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RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, our Heavenly father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call home one of our most devoted members, Sister Minnie Rogers, on February 16, 1920, therefore be it resolved by the Stith Missionary Baptist that a copy of these resolutions be appended to our church minutes, also one furnished the bereaved family, and one given the Merkel Mail and Western Evangel for publication.

Knowing as we do that all things work for good to God's people, yet failing many times to understand God's providence, therefore be it further resolved that in the home going of sister Rogers, Stith church has lost one of it's most faithful and devoted members.

Sister Rogers was converted under the ministry of our former pastor Rev. E. E. Dawson at South Prong Baptist church in Ellis county, August 18, 1903.

Upon moving West she united with our church in 1905 and has been ever faithful to every department of our master's work.

In the exemplary life of this noble christian, one may see and

know there is a reality in the faith of her savior, and too her light was never hidden under a bushel.

The night was never too dark or cold but that she had a ready and anxious ear for those who were needy or sick.

The Immortal Gray has said these befitting words:

Full many a gem of purest ray serene,

The dark unfathomed Caves of ocean bear

Full many flower is born to blush unseen,

And waste it's sweetness on a desert air.

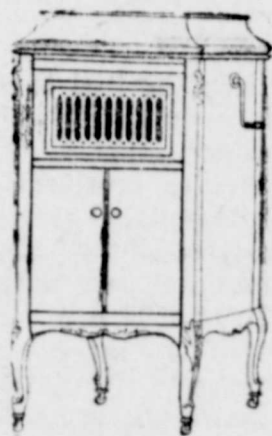
But Sister Rogers life was a blessing and benediction to all with whom she came in contact.

In severing our relation with her the church will weep with Bro. Rogers, and those who weep and our prayers go for all the family and friends.

Bro. M. C. Bishop of Anson came and conducted the funeral most touchingly as he always does.

Submitted by:
A. M. Wimberly
Comitte Mrs. W. E. Bradley
Mrs. G. L. Baker

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GOLAN NEWS

Misses Dixie Duncan and Edith Thompson were guests of Misses Velma and Mervil Hill Sunday.

Miss Lottie Jones is visiting relatives in Stamford this week.

Miss Lettie Duncan visited Bettie Byron Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Cox is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ola Thompson entertained her friends with a party Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Vida Williams spent the day with Misses Edna and Ella Cox Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Cross in the Newman community. He was riding a horse when the animal became scared and ran away with him and threw him breaking his neck instantly. The bereaved ones have our greatest sympathy.

Chester Cox and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mitchell.

Misses Edith and Elvira Hudspeth visited Misses Annie and Ouida Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Herron and Claude Stribling and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCright Sunday.

Willie Hills barn was destroyed by fire Saturday night. It is unknown as to what caused it. Some of the neighbors have given him several loads of feed stuff. Sunshine.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking our many friends who so thoughtfully and lovingly assisted in the burial of our dear one, May the Heavenly Father whose wisdom reigns supreme and who does all things for the best, watch over and keep each of you even in his own sight is our earnest prayer. Mrs. J. A. Mulliken and Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Thomas and family.

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NOODLE ITEMS

Rev. Johnson filled his appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. There was a large crowd out to hear him.

A large crowd attended the singing at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Some of the people from Noodle attended the singing convention at Merkel Sunday afternoon. All report a nice time.

Mr. Dewey Nichols and wife are moving back to Noodle where he has purchased Mr. Ratliff's interest in the Noodle store.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson attended the funeral of their cousin Mr. Joe Brown at Merkel, Monday morning.

Mrs. C. S. Deutschman's little daughter, little Miss Dorthy Blanche, has been sick with scar let fever, but we are glad that she is better at this writing.

Miss Annie Jaynes took supper with Misses Tena and Iva Rape Sunday evening.

Mr. W. J. Bicknell has bought a new Dodge car.

A number of young folks were at a party Saturday night at Mr. N. V. Nicholson's. All report a delightful time.

Miss Inez Scott has given up her music class at this place.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends of Merkel for their kindness rendered us during the serious illness and death of our wife and mother.

Specially with the others do we wish to thank little Mary Hutcheson for the beautiful flowers which she brought her.

We know that God in Heaven will reward each one according to the deeds of our life.

May his richest blessings be yours and may we all meet in Heaven where there will be no burdens to bear.

Wiley Landreth and family.

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Beautiful Spring Silk Dresses

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Waists worth up to \$8.50 are marked **\$5.95**

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Crepe de chines up to 6.00 “ “ **3.75**

These waists come in all colors with plenty of white and flesh. Buy your waists at this great saving.

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Hand turned soles, high heel, Kid lined, \$9.00 value,

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JERSEY PETTICOATS

A splendid assortment of good grade Silk Jersey and Taffeta Petticoats in all colors, accordion plaited models and ruffles. The wholesale price on these today are \$7.50 special while they last ----- **\$6.45**

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MRS. GODWIN WAS ENTERTAINED TUESDAY

On Tuesday afternoon, April 20, the teachers of the Primary Department of the Methodist Sunday school, together with the King's Daughters Class, gave a reception and handkerchief shower in honor of Mrs. Godwin who is leaving to make her home in Burkburnett. Mrs. Godwin was one of the faithful teachers in the little folks department of the Sunday School and also secretary and treasurer of the King's Daughters Class and she will be greatly missed by both of these as well as by all her close friends.

The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Hamilton between the hours of 4 and 6. Mrs. Jones assisted the hostess in entertaining and had planned a unique game the name of which we failed to learn but nevertheless it afforded plenty of amusement for a time.

A reading given by Mrs. McSpadden was greatly enjoyed. Delightful music on the Edison was furnished through out the afternoon as well as some excellent piano selections by Mrs. Beene.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, pickles and ice tea was heartily enjoyed by all present. Owing to a misunderstanding as to her train schedule, Mrs. Godwin was not permitted to stay except for a few minutes, but long enough to bid each a loving farewell. Mrs. Godwin will long be remembered by her many friends here who wish her unbounded happiness in her new home. There were about 21 ladies present to enjoy the reception although a shade of sadness prevailed on account of the loss of this our friend and co-worker in the church. Press Reporter.

AUCTION SALE

Saturday evening at 2 o'clock in rear of A. C. Boney's Store a lot of household goods to the highest bidder. 1tp

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

"SALTY DOPE"

Our school is progressing nicely as all pupils seem interested. The chapel exercises which was given Tuesday morning was one of the best ever given and which was highly enjoyed by all.

Everybody is busy this week going to church as our meeting is in progress. Everybody come and help us go over the top. Bro. L. B. Connell is doing our preaching. Our missionary of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

Quite a number from here attended the singing convention at Merkel last Sunday evening which was enjoyed by all. 'pep'

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NOTICE

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We urge that each and everyone come in and inspect our Merchandise and get our prices before making purchases elsewhere for we are always glad to show you, and we assure you that we can save you money.

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We are also making a reduction on all ladies high heel lace Oxfords. \$12.50 values \$11.00, \$10.00 to \$8.50, \$9.00 to \$7.50...

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If you are a Democrat and wish to take part in the party work be on hand Saturday, May 1st, Cozy Theatre, 11:00 a. m.

Every man should vote and take part in the different issues,

political or otherwise, and if he loses he can say at least that he did his duty as a citizen. So don't stay away from these conventions and voting places and then cuss the country by sections because this or that was done, or was not done.

Investigate Wilson. That is all the Republicans have done in congress for a year. The Republican party is bankrupt on campaign issues and they have been seeking to find some fraud in conducting the war, but so far they have not found it, and if the Democrats will nominate the

right kind of a man for President they will wallop the Republicans from Dan to Beersheba, and the Republicans know it; hence the hundreds of investigations at Washington.

The Democrats were in power when the war was won. Democrats are in power in flush times and the Republicans have no campaign issue as of old. Can a Democrat afford to help that bunch? Certainly not.—Baird Star.

Times were never more prosperous in the United States than they are today. No unemployed; no bread lines or soup houses anywhere and everyone has a job who wants work. No doubt you notice the Republicans and others fighting the Democratic Administration never mention these things. The "full dinner pail," so popular with the Republicans a few years ago, is never mentioned now. They yell bloody murder about the high cost of living and criticize the Administration about the extravagance in conducting the war. The Republicans have done practically nothing for a year but investigate the conduct of the war, trying to find something against the Wilson Administration to make a campaign issue. Can Democrats afford to help the enemies of their own party by sending an anti-Wilson administration to San Francisco?

This is the Issue.—Baird Star.

Mansfield is a Tarrant county town. The Mirror is a well edited and progressive weekly paper Editor Guss R. Moore gives this advice to his readers: "As the political situation is becoming more acute each day the Mirror hopes that our citizens can take a broad-minded view of the conditions and argue the question from a sensible standpoint and not let their enthusiasm or prejudice run so high as to say things that will arouse them in this political struggle. Remember we were neighbors and friends before this division of opinion on this question came up, and should we when it is ended, bearing in mind that we can not hope for perfect reforms to prevail in our community until a better feeling of brotherly love for our fellow men has been cultivated. Let us, then, practice to have more care for the rights and feelings of others, and think more of our town, neighbors and friends, and endeavor to suppress as much as possible the terrible fires of evil passions which dwell in our hearts and cause us to do things for which we will afterwards be ashamed of. Why should friends fall out over politics, why should they not discuss

them in good-natured way? After the campaign is over and when some one of the five men who are candidates for governor have been elected and the others have gone back to private life, they will doubtless have forgotten that you and I who are quarreling over them ever existed, but you and I expect to live in Mansfield and vicinity the balance of our lives. There will be matters of community interest which all of us should join hand and put over. Street corner discussions never changed anybody

and they have often resulted in wounded feelings and broken friendships. If you are going to discuss politics with a man who holds opposite views to your own discuss them with a friend only. Discussion with your enemy" remarks the Hillsboro Mirror, "only widens the breach between you, while your friend can listen to you and keep his temper." The campaign from now until after May conventions is one in which principles and not men are concerned, and sticking to the issue of the campaign

which are strictly shall we repudiated the record of Democracy for seven years or approve it? will clarify the situation very much."—Fort Worth Record.

B. Goldgar, of the firm of Lynn & Goldgar, dry goods dealers returned this week from a trip to the market, making the third time he made such trips for more goods.

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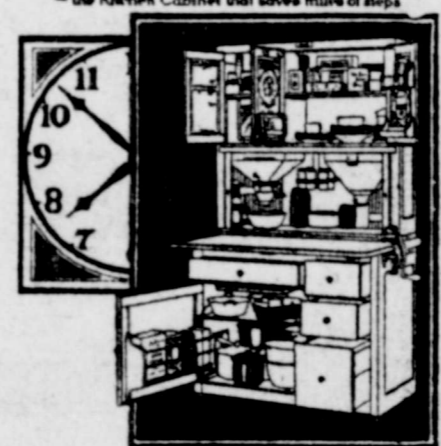
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☞ We now have Porch Swings, Chairs, Settees and all kinds of summer goods. Come in and look them over.

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PANSY BLOSSOM

By MILDRED WHITE.

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"It is the pansy blossom," the young Japanese said, "and if you were of Japan, that should be your name—Pansy Blossom; because of the purple of your eyes, and the thoughts you bring."

Vickie smiled. She sat looking down at the water color sketch which the Japanese had placed in her hand.

"You are poetical, Kato," she replied, "and an artist, too. I like your pansy blossom, and I like your pretty way of naming women." Vickie sighed.

"Everything here is beautiful enough to inspire one to poetry and art. Kato, can you imagine a lovelier spot? The sea sparkling before us in the sunshine, and the tall background of trees, before the hotel. One ought to be happy here, Kato." The girl moved her pretty hand impatiently.

"One would be if—" she laughed shakingly, "if some one were not always taking the joy out of life."

"Some one?" questioned the Japanese softly, raising his brows. Vickie drew nearer.

"I just have to tell you," she said. "It will be such a comfort to confide, and you are a sphinx, Kato; wild horses couldn't draw a confidence from you."

The youth bowed gravely.

"At your service, Pansy Blossom," he assured her.

"Mother's apparent purpose in bringing me here," said Vickie, "was that I might enjoy the pleasure with her of a seaside resort. The real underlying reason was to break off an attachment which she had discovered between myself and Bruce Masters. Mother has other plans in view for her debutante daughter, than being the wife of honest Bruce Masters. Bruce is not rich, you see, Kato, also he has still his profession to fight for. But he loves me, and I—"

The girl gazed out to sea, a tender smile curving her lips.

"I love Bruce," she ended softly.

"And this Bruce whom you love is worthy?" Kato asked. She nodded vehemently.

"There's a wealthy banker in the offing," she explained, "upon whom mother has set her ambitious heart. She can't make me marry him, Kato, but she can prevent me from seeing Bruce. I'm sure I don't know how it's all going to end. You must see, how—slight I'm growing, Kato—no appetite at all. And if it were not for your wonderful musical performance at the theater each afternoon, I really don't know what I should do. You help me to pass the time, too. You're very interesting, Kato. I'm so glad you are 'the fashion' at the hotel.

"You are sorrowful, disappointed," Kato went on; "may be some way I can help you."

"Dear Kato," Vickie said. "Please try."

He arose, assisting the girl with a courtly air.

Vickie slipped her hand through his proffered arm and the two went strolling together down the beach.

"My dear Mrs. Varden," an imposing looking woman upon the hotel veranda said, to a woman in an adjoining rocking chair, "are you not afraid to allow your charming daughter so much of that fascinating Jap's society? Young people have romantic ideas, you know, and the accomplished musician may be dangerously entertaining."

Vickie Varden's mother turned, suddenly startled; then she laughed.

"My daughter is not so easily fascinated," she replied. "But the uncomfortable suggestion rankled.

"That evening the mother felt called upon to drop a warning remark.

"Don't you think that you are being too good to that Japanese?" she drawled. "Surely there is nothing about him to so constantly amuse."

To her surprise the girl whirled about in indignation.

"Kato doesn't amuse me," she retorted. "I like him; he is my friend."

Speechless, the mother gazed after her daughter's wrathful departure. Then in anger, she followed swiftly as the girl passed out upon the hotel veranda and deliberately down to a dusky secluded corner. The mother's newly awakened fears were realized. The Japanese was already there, evidently awaiting her daughter's appearance. Mrs. Varden drew back against a jut of the wall, and shamelessly listened.

"Pansy Blossom," greeted the youth, "the hours are long when you are not here."

"I have been thinking," he continued, "that an elopement must be the solution. True love should not be denied. It grieves me to see you suffer, Mrs. Varden's patience could stand no more.

"On dare," she burst out, "to plan elopement with my daughter!"

But Vickie interposed.

"Mother," she reproached, "you would not let me marry Bruce."

"Rather a thousand times Bruce," cried Mrs. Varden, "than this presumptuous Oriental."

"Then," agreed Vickie with alacrity, "I will send for Bruce."

In the darkness Kato's hand reached out to touch the girl's.

"Mother needn't know that it was an elopement with Bruce which I suggested," he said. "No, Pansy Blossom, I'm your friend."

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Monday, April 26
Great Gamble No. 6 **Slim Summerville**
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Invisible Hand No. 6 **"Losing Weight"**
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A 2-Reel O. Henry Picture

Wednesday, April 28
Corrine Griffith **Joe Rock**
IN
"Human Collateral" **"Rubes & Robbers"**
A 7-Reel Vitagraph Super Special A 2-Reel Vitagraph Comedy

Saturday April 24
Madelaine Traverse **Earnest Truex**
IN
"Lost Money" **"Night of the Dubb"**
A 5-Reel Fox Feature A 2-Reel Paramount Comedy
MUTT & JEFF in "Cutting Nonsense"

Tuesday, April 27
Enid Bennett **Fox News**
IN
"Stepping Out" **Topics of The Day**
A 5-Reel Paramount Comedy-Drama PATHE REVIEW

Thursday, April 29
All Star Cast **Harrold Lloyd**
IN
"DON'T CHANGE HUSBANDS" **"HAUNTED SPOOKS"**
A 6-Reel Paramount Special Another One of The \$100,000 Lloyd Laugh Specials

W. M. Clark of Clovis, New Mexico, was called to this city last Sunday by a message announcing the illness and death of his son-in-law, Joe Brown, and which occurred Sunday Morning. The deceased was laid to rest Monday afternoon. He had been in poor health for a long time. Leaves a wife and 4 children to mourn his taking

away, and to whom we join the entire Merkel citizenship in extending deepest sympathy in the loss of one so needful and dear.

B. C. Gaither, one of this city's pioneer and best citizen returned this week from an extended visit to Austin, Houston and San Antonio, Texas, and to his old boyhood home in the

state of Tennessee. He reports a fine time. His friends are glad to welcome him home however.

Mrs. L. B. Scott and little son, returned Monday from their visit to the former's mother at Arlington. On their return they were accompanied by her sister, Miss Floyce Boyd, of Arlington.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.

District Offices \$15.00
County Offices \$12.50
Precinct Offices \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner
W. R. Ely, of Baird.
District Clerk:
James W. Mayfield
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:
John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:
W. E. Martin
J. W. Moffett

For County Attorney:
Carlos D. Speck.

For County Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:
Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider
J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2
S. A. (Sid) Coats.
W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.
John F. Odor.
John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:
J. M. Garrett

BLAIR NEWS

Preston Doan happened to an accident last Thursday, though painful not especially serious.

J. S. Hughes and family visited at Jean Pattersons Sunday. Miss Mary Campbell spent Tuesday night with Miss Mary Hughes.

Carl Hughes and wife spent several days last week with her mother.

Miss Vera Doan gave her candy breaking and to which there was a large crowd in attendance. All report a very nice time.

Mrs. Essie Farmer gave a musical entertainment recently which was attended by a large crowd. And all report a nice time.

Miss Docia Doan spent Monday night with her grandmother Howard Hand spent Tuesday night with Claude Doan and family.

Mrs. Blanche Horton is visiting her mother, Mrs. Doan.

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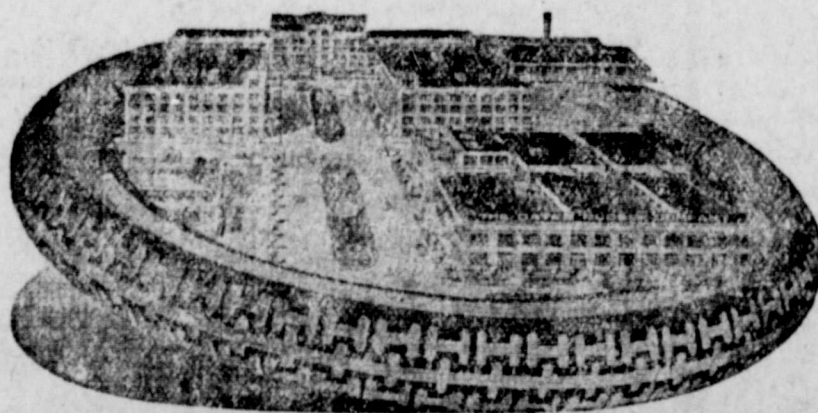
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You, too, are entitled to this service and saving, and we are prepared to give it to you.

This tire embodies a scientific principle which is so simple that when you see it you will say just as hundreds of other motorists have, "Why didn't someone think of this before?"

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Milk cows for sale see Chas. Orr, Rt. 3, Merkel, Tex. 26t8p

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FOR SALE—Good Ford touring car, in fine condition. See Ray Hamm, at Sanders Drug Store. 1

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MRS. LANDRETH PASSES AWAY

After a lingering illness of many months, Mrs. Landreth, wife of W. Y. Landreth of this city, passed away early last Sunday morning, and was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery Monday about noon, following funeral services conducted by the pastor at the Methodist church.

Deceased had been a devout member of the Methodist church for many years, was a true wife a loving and kind mother, who numbered her friends by her acquaintances, and besides a devoted husband and five children, leaves a father, one sister and two brothers to mourn her demise.

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Mr. W. T. Sorrells and family of Anson, are here visiting the former's nephew, Mr. E. E. Leslie and family for a few day.

T. J. Toombs, president of the Farmers State Bank, and all-round excellent citizen of Merkel with others of this community, were in Houston last week on business.

Oil Lease on 186 acres of land for sale. Seven miles from Sears well, 4 miles northeast Eskota. Cheap. Address: L. C. Murray, Trinidad, Colorado, 319 Frost Avenue. 23t3p

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Charlie Tucker)

The high school had the pleasure and advantage of having Rev. Doak, who helped in the Methodist Meeting, give a talk on "sunshine", in chapel, one morning last week. The talk filled the school with sunshine and inspiration. We hope other speakers will visit us.

The High School students realize that they are in the balance that has come almost to rest, and are getting down to real work; although it is too late for some to make up for the last time. The teachers, too, are doing everything they can to cause the pupils to bring the work up to the standard.

The state inspector of High Schools was with us on April 8. Her report was very favorable, except as to finance. The discipline was reported as excellent. Depending upon the character of the written work submitted at the close of the term, the recommendation was for eleven additional units as follows: Spanish 2, English 1, Latin 1, English History 1, Ancient History 1, General Science 1, Physiology 1/2, physical Geography 1/2, Physics 1, and Algebra 2. If all the written work shows up as it should this means eleven units of additional credits which added to the 8 and one half units that we already have, will make the Merkel high school have a total credit of nineteen and one half units with all universities and colleges of the state. All pupils should work to secure these credits for it will mean much to any of them if they go to some other school or some college.

For the past few years the Junior and Senior classes have been jealous of each other, or there has been some other cause of disagreement. Therefore we are glad to note the friendliness of the two classes this year—we are brother classes.

One evidence of this is the fact that a number of Juniors and Seniors went picnicing last Saturday. We went to the Elm creek and spent the greater part of the day in bathing, kodaking and eating. The picnic was enjoyed even though we had to get off and on as frequent as we came to a sand bed or steep mountain slope and push.

The Useless Mistletoe

The Mistletoe is now no more. Gone is it's withered bough;

But we don't grieve because We did not need it anyway.

Doyle: "BE! there is someone at the door wanting to see you." Bill: "Is it a gentleman?" Doyle: "No he says he is a friend of yours."

Mr. Carey: "Did you ever see a mosquito weep?"

Vivian: "No but I've seen a moth ball."

The base ball boys played Trent last Friday and won the game by a score of 18 to 15. This is but the second game, and we hope not to lose another game. We will play Big Springs this Friday on the home ground, and we expect to have some good players. All the best players are making their grades. Then come to the game with all the "pep" that you have and we will win.

Hurrah!! The Juniors are on the honor roll this time.

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CORINNE GRIFFITH

Corinne Griffith, the Vitaphone star who will appear in "Human Collateral" at the Cozy Theatre next week is known as one of the best dressed women on the screen. Her gowns are especially designed for her productions, and quite frequently this favorite of the silver screen sets the style for Dame fashion. But dress is not the only asset Miss Griffith possesses. Her facial expression is in a class by itself. There is not an emotion, shade or degree of feeling that she can not express with her features. One of her late pictures, "The Climbers" in which she appeared at the Cozy Theatre in March gave one an excellent opportunity for observing her versatility, and witnessing the latest in fashionable dress. "The Climbers" was one of the best pictures that has been here this season, and "S. R. O." signs are the rule rather than the exception when Miss Griffith is announced to appear in a picture.

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LET CRITICS BE FAIR

Most people who find fault with country life do not take into account the progress made during recent years. Some of these critics assume that conditions are what they were ten years ago; that country people have not improved their method of farm management, nor raise their standards of home life. They are deploring country life and sympathizing with country people who lived 10 years ago and these critics do not know and cannot understand those who live on farms in the best rural communities today.

The facts are that much progress has been made in methods of farming and standards of living during recent years. The country has prospered as a result. From whence has come the wealth of the cities and towns? Where did the managers of great business come from? The farms of this country have contributed mightily to these forces.

Country life is not what it should be today. It is not what it will be a few years hence. Country people themselves are more concerned about higher standards of country life; greater farm incomes; better citizenship, than their critics realize.

Let the critics be fair. Let them give country people full credit for what they have done and what they are doing to advance the interest of this nation and the civilization of the world. Has any other class of citizens done better? What class has done more?—Farm & Ranch.

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Civilization follows the plow. The greatest countries of the earth are the countries where the people are largely engaged in agricultural pursuits. The plow turns up prosperity, sets in motion the forces of nature that yield the people food, clothing and other necessities.

There are other industries that start booms and help bring settlers to a country, but still these are supported and supplemented by production of the people's necessities from the soil, no prosperity is assured or permanent. Agriculture is the barometer of the nation's prosperity and will continue to be as long as people depend upon the products of the soil.

The plow of the American farmer must continue to move. Our farms must be tilled and our people fed and clothed. This is the paramount question for the American people. All other questions are more or less dependent upon it.—Farm and Ranch.

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BEGINNING AGAIN

By MARY WINIFRED FORD.

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 "But Tom, what's the use, she will only start all over again—it's getting unbearable," and Dick Hollister paced the room up and down as if uncertain what to do.

"Dick, she is only a mere child—she does it only to tease you, and you know she doesn't care a might about any of them," Tom added consolingly.

Tom Brewster was Dick's closest friend, and Tom knew only too well Dick's greatest fault, which was his jealousy over any attention shown Fifi Gray, his sweetheart from childhood.

Fifi was home for the holidays from boarding school, and Dick was home also for the holidays from college. The first few days were delightful ones for Dick and Fifi until Bob Merrill arrived.

Barbara Merrill had met Fifi at a party the year previous, and they had become good friends. Bob had been out West for five years and had just returned home—"Handsome Bob," as he was called by his most intimate friends. After securing an introduction to Fifi, Bob fairly monopolized her, and fully three days had gone by now and Dick had not even a glimpse of Fifi. He called at her home and was informed that "Miss Fifi" was out motoring with Mr. Bob, and pulling his cap far over his eyes and with his hands deep in his pockets.

Dick would tear around the town looking for Bob and Fifi, and then suddenly would come upon them arm in arm laughing happily. Fifi looked so unconcerned when she saw him and smiled up at him so pleasantly, that Dick could only look at her and pass on without a word. Fifi could not understand for a moment; then remembering the old Dick whom she knew so well before they went away to school, she knew he was jealous of Bob Merrill's attentions, and Fifi decided to cure Dick's jealousy.

So the following day when she was with Bob and Dick appeared, she passed him by without any recognition on her part whatever. The more Fifi thought of it, the more she wanted to tease Dick, so when she received a note from Dick asking her permission to act as her escort to Barbara Merrill's reception, to which they were both invited, Fifi declined with thanks, and added that Mr. Merrill was going to call for her.

"Tom, this is going the limit—I just can't stand any longer; somehow or other I wish the two weeks were up and that I was back at college, plugging away, almost anything rather than watch that fellow take her away from me."

"Dick, don't be foolish and stay away from the reception—why don't you show Fifi that you don't care—why not make her jealous?"

"That you, Fifi? Awfully sorry, little girl, but it will be impossible for me to come over in the car for you. I have to meet a friend at the station—oh, offended are you? Thanks," and Fifi could only stare at the telephone in a dazed sort of fashion.

"Whatever will I do; the idea of him disappointing me at the last moment—why didn't I let Dick call for me," and going to the telephone she called Dick.

"Yes, Dick, dear, I've decided that I don't want to go with Tom; in fact, I want you to call for me—will you?"

"Why—er—yes, if Mr. Merrill is not going to," and to Fifi, Dick's voice sounded very cold.

At the reception that evening poor Fifi had a miserable time of it with four conspirators around. Barbara fairly monopolized Dick and Dick looked like the devoted lover. Bob was all eyes and ears for his little sweetheart Nellie Lowe, and Tom played his part to perfection. Going to Fifi who looked so out of place alone, he said smilingly, "Well, Barbara and Dick certainly are having a wonderful evening—I don't know when I saw Dick so attentive to a young lady before, and look at our 'Handsome Bob'—oh, by the way, do you know they are going to announce the engagement tomorrow?"

At this point of the conversation Tom was called away, and Fifi was left to wonder whose engagement it was, Dick and Barbara's or Bob's, and feeling certain that no one saw her she stole out into the conservatory and sitting behind some palms the brown curly head dropped and the tears fell fast. And before she realized it, she was talking aloud: "To think my little playmate and sweetheart is mine no more," and the tears continued to fall. A heavy step sounded close by, but Fifi did not pay any attention to it, and presently a voice was saying, "No, dear little playmate, I'm still your Dick and what's more—"

"Why, Dick Hollister, the idea of you talking to me like that when Barbara and—oh, let me pass," but Dick stood in her way and taking the little hands in his he told her how Barbara, he, Tom and Bob had conspired in order to cure her of her flirtations and teasing him.

"Why—er—Dick, that's funny, and only a few days ago I decided I wanted to give you a lesson so that you would not be jealous of me any more, but—"

"But what, little girl?" asked Dick tenderly.

"Well, it's—it's kind of nice to have someone care, and I don't care if you are jealous, so there!" and Fifi tried to run away.

The waltz was playing and as the last note died, Dick whispered in Fifi's ear, "Yes, little girl, we'll begin all over again."



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T. L. Stevens returned last week from a visit to his daughter at Campbell, Texas.

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Col. G. W. Johnson, splendid fellow citizen made a business trip to Waco, and other points east last week.

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Perry Curb who has been in the employment of H. M. Rose and Son, had the misfortune to get his arm broken one day this week while cranking a Ford Truck belonging to the Co.

D. Beasley, one of this city's best fixed and most substantial citizens returned Wednesday

from a business trip to Houston and Galveston.

E. N. McDonald and wife and Mrs. Bob Martin visited their daughters who are attending Simmons College, one evening this week. The entire party enjoyed an outing and fishing picnic.

BIRTHDAY OUTING

On last Saturday, the third grade boys were driven out to Joe Sutphen Largent's home, north of town, to help celebrate his birthday.

A base ball game, pony races, hunting and taking pictures were enjoyed by this jolly bunch.

The Woodrow Wilson birthday cake was cut and bountifully served with banana cream to the following little boys: Sterling Sheppard, Roy Propst, Paul Floyd, Joe Daniels, John D. Coat Burnis Tucker, Rex Roberts, Lerner Counts, Cleburne Rose, Arthur Beadle, Charlie Largent, Tolbert Proctor, and Joe Sutphen Largent.

L. R. Thompson the efficient and affable Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city, was in Kansas City this week on business.

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In view of the above situation it was agreed on by the Trustees to advance the stock of the Company to \$1.25 for the present and after the Plant has been installed and in operation, there will be a further advance in their stock.

The officers of the Company are very enthusiastic over the future prospects and feel confident they will be able to pay big returns to their stockholders on all investments.

A PROUD FATHER

A. C. Rose, the genial proprietor of the Merkel Dry Goods Co. is generally full of life and move about pretty fast, but Thursday morning he was down town and to the store ahead of any of the force, and seemed all worked up about something, all of which was quite a puzzle to the several splendid salesmen and ladies connected with his establishment. They could not tell whether he was preparing to give them a raise or just what he did have up his sleeve, but finally he eased up to one, (a pet) clerk, who had been trying to bring from the gentleman the real cause of all this jubilant hurrah, and gently whispered to him that, he was the proud father of twins, both boys weighing nine and a half pounds, and let it go at that.

But the facts are, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose a bouncing nine and a half pound boy on the 21st, and this being their first son, Mr. Rose was really just as happy as if there had been twins.

A. Blaylock local insurance and Oil Broker spent a few days last week on business in Louisiana and East Texas.

Judge Cobb the genial manager for the Merkel Lumber Co. was called to Oklahoma City this week, to attend a meeting of all the Managers for the Wm. P. Carey Lumber Company, and of which the Merkel Lumber Co. is a subsidiary. The judge said that he was expecting a great time, as the invitation stated that nothing less pure than "Blue Ribbon" would be served. His Company handles "Blue Ribbon" Paint, you know.

J. D. Walton who recently returned from an extended trip to Franklin, Texas, states that he has accepted a position with the Jobe Grocery firm of this city.

Dr. C. E. McGuire of Ballinger was here last week looking after his patients, and mixing with his many friends.