria Famous Hostelry Victim of Progress

New York, May 16.—Festively, with all flags flying as if, as in former days, in welcome to a President or prince, the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel passed out of existence Wednesday night, victim of the mighty march of business up Fifth avenue.

With the removal of the famous hostelry to make room for an office skyscraper, the whole character of Thirty-Fourth street and Fifth avenue, once the most fashionable neighborhood in the new world, will have completely changed.

More than 1,000 guests rode up in taxis and limousines to her brilliantly lighted carriage entrance to eat the last dinner ever to be served at the Waldorf. There was one big stag dinner in the grand ballroom, attended by members of more than forty organizations that for years have had their annual dinners at the hotel.

Senator Royal S. Copeland and other notables spoke at the dinner and their speeches were broadcast. The dinner was the inspiration of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, who was unable to be present, as he is recovering from an operation.

Mrs. McCormick Will Run for U. S. Senate

Springfield, Ill., May 16.—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, United States Congresswoman-at-large from Illinois, announced Saturday that she would be a candidate for United States Senate in 1930.

The announcement was made in a letter to William H. Crum of this city and was published by the Illinois State Register Saturday afternoon.

Turkey is elated over the announcement of a \$30,000.00 sanitarium to be built at once. An unlimited supply of water has recently been piped into the town, railroad surveyors have laid out a north and south railroad route, two buildings of brick are under construction and plans for others are being made.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Alamo Purchase Bill A Formality in Senate

Austin, Texas, May 16.—When Gov. Dan Moody submits the subject of appropriations to the Legislature, formal passage of the \$1,000,000 Alamo land purchase bill will be a formality as far as the Senate is concerned.

Each of the thirty-one Senators has signed a bill which Senator W. A. Williamson of San Antonio will introduce as soon as the path is opened for it by the Governor. Thus the bill's passage is assured in the Senate as, except under extraordinary circumstances, a Senator's signature to a bill guarantees his vote for it.

\$42,000,000 for 1929 Plant Extensions

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, operating in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and a small part in Illinois adjacent to St. Louis, authorized gross additions to its plant, or telephone property and equipment, to the amount of \$3,300,958, during March, 1929.

These authorizations provide that \$528,586 worth of worn and obsolete equipment will be removed, leaving a net addition to the company's telephone property of \$2,772,372.

The total expenditures by the company for plant extensions during 1929 will total approximately \$42,000,000.

Automobile Races July 4.

Auto races will be staged on the West Texas Fair track at Abilene on July 4, it was announced by officials of the fair association Tuesday. The automobile races on July 4 have been very popular with people all over West Texas and some of the best known drivers in the racing game have participated in the events. It is probable that some new features will be included on the Independence Day program.

Texas leads the United States in the number of domestic livestock animals on farms and ranches.

For Tin, Plumbing And Repair Work See EARL TEAGUE Tinner and Plumber Phone 176W Satisfaction Guaranteed

Sore Gums Now Curable

You won't be ashamed to smile again after you use Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading dentists and cannot fail to benefit you. Drugist return money if it fails. Phillips Drug Store.

Calvin Coolidge Says No More Politics, 8-Word Sentence

New York, May 16.—Calvin Coolidge, in New York for his election as a director of the New York Life Insurance Company, announced Wednesday that he did not expect to return to politics.

He made it in eight words, two more than his famous "I do not choose to run." What he said was:

"I don't expect to go back into politics."

He refused to amplify the statement, saying he did not care to discuss public questions.

George Washington Memento.

A silver memento of size little less than a silver dollar is in the possession of T. H. Hass of this city, showing the head of George Washington and carrying the inscription "Born 22 Feb. 1732. Died 14 Dec. 1799" with the disc outlined with 35 stars.

Mr. Hass found this souvenir on the banks of the east fork of the Trinity in Kaufman county in 1914 and so far as he has been able to learn there are only four of these mementos known to exist.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Middle Life Troubles

"ABOUT twenty years ago, my health was very bad," says Mrs. Mat Howard, of Terrell, Texas. "I was passing through a critical time in my life, and I suffered a great deal. I was not at all strong, and my nerves got all upset. I had hot flashes, and sometimes would get suddenly so faint I could not stand up. My head would whirl, and I could not see a thing. I would have to lie down for hours at a time."

"I improved so much after I had taken Cardui for a while. I continued the medicine for some months, until I had passed the critical period. Since then, I have given Cardui to my five daughters. All of them have continued the use of Cardui in their homes. We have all been better for having taken it."

CARDUI Helps Women to Health

Take Theford's Black-Draught for Constipation, Indigestion and Biliousness. Only 1 cent a dose.

DAPPER DAN



Cheerio!

Says Dapper Dan: "When life seems gray
"And all the world seems dreary,
"I smile and to myself I say:
"Buck up, Old Thing! Look cheery!"

When coats and pants and vests and such look sad and worn and shabby, go get'em cleaned. It won't cost much, and you'll not feel so crabby!

It improves one's disposition wonderfully to keep one's clothes clean and fresh and well pressed!

MODERN DRY CLEANERS OF COURSE
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Across from Postoffice
You'll like the plan of Dapper Dan, The clever Cleaning-Dyeing man!



REPAIR SERVICE

After you have brought your car into our shop for a complete overhauling and for the necessary repairs it will perform much more smoothly. Our skilled mechanics work quickly, skillfully, and for a reasonable charge.

Our fine garage service is at your disposal. Here you may be sure that your car will receive the same care that you yourself would give it. GIVE US A TRIAL.

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Dry Cleaning/Service!

Your clothes, whether new or old, are improved by a first class job of dry cleaning and pressing. Let us show you what real dry cleaning service means. We await your call.

CITY DRY CLEANERS

"Sudden Service"
Phone 189 Kent Street

Drops Purse Overboard With \$15,000 Bracelets

New York, May 16.—Mrs. Oscar Malo of Denver, returning from Europe on the liner Majestic Thursday, lost overboard a purse containing two diamond bracelets valued at \$15,000

while the Majestic was nearing her pier in North River.

She was standing by the railing with her son, Jack, who became excited as the ship started to turn in and jostled her. She dropped the purse into the water.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

KINDERGARTEN.

Beginning June 3, 1929, I shall teach a kindergarten. The term will be six weeks. The work will consist of: handwriting, games, story telling, health rules, music, and objective counting. Tuition rate \$10.00 per child.

EUNICE RUSSELL.

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They do not tire the taste.

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- The Light Delivery Chassis \$400
- The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis \$545
- The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis with Cab \$650

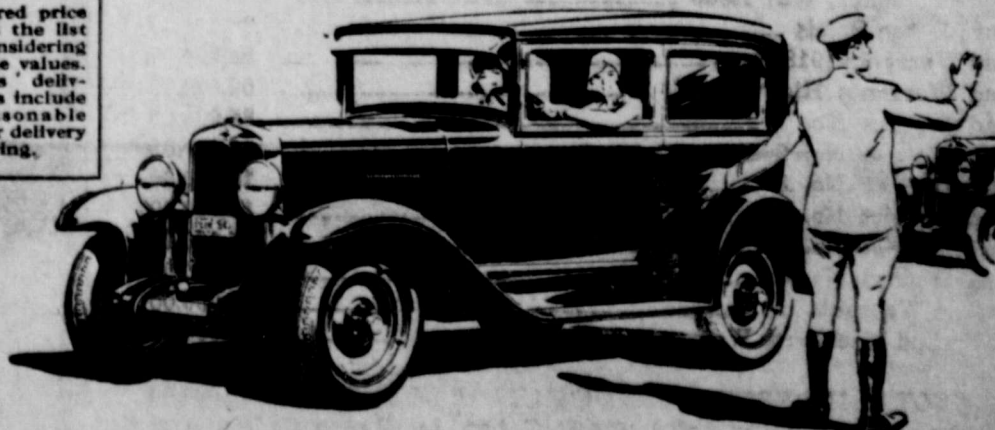
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COMPARE the delivered price as well as the list price in considering automobile values. Chevrolet's delivered prices include only reasonable charges for delivery and financing.

If you are considering the purchase of an automobile, you owe it to yourself to check the new Chevrolet Six against any other car—value for value and price for price!

Here, in the price range of the four, is offered a smooth, powerful, six-cylinder valve-in-head motor—which delivers better than 20 miles to the gallon of gasoline—and whose smooth, quiet, velvety operation, with its complete lack of drumming and vibration, is a revelation. Here are beautiful bodies by Fisher—with fittings by Ternstedt . . . rich, deep-tufted upholsteries and adjustable driver's seat. And throughout the entire chassis are found numerous examples of advanced engineering—such as quiet, non-locking 4-wheel brakes . . . ball bearing steering mechanism . . . and automatic acceleration pump.

But no mere recital of features can give you any conception of Chevrolet's value leadership. So we urge you to come in and see for yourself why over 500,000 people have chosen the new Chevrolet Six since January 1st!



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

TELEPHONE No. 61

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

Wolf Pup Den Dug Up
On Farm Near Merkel

J. C. Allen and Mason Barker were exhibiting seven wolf pups and one about two-thirds grown in Merkel Tuesday and the animals attracted considerable attention. They were dug out of two dens on the T. C. Allen farm northeast of Merkel, eight pups being in one den and one in the other.

All eight pups were captured alive but the young men were unable to locate the mother wolf. The lone wolf in the other den was killed as it was trying to get away.

Messrs. Allen and Barker expected to carry their captives to Abilene and offer them to the zoo there.

Baker and Collins
Ship Two Cars Cattle

Two carloads of cattle were shipped from Merkel this week by Baker and Collins. On Monday a car of steer yearlings was shipped to Fort Worth and on Wednesday a mixed car of cows and steers was shipped by them, also to Fort Worth.

Cattle shipments from this section have been rather active throughout the year.

NOTICE.

To users of McConnon's Products: I expect to call to see you within the next few days with a full line of McConnon's Products and will see you regularly in the future.

DAN REIDENBACH.

Order Approving Treasurer's Report

On this day the Commissioners of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer for the quarter ending March 31, 1929, and find same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

Table with columns: Received, Paid, Balance. Rows include Jury Fund, Precinct No. 1 Fund, Precinct No. 2 Fund, Precinct No. 3 Fund, Precinct No. 4 Fund, General Fund, Pauper Fund, Court House Sink Fund, Road Dist. No. 1 Fund, Road Dist. No. 2 Sink Fund, Road Dist. No. 3 Sink Fund, Road Dist. No. 4 Sink Fund, Road Dist. No. 5 Sink Fund, Road Dist. No. 6 Sink Fund, Road Warrant Sink Fund, Test Station Fund, Precinct No. 1 Gravel A/C, Precinct No. 2 Gravel A/C, Precinct No. 3 Gravel A/C, Precinct No. 4 Gravel A/C, Highway No. 1 Account, Highway No. 30 Account, Highway 600 M Account, Permanent Improvement, Highway No. 1 and 30 Sink, Highway 600 M Sink, Highway 1 A Sink, Escrow A/C-444-1-2, Escrow A/C-90-C, Escrow A/C-468-U-2, Escrow A/C-90-C-U-2, Escrow A/C-90-C-U-1 and 2.

TOTAL CASH IN BANKS \$455,554.60

BONDS AND SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUNDS

Table with columns: Fund Name, Amount. Rows include Court House Fund—Road and School Bonds, Road District No. 1—Road Bonds, Road District No. 2—Road Bonds, Highways 1 and 30—Road Bonds.

TOTAL SECURITIES OWNED BY COUNTY \$32,100.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Table with columns: Bond/Warrant Name, Amount. Rows include Highway Bonds, 1927 Issue, Highway Bonds, 1927 Issue, Court House Bonds, Road Warrants 1918 Issue, Road Warrants Highway 1A, Road District No. 1, Road District No. 2, Road District No. 3, Road District No. 4, Road District No. 5, Road District No. 6, Paving Warrants, Bridge and Machinery Warrants.

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF TAYLOR COUNTY \$1,298,000.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge.
G. B. TITTLE, Com. Prec. No. 1
P. A. DILTZ, Com. Prec. No. 2
J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Prec. No. 3
H. A. NEWBY, Com. Prec. No. 4
W. F. FOUNDS, County Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 14th day of May, 1929.



BRIDGE GAMES.

The attractive suburban home of Mrs. Sam Cummings was the scene of a gay party on Tuesday evening when she complimented a number of her lady friends with a bridge party.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with gorgeous summer flowers and the tables carried colorful party accessories.

Progressions of the games was interspersed with radio music and at the refreshment hour a delectable salad course with iced-tea was passed to Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Claude Young, Harry Cookston, Jack Anderson, T. A. Bass, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, Boog Sears, Melba West, Mona Margaret Jones, Iva Bragg and Christine Collins.

FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Mesdames Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, T. E. Collins and A. R. Booth were joint hostesses in entertaining Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Booth.

An attractive color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in all party features and game appointments. House decorations were large pots of pink and blue hydrangias.

Games of progressive forty-two were enjoyed for a time, followed by a musical program. Miss Mona Margaret Jones sang two numbers with Mrs. L. B. Scott at the piano. Miss Lucy Tracy read an Edgar A. Guest poem and Mrs. L. B. Scott sang, supported by Miss Lucy Tracy at the piano.

A delicious sandwich plate with iced drink was passed to Mesdames E. Yates Brown, V. P. Tippet, Carson Miles, Luke Huddleston, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott, R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Fred Latham, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, Thomas Bearden, E. N. Brown, W. E. J. Brown, Harry

Cookston, George White, Roy Largent, Sam Swann, Byers Petty, Warren Smith, Misses Melba West, Christine Collins, Vennie Heizer, Mona Margaret Jones, Lucy Tracy and the hostesses.

MRS. HARVEY ENTERTAINS.

Friends of Mrs. Gene Harvey were complimented with a bridge party on last Thursday afternoon in her attractive apartment on Oak street.

Games of auction bridge were employed as the diversion for the afternoon and at tea time a delectable salad course was served to Mesdames Fred Hathaway, Abilene, C. L. Marvin, C. B. Gardner, Harry Cookston, Ross Ferrier, Amy Sears, Sam Cum-

mings, W. T. Sadler, R. I. Grimes, L. B. Scott, Tom Largent, Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears and Melba West.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT.

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Our attendance has been very gratifying for the last few Sundays at all services. The increase in all departments of our Sunday school is noticeable. Also the attendance on both the morning and evening preaching service has pleased the pastor. Our B. Y. P. U. services are growing each Sunday. The director expresses hope of seeing the goal for May reached. The new equipment will be in place by Sunday and

we are counting on a full attendance in all services of the day.

The pastor will speak at both hours Sunday and there will be special music both morning and evening. The first thirty minutes of the evening service will be given over to singing, special numbers of congregational singing will be interspersed through this good half hour.

Judge E. S. Cummings, who is to speak to the Business Men's Bible Class Sunday morning will bring with him a number of visitors from the Sunday school of the University Baptist church of Abilene. This is the only Sunday school in Texas that enjoys the same ranking as does our Sunday school, they having reached the rank

of Advanced Standard this year. Let's let them see every one in his place and at work Sunday.

Visitors and strangers are welcomed in all our services.
Ira L. Parack, Pastor.

Death of Baby Son.

Billie Frank, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thornton of Caps, died Wednesday night, May 8, and was buried at Merkel cemetery Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Partin of Abilene officiating. The parents have the deepest sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

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All Silk Top-to-toe
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All \$1.50 Men's Dress

Shirts

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We already have more than 1,000 members in CLASS 1, but we expect to include about 150 above that number in this class.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE \$2.00

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If interested fill out this blank, enclose \$2.00 and mail to:—
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Name in Full _____
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Condition of Health _____

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE—Bundle and headed feed; double row cultivator and planter; part time or will trade for cow. T. W. Collins, near Stith.

FOR SALE—Hen house 30x12. 3 miles north and 1 mile east. Joe Higgins, Route 1.

PLANTS—Large well rooted collard plants. Jersey Wakefield cabbage. McGee Tree and Gulf States market tomato plants. 100 for 40c; 1,000 for \$3.00. Thousands of sweet pepper plants. 100 for 50c; 1,000 for \$4.00 postpaid and packed in damp moss. J. B. Stallings, Roscoe, Texas.

Used Cars with an O. K. That Counts

1928 Chevrolet Coupe, driven less than 8000 miles, new rubber, perfect condition. You'll have to drive it to appreciate it. \$525.00

1928 Coupe, a good clean car, good rubber. \$495.00

1928 Coach, paint, upholstery, rubber, motor perfect. \$495.00

1927 Ford Touring, new rubber, new top and Duco, none better. \$195.00

Many others to select from Fords, Chevrolets, Dodges, Buicks, Studebakers.

Look them over and drive them before you buy.

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"Home of Better Used Cars"

FOR SALE—Cafe on Kent Street. Write Box 245, Merkel.

NICE TOMATO plants for sale. Mrs. E. Annis. Phone 121J.

WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

NOTICE—I am back in business. Welding, vulcanizing and radiator repairing. H. H. Hand Garage.

JACK FOR SERVICE—Registered Tom will make the season at my place 4 miles northeast of Merkel; terms \$12.50. J. W. Teaff.

WANTED—Man and wife to work on farm; house furnished. He must know his okra. Robt. N. Campbell Cash Grocery.

FOR RENT

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

NEW TWO ROOM apartment; nicely furnished; modern; also bedroom adjoining bath. Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Phone 171W.

FOR RENT—A four room house near Noodle Dome oil field. See Sam Swann or S. H. Wheatley.

FURNISHED apartment for rent. Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

TWO CONVENIENT furnished housekeeping rooms; frigidaire and bath. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

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.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rosen and children visited with relatives and friends last week.

Mrs. Adams of Ireland is here with her daughter for an indefinite visit.

Mrs. Wright Boyd and son of Lamesa have returned home after a lengthy stay with the W. L. Boyd family.

Mrs. Curley Edwards visited her uncle in Abilene last week-end.

Prof. McAdams, a former teacher in High school here, was seen on our streets last Thursday shaking hands with old friends.

Friends are glad to learn that Otis Ashford, who is in the sanitarium at Merkel, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Poley Williams of Cross Plains, old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock, spent over-night with them last week.

Andrew Archer of Dallas visited a few days with his mother, Mrs. Mary Archer this week.

Miss Ruby Campbell of Novis returned home last Sunday after visiting her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones.

Miss Zula Bright visited Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship of Abilene last week-end.

Miss Elvin Hogue and Wallace Kelly were married Saturday night in Abilene and they will leave Wednesday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens left Sunday for Mineral Wells, Campbell and Greenville. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lowery and baby daughter.

Postmaster Dowdy and wife were week-end guests of Mr. Dowdy's parents in Abilene.

Miss Helen Roden and Collier Perkins entertained the Young People's S. S. class of the Christian church Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. J. E. Perkins. The party was also in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. Wallace Kelly, who received several lovely gifts. The class will surely miss her and are wishing her much happiness in the new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy and son, Clell, Misses Lovie Bright and Helen Roden had quite an enjoyable outing at Abilene Lake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter spent the week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt are an-

nouncing the birth of a baby girl, born Saturday night at the Baptist hospital.

Master Herbert McLeod has gone to Lamesa for a visit with his uncles Herbert and Winslow.

Clara Mae Sherman is home after a short visit to Blair.

Mrs. L. M. Patton and son of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bishop.

Miss Florence Sherman visited with her brother, M. R. Sherman, who lives at Smithfield.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings and son Junior are visiting in Fort Worth this week. Ollie Smith of Sweetwater spent a few hours in Trent Friday.

The L. Carter No. 6 in the Smith field is being drilled deeper for better pay.

Mrs. B. T. Northcutt and Mr. and Mrs. Ausbron Fleming have returned to their home in Crystal City after visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Hoyt Barnes.

Attend Funeral in Weatherford.

J. H. Campbell, Mrs. John Meeks, John and Lee Campbell and W. T. Thornton, all of Capps, have returned from Weatherford, where they were present at the funeral of Mrs. W. M. Green, age 89, sister of Mr. J. H. Campbell and the aunt of the others mentioned.

Mrs. Green died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Doughty, in Weatherford and the services were held at the First Baptist church there, the pastor officiating. It was at the home of Mrs. Green that the First Baptist church of Weatherford was organized many years ago.

Has Sprained Ankle.

Mrs. Robert N. Campbell had the misfortune to sprain her ankle about two weeks ago when she stepped from a box at the barn on their home place but the injury is improving nicely.

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"Close Harmony" At Majestic Today

Paramount's new all-talking, singing and dancing comedy romance, "Close Harmony," the story of which was written by Elsie Janis, will be the feature attraction at the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, for four days starting today and continuing through Tuesday, May 21st, with no performances on Sunday the 19th.

The producers classify "Close Harmony" as a film musical romance, the claim being made that the film is virtually a musical comedy transferred from the stage to the screen, with highly beneficial results, as the screen suffers none of the limitations imposed upon stage productions because of lack of variety in stage settings, etc.

Buddy Rogers and Nancy Carroll are the headliners of the attraction and their supporting cast includes



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Sunday school at 10 a. m. Attendance and interest fine last Sunday.

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A FULL HOUSE.

On next Thursday evening, May 23, at the Merkel Theatre the Senior class presents "A Full House," a farce in three acts by Fred Jackson.

The cast is composed of Parks, an English servant, played by Robert Riney; Susie, a maid from Sioux City, played by Ruby Patton; Ottily Howell, a bride, represented by Euna Lee Gilmore; George Howell, her husband, portrayed by Ruskin Smith; Miss Winnecker, from Yonkers, the old maid aunt, played by Vernie Derrick; Daphne Charters, Ottily's sister, played by Norma Shannon; Ned Penebroke, Jr., an only son, portrayed by Roy Kelseo; Mrs. Pembroke, from Boston, Ned's mother played by Wanna Spurgin; Vera Vernon, a show girl, played by Velma Walker; Mrs. Fleming, who owns the apartment, represented by Addie Fae Patterson; Dougherty, a police sergeant, played by R. E. Cole; Jim Mooney, Clancy, and Kearny, policemen, played by Arline Willett, Lois' Suber, and Helen McCormick, respectively.

Mrs. Pembroke has lost a valuable necklace and the whole cast becomes mixed up in the affair. It is very amusing to see how the ever-present policemen go about finding the necklace, while the servants furnish remarks that cause laughs throughout the entire play. Ned's and Daphne's love affair is also very interesting.

SPEECH DEPARTMENT IN RECITAL.

Pupils of the Speech Department of Merkel Public schools under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy will appear in recital at the Grammar school auditorium at 8:15 tonight and the following program will be given:

One-Act Play—"Three Dear Friends." (K. M. Roof)—Byrl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Pauline Toombs, Margaret Miller.

"Cinderella Dyes Them Black," (Fannie Kilburne)—Pauline Toombs. "The Old Apple Tree." (Dunbar)—Byrl Hunter. "The Old-Fashioned Pair." (Guest)—Byrl Hunter.

"The Third Ingredient." (O. Henry)—Odell Hunter.

"To Sing a While"—Odell Hunter.

"Where art Thou Going, Pretty Maid?"—Choral and Glee Club.

One-Act Play—"A Fan and Two Candlesticks." (MacMillan)—Byrl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Pauline Toombs

SENIOR CHAPEL PROGRAM.

Wednesday, May 8, was Senior Day at high school. During the regular chapel period the high school was entertained by an excellent program given by members of the Senior class. The first number on the program was "A History of the Senior Class," read by Ruby Patton. A saxophone solo

HEBRON NEWS

We had a nice one-inch rain on Wednesday of last week which was highly beneficial to the farming interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris are grandparents now since the stork left a baby girl with Mr. and Mrs. James Harris at Abilene.

Miss Winnie Bayless entertained friends with a party Saturday night and guests included Mr. Palmer and Miss Ruby Skidmore of Golman.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

We had a great day at the Methodist church last Sunday. Fine congregations and a fine spirit of worship at all of the services of the day. Some two hundred people took part in the evening program and it was snappy and interesting from the opening number, by Frank Golliday and his baby, to the closing number by the Men's Bible Class, when thirty or forty men came to the platform and sang, "Brighten The Corner Where You Are." No one on earth can sing that song like these men sang it. They have promised us a return engagement. We hope it won't be long.

We are expecting next Sunday's program to be as interesting and helpful in every way as was last Sunday's. At the morning hour the pastor will bring a special message to the high school students of the Methodist church and, of course, to any others who are not attending church elsewhere. This message will be given from the standpoint of the pastor and not that of a baccalaureate orator.

For the evening hour a fifteen minute song service will precede "A Forgotten Man" pageant. The song service will be a surprise to you and the pageant the most touching thing you have heard in many a day. The pageant will be put on by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hughes, Tom Allday, L. R. Thompson, Castle Ellis, Miss Boog

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T. C. Willett, Pastor

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank my friends for their kindness during my sickness and especially do I thank Drs. Grimes and Sadler and the nurses. I cannot command language to express how much I appreciate the beautiful flowers given me and how I cherish the kind words spoken. I prize my friends more than gold. May their pathways be strewn with sunshine and flowers is my prayer.

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

TED WELLS

—IN—

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Also Comedy and Kinogram News

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was given by William Sheppard accompanied by Nadine Tippett. Euna Lee Gilmore was heartily applauded at the conclusion of her recitation of an exciting story, entitled "The Crash." Imogene Mangum read the class prophecy and Ruskin Smith the class will. Both documents furnished an occasion for a great deal of merriment. A vocal duet was given by Vivian Berger and Euna Lee Gilmore and a vocal solo, by Imogene Mangum. Wesley Butler and Buster Horton played a duet on the french-harp and guitar.

The program was concluded by the presentation of a copy of the 1929 Badger to the school by the Senior class president, Norma Sloan.

The program was excellently arranged and delivered and we assure the seniors that it was very much enjoyed.

REV. GERHART AT CHAPEL.

The High school was pleasantly surprised to have as our visitor during the Monday morning chapel period, Rev. Gerhart of Abilene. Twice this school year we have had the pleasure of having Rev. Gerhart with us.

The purpose of his visit Monday was to present to the High school a picture from the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and to distribute among the students tickets to the West Texas Fair, to be held at Abilene next September.

The picture presented to the school was one of "Old Ironsides," the famous old ship that survived so many attacks during the war of 1812.

Rev. Gerhart related many interesting incidents concerning the history of this old ship and since he had had the opportunity of seeing the ship his talk was especially interesting.

TO REPRESENT MERKEL HIGH AT WEST TEXAS FAIR.

At a Junior class meeting Monday afternoon Lee Darden, a member of the Junior class, was chosen to represent the High school at the West Texas Fair in September.

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EXAMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Announcements have been made during the past week to all the interested country schools by Supt. Burgess that hereafter Merkel will follow the other schools of the section and require entrance examination of all pupils coming from unaffiliated high schools who wish to enter the 9th, 10th or 11th grade of the Merkel High school. This examination may be taken along with the pupils of the Merkel High school this next week as they take it, or may be taken next fall when school opens. Of course, pupils who have taken the State College Entrance examinations and received credit from the state department will be admitted without examination. Also pupils who have this spring taken and passed the 7th grade examinations given by County Supt. M. A. Williams will be admitted without any further examination.

The reason for this step is evident when one thinks about the situation for a moment. Merkel maintains a nine-month term with at least one teacher for each grade. Other things being equal a pupil cannot do in ten years of seven months each what a Merkel child can do in ten years of nine months each. Especially is this true when in the seven-month country school a teacher has to divide her time between about three or four grades. A child simply cannot do the work when the teacher devotes less than one-third as much time to a grade as does the same teacher in a school like Merkel where the teacher devotes all her time to one grade.

Merkel is a fully affiliated high school and in order to hold this affiliation must maintain her standards. If we continue to admit pupils who have not had the opportunity to prepare themselves, our school will be so weakened that we shall endanger our affiliation.

Pupils graduating from Merkel High School may enter any college or university in the state of Texas without examination. It is to the interest of all pupils in the Merkel system that this standard be maintained and improved.

Following is the schedule of examinations:

Monday, May 20th, 8:30—Spanish
Monday, May 20th, 1:00—English
Tuesday, May 21st, 8:30—Mathematics
Tuesday, May 21st, 1:00—Public Speaking
Wednesday, May 22nd, 8:30—Sciences. (Bring Laboratory Note Book.)
Wednesday, May 22nd, 1:00—Economics
Thursday, May 23rd, 8:30—History
Thursday, May 23rd, 1:00—Any other subjects.

A Surprise Farewell Party.
In the home of Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church and the pastor arranged a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner Tuesday, which was by way of saying good-bye to this estimable couple leaving for Florence, Kans., to spend the summer with Mr. Conner's nephew.

The honorees received many presents and were very much pleased with the evidence of friendship and love on the part of their friends and will carry with them to Kansas tender memories of their thoughtful farewell party.

Lions Select Austin.
San Angelo, Texas, May 16.—Lions of Texas named A. C. Kater of Houston to succeed John Erhard of Dallas as district governor and selected Austin for the 1930 convention as the concluding acts of the State convention here. Mr. Kater, who served as district deputy with Mr. Erhard, polled 179 votes on the first ballot, T. N. Carswell of Abilene 108 and R. H. Graham of Wichita Falls 53.

This was a majority of eighteen votes for Mr. Kater and his election was then made unanimous.

Austin got 193 votes to 176 for Galveston, these being the only two in the running. Austin won the convention last year at Wichita Falls, but yielded to San Angelo when Governor Moody called a special session of the Legislature at this time.

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Personal Mention

Mrs. J. M. Bankhead is visiting her son at Bronte.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt has returned from Hermleigh.

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard visited her sister, Miss Harkrider, at Lamesa this week.

Dean Murray was home from North Texas A. & M. College at Arlington for Mother's Day.

K. Stoker of Snyder was a Merkel visitor Thursday looking after his ranch interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett and son, Arthur Wesley, visited with relatives in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holler and little daughter of Abilene were the Sunday guests of Miss Addie Holler.

Weston West of S. M. U., Dallas, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Mrs. C. L. Boswell is enjoying a visit from her grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Perry of Navarro county.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Nesmith's parents in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Doy Doan and family of Rotan visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and Miss Bernice Holiman of San Angelo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson.

Miss Doris Russell of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive of Big Spring were guests for Mother's Day in the S. G. Russell home.

On her visit with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, Miss Elizabeth Harkrider was accompanied from McMurry by Miss Margaret Love.

Miss Berdelle Adcock was accompanied on her visit home from Abilene Christian college last week-end by her friend, Miss Curb of Petersburg.

Mrs. V. P. Tippet and daughters and Mrs. Carson Miles and daughter arrived Friday from San Angelo to spend the week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Pearl Moore, who has been making her home with her son, Richard Shields, residing on Route Five, has gone to Dallas for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Slater, Mrs. Aurra Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Higgins and Miss Dota Garoutte were among the visitors from Merkel Rebekah lodge to greet Mrs. Etta Ross, president of Rebekah Assembly, at Abilene Monday evening.

The latest report from Fred Groene is to the effect that he has gone from Cuba to Panama, where he will continue in his profession of commercial advertising.

Mrs. Raymond Demere has just returned from Loma Linda, California, where she was called to the bedside of her sick mother, Mrs. P. B. Franks, who is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner, who have been residents of Merkel for many years, have gone to Florence, Kansas, to spend the summer in the home of Mr. Conner's nephew, A. M. Conner.

Al Breiban, district superintendent, and K. K. Francis, commercial manager of the West Texas Utilities company, were in Merkel Wednesday inspecting the new quarters of the company.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen has returned from a very pleasant visit of three months with her son, V. M. Sutphen, who is now cashier of the Delta State bank at Edcouch in the Rio Grande valley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Weir of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes last Sunday. Mr. Weir has been in the employ of the post-office since returning from the World War.

Martin W. Moses, special home office representative of the Southern Union Life Insurance company of Fort Worth spent several days this week with L. R. Thompson, local representative of the company.

Junior League Program.
Song, "Keep in touch with Jesus;" prayer; roll call; scripture, Phillipians 4:6-8, by leader, Lois Whiteley; "Keeping Sweet," by leader; "What is being Sweet," by Miss Cora Lee Hulsey; "Why Keep Sweet," by Louise Kerr; "How to Keep Sweet," by Mary Eva Nichols; "The Jesus Way," by Eloise Manscill; zellaphone solo, by Duncan Briggs; Bible story by Mollie Frank Touchstone; song, benediction.

Maternity Rescue Home.
Through Mrs. G. Burton Fain, superintendent of the West Texas Maternity Rescue Home at Sweetwater, who was a visitor in Merkel the early part of the week, the people of this city were given information as to the objects of this organization and some of the good it has accomplished.

Mrs. Lucy F. Bumpas, mother of Mrs. Fain, is the matron in charge and the Rescue Home, which is a modern 15-room house, has been in operation since August of last year. It serves West Texas exclusively, is said to be strictly ethical, being licensed by the state and endorsed by members of the medical profession, and, according to their announcement, is open to receive any unfortunate girl needing help.

Mothers' Day Services In Merkel Churches

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fittingly observed in all departments of the Sunday School, both church services, and with special programs in each of the Epworth Leagues.

A reading, "Home Without Mother," by Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, was one of the chief features of the adult department and at the morning hour of worship Roy Largent sang, "My Mother's Bible." The sermon by the pastor Rev. T. C. Willett, was from the text, "Who is My Mother?"

Over two hundred people took part in the evening program, which included a male quartet from the young people's department singing "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again." The closing number by the Men's Bible class when thirty or forty men came to the platform and sang "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" was by way of a climax to the many good features of the day.

SERVICES AT BLAIR.
Once a month the Presbyterians of Blair have services conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Merkel, and Mother's Day was observed there in an appropriate manner at the services at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Utilities Company Occupies New Home

When the lights flashed on Tuesday evening in the resplendent new home of the West Texas Utilities company, one of the most modern business houses in Merkel was opened for inspection. The work of remodeling has been going on for several months and the building was overhauled from the ground to ceiling, from the rear door to the front walls. It is a model for latest style and improvements in the builders' art and Manager Matt Dillingham and his associates will have just cause to be proud of their electrical house.

The front of the building has been done in stucco with terra cotta pillars, the windows and doors are outlined with blue tile, and ornamental iron fences are placed at the foot of the wall columns. Two show windows, elaborately finished and decorated, are filled with electrical devices and all the labor-saving articles kept in readiness by the West Texas Utilities com-

pany for the convenience of their patrons.

The interior is tastefully finished with modern new show cases and wall cases, office furniture and accessories, so arranged that the main stock in trade, lights and electricity, can be brought into play for the further enhancement of the beauty of their new home.

Annual Staff Extends Thanks.
The staff of the 1929 Badger wishes to take this opportunity to thank each person who contributed in any way to the success of our book. Without your support and co-operation it

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