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REASONS FOR THE SANITARIUM

W. Hunt, Pastor of St. Methodist Church, has been following as his tea-favoring the building of the Texas Baptist Memorial at Abilene:

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Jobe, Kent Street

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MERKEL BOY MARRIES ARIZONA YOUNG LADY

The Merkel Mail is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Mr. John Cornelius Frederickson, of this city, to Miss Kathryn May Hickey, a splendid and highly accomplished young lady of Phoenix Arizona, on Monday, February 16. The announcement states that the happy young couple will be at home, Merkel, Texas, after April first.

The following is a clipping from an Arizona paper concerning the wedding.

The many friends of Miss Kathryn May Hickey will be surprised, as well as pleased to learn of her marriage to John C. Frederickson of Merkel Texas. Miss Hickey is one of the most prominent native daughters of Prescott. She is a daughter of the late Michael J. Hickey and wife of Prescott, Proprietors of the St. Michael's Hotel of that city. She was graduated from St. Joseph's academy and has spent the past three years as a nurse and assistant manager of the Frederickson sanitarium of this city.

Mr. Frederickson is one of the most prominent citizens of Merkel, Texas being among the largest landholders of that thriving district, where oil is being found in abundance.

The wedding was solemnized by Rev. Father Pasqual at the Catholic Church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The bride was attended by Mrs. F. C. Frederickson, and the groom by E. B. Kesler. Mrs. Kathryn Hickey, the mother of the bride, was present at the ceremony.

Mr. Frederickson will return immediately to look after his large holdings. The bride will remain here a short time to complete a business transaction that is now pending.

MERKEL PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

Several local realty dealers this week necessitated one round of moving to the delight of the participants.

J. H. McDonald sold his home place to R. O. Anderson and purchased site on Oak street, where he will build a modern bungalow. He moved into the Russell house vacated by Mr. Thos. Durham, who purchased the residence of Walter Jackson. Mr. Jackson purchased and moved into the Frank Grimes place vacated by Dr. R. I. Grimes, who purchased the N. Hancock home and moved there. Mr. Hancock is renting his plans for the future not having fully matured. The house occupied by Mr. Hancock was a few days ago vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Dyess, who purchased one of the houses belonging to J. R. Dye.

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met at the home of Mrs. F. Y. Gaither with Mesdames Gaither and Cypert as hostess. After a delightful afternoon was spent in needle work, conversation and 42, the hostess served delicious ambrosia, whipped cream and cake to Mesdames: Howard, Henson, Miller, Lassiter, Ferrier, Burl Scott, Carl Scott, T. L. Grimes, R. I. Grimes, Briggs, Mims, West, and Jones.

RANGER MAN BUYS MERKEL PROPERTY

J. F. Wheat of Ranger visited Merkel this week and invested in several property holdings, including a small farm, a house and lot and several vacant lots in Merkel. Mr. Wheat has a great deal of confidence in this section.

OUR CITIZENS EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

Mr. R. O. Anderson, Cashier of The Farmers State bank, speaking of the proposed Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, said:

"I am for the proposed institution and intend to support it, because I realize the necessity that faces Taylor County to provide a Sanitarium of this kind for its sick and unfortunate."

"If everybody will do their share it will mean but a small amount from each person but the aggregate will amount to a sufficient sum to make the project a success. Merkel citizens and taxpayers. I am sure, will liberally assist the movement not only from a humanitarian standpoint, but also because it may avoid the necessity of bonding the county for \$100,000.00 or \$150,000.00 to build an institution of this kind"

Dr. Armstrong, President of the Taylor County Medical Society, in an address, said:

"With a local population growing by leaps and bounds and situated geographically between El Paso and Fort Worth, the logical city in West Texas for the establishment of this great humanitarian project.

Abilene, herself, needs the facilities such a center will provide and needs them badly. The city's inadequate hospital and dispensary equipment right now places the future of Abilene and Taylor County in jeopardy. There is not at present in Taylor county, Hospital facilities to handle all the cases requiring hospital attention and these are normally healthy times."

METHODIST CHURCH

Come to Sunday school next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and help us fix a new goal, preaching at 11 o'clock, subject, Cooperative Christianity, or Inter church world movement. Song service at 7:00 and preaching at 7:30, by Elmer Landreth our young preacher, come and hear him. We have Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 Admission free. Friday evening at 7:30 we will have choir practice, come join the choir and help us sing. If plans do not miscarry our meeting will commence the first Sunday in April, more about that later, come to church something doing all the time.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

H. R. Horton one of the splendid farmers residing north of town, was here recently and had us send the Mail to his brother, for which we are thankful.

Best eats at the Arcade.

SAN ANTONIO MAN LOCATES HERE

J. C. Reinhard, for many years a successful and experienced photographer of San Antonio, came in this week, and has now taken charge of the Cozy Studio, thus relieves Mr. Groene, whose duties have been so much that he could not give this business the attention he felt it should have, and the attention he felt his customers were entitled to.

Mr. Reinhard not only comes to our city as a first class photographer, but as high class gentlemen, and we join the citizenship in extending to him and his splendid family a hearty welcome.

To save money try A. L. Jobe for a bill of groceries. It

OVERSHINER FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

We take pleasure in calling our readers attention to the name of Hon. E. M. Overshiner as a candidate for District Judge of this the 42nd Judicial district subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Judge Overshiner is at present County Judge of Taylor county and his splendid record as such is well known to most of our readers. He is one among the best lawyers in the district, strictly honest and fearless in the performance of his duties as an officer of the law, regardless of friend and foe alike, and in fact possesses every qualification necessary to make this district a most capable and worthy judge.

We sincerely trust that you will consider carefully Judge Overshiner's claims for this office before casting your vote for same and will say further that should he be elected, we feel sure you would have no cause to regret your action in the matter.

UNION MEETING

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Merkel regardless of religious denomination at the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, February 29, at three o'clock. Dr. J. D. Sandefer, President of the Simmons College and Dr. J. W. Hunt, Pastor of St. Pauls Methodist Church at Abilene will address this meeting on the subject of the proposed Sanitarium for Taylor county to be located at Abilene. Everybody invited to be present.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor, Methodist Episcopal Church, C. C. Dooley, Pastor Presbyterian Church Ira L. Parrack, Pastor Baptist Church.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. by the Pastor. Young people's meetings 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. No preaching at night on account of mass meeting. Hear Dr. Sandefer. A cordial invitation awaits you. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

SAFETY FIRST

Protect your loved ones by taking a Policy in the Illinois Bankers Life Association. Ten years Convertable condition renewable term Policy at age 36 costs \$10.50 on the thousand. See our local agent on Merkel streets or at Noodle Texas. 1tpd A. B. Blaylock.

L. B. Howard and wife returned this week from a trip to Hillsboro.

BASKET BALL HERE MONDAY

On next Monday afternoon the basket ball boys of Clyde are to come to Merkel to try it a round with the Merkel winners. So far the local team is undefeated, and judging from the record made by the Clyde team to date, the contest promises to be fast and furious. Come out and help the local team add another scalp to their belt. The game will be called at three-thirty on the Merkel High School grounds. Come help the boys get one near the goal of district championship.

Our good friend J. N. Shelton is able to be up and about again after several days illness from an attack of Rheumatism.

\$42,000.00 CROP OFF OF 460 ACRE FARM

H. C. Hall who resides some sixteen mile north of Merkel, in Jones County, but who like a number of the south part of that county, came to Merkel to do their trading and marketing, of their produce, was here first of the week with eight bales of cotton which he sold for 37 cents. Mr. Hall has resided on his 460 acre farm in Jones county for more than thirty years, he has seen the good times and the bad times, dry seasons and the wet seasons. The most of his farm is in cultivation, and was planted to various crops this last year. The production from all being about as follows: 3,000 bushels of goats, value nearly \$3,000.00; 6,000 bushels of wheat, value more than \$1,200.00; 178 bales of cotton value about \$35,000.00; headed feed stuff at least 150 tons, value about \$3,500.00. Total valuation of entire crop besides the numerous bundle feed, aside from stock, poultry etc., which may have been grown on same, about \$42,000.00.

Of course considerable of this land Mr. Hall had rented out, but this is a fair sample of what a person can do farming in the Merkel country. Buy land here it is cheap.

MUST STOP RIDING BICYCLES ON STREETS

We have been asked by a member of the city officials to announce to the parents of boys and girls who have bicycles and tricycles to please discontinue riding them on the side walks as it is strictly against the law of the city, and we are also requested to state that the law will hereafter be enforced, and those violating same may expect to suffer the consequences.

TWO FARMS SELL HANDSOME PRICES

A deal was consummated recently whereby Mr. A. D. Scott, residing four miles southeast of Merkel sold his splendid 80 acre farm to J. B. Boyett, for the sum of \$55,000 per acre. Mr. Scott states that he has not decided just what he will do or where he will go, and will spend some time in looking around over the country before deciding what is best to do. We trust he will decide to continue to make this community his home.

Another deal was the sale by M. G. King of the same community of 240 acres of land to D. Teaff for the sum of \$60.00 per acre.

While no doubt these gentlemen have received a nice bonus over the price they paid for this land, we want to predict that the new purchasers will likewise reap a profit on their investment within twelve months. Now you fellows who said this land was too high when it sold for \$20.00 per acre may say, "no its higher now than it will ever be again", but you just watch.

STORES TO CLOSE AT 6 P.M.

Announcement is made that agreement has been made between the business men of Merkel whereby they agree to close their business every day during the spring and summer months promptly at six o'clock in the evening. The names will be published next week.

W. S. J. and E. Yates Brown, the former of the Brown Dry Goods company and the latter of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, were Midland visitors last Sunday.

Best eats at the Arcade.

DRILLING AGAIN ON SEARS AND BLAND

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After some weeks delay on account of lost tools etc., drilling was again begun last week on both the Sears and Bland Wells. And we are informed that it is expected that the work will likely now go forward without interruption until the wells are finished. It is said that the oil and gas in both wells is getting stronger each day as the drill goes down.

H. L. Houghton, President of the Security Banking and Investment Company, and which company is putting down these tests, was here first of the week and stated to a Mail reporter that he had capable and successful drillers in charge now, and that they were indeed optimistic over the situation and felt sure that within a short time the people of this section and the world at large, would witness the bringing in of one and possibly two "real producing oil wells".

We also learn that a derrick is to soon go up for a test a mile and a half north of Trent.

The fact that the Vestal well in the southeast part of Callahan county is now one of the sensations of the day as one of the great "Gusher", should bring joy and contentment as this brings the big production many miles nearer the Merkel field. In fact with the great Toyah field to the west of us booming now and the proven production in Callahan, it is not to be wondered at should either of the tests near here prove to be among the big Producers. In fact those mostly interested have an ever watchful eye on this section, as it is only a matter of time until the tale will be told.

EDGEWOOD MAN BUYS PROPERTY HERE

C. E. Read a prominent and influential citizen of Edgewood, Texas was here first of the week and closed a deal for considerable property in and around Merkel. He spoke as being highly pleased with this section, and it is possible that he and other friends of his home town will make still further investments here.

He has our thanks for a subscription to the Merkel Mail.

STRAYED

From my place in Merkel, one dark brown horse, 16 hands high, 9 years old, limps in right hind foot, one sorrel mare colt, one year old, and white streak in face. Will pay reward for delivery of or for information leading to the recovery of the above horses. W. W. Wheeler.

Jim Black was here yesterday from Abilene to visit home folks and look after business matters. Mr. Black is now traveling representative for the Armstrong Tractor people. He is a good mixer and will no doubt make good with them.

Messrs Willis and Crockrell, painters and paper hangers, have just finished painting the home of Rev. J. W. Parrack in the west part of the city, which adds greatly to the appearance of same.

Try me when you want best prices. A. L. Jobe. It

John S. Hughes, business man and splendid citizen of Blair, was transacting business in this city last Saturday.

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Ask Our Customers

that must supply solid comfort when we die, and after death its joys shall be lasting as eternity. My advice to you children, should your mother outline me, is to love, honor and obey her in all things. This God hath commanded you, and therefore I have the best authority to enforce this duty upon you. Strive to make he happy in old age, that she may have cause to bless God for having her children.

Should you feel despoised to marry as most young people do, remember, this is a business not to be done today and undone tomorrow is a business of life, and therefore requires serious reflection. Let me beseech you my children, never disgrace yourself by marrying one of a bad family or fame: In getting a wife or husband do the best that you can, as you are the person to reap the advantages arising therefrom. Let the person of your choice be of good, honest, parentage; industrious and naturally of a good temper. Never marry for beauty. Remember that beauty will very soon fade away. Never join yourself to one that scoffs at religion; you may be certain that such a one will make your life miserable; or those who will not honor the Creator will hardly comply with their duty to the Creator. I need hardly warn you against marrying for money, as you are poor yourselves; I feel no great fear of any of you being engaged in this evil (I say evil) because it often proves to be so. Follow the example of those of your neighbors that are most in repute as honest, civil citizens. Be sure to conduct yourselves in all your deportment so as to be respected. Remember it is the honest, upright character that is most respected in the world. Be very punctual in paying all of your just debts. Should it be your misfortune to settle in a poor neighborhood of lazy people, never content yourself with living only as well as your neighbors, but strive to excel them, and live as well as your circumstances will admit. Never visit

much, but when you do visit, let it be such families as are respected. Take the caution of a parent that loves you, my children—never speak evil of your neighbor to any one. Talking evil one of another, seldom fails to do much harm. Remember that old saying, tale-bearing is being a packhorse for the devil. It often proves that a little matter kindles a great fire. Never suffer yourself to be led about by giving way to a roving mind. Be steady and industrious, and no doubt you will do well. But above all the evils in life, shun spirituous liquors. When once a man gives himself up to this evil, he is as good as gone—there is but little hope for his recovery. A man may be honest and industrious, but all will not do if he is a drunkard. This will, in the end, prove his ruin to both soul and body. Never be guilty of profaning the name of the Lord. Remember that God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain. It is a common old saying, them that will swear will lie and indeed there is much truth in this saying. Let me advise you to be loving and affectionate one to another, and as much as you can to help each other in your temporal business; the want of this always appeared a great evil in my eyes. I could say much more by way of advice, but knowing that you have not been brought up in ignorance in respect to your duty both to God and man, I shall conclude by adding my blessings on you, and by praying Almighty God to bless you and give you grace to do as well as you have been instructed to do, and know how to do. God in his word, tells us that he that knows to do good, and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.

I advise you my children, to know something as soon as you have it in your power, of men and things in the world. And first, I warn you to beware of two sorts of men in the world. The first of these, is the affecting, mild, soft spoken flatterer; the latter the vulgar, profane

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A DOCUMENT 100 YEARS
 OLD THIS MONTH

(Written by Phillip W. Taylor of Shelby county, Kentucky, as a part of his will, Jan. 29th, 1812.)

The following reproduction is a part of the will of Phillip W. Taylor of Shelby county, which was written by Mr. Taylor and a part of his will on January 29 1912, and which was printed a short time afterward. The copy was made from the original printed just as it appears now after having been preserved in the family for practically one hundred years.

Mrs. J. E. Taylor and Mrs. M. E. Watson of Abilene are great-grand children of the writer of this "advice to my children," as are also Mr. Smith of Ovalo and John Bell of Merkel. Kress Walton here is a great-great-grandson of Phillip W. Taylor and Zachary Taylor, famed in history, was a nephew of the writer.

My Dear Children:—

I feel it a duty I owe to God and to you, after all my instructions in life to leave you some written instructions, that you can look upon when you can see my face no more. Hoping these lines may more feelingly affect your hearts, than my personal instructions in life. And first of all, my children, I council you to seek after, and never rest until you have obtained an interest in the Redeemer. Do not put off religion for old age—look around and see how very few instance you know of, or have ever heard of an old man of woman getting religion. There are some instances it is true, but I have known very few. Remember that God promises to be fond of them who seek Him in their youth. Religion qualifies the man or woman for great enjoyment here, and eternally hereafter. Remember it is religion that must give sweetest pleasure while we live—it is religion

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swearer and liar. Both characters, no matter how they may be, will become dangerous for you to make associates, or to become very dear friends. And in order to you, my children, again let me advise you to be with none until you become well acquainted with them. Be assured of this that it is a common failure to injure you, by being too familiar with a swearer. Give yourselves time, to consider and understand the advice given you in this by one who cares for you. The base liar and swearer, openly shows who he is—you know once to be no gentleman. A liar you cannot trust him as a swearer, you dare not associate with him. The soft flatterer will deceive you. He will draw you into debt that may prove very both to your character and to your property, therefore, my advice is to let your particular associates be such persons as you know and are of good character. But here remember that you are a good character person as I have said for your association with your company.

But after all in the Scriptures I have you will pay attention to the Lord I hope things, my children. I am encouraged once to advise you to frequently to and follow the instructions given you in the great God. For twenty three last past of my life, I have to adhere to the advice that book, and I have found that there was no instance, however difficult it be, if I looked to God and followed the directions of his was always delivered; your so doing you will be comfortable in life, die a good death, and be eternally happy.
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A DOCUMENTA 100 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

Continued from page 2 hereafter. But should you be unfortunate as to turn a deaf ear to the instructions given and live according to the common practices of men of the world. (I mean men that are worldly minded), you will live without peace, die miserable and be forever lost.

But the best of all is to take the advice David gave to his son Solomon, (that if he would serve the Lord the Lord would bless him, that if he would seek the Lord the Lord would be fond of him), but remember that he also told him that if he forsook the Lord the Lord would forsake him. And great use: That if God would forsake us, where shall we go to find a friend? Therefore, you would do well to mind the old proverb, that when you have now a moments reflection may be of proven a friend, hold him fast, and be you well assured God is your best friend, therefore, hold him fast. Never let him go, but cleave to him; lean upon him and he will support you under all your difficulties in life. He will bear you up in the struggle of death, and receive you into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The West Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium to be located at Abilene will be an institution welcomed by all West Texas. The plans for this Sanitarium calls for three units costing, in all, over \$1,000,000. Construction of the first unit will begin in a few weeks and will cost \$250,000 of this amount 100,000 comes from the Baptist Seventy-five Million Campaign and \$150,000 is to be raised by the citizens of Abilene and Taylor County. While the Sanitarium will be under the direction of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, it will be open to every person in West Texas regardless of religious belief. It will be made possible for the rich and the poor, the small and the great to take advantage of this great modern Sanitarium, if they do desire. It will be distinctly a West Texas institution, devoted to the welfare and uplift of the people of West Texas who have so long been without the advantages of a great institution of healing conducted along the principles of humanitarianism. The Sanitarium will be a separate institution from Simmons College, controlled by a different Board of Trustees.

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Through the united effort of the people of West Texas, through their official organ, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, it is likely that sufficient pressure will be brought to bear upon the next State Legislature to cause that body to give to West Texas an Agricultural and Mechanical College. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has already launched a thorough campaign with this end in view and it has the hearty cooperation of all West Texas.

A plan is on foot now to enlarge the program of the Central West Texas Fair, which is held annually at Abilene, so that all of West Texas will be included. This program will, in no way, interfere with the various counties of this section having their county fairs but it will be a means by which the people of the West may unite at a great Western Fair at which the world at large can see West Texas products exhibited in one great collection.

The unusual prosperity of West Texas, and the rapid manner in which this great section came back after three years of drouth is demonstrated in the remarkable growth of Simmons College, at Abilene. In the fall term of the present school year

this institution enrolled 620 students. Scores of students were unable to get accommodations and were compelled to go farther east to school. The Board of Trustees of Simmons College are entering upon a building program that will keep pace with the growth of the country. There is now nearing completion on the College campus a new science building, costing, over \$100,000. Three other new buildings will be constructed in the near future. This will include a Conservatory of Music which will be furnished by the opening of the Fall term. The new dormitories, one for girls and one for boys, will also be built right away to take care of the congestion due to the rapid growth of the institution. According to the plans adopted by the Board of Trustees, the school will become Simmons University at the beginning of the fall term in 1921.

The Simmons College Basketball Team, known as "The Cowboys" has just closed the season after having made a considerable record. Simmons College belongs to the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association and in the games played in this Association, the Cowboys lost only one. Rice Institution tied the Cowboy for first place by losing only one game, and this game was won by the Simmons Team. The winning team of Cowboys was composed of husky West Texas lads and they gave the large College team in the East a real example of how they do things out in the West.

There is a beauty contest coming in the Brownwood country and the Concho river country. This is the Brownwood Bulletin foreword: The San Angelo Standard claims that the women of San Angelo outshine those of any other city when they dress up and go shopping down town. It is claimed in their behalf that they are not only stylish gowned but they have the appearance of being to the Manor born. Man alive, that's nothing. When Brownwood women dress up and go shopping they are dressed like fairy queens, their smiles are like spring sunbeams, and the beauty of their appearance lends to even the most sordid shop a glittering brilliancy that positively is the absolute limit of love-

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Plenty of Brand, Shorts, cotton seed meal. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

O. B. the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boden is home from Abilene where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Fine young four year old jack and one jennett for sale or trade at once. What have you? See or write the Eagle Tire and Rubber Co., 961 S. First Street, Abilene Texas Telephone, 304. Fb20t4

MAYOR SCARBOROUGH TELLS WHY TAXPAYERS SHOULD HELP

The interest of public officials of both Taylor county and Abilene in the proposed Baptist Memorial Sanitarium is expressed in the attitude of Mayor Dallas Scarborough, who is very enthusiastic over the proposed institution and he feels that the success of the campaign to raise \$250,000.00 for this purpose will not only be a great benefit to every citizen of the community from the standpoint of general health, but that it will also avoid the necessity which faces this country to erect at public expense a sanitarium of this character.

Mayor Dallas Scarborough said: "There should be no hesitation on the part of the people of Abilene and Taylor county to subscribe their pro-rata to the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium. Among the many reasons why should be done is: That the

law requires in all counties that have a city of a population of more than ten thousand, to provide a city and county hospital. This can only be done by a bond issue. Such a building at this time would cost us approximately \$100,000.00. If we owned the building and had it paid for, it would still be much cheaper and better for the county and city to take care of its sick in the proposed Sanitarium, and eliminate that continuous overhead expense. There is no reason why we should saddle this burden upon the future generation by bond issue, when we can, by subscribing our pro-rata part of this undertaking and settle the proposition and settle it right."

"If Abilene builds this institution, the city and county can make satisfactory arrangements to have their sick taken care of and not be required to build a county-city hospital."

Best Flour in Texas at A. L. Jobs, \$6.50 for next 10 days. It

Mrs. J. A. Duell Worth, formerly Miggart, and John and gart of Rotan are bedside of their Ne Cox the 10 year old and Mrs. Floyd Cox. had an attack of the was followed by P

N. B. Teaff, one of the do and prominent citizens Tye, was here recently and this office a very pleasant appreciated call.

Our good friend L. P. returned Wednesday from a inenss tip to Munday in K county. He reports condit fine in that section.

M. A. Perkins splendid cit on route five, was here first the week on business.

I. H. Yates retu urday from a visit at Dallas.

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you know.

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MATINEE EVERY SATURDAY 2 TO 5

Friday, Feb. 27
Helen Holmes
IN
"The Fatal Fortune" No. 5
ALSO
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Saturday, February 28
Paramount Feature
WITH
Chas. Ray
IN
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ALSO
Hank Mann Comedy

Monday, Mch. 1
William Duncan
IN
"Smashing Barriers" No. 13
ALSO
Fox News, Big "V" Comedy
and an O. Henry

Tuesday, Mch. 2
A Paramount Feature
WITH
Vivian Martin
IN
"Mirandy Smiles"
ALSO
Good Comedy

Wed., Mch. 3
A Vitagraph Program
WITH
Bessie Love
IN
"A Fighting Colleen"
ALSO
2-Reel Big "V" Comedy with James Aubrey

Thursday, Mch. 4
A Fox Program
WITH
William Russell
IN
"Sacred Silence"
ALSO
Fox Sunshine Comedy

CLASSIFIED AD

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Stone mill to grind corn meal. E. Barnes, Merkel, Texas, Rt. 5. 1tp

LOST—Front Curtain for Dodge car, South of Merkel. Finder please return to Crown Hardware and receive reward. F. F. Cox. 27t2pd

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs, \$1.00 for 15. 20t3pd
Lizzie Keny, Phone 9032F21

FOR SALE—Milk cows. See Charles Orr. 13-6tpd

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr. O. F. McMaster Port Lavaca, Texas. 13tf

COW FEED—Have supply of Hulls and meal on hand now. Expecting Car Alfalfa any time. 2t
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WANTED TO RENT—Seventy five or 150 acres of land on the halves. G. L. Bishop, Merkel, Texas, P. O. Box 471. 20t3pd

FOR SALE—One Buster, and two sulkey plows, and one feed Mill. Mrs. R. B. Rains. Phone 9001R11. 6t4pd

FARM FOR RENT—130 Acres of extra good land. Party must have ample force to cultivate land properly.—Tom Largent. 1t

FOUND—Between Abilene and Merkel, 1 Tire, Tube and Rim, size 34x4.—W. F. Golladay, Gulf Refining Co., Merkel, Texas. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good house and lot and a half just south of Mr. Joe Harris.—See him or write or see me. R. G. Grogan, Hanley, Texas, Rout 2. 27t3

WANTED—Middle age woman to work in R. at Campbells Rest.

FOUND—Some parts be to a small cast-iron stove. er can get it by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

Eat at the Arcade.

Mr. Herring in down from Peducah visiting home folks, his wife has closed her school at that place. They will make their The singing given by Mr. Boild was enjoyed by all present. Mr. McGee of Stith spent the day Sunday with J. A. Joyner.

Correspondents Wanted
We want to make the Merkel Mail a real live, newsy weekly paper, one that will interest every person in the town and surrounding country. In order to do this we must do our best to publish as near all the news of the whole community. Therefore we want a good, live capable correspondent in each school community surrounding the city We invite each and every one to come in and get acquainted with us, and when you see us tell us the news.

The Arcade gives service.

LAND FOR SALE
As receiver appointed by the district court of Taylor county, Texas, to sell the lands belonging to community Estate of W. J. Dulin, deceased and his surviving wife Emma Dulin, (now Emma Gillam), I will offer for sale from and after February, 26th, 1920, the following lands to wit:
1. 96 and seven tenths acres situated about seven and a half miles southeast of the town of Merkel in Taylor county, about 65 acres in cultivation with three roomed house thereon.
2. Lots 5, 6, 7 and the seventh half of lot 8 in block 55 of Johnsons addition to the town of Merkel, good five room house and barn.
3. Lot 10 in block B of Boyces first Addition to the town of Merkel.
4. A lot 120 feet north and south by 485 feet east and west out of the S. W. corner of a 10 acre tract of land conveyed by A. H. Johnson to E. D. Coats by deed, dated, September 15, 1898 seconded in book 14 page 2 of the deed records of Taylor co., Texas and fronting on street.
I can sell all of the above property at a lump sale or in separate tracts, and the purchaser must pay one half the purchase price in cash. 20t2
G. R. Holloway Receiver.

For Auto tops, seat covers, painting, See Ben at Auto Laundry. 13tf

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WOOD WOOD—For sale R. L. Bland. tf

WANTED—Man to care for cemetery. Good wages. See T. L. Grimes or Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Get your washing done at the Jenkins House. 27t3

W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater, was here recently to see his sister Mrs. Bob Martin.

Notice to Subscribers.
Should you fail to get your paper regular or even miss a copy we would thank you to call our attention to same, and we will see what or where the trouble is and make it right.

Oklahoma lump Coal—Stored under shelter. Swafford, Phone 291. 27t2



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Freight rates have played a very small part in the rising cost of living.

Other causes—the waste of war, under-production, credit inflation—have added dollars to the cost of the necessities of life, while other charges have added only cents.

The average charge for hauling a ton of freight a mile is less than a cent.

A suit of clothing that sold for \$30 before the war was carried 2,265 miles by rail from Chicago to Los Angeles for 16½ cents.

Now the freight charge is 22 cents and the suit sells for \$50.

The cost of the suit has increased 20 dollars.
The freight on it has increased only 5½ cents.

Other transportation charges enter into the cost of the finished article—carrying the wool to the mills and the cloth to the tailors—but these other charges amount to but a few cents more.

The \$10 pair of shoes that used to sell for \$5 goes from the New England factory to the Florida dealer for a freight charge of 5½ cents—only one cent more than the pre-war rate.

Beef pays only two-thirds of a cent a pound freight from Chicago to New York.

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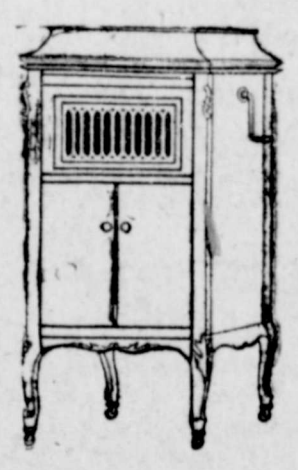
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In This Paper

County Correspondence.
We want to make the Merkel Mail just as newsy and interesting as is possible, and would like to have a correspondent in every community in the surrounding country. We will be glad to furnish stamps, paper, etc., and send the Mail free to any one who will give us the news from their community.

A NEW GARAGE.
I wish to announce to my friends and the public that I have opened a Garage and Repair business on Kent street, and will be glad to have a share of your business in this line. I have a practical mechanic, a man who knows, in charge, and your work will be done correct and reasonable.
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Because it's costing you much more to be without the many advantages of the electric washer than to make use of its services.
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☛ We will be glad to have you come in and give us your order for any special materials and Fixtures you may want.

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IN MEMORY OF MRS. MATTIE WHITE

Mrs. White was born, Oct. 30, 1898, Died January, 17 1920, was married to Mr. Top White 1912. Made a profession of religion and joined the Center Point Church, known now as the Blair Baptist Church with which she membership until she died. She served as her church for many years, having opportunity for her devotion and love for her Master, it affords me a pleasure to think of her enjoying that sweet rest prepared for them that love the Master. Sister White possessed that fine Spirit that one could know that she had been with Jesus. Now having been removed by the hand of Divine Power from the scene of her Temporal labors

I am desirous of expressing my sympathy for the loved ones who mourn her loss. To the young Husband and Baby, aged Parents, Brothers, and Sisters, in our great sorrow for the loss of their faithful and beloved one, we should find consolation in the belief that it is well with her for whom we mourn. As we sympathize with those who were fond of our departed Sister, by the nearest and dearest ties share with them the hope of a reunion in the better world where there is no parting and where bliss ineffable forbids a tear. In the years of her sickness, she endured her affliction, feeling that they would work out for her a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, when the time of the home going came

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IN 3 ACTS

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Obadiah Skinner, a retired Sea Captain.....Jay Riggs
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Nellie Huntington, a friend.....Maude Boone
Nellie Skinner, antiquated but still looking for a man.....Gertrude Dowdy
Nellie McIntyre, a servant who spoils it all....Ola Lee Boone

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TRENT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Saturday Night March 6th

8:00 O'CLOCK

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Abilene, Texas, February, 12, 1920

On this day the commissioners court of Taylor County in regular session compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts County Treasurer of said county for the quarter ending Jan., 31, 1920, and finds the same correct and finds that the respective amounts named below have been received and paid out since the preceding Treasurer's report with balance to each separate fund as follows, viz:

Fund	Amount Received	Amount Paid out	Balance
1st Class (Jury)	\$259.60	\$1239.63 (overdrawn)	\$469.05
2nd class Prec.1	2911.09	4583.65	18440.91
2nd class Prec.2	1116.23	817.45	5531.88
2nd class Prec.3	643.32	464.63	417.51
2nd class Prec.4	827.80	893.86	1224.86
3rd. class (Gen.)	5666.97	5463.67	6851.52
4th Cl. (C.H. Sinking)	1167.58	none	1281.61
5th Cl. (Pauper)	1009.82	992.50	1078.39
Road Dist. No.1 (Sink)	646.49	4000.00	1766.70
Road Dist. No.2	7476.68	10530.15	855.621
Road Dist. No.3	1783.00	10511.98	4408.22
Road Dist. No.4	84.74	329.89	12936.18
Road Dist. No.5	2151.63	20199.98	3553.77
Road Dist. No.6	32.74	none	32.74
View Road Fund	5250.00	none	5250.00
State Highway Fund	469.70	367.98	5126.17

That we have inspected and counted the assets remaining in the hands of such treasurer. That said treasurer had \$36.00 cash in his hand since deposited in depository and that as to the credit of said county in the duly and legally authorized depositories of said county cash balances on the 1st day of Feb. 1920 as follows:

F.&M. Natl. Bank	Citizens Natl. Bank	First State Bank
Gen. R. & B. etc. \$5904.51	\$8696.90	\$18601.55
R. D. No.1 716.66	408.90	641.14
R. D. No.2 8520.76	35.45	
R. D. No.3	4408.22	
R. D. No.4	43.36	12892.82
R. D. No.5 3553.77		
R. D. No.6 32.74		
View 5250.00		
4th Cl. 98.04	17.32	1166.25
State Highway 5126.17		

Checks outstanding Gen. \$161.50; credit balance \$1.44,

And in the hands of such treasurer the following assets belonging to the sinking fund Road Dist. No. 1.
Bradshaw School Bonds Dist. No. 24 \$2500.00
Potosi Ind. School Dist. Bonds, 2000.00
Blair School Dist. Bonds, Dist. No. 32 1800.00
Lisman School Dist. No. 30, Bonds 400.00
And to the credit of Court House Sinking fund the following bonds
School district No. 17 600.00
School District No. 38 1800.00
School District No. 11 2400.00
Total indebtedness of said county; Court House Bonds, \$134,000
Dist. No. 1, \$126,000; Dist. No. 2, 20,000; Dist. No. 3, \$14,500; Dist. No. 4, 014,500; Dist. No. 5, \$24,000; Dist. No. 6, \$25,000.

That the requirements of Art. 401 Penal Code have in all things been fully complied with at this term of court. That tabular statements have been filed as required by Art. 390 P. C. and that all warrants accompanying said treasurer's report have been cancelled by us.

Witness our hands this 12th day of Feb. 1920.
E. M. Overshine, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas.
H. E. Meyer, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
T. R. Lassiter, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Dan O'Connell, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
H. T. O'Bar, Commissioner Precinct, No. 4
Subscribed and sworn to by said County Judge and each Commissioner before me this 12th day of Feb. 1920. Fannie Tippett, County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas.

She gave directions, as to the funeral services, asked that the sentiment of her heart be sung at her grave. (Safe in the arms of Jesus).

And we meditate and weep we weep not as those that have no hope, but look up to him who tells us that he is the resurrection and the life and then join in with her.

Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on his gentle breast, There by his love o'er shaded, sweetly my soul shall rest.

Hark! 'Tis the voice of angels borne in a song to me, over the fields of glory, over the Jasper Sea.

Her Pastor, G. C. Farris.

ATTENTION EPWORTH LEAGUERS

There will be an important meeting of the Epworth League, Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mr. W. D. Hutchenson. Every member interested in the upbuilding of the Epworth League is urged to be present.

We must make the Epworth League a strong Christian force in the Merkel Community, and it depends upon YOU.

A League Booster is a Merkel Booster.

Just received a car of Marchal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co. tf

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EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM, FEB. 29

Subject: "Our Country's Need of Christ".

Song: "Rescue the Perishing".

Song: To be selected.

Scripture: Acts 4:8-12; Romans 10:12-15, By Leader.

1. "Immigrants: Who are they, and why do they come to America?" Vivian Hutchenson

2. "The Rights of the Working Man" Jerome Hutchenson

3. Instrumental Trio... Mona T. Christopher, B. A. Black, and Earl Thornton.

4. "The Southern Mountaineer" Coda Murrell.

5. "The South's Responsibility for the Negro". Willie Stephens

Song, President in charge, Business, League Benediction.

Seed Irish Potatoes at Bob Martins Grocery Co. tf.

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My new spring and summer suit samples have just arrived, and I extend a cordial invitation to one and all to call and see them, make your selection before they are all picked over.

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In the old Duckett Stand

Now open and ready to serve you
Come in and wait on yourself and save on your Groceries.

Everything marked in plain figures
No Waiting.

No order for less than \$5.00 delivered.

THE ECONOMY'S AND SPRING SALE! Opens Saturday, Feb. 28th

Will be closed all day Friday to mark Everything Down

We take great pleasure in advising our customers that Mr. Siegel has just turned from the market where he bought the most wonderful line of men, women and children's Ready-to-Wear ever seen in the city of Merkel. We have broken all records in volume of business during the past season and are going to do still better during this Great Spring Sale. Our stocks were never as complete as they now are, and we want the pleasure of showing you the magnificent values to be offered during this sale, which opens Saturday, Feb. 28th. On account of the limited space we can only mention a few of the reduced prices, but you can come prepared to

FIND EVERYTHING IN THE STORE REDUCED --- EVERYTHING IN PLAIN FIGURES

LOOK FOR THE YELLOW PRICE TICKET

The First Ten Customers
entering the store and purchasing a dollar's worth or more will receive a **FREE PACKAGE** as a present, containing a pair of shoes, or a Dress, or a Waist.

STAPLES

Best grade domestic, no starch regular 45c value, yard 29c
calbright and dark colors, Special per yd. 29c
sheeting 10-4 regular \$1.00, Special 79c
in Plaids and Solid colors very good grade, regular 33c
50c Value 39c

DRESS AND MILITARY BOOTS

Special values are featured here during this sale
Men's Shoes \$9.95
Women's Shoes 8.95
Children's Shoes 7.95
Ladies Shoes 5.45
Infants Shoes 3.45
Low quarters, Pumps and Oxfords at cut Prices.

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A variety of styles from which to choose. Some un-
usually are featured in the newest modes developed of
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MENS DRESS SHIRTS

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2.00 Shirts 1.45
One Lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 Shirts 95c

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\$16.50 Hats, Specially Priced \$12.90
12.50 " " " 10.90
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One lot, \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$4.00 Hats \$1.95

One lot of Ladies Waists \$2.50 values 95c
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LOCAL NEWS

Lola Dennis is recovering from a severe spell of Pneumonia.

Dr Johnson, Dentist has offices with Dr M Armstrong.

Mrs. H. N. Mashburn, of Colton, California, visited relatives at Abilene and Merkel the past week.

If you own property in Merkel School District pay your 1919 school tax now to G. W. Johnson and avoid penalty. 2t

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliot, of Dawsonville, Georgia, after visiting relatives near Abilene returned to Merkel for a few days visit. They will visit relatives in Oklahoma before returning home.

Our motto is "To Please" if we don't tell us, if we do tell others.—The Cash Taylor Shop, Phone 180. 20t2

Just received a car of Marechal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co. tf

The ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mansker had the misfortune of breaking his leg between the knee and hip. The Manskers recently purchased land north of town, having come here from Eastland.

For Electric wiring phone Walter Darr at P. L. McClary's residence. Phone 19 tf

See me quick for grade Holstein Heifer Calves.—C. M. Largent. 20t2

Get your washing done at the Jenkins. 20t3

We have a good price for secondhand Iee Hooks.—Merkel Power Company.

We have a few tons of coal. Prices right. Buy while it is handy.—John S. Hughes, Blair, Texas. Itpd

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RECENT BIRTHS

February 23, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester, February 21 a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Garrett, February 15, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wilson, February 11 a boy to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Elkens.

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Miss Bird the well known Abilene nurse who has been on duty at the Turner and Dennis homes for the past several weeks has gone to her brothers in the Mulberry Flat Community for a much needed rest. Her patients are convalescing nicely.

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GRANDMA RUSSEL DEAD

Mrs. Joanna Russell, familiarly known as Grandma Russell died Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock, following a long illness of several months. She was born 72 years ago in Kentucky. Was married to W. W. Russell 50 yrs. ago last October. To them were born 9 children of whom 7 survive to mourn her loss.

She was converted in childhood and became a member of the Presbyterian Church in which she has lived a faithful christian life.

In addition to her relatives, Grandma Russell had a large circle of friends who will miss her.

Four of her children live in Merkel: J. J. Russell, S. G. Russell, Charlie Russell and Mrs. D. A. Dickie. Her son and daughter, Mr. W. R. Russell and Mrs. J. A. Harris, live in California. While another daughter, Mrs. Geo. L. Vaughn, lives in New Mexico.

Two brothers and three sisters also survive her.

The funeral was held Tuesday evening at the residence. Conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. C. Dooley, and she was laid to rest in the city cemetery.

We join a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Deci Sharp)

The students of the Merkel High School enjoyed some very interesting talks, Monday morning given by Rev. Ira L. Parrack Pastor of the Baptist Church, and L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. This is the first time that a business man has given us his views of our life as related to that after school. We are always glad for anyone to give us a little of his time for talks of this kind.

The Merkel Basket Ball Boys went to Abilene, last Friday and played a hot though interesting game. In the first half Abilene made 7 points and Merkel only 2, but in the last half our boys showed of what they were made and brought the score up to 10 to 7 in favor of the Merkel boys. Our boys have not lost a game in Basket Ball this year, isn't that something to be proud of? If you are proud of them, show us that you are proud of them, both by your presence at the games. When you come don't forget your "Pep".

The county meet is coming off at Abilene the 26th and 27th of March although our boys have carried off many first honors in the race in the preceding years, they are practicing to take still more this year.

The Seniors and Juniors are entertained by Misses Rubye and "Tina" Hamm, last Friday night. Everyone present reported to have had a "Dandy" time many interesting contests and games were played. It was said that Iva Bragg and Mr. Carey were "Star" players in playing "The Flying Dutchman".

The English teacher, Miss Smith, was ill Monday. We are glad that her illness was not serious, but Oh boy! it was nice to get out of a lesson, even for one day.

It's rumored that the "Sophs" are getting up a program for Friday Morning Chapel—so mote it be.

The lost have been found. Annie Mae Costephens and Annie Bickley are in school once more.

Judging by the efforts made in "Trig" by Mr. Burgess, we think that he will make an excellent artist if he keeps on trying.

F. Fierce Lessons.
L. Late Hours
U. Unexpected Company
N. Nought on Exams.
K. Kicked out.

A Vision in Rhyme

A seer am I not old and grey
But bright and joyous all the day
I often in the future look
And read it like an open book
The 1920 Class I view
Reaping rewards and honors due
First E. D. Garrett, rich and great
Owner of a large Estate
Stores and shops and Jewels rare
And costly Paintings are his care
His wealth came from, so people tell
An acre lease at the Sears Well
His rival in this ease and wealth
Is one whose sturdiness and health
Proclaims an early life of toil
A struggle with the rugged soil
The fleecy cotton he did grow
Year after year, row after row
But finally in great despair
Only ten small acres was his care
To such a height advanced the price

That hardly time will now suffice
To count the millions that Charlie made
On this small patch with hoe and spade

A wondrous story is also told
Of Christene Colins stores of gold
A chicken fancier she became
And selling eggs brought her great fame

What interest this fact to the story lends
She only kept a dozen hens

A name well known both near and far
Is Maurine Cobb a "Movie Star"

In my vision next I fix
Are those absorbed in politics
Agnes Rister takes her stand
The first woman president of our land

As members of her cabinet true
Lorena Murphy and Annie too
Give her such good advice and great
They manage well the affairs of the estate

Julia McDonald, so wise and great

Is Governor of our "Lone Star State"

Next Chester Hutcheson
His feet don't weigh more than a ton

His chief desire is to drive
A ship that through the air doth glide

And drive a pilot near his side
Abbie Ruth Darsey, is seen to ride

His passenger plane just across my view
Containing Vivian, Rubye, and Annie Mae too
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MONDAY—

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