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THOS. ELMORE LUCY APPEAR IN MERKEL

Yes, the versatile entertainer, Thomas Elmore Lucy is coming to Merkel soon. Watch for the date and the place. You cannot afford to miss this rare treat. He is poet, actor, singer, and humorist all in one program. His impersonations of famous Americans is unexcelled. His interpretations of the masterpieces of all literature are wonderful. You cannot help but enjoy his varied program.

The Stamford Leader has this to say of his appearance there:

Thos. Elmore Lucy is a good one. He was here Wednesday afternoon and night at the New High School Auditorium, and he delighted his hearers on his second visit to Stamford. Lucy is one of those lucid fellows who can tighten up in the pinches, as they say in baseball, and give you some of the best acting, reading and character study you ever heard, bar no one. He has not one single bad number. If some people had his gifts they would make some of the big headlines in the shows look like a counterfeit dime at a dollar party. But they haven't, and he is not with them, and so there you are. Lucy can give you Poe's "Raven" the best we have ever heard anywhere, at any time."

He has appeared at many Texas towns and cities, and at many of them from two to five times. He can come many times, and get a crowd every time. He has recently appeared to large audiences at Baylor Female College, Southwestern University, Howard Payne College, Texas Christian University, Wayland Baptist College, all in Texas. At some of these he has appeared as many as three times—always pleasing his audiences. He gives such a varied program that he is certain to have something that pleases everyone.

Lucy has visited and given programs in twenty-eight foreign countries, and in most states of the Union. Soldiers remember his "Sammy" and others his "Missouri Mule." You will miss one of the best programs ever given in Merkel if you miss Lucy Watch "The Mail" for place and date of appearance.

SCHOOL BOARD DEMANDS MEN

Amarillo, March 11.—Three holdover members of the school board today demanded more hard-headed business men and fewer women on the board and called upon the public to fill the expiring offices with men, or they will resign following the April election.

The three members, T. W. Cotton, president; J. Ray, vice president, and C. W. Rogers, member of the building committee, were joined by a woman Mrs. Sam L. Seay, in their appeal to the voters to elect men and not women to the coming board.

Three vacancies will exist at the April meeting, leaving three men and one woman as holdover members. The statement asks that men be chosen, leaving six men and one woman on the new board.

"On the other hand, if three women are to be elected, giving a majority of that sex, we firmly believe there should be seven women members," so the statement runs.

If women are chosen on the board those signing the statement declare they will turn their offices back to the people.

Men are better qualified to fill the position and handle the duties of the board better than women, so the statement reads.—Fort Worth Record.

FEW ATTEND LUNCHEON, BUT LOTS PEP

At the Luncheon Club on last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe there was not so many in attendance, owing to the meeting in progress in our city and considerable illness and other causes, but what there was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm by those who were present.

The president of the Club being absent, Dr. M. Armstrong presided and Mr. J. A. Buford acted as Toastmaster for the occasion. And the meeting resolved itself into a good, lively round-table discussion of the city's best needs, etc.

Those making interesting talks were Dr. Armstrong, J. A. Buford, Jas. A. Patterson, R. A. Burgess, Robert Hicks. Each one of these gentlemen had an interesting address, and each was well received and appreciated by all. Dr. Armstrong gave a most interesting review of the 135 miles of good roads that have been built in this community the last few months, and stated that the good work was still in progress and would be kept up.

J. A. BUFORD IN RACE FOR MAYOR

At the earnest solicitation of many friends, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of Merkel, subject to the election in April. I can give my entire time to the duties of the office and if elected I promise to work at all times to what I conscientiously consider to be for the very best interests of the tax-payers and the residents of Merkel. Your votes and influence will be greatly appreciated, and if you honor me by electing me to this office, I shall do my utmost to merit your confidence and respect.

(Signed) J. A. BUFORD.

MR. L. B. SCOTT BUILDING HOME ON OAK ST.

We are informed that Mr. L. B. Scott, popular manager for the Merkel Motor Company, is having the foundation laid for the erection on his handsomely located lots on Oak Street of a beautiful and modern new bungalow home.

The residence known as the Clayton Brown home, which Mr. and Mrs. Scott have occupied for a number of years, has been sold and we are glad to see them building for themselves the above mentioned new home, which naturally more firmly connects people with their home town.

MAX MELLINGER MAKES INTERIOR IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Max Mellinger has had carpenters and decorators busy this week making changes and additions to the interior of his store which when completed will add very much to the attractiveness and comfort of this dry goods establishment.

Mr. E. H. Cordill, one of the best and most substantial citizens of the Nubia community, was here recently and has our thanks for an order for some stationery as well as the renewal of his subscription. Mr. Cordill is a successful raiser of very fine Rhode Island Red chickens and had the stationery printed for use in conducting foreign correspondence concerning same.

He wrote the "Missouri Mule"—hear him—Thomas Elmore Lucy.

BISHOP DICKEY TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Methodist pastors and laymen from five districts in the Northwest Texas Conference will convene in Abilene Tuesday, March 17, for an all-day session in opposition to the pending plan of unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church (the Northern Church) and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Five hundred out-of-town delegates are expected to attend the meeting, which will be held at St. Paul's church.

Bishop James E. Dickey of Waco will make the principal address. The meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. and the Bishop's address will begin at 10:30. During the afternoon speeches will be heard from the presiding elders of the five districts and one layman from each district.

The districts participating will be the Abilene district, of which the Rev. W. E. Lyon is presiding Elder; Brownwood, Presiding Elder A. D. Porter; Cisco, Presiding Elder L. A. Webb; Sweetwater, Presiding Elder R. A. Stewart, and Stamford, Presiding Elder A. L. Moore. It is also possible that the Lubbock district will take part in the rally.

Local Methodist leaders emphasize that the opposition is not against unification of the two churches of Methodism, but against the pending plan of unification. The meeting here will have as its purpose the placing of the big central portion of the Northwest Texas Conference on record as opposed to the pending plan.—Abilene Reporter.

CHAS. H. JONES BUYS CLAYTON BROWN HOME

We have the information that Mr. Chas. H. Jones, the genial manager for the Magnolia Oil Company in this city, has purchased the splendid and beautiful Clayton Brown Home located on Oak street, and with his family will move to same in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are among our best and most progressive citizens, and this paper is glad to learn that they have purchased this splendid home, which ties them more permanently in our city.

E. M. McDONALD MAKING IMPROVEMENT ON HOME

Mr. Emory McDonald, a progressive citizen of our city who believes in making things about his home the neatest and best possible, has just completed putting in sewer connections, and the complete overhauling and installing of a more perfect water system about his home.

LATHAM AND McDONALD EXCHANGE HOMES

We are informed that a deal is being completed whereby Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald exchange homes. As soon as the papers are drawn and the deal closed they will each move to the others present home.

Mr. Arthur Young, manager of the Telephone Company of Post City, his wife and daughter Cora Fox, stopped over last Friday on their return from Grand Opera at Dallas for a short visit with their friends, the Misses Garoutte.

THINK IT OVER

A few Merkel citizens are always ready to help if someone else will do the work and foot the bills.

FOUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO ELECT

We are informed that on Saturday, April 4th, there will be held in this city an election, for the purpose of electing four members of the Merkel Independent School Board for the next two years.

The gentlemen whose times will expire this year are: Mr. R. O. Anderson, Chairman of the Board, W. O. Boney, secretary, A. R. Booth and Thos. Durham.

Messrs Anderson, Boney and Booth have been very capable and efficient members of the school board. They have done faithful, honest and zealous work in an effort to do what they could to make the schools in this city the best possible. And during their tenure of office the school, under the guidance of Superintendent Roger A. Burgess, has made wonderful steps forward, in fact its record shows that in towns the size of Merkel it stands at the top.

Mr. Booth, we are informed, along with Thos. Durham, will not under any circumstances allow their names to appear on the ticket for re-election. As to the other men there may be those who are as well qualified; men who make just as good trustees, but there are none who are better qualified or fitted for the position.

THOMPSON ATTENDS EDUCATIONAL MEET

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank returned Tuesday night from a trip to Clarendon Texas, where he attended a big educational meeting of members of the boards of Trustees of both the McMurry College and Clarendon College, which was also attended by Bishop Jas. E. Dickey, Dr. J. W. Hunt and many other ministers and laymen who are interested in the educational program of the Methodist church.

Mr. Thompson stated that the meeting was indeed a very pleasant and interesting one, and that plans were formulated for endowing the two colleges with the sum of \$500,000.00, to be secured from over the whole Northwest Texas conference district, by putting on a drive through the Methodist churches between now and next September.

Mr. Thompson stated that he enjoyed very much the able and inspirational address on education by Bishop Jas. E. Dickey.

BROWN D. G. RECEIVES NEW STORE FIXTURES

The Brown Dry Goods Company has this week received and installed quite a lot of nice, new and modern fixtures, which adds very much to the appearance of the store and will greatly assist in the properly displaying of their splendid stock of merchandise.

Capt. G. W. Johnson, son and daughters, were called to Midland first of the week to attend the bedside of his married daughter, Mrs. B. F. Smith, who underwent a serious operation in that city recently. We are glad to learn that she is reported to have withstood the operation well and her recovery is now strongly hoped and expected.

Mr. R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank made a business trip to the Plains this week.

CITY ELECTION HERE APRIL 7

On Tuesday, April 7th, there will be held an election in this city for the purpose of electing a Mayor, two Aldermen and a City Secretary.

Those whose terms expire at this time are Mayor H. C. West, Aldermen W. O. Boney and A. T. Sheppard and City Secretary G. W. Johnson.

These men have all been honest, faithful and diligent in the performance of their duties, and under their guidance our city has progressed and made some wonderful and useful improvements.

MORE HIGHWAY NO. ONE TALK

The state highway commission has relieved Taylor county of the obligation to issue warrants to finish the pavement of Highway No. 1 if money on hand was insufficient to finish the project. County Judge Carlos D. Speck was advised Tuesday in a communication from State Highway Commissioner Joe Burkett.

The commission delayed the allotment to Taylor county until the next term which is to open Monday. Action also will be taken at that time upon the request of the commissioners' court of this county for the new commission to rescind the requirement that Highway No. 1 be completed before funds can be expended on No. 30. The state previously agreed that the first allotment of approximately \$345,000 should be split between the two roads but required the completion of No. 1 after this sum was expended.

The state highway commission requests Taylor county to submit separate estimates on the two highways next Monday. The commission also asked that County Judge Speck be present with the estimates in order that the commission might go over them with him.—Abilene Reporter.

MR. DEE GRIMES HAVING NEW HOME ERECTED

Mr. Dee Grimes, splendid young citizen of Merkel, who is a member of the firm of Bragg Dry Goods Company, has under construction a beautiful and modern six-room bungalow home in the southwest part of the city, located on the splendid lots between the nice homes of T. G. Bragg and J. E. Costephens, which when completed will be one of the nicest homes in the city, and will add much to the attractiveness of that part of the residence section of our city.

Mr. F. H. Latham returned first of the week from Dallas where he had been to complete the sale of some property he had contracted the sale of, and which property he had owned for many years. Mr. Latham stated that twenty-five years ago he sold a few acres off this same tract of land at \$47.00 per acre, whereas this week he completed the sale of the remaining 35 acres of the tract at \$400.00 per acre. It is very plain that Mr. Latham received mighty good interest on his investment by holding the land. And yet there were people then who told him he received a high price for the land he sold for 47.00 per acre.

Mr. John Sears returned Wednesday from a trip to Ft. Worth where he attended the Fat Stock Show.

WEST TEXAS C. OF C MEETING MAY 4-5-6

The dates for the 7th annual convention at Mineral Wells have been set for May 4-5-6 1925. The program for the great meeting will be ready by March 15th and given to the press and the affiliated cities and towns. It will be a program around which the utmost care shall have been given in perfecting. Some of the features will be unique, viz:

The pageant will be an out-of-doors affair and staged by the best company in the United States specializing in Pageants and Mineral Wells will furnish all of the costumes for the affair. No Sponsor will have to purchase an elaborate dress or other paraphernalia but upon arrival in Mineral Wells the same will be furnished her without cost.

No bands will play during the morning, except upon arrival in Mineral Wells. There will be about 55 bands attending the convention and \$3,500 in prize money has already been provided.

The number of speakers will be much more limited than at past conventions, and they will be especially selected.

The banquet arrangements call for feeding 7,000 or all registered delegates.

The new \$100,000 Convention Hall is now under construction in Mineral Wells and will be completed in ample time for the convention.

Extraordinary plans are being made for camping parties and automobile parking.

The motto of the Convention shall be: "Work in the mornings—Play in the Evenings."

This great annual convention has become the meeting ground for 40,000 West Texans so let's everybody go and enjoy ourselves. Mineral Wells has excellent Hotel facilities.

POULTRY EXPERTS ARE SPENDING WEEK HERE

Mrs. Susie Kollatt and Miss Lona McGinnis, poultry experts representing Purina Mills, at St. Louis, makers and manufacturers of special foods and feed for poultry, cattle, hogs and horses, are here this week giving demonstrations and teaching culling of flocks and in fact many other interesting things about the proper diet and care in raising poultry, and they will be glad to call on the poultry raisers in and around Merkel. The fact that these ladies are here is due to the efforts of Mr. J. M. Garrett, local coal and feed dealer, who handles the Purina line of special feeds.

ANOTHER PROOF THAT IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

One of our advertisers, yes one of our best and most regular advertisers who always uses something like the following at the bottom of his advertisements, "If it's in our line we have it," or "If we don't have it we will get it," recently had a letter from a gentleman who resides near and gets his mail at a good county seat town some 25 miles away, stating that he had read in the advertisement of our "good advertiser" that if he did not have what the customer wanted he would get it, and that he told the merchant of a lot of extras he needed. The parts were ordered and sent to the customer, and he acknowledged receipt of same with thanks and cash remittance.

Messrs H. L. Propst, Bill Patterson and L. L. Huddleston and possibly others composed a party of citizens having business on the Plains this week.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

The Home of Guaranteed Deposits

Officers and Directors

J. S. Swann, President
 R. O. Anderson, Vice-President
 W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier
 Herbert Patterson, Asst.-Cashier
 J. C. Mason, Director
 David Hendricks, Director

This institution is here for the benefit of the community and we ask co-operation of our patrons and friends. All legitimate business will be handled with care and dispatch.

SPRING GOODS—ALL THE BEST AT LOWEST PRICES

As warm Spring breezes from the sunny climes begin to drive old man winter into his northern retreat, all the world puts on new raiment. Flowers blossom forth, the trees put on new foliage, and into the heart of every normal person comes a buoyant feeling—a zest of life.

This makes Spring the time for new clothing—new dresses, suits, coats. New styles and new colors must appear to keep humanity in harmony with the new season, and in anticipation of this the merchants of Merkel have stocked their shelves with all the season's latest.

Our buyers have visited the important markets. They have studied and learned what will be just the thing and at just the right price. And they are now ready to announce their new lines—everything new in preparation for the greatest spring season of many years.

Conditions have been steadily improving during the past few months. From the very beginning of the season they have had plenty of proof that this is to be a season of good buying—a season in which people will want the best. And they have accordingly stocked their shelves so that you may find just what you want right here in Merkel.

Pay them a call at the first opportunity. The next few weeks will be weeks of heavy buying, and naturally the very best numbers will be selected early.

So our advice is buy now and get the best at the most amazing prices, quality considered, that it has been their opportunity to offer in years.

37c—CREAM—37c

Bring us your cream Saturday. Quick service and fair dealings. T. L. HAMBLET at W. F. Hamblet Grocery. 1tp

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

SENIOR NOTES

On Monday evening of this week the High School enjoyed very much the inspirational lecture by Rev. Stutz of Abilene.

All of the Arithmetic students who wish to make up the work on which they have failed can do so by solving the following problems and handing them to Mr. Jackson by Friday, March 20.

1. How many legs do you have to pull out of a centipede to make it limp?

2. If it takes 30 yards of calico to cover the bald spot on a cocoanut how long will it take a red headed, snagged tooth girl to iron the wrinkles out of a prune.

3. If it takes a red headed woodpecker with a rubber bill six months and fifty days to peck a hole six feet thick and there are 250 shingles in a bale, how long will it take a cross-eyed grasshopper with a cork leg to kick ten-ninths of the seed from a dill pickle.

From the Junior's Viewpoint

A Senior stood on the railroad track

The train was coming fast,
 The train got off the railroad track

And let the SENIOR pass.

Mr. Jackson: "This hot-water bottle is not worth a darn."

"Why?"

"Well, I've had water in it for more'n four hours and it didn't get hot a bit."

She failed in Spanish, she failed in Math.

They heard her softly hiss:
 "I'd like to find the fellow who said

That Ignorance is bliss."

Co-Ed: "Would you rather lose your life or your money?"

Mr. Burgess: "My life. I'm saving my money for my old age."

Fond mother: "Yes, Martha

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Solicits your business on the basis of A Record of Twenty Years Successful Banking

We are unexcelled in equipment. Have arranged for your comfort and convenience and want you to feel very much at home.

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.
 Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier

DIRECTORS

Henry James G. F. West J. T. Warren
 L. R. Thompson Sam Butman

Never Missed a Dividend
 Never Assessed a Shareholder



"WHAT READEST THOU?"

Asked old Polonius. "Words—words" replied Hamlet. And words are meaningless and insufficient in dealing with Thomas Elmore Lucy and his work. One editor says: "No program or press notice can explain the infinite variety of his fascinating entertainment. He is in a class alone." Just a few of the features of an evening's program are: Character Impersonations of a dozen Celebrities; Ludicrous Delineations of Characters in a Kentucky Literary Society; Original and Selected Humorous and Serious Songs, Poems and Stories; Shakespearian Costumed Monologs and Scenes; Quick change Portrayals of Noted Orators, Actors and Humorists; Lightning colored crayon Sketches and Cartoons, illustrating Songs and Jests; "The Holy City," "Calvary," "Song of the Lighthouse Mell," and other Ballads and Sacred Solos, pictured in crayon; and a running fire of rich satire, quip, story, and homely philosophy all the way through. Among the authors he represents in his repertory are Riley, Kipling, Poe, Shakespeare, Cooke, Wilcox, and many others. Indeed, as some one has said, he "fairly oozes poems and epigrams from the masters."

SPECIAL NOTICE

Why worry about churning—save your cream. You can get 37c per pound for the butter fat at McDonald and Collum Cash Grocery. 1t

Mr. C. M. Foster returned this week from a trip to Thornton, Texas, where he had been to visit relatives. He left his wife there for a more extended visit.

Dr. R. C. Pender, of Abilene, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones in this city last Sunday.

I want partner who wishes to build 5-room bungalow from car of lumber. Lee D. Williams. 1t

As the hot days are Approaching

It is time to prepare for that COOL, "EASY-TO-KEEP-CLEAN" KITCHEN that you have been longing for so long. It can be had, and at low cost, by the use of one or more of these.

**Hot Point Ranges
 Electric Fans
 Electric Irons
 Electric Vaccum Cleaners**

Call at the office of this firm in Merkel and let us Arrange a demonstration for you that will convince you of the value in the home of these appliances.

West Texas Utilities Co.

Jane is studying Spanish and Algebra. Say 'good morning' to the lady in algebra, Martha Jane."

Visitor: "Why do you always borrow Melba's music? You cannot play a note."

Mrs. R. Hicks: "Neither can she while I've got it."

Mr. Burgess (in Eco. class): "No, Mary, the telephone and the telegraph companies do not have to pay pole tax."

TWO VIEWS

The Dead one says: "Well it's no use trying to do much business these days. People are bound to take their cars and drive out of town of do their buying."

Mr. Live Wire says: "We can get trade from long distances nowadays because most people drive cars. All we have to do is advertise our business and our town."

SEED SELECTION FARM

We are advised by A. M. Ferguson of the Ferguson Seed Farms, Sherman, Texas, which concern last year put in a seed selection farm for the Plains at Plainview, that they will select a location for a new farm this year for some point in West Texas off the Plains. They are high class people, and a farm of this kind would be a considerable asset to any city.

If interested write A. M. Ferguson, Sherman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and children left first of the week for a visit to relatives at Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Groene came in first of the week from their home at Bonham, Texas, where George has a position with the Texas Power and Light Company. Owing to a recent fall he received injuries that he has not fully recovered from, hence their visit here while Georgie recuperates.

WILL ROGERS IS ADVERTISING WRITER

When Will Rogers' bones are inches beneath the sod, his stone will bear a new epitaph. There will be no mention of his fame as cow puncher, no praise of his gift of humor, no eulogy of his career before the Follies bright lights and the movie Kleig light. It's going to be an original epitaph, the one and only one in the world. It will read:

WILL ROGERS

"An Honest Ad Writer"

Will hung out his shingle in the advertising profession by agreeing to write Bull Durham advertising. For the first time in the history of the printed word, a copy writer was given carte blanche to say whatever he wished about a product. Rogers was to write as he felt.

The first startle he gave the advertising world was to write a testimonial advertisement about Bull Durham in which he talked of nothing but cross word puzzles.

"Everywhere you go, everybody is figuring out a cross word puzzle. Nobody is working or even exercising. America will lose the next war but win the next puzzle contest. It's the greatest craze that has hit the country since Prohibition.

"People says to me 'Why Will, you don't understand. It's ad education. It learns you more ways to say one word.' If you know one way to say a word, what do you need to know any more for. Nobody is going to give you something for nothing. I don't care how many ways you ask for it. This puzzle has done one thing. It has learned us which is horizontal and which is vertical."

This paper is fortunate to be among those in which the Bull Durham advertising is running. The next time you see an advertisement headed the 'Bull's Eye'—read it. We guarantee it will make you laugh, no matter if you're suffering with chronic dyspepsia.

CREAM CREAM

When you have a surplus bring it to McDonald and Col. lum. We test it any day and pay you the highest price of 37c, subject to change. 1t

If you use your radio you hear him—Lucy. 1t

Jake Massie was here this week visiting home folks and friends.

FORDS—Two Ford coupes, will sell worth the money. Also some other second-hand cars in fine condition. Can give terms to the right parties. See W.E. Lowe 7t2

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



Another 'Bull' Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Ziegfeld Follies and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

THE fourth of March is a Politician's uncertain day. He is either coming in or going out. If he is staying in it's because they haven't got wise to him yet. I have always said Office holders should be elected for life (subject, of course, to impeachment for neglect or dishonesty). Then they could give their work all of their time, instead of worrying about how to stay in, and that would do away entirely with the biggest social problem we have to face in this country. And that is the thousands of Individuals who go through life just trying to get in office. If we could get their mind off offices, and get 'em to working at something useful. But what's the use talking about a Heaven on earth. We got to die to get rid of the Office seeker, and then I bet you we will find them, either wanting to have Saint Peter impeached, or to get a job as Superintendent of the Furnace. Oh Yes, I like to forget 'Bull' Durham. It will be on sale in both places, no advance in prices.

Will Rogers

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking for them.

MORE OF EVERYTHING for a lot less money. That's the net of this 'Bull' Durham proposition. More flavor—more enjoyment—and a lot more money left in the bankroll at the end of a week's smoking.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents
100 cigarettes for 15 cents



BULL DURHAM

Guaranteed by

The American Tobacco Co.
111 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Missionary Society Notes

There was a good attendance with several new members and visitors at the meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church on last Monday afternoon. The lesson from the study book was very interesting. The subject for discussion was, "The Doctrine of Salvation." On next Monday afternoon there will be another lesson and the subject will be "The Second Coming of Christ." This is by far the most interesting Study book we have ever had and those who have this book and are not attending are missing a great deal of real beneficial study.

Besides the study last Monday there was a short business session. There will be an all-day district meeting at Clyde on April the 2nd. Mrs. Thompson was elected as the delegate to this meeting with Mrs. Ellis as alternate. The Annual meeting of the Womans Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will be held at Memphis, Texas, in April this year. Mrs. Durham and Mrs. Vaughn were elected as delegates and alternate to this meeting. Paying of dues and pledges completed the business and the society was dismissed by prayer by Mrs. Brown. The meetings are still being held at 2:30 and every member of the study class and every other lady of the church who wishes to come are especially invited to be present next Sunday.

Supt. of Publicity.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What was the Federal Tax receipts in Texas during 1923-24

A. There was collected in Texas by the United States revenue office, a total of \$36,863,768.04, of which \$28,295,285.81 was in the form of income taxes.

Q. What is the tallest building in Texas?

A. Magnolia building, Akard St., Dallas, Texas, its extreme top stands 419 feet above the basement.

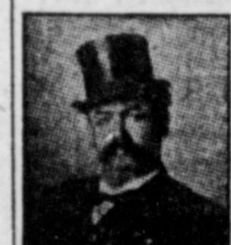
Q. What were the total casualties of the United States during the World War?

A. 77,118 dead; 221,059 wounded; a total of 302,612. The three states with the largest casualty list include, New York, 9,196 dead; 30,149 wounded; Pennsylvania 7,898 dead; 26,252 wounded; Illinois 4,266 dead, 13,794 wounded.

Q. When will there be another eclipse of the sun?

A. July 20-21 of this year there will be an annular eclipse of the sun, invisible in the U. S. The path of the eclipse will be largely in the South Pacific ocean.

BLAIR'S No. 7



HERB TONIC FOR Stomach, Liver Kidney and Blood Sold For Over 20 Years All Good Druggists

BLAIR & SON MEDICINE CO. Sherman, Texas
MERKEL DRUG CO. Sells it.

Simple Way To End Night Coughing

No matter how long you have been troubled with exasperating coughing at night, robbing you of valuable sleep and thereby weakening your system and laying you open to dangerous infections, it can usually be stopped at once by a very simple treatment. Most people have found that they can sleep the whole night through undisturbed often the first time they try it.

The treatment is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes soreness and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. The result is you usually sleep soundly the very first night, and the entire cough condition goes in a very short time.

The prescription is for coughs, chest colds, hoarseness, bronchitis, spasmodic croup and almost every throat irritation. It contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. On sale at all good druggists. Ask for



AGREEMENT REACHED ON TICK MEASURE.

AUTHORIZE ERASURE OF LEGISLATIVE SIGNATURES SO BILL CAN BE AMENDED.

Austin, Texas.—Complete accord in the changes in the tick eradication bill was had in the written amendments which have been approved in the Governor's office after an agreement as to principle was made orally during a protracted conference participated in by James E. Ferguson and representatives of the factions interested.

All parties left the executive office apparently satisfied and predicting that the recalled bill will now be amended in accordance with the conference pact and thus insure legislation at this session.

One of the most important changes made was that with reference to shipping cattle for immediate slaughter and the one which vests the Live Stock Sanitary Commission with discretion in conducting the eradication work in the eighty-nine counties embraced in the East Texas area.

In anticipation of the agreement finally effected a concurrent resolution was adopted in both branches authorizing the erasure of the signatures of the presiding officers to the recalled bill and thus opened the way for revision of its final passage, so that it can be amended under the agreement put in writing. It is not believed that any serious opposition will develop, since both sides appear to be harmonized.

It is provided that cattle may be moved or shipped to market for the purpose of immediate slaughter "upon one dipping, provided that in the driving or otherwise moving said cattle to the shipping pens, shall not be moved or transported over or into any land or premises belonging to another that has been declared clean of the fever tick by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, or over or into any land or premises upon which systematic tick eradication is being carried on by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission or Bureau of Animal Industry." It was further provided that cattle shipped for immediate slaughter under this section shall be shipped within thirty-two hours from the time they were dipped. Prosecution for violation may be had in the county where the cattle originated or in any county traversed by the shipment.

MOVEMENT TO ADJOURN MARCH 14 LOSES

Lower House Also Refuses to Set the Date at March 21.

Austin, Texas.—Speaker Lee Satterwhite averted a movement for sine die adjournment March 14, made by Representative Bonham of Beeville and sixty other House members, who offered a resolution fixing the date of the adjournment at the end of the sixty-day period.

The resolution was lost, 69 to 53. The House refused to set the date for adjournment at March 21, tabling an amendment to the resolution fixing the date offered by Representative Wallace.

The Ferguson amnesty measure played a part in the sine die adjournment movement, as early adjournment probably would result in the bill dying on the House calendar.

Speaker Satterwhite left the speaker's stand to request from the floor that the House stay in session at least until March 21 in order to clean up the appropriation bills and other measures.

"If we adjourn March 14 we will leave much unfinished business that will probably force a special session," said the speaker.

New State Highways Designated.

Austin, Texas.—Carrying out a policy of expanding the State's highway system to keep pace with the State's growth, the Highway Commission designated about 200 miles of new highway. The following routes were designated and added to the system for construction of new permanent highways: Newcastle, Young County, through Throckmorton County to Haskell, to Rule, to Aspermont, eighty miles; Brownwood to Carbon, Eastland County, by way of Rising Star, about fifty miles; Eastland to Stephenville, about forty miles; Munday to Knox City, about ten miles; Benjamin to Guthrie to Dickens, about sixty miles. The commission granted Eastland County State aid of \$125,000 on three roads, provided the county supplies the balance of about \$200,000.

Adopts Pact on Waters of Pecos.

Austin, Texas.—The State concurrent resolution by Mr. Berkeley confirming the pact between Texas and New Mexico over division of waters of the Pecos River was adopted by the House. The Senate adopted the resolution a few days ago. It now goes to the Governor for approval. The House referred to the Military Affairs Committee a Senate concurrent resolution by Mr. Miller asking Congress to vote funds to carry out the national defense act.

Spring Materials

Our stock of Spring Dry Goods and wearing apparel is now complete. Infact our shelves are running over with beautiful selections in everything needed to make complete the entire needs of every member of the family.

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The splendid item printed above was written by Mr. W. D. Haynes Sr., of Lineville, Alabama, who is the father of our fellow townsman and excellent citizen, Mr. W. D. Haynes Jr., and is published by request of friends who by chance had read same. We feel sure that it will be interesting to all who read it.

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If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor. For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

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HIS GOOD POINTS

Death came and removed one of the well known men of the community. With hushed voices the people spoke of him. Without exception they told of his good characteristics.

Many of those who uttered these complimentary remarks were busy finding fault during his life. But after his death they seemed to feel that there was a great deal of good about the man that they had neglected to mention all these years.

Scarcely a week or month passes that we don't witness just such an occurrence. Even a man's enemies and opponents find much that is good to say about him after he passes on, because there is generally a guilty feeling—a feeling of honors due that have been withheld.

When he is dead they say he was either public spirited or he minded his own business, easy going and good hearted or a thrifty citizen, a fine fellow to meet or a good fellow after you got to know him well.

His faults are forgotten and his virtues remembered—but unfortunately when it is too late for him to know or appreciate.

So wouldn't it be a happier world if we would all strive to see a few of man's virtues during his life. We can always find plenty of good things to say about him after he is gone. Why not think of a few of these good points while he is still alive?

THE ONLY COUNTRY

When an orator tells us that this is the finest country in the world, we naturally applaud and agree. We all feel that way about it. We have found life happy and successful here. We know that we get more pleasure out of living here than we would out of living elsewhere.

But here is something more eloquent than the worlds of any orator. Cosmo Hamilton, famous

English author, recently declared "America is the only country to live in during this generation."

And to prove that he means what he says, he has given up his British citizenship to become an American. This convinces one that he is not paying our nation an idle compliment such as often comes from the lips of profit hunting lecturers from abroad.

And we may feel sure that he is not coming here merely because he finds it harder to make a living across the sea. He comes here because he believes that America is the center of the world's culture—that it stands for the highest national development on the face of the globe.

This should make us all thankful to the providence that has made this nation our home.

The best advice ever given was "Live on your last week's salary"

The more often we citizens of Merkel get together the more we will get.

The world is not so bad yet. Crime and scandal are still uncommon enough to be news.

Half the world wonders how the other half can afford to buy automobiles.

A town of two factions is like a man afflicted with a complication of two deadly diseases.

With everyone seemingly buying on time payment, the average motor car might well be known as a covered wagon.

We would be heartily in favor of a world court if we could suit in it and attach some of the property of our foreign debtors.

Some of the most thrilling fiction of these days is being written by oil and real estate promoters.

A political reform is often something that solves one problem and creates two new ones.

Some Merkel girls don't need to be reminded that this is the season to paint up.

Some towns leap on and ride with the advance of progress. Others dispute the right of way of new ideas and are knocked off the map.

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**Expect the Best,
and Get It**

By J. R. McCARTHY

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JOHN SIMMONS knew that he was losing out with Lucille Bergen. There was no startling, definite reason why he should lose her. But he "felt it in his bones."

Lucille Bergen had begun to drift away from him, he knew, even before that infernal egotist, Edwin Story, began to pay attention to her. And when Story, with his loud self-confidence, finally persuaded Lucille to go to a dance with him on a Thursday night—which had always been John's night—John saw his fears coming true.

Walking through the park that afternoon John tried to get a new sneaking premonition out of his head. It would be a tragedy to lose his job, especially, now when he was making an effort to secure an important position as head of the art department in a big new firm.

Suddenly he heard a loud, cheerful voice, followed by the trill of laughter he knew so well. Edwin Story, telling a hearty joke, and Lucille Bergen, laughing. Before John could step aside, the two came around a bend in the path and confronted him.

"Hello, John!" they called in unison.

"Good afternoon."

"Ed was just telling me," said Lucille, "that he is going to get a big job as head of a commercial art department. Imagine! And he knows practically nothing about the work. Isn't that a joke?"

John's effort at laughter wasn't very successful.

"Laugh all you please," announced that confident fellow. "I don't know anything about art, but I know people."

Lucille laughed again. Then she turned to John and asked him deliberately, "Why don't you try for the job? You are a real artist."

John brightened for an instant. "Why," he said, "I have my application in."

"There!" Lucille turned to Edwin Story triumphantly. "I told you so. You'll have a fine chance to land that job with a real commercial artist in competition!"

"You just wait and see," said Story. "All right, we'll see John here walking away with it. Won't we, John?"

"I don't know. I'm afraid, maybe—There's a lot of rivalry, you know."

A week later when he learned that his application had been turned down John was disappointed but not greatly surprised. Somehow or other he had felt it in his bones that bad luck would meet him in this case as before. But when the daily papers announced that Edwin Story, the popular salesman, had been chosen to fill the opening, John raged helplessly. What was the use of knowing anything? Why be a careful, serious worker when only the loud-mouthed boasters got anywhere?

Angry, discouraged, botching his work, John put in a bad Saturday morning. Leaving the office dejectedly at noon, he was almost run over by a blue roadster. As the car flashed by he recognized its occupants—Lucille and Story. They did not notice him.

Stepping back on the sidewalk, John leaned against a post. What to do? Oh, yes, lunch. He pulled his Saturday pay envelope out of his pocket. Maybe he was lucky to have even a job. He drew out several bills and a piece of paper. Opening the paper quickly, John read: "After the 24th of this month your services will no longer be required."

Fired! John Simmons moved away slowly, not knowing exactly where he was going. Fired! Presently he was in his old haunt, the park, seated on a bench. He had forgotten his lunch. Fired!

John's head was in his hands. Half hour later he pulled himself together, raised his head and looked about him.

John Simmons stirred, rose, started off in a brisk walk. Perhaps he himself was to blame. The more he thought of his past, the more convinced he became.

John Simmons smiled! It was a grim smile, but it meant a great deal. It meant that he had turned his back on thirty blue years. It meant that now with Lucille lost, chance lost, job gone, hereafter he was—but there, on a bench, sat Lucille herself! John sat beside her, unasked. He didn't even wonder what had become of Story.

"Hello, Lucille, I just got fired."

"Oh!" Lucille looked up from her book. "You frightened me. But what's that? You don't mean you're really fired? Why, there's not a better commercial artist in the city. And just after you lost that big chance with the new company. It's too bad. John, I'm sorry. I've been having a fight—she caught herself. It was only then that Lucille saw John's smile. "You are just teasing me," she said.

John's smile broadened. "No, I wasn't teasing. Here's the notice."

"But," he added, as her sympathy returned, "I think it's a mistake. I'm going over the matter with the chief on Monday, and he'll see it as I do. I'll stay on the pay roll, all right. I feel it in my bones."

Lucille's eyes widened. "Attaboy!" she applauded.

John grew serious. "Hereafter I'm going to expect the best, and see to it that I get it. I lost, I mean I almost lost my job. I lost a big chance. I lost you—"

"How do you know, John, that you lost me?"

For a full minute he looked into her eyes. Then, "By thunder!" he said, "I

NOTICE

To The Public

I have purchased the entire stock of goods belonging to Mr. T. C. Campbell of Abilene and will continue the

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of all Merchandise

until March 25th. After which time all goods will be packed and moved into temporary quarters, awaiting removal of the Woolworth Stock from the Radford Building on June 1st.

I have taken a term lease on above named building and expect to open one of the Largest Dry Goods Stores in Abilene.

I am now in charge of the stock at Campbells and would thank my Merkel Friends to call and pay me a visit while in Abilene.

A. C. ROSE

LOCAL TAXES

We hear much of tax. Now that your income tax return is filed or should be filed, it is well to think of taxation in a new light. It is now time for every tax payer in Merkel to think of the problem as it applies right here in Merkel.

For after all national and state taxes do not present our biggest tax problem. Investigation will show that most of our tax payments go into the localities in which they are paid. It is local taxes to which we should give our attention if we are to reduce the burdens of property.

Of course it is true that we all demand the things that make taxes high. It is true that we complain about paying too much and then demand all the improvements conceivable to make our community up-to-date. But there is a place to call a halt. We must at least seek to lower taxes in every possible way without impairing our school system or the efficiency of our local government.

For high taxes are a menace to any community. It is practically impossible to induce industries to locate in towns and cities where the tax rate is higher than it is in nearby communities. High taxes, furthermore, tend to reduce property values, for a farm or a business is valued according to earnings, and taxes are a direct deduction from the net profits.

The editor is not charging our public officials with extravagance. Our city, we believe, is governed with as much efficiency as the average, or ever more. But just as every individual and every family can economize by cutting down some needless expenditures, so too can every city and town. Ours is no exception.

This is mere friendly criticism made in the belief that our town will prosper if taxes can be reduced to the lowest possible point.

The author of "Sammy" is coming to Merkel—Lucy. It

Presbyterian Notes

There will be preaching service on next Sunday at both 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Rev. Chas. H. Little, of Houston, is to fill the pulpit.

All members are earnestly requested to be present at both services. Let's show our appreciation of these men and our church by our presence. Every body is given a cordial invitation to be with us at this time.

Sunday School will be held at 10 o'clock as usual. Let us have your support now when your help is so much needed. Our success in the future may depend on your help now. Last Sunday we had a good attendance, but are depending on you to be there next Sunday.

H. C. West, S. S. Supt.

CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and second-hand furniture. Large shipment of dishes, rugs and army goods. Joe Garland, Prop. Across from Post Office. tf

Mr. Guy Darsey left Thursday for Fort Worth where he will attend the Fat Stock Show.

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**CONDEMN HAZING IN
ALL STATE SCHOOLS**

**HOUSE ADOPTS RESOLUTION
AIMING AT A. & M., BUT IT IS
MADE GENERAL.**

Austin, Texas.—Hazing at State
schools was condemned by the House
which adopted a resolution demand-
ing that students discontinue any
practices of this kind at the State-
supported institutions by a vote of
76 to 35.

The resolution as originally pre-
sented by Representative J. H. Boggs
of San Angelo was aimed at the
A. & M. College, where Mr. Boggs
declared students are sometimes
brutally treated in hazing incidents.
Representative Hall of Houston pro-
tested there was no reason to name
A. & M. College when hazing is
practiced at all the colleges. A. &
M. has rules against hazing, he said,
and students involved in the inci-
dents mentioned by Mr. Boggs have
been discharged.

An amendment making the reso-
lution apply to all State schools in-
stead of to A. & M. only was adopted.
Representative Pearce declared he
had been told by the County At-
torney of Lampasas County that boys
from that county had been beaten
at A. & M. Sterling County boys
also had been mistreated, he said.
Mr. Pearce said he was partial to
A. & M. and was sorry to see any
complaint being made against the
school. If hazing has grown to bru-
tality, the Legislature ought to act,
Mr. Boggs stated.

**A SERIES OF CLASHES
ON AMNESTY BILL**

**House Opponents Succeed in Delay-
ing Proceedings.**

Austin, Texas.—A series of clashes
over the Ferguson amnesty bill en-
livened the House Wednesday, with
the opponents of the measure win-
ning out in their efforts to delay
proceedings to prevent the House
from reaching the amnesty matter.

On every vote of strength pro-
ponents of amnesty showed a clear
majority of about fifteen votes. But
they could not muster enough votes
to gain a two-thirds majority, which
is necessary to set a special order
or take up the bill out of its regular
order. About fourteen votes are
lacking to give the proponents of
amnesty a two-thirds majority.

Representative DeBerry moved to
suspend the rule providing that only
one special order can be set at a
time, but his motion failed to re-
ceive the necessary two thirds vote.
The vote was 75 to 58, or fourteen
short of two-thirds majority.

A group of a dozen Representa-
tives supporting the amnesty bill
met and decided to lay every Senate
bill on the table subject to call until
the Ferguson measure was reached.
Anti-amnesty members got wind of
the move and immediately launched
a filibuster to prevent the amnesty
bill being reached. It is far down on
the calendar, with about twenty bills
ahead of it.

University Royalties \$47,272.

Austin, Texas.—University oil roy-
alties for February went to \$47,272,
which breaks all previous records.
The highest mark before that was
January, when the total reached
\$41,000. The royalties are climbing
monthly, all of which means more
funds for the University. In con-
nection with the increase in royalties
there is pending a bill which would
permit the University to use the
whole royalty income for the erec-
tion of buildings. Under present con-
ditions it goes to the University
permanent fund and then invested in
bonds. In that way the University
can use only the interest from the
bonds to erect new buildings. The
bill would also have the grass rentals
go to the available fund instead of to
the permanent account.

Pension Warrants Mailed.

Austin.—Approximately 12,900 Con-
federate pension warrants have just
been mailed by the pension division
of the comptroller's department to
that number of pensioners on the
rolls for the present quarter, an-
nounced Sam Houston Terrell, State
comptroller. For this quarter each
veteran was paid \$35 for the quarter,
which is the largest amount yet
paid to these old soldiers.

Nonpar Bill Sent to Governor.

Austin.—Report of the free confer-
ence committee on the Holbrook
Senate "nonpar" bill was adopted by
both branches of the legislature and
the bill, when enrolled, will be sent
to the Governor for approval. This
is the bill which permits the forma-
tion in Texas of nonpar value capital
stock corporations.

Flu Leads Deaths.

Austin.—Influenza still continues to
lead other communicable diseases in
the State in the number of cases,
there being 1,408 cases reported to
the surgeon general of the Public
Health service by Dr. H. O. Sapping-
ton, State Health Officer, for the
week ending Feb. 28. Other
diseases reported were: Chicken pox,
53; diphtheria, 49; dysentery, 4;
measles, 52; mumps, 121; pellagra,
9; pneumonia, 111; scarlet fever, 23;
smallpox, 30; trachoma, 1; typhoid
fever, 5; para-typhoid, 1.

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nearest county where a newspa-
per is published, to appear at the
next regular term of the County
Court of Taylor County, to be
held at the Court House there-
of, in Abilene, on the 3rd Mon-
day in April, A.D. 1925, the
same being the 20th day of April
A.D. 1925, then and there to an-
swer a petition filed in said
Court on the 11th day of March,
A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered
on the docket of said Court No.
5569, wherein Max Mellinger is
Plaintiff, and Albert Mendlovitz
is Defendant, said suit being a
suit to recover on eighteen notes
executed by defendant to order
of plaintiff, dated February 1,
1922, bearing 10% interest from
date and providing for 10% at-
torney's fees, payable March 1,
1922, and on 1st day of each
month thereafter except Decem-
ber, 1922, in lieu of which month
one note is due December 1, 1923
but plaintiff says it should be
December 1, 1922, the three
notes first maturing are for
\$25.00 each and the note due
August 1, 1923, is for \$81.00
and remaining notes are for
\$50.00 each, plaintiff sues for
principal, interest, attorney's
fees and costs.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but
have before said Court, at its
aforesaid next regular term, this
writ with your return thereon,
showing how you have executed
the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
and the Seal of said Court, at
office in Abilene, Texas, this the
11th day of March A.D. 1925.
W. E. BEASLEY Clerk, County
Court, Taylor County.
Penn Gilbreth, Deputy. 13t4

CITATION ON APPLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Consta-
ble of Taylor County—GREET-
ING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED, to cause to be pub-
lished, once a week, for ten days,
exclusive of the first day of pub-
lication, before the return day
hereof, in some newspaper of
general circulation published in
said county, which has been con-
tinuously and regularly publish-
ed in said county for a period of
not less than one year; the fol-
lowing notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To
all persons interested in the wel-
fare of Ila May Hughes, a girl
19 years of age, G. W. Hughes,
a boy 15 years of age, and Lu-
ella Hughes, a girl 8 years of
age, Minors; John S. Hughes has
filed in the County Court of
Taylor County, Texas, an applica-
tion for Letters of Guardian-

ship upon the person and Estate
of said Minors; Which will be
heard at the next term of said
Court, commencing on the third
Monday in April, A. D. 1925,
same being the 20th day of April
A. D. 1925, at the Court House
thereof, in Abilene, at which
time all persons interested in
the welfare of said minors may
appear and contest such applica-
tion, if they see proper to do so.

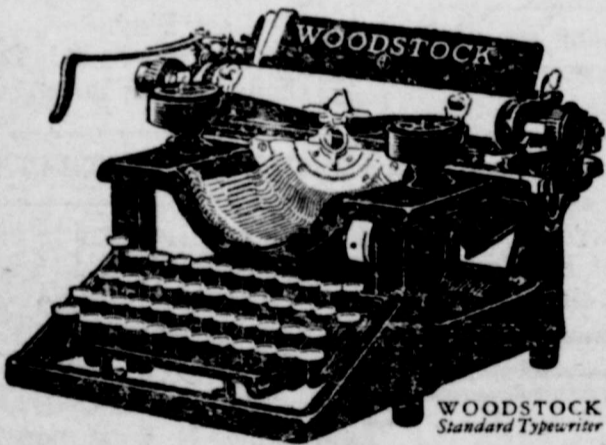
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but
have you before said Court on
the first day of the next term
thereof this Writ, with your re-
turn thereon, showing how you
have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the
Seal of said Court, at office in
Abilene, this the 27th day of
February, 1925.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,
County Court, Taylor County
Texas. By Bessie Briggs, Dep-
uty. 6t2

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... I had to quit doing my work. I tried many reme-
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"In April I went up to Arkansas to visit my sister. ...
She said to me, 'Willie, if you are going to take anything,
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my doctor what she had said and he said I could not take any
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I began it. ... My case was a pretty tough one, I know, so
I kept on faithfully. After the fourth bottle, I began to feel
very much better, so much so that I was surprised at myself.
I have taken six bottles now and I can truly say I feel like a
different woman. ... I feel fine and I owe it all to Cardui,
which I took faithfully."

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CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

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Listen if you like fried Chicken and Cream Gravy, we are going to fix it so you can have it if you want it. We are exclusive agents for the "Jersey Incubator" in Merkel trade territory and, will sell you one or more of 80 egg, 150 egg or 250 egg sizes on installments so you can make your surplus eggs and chicks pay for them besides having fried chicken for your own table. We have a limited number to put out this way so if you are interested don't wait until next week, see us now and let us explain our proposition.

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SALT BRANCH ITEMS

The farmers of this community are about through work until it rains.

Mr. Newt Steele of this community is moving to the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Foster visited Mrs. Viola Jaynes who is in the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene on Monday of this week.

Brother Tidwell, the fourteen year old preacher of Simmons College filled the pulpit at Salt Branch Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. Houston Clark and family of the Union Ridge community visited Mr. W. M. Hays and family of this community last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Floyd and Truman Jaynes have just returned from the plains with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. P. Nicholson, who will visit here a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkley are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

Quite a bunch of the Salt Branch singing class went to Elmdale to a big singing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Higgins of Merkel took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy are moving back to the Salt Branch community. We welcome them back. Jo Boy.

WARREN NEWS

The farmers are about up with their plowing. All are in interest for a big crop.

The Warren school is progressing nicely. We will have twelve more weeks of school. We hope all will make a grade. Warren played ball with Salt Branch Friday. The girls game ended 8 to 12 in favor of Warren. The boys lost 8 to 12 to Salt Branch.

There was a party at Mr. McCormick's last Saturday night. It was enjoyed by a large crowd.

There is going to be a party at Miss Vela Jones' Saturday night. Every one is invited.

Miss Willie Ellington is visiting her aunt in Abilene this week-end.

Miss Rose Ellington has been visiting her sister at Stith.

Mr. Joel Higgins, Ransom Price and Zeb Sumpter went to Salt Branch Sunday to the singing there.

Warren pupils are going to put on a play, "An Arizona Cowboy" the first Friday night in April. Every one come. It is an interesting play from start to finish. The prices are 15 and 20 cents. You will get your money's worth twice or more.

Miss Ella Hobbs and mother spent Sunday with Grandma Harvell.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker visited Mr. and Mrs. Price Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ellington visited in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clunge of Fort Stockton have been visiting her daughter Mrs. John Hobbs.

Mrs. Dobbs has been sick for

the last three weeks but we are glad to learn of her being better.

Mr. Irvin Thompson has been running a plow the past week. We are glad to hear he is almost through. "March thoughts."

Blair and White Church

There will be services at the Methodist church on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at White Church. Also Sunday morning and evening. All are invited to be in attendance.

Bro. Adrian Rea will preach at Blair next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Baptist church. Everybody is invited to attend and hear this man, as he brings God's word to the attention of Blair community. R.E.L. Stutts

NOTICE—Cream 37c this week possibly more Saturday, but not less. C. E. CONNER. 1tp

HAPPY ENDINGS

Not long ago we seized our papers impatiently each morning to learn the latest development in the strange case of Floyd Collins, imprisoned in a Kentucky cave. The event had all the elements of a successful drama. No play producer was ever more successful in maintaining suspense.

Day after day as engineers, miners, and geologists worked feverishly with all the modern machinery available to rescue the life of this imprisoned man, we looked on with almost breathless interest. Then came the end. They did not arrive in time. The drama was a great tragedy of real life.

How different was this from the average movie. On the screen or the stage everything must end happily. People do not want to face the realities of life. They want the hero to overcome super-human obstacles. They want to see the beautiful heroine rescued at the last moment. And in demanding this departure from what is really true of life, they miss much that might be derived from the screen.

Tragedy—an artistic picture of reality—can be of great value in the life of every man and woman. For we cannot sit and see life interrupted as it really is without deriving some benefit. We cannot see people struggle in the face of great adversity only to lose everything in the end without feeling that our own little troubles are really petty, small, and of no consequence.

The ancient Greeks considered tragedy the greatest of all arts. They felt that people are improved when they can think upon the disasters that befall others in this world. They felt that the heart is made better, more human, and more lovable when the man has witnessed others struggling in the hands of a terrible and unconquerable fate.

It is futile, of course, to discuss the purposes of the stage or the screen. Some feel that we go to the theatre merely for enjoyment—to escape from the sordid and unhappy side of life. But we must remember that most of the great works of the greatest masters were tragedies. The public would, no doubt, pay, even in these days, to witness screen interpretations of some of these masterpieces.

Junior League Program

Subject: "Abraham who chose wisely and Abraham of later times."

Leader: Thelma Leach.
Song; Prayer; Song.
Reading, Holt Vaughn.
Abraham who chose wisely, Florine Rider.

Abraham of Persia, Nell Durham.

Abraham Lincoln, Burrell Chaney.

Pleasing Others, Mary Elizabeth Grimes.
Drill on the Hand Book, Supt.

We specialize in Sandwiches, picnic lunches, etc. City Cafe. 9t2



YOLKS+WHITES=EGGS

For every egg yolk in a hen's body she must have enough white to complete and lay an egg. If her feed lacks material for whites she absorbs the excess yolks and gets too fat to lay. "Boarders" don't even pay for the feed they eat.

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Purina Hen Chow and Chicken Chowder, fed together, make more eggs because they contain plenty of both white and yolk elements. They will get more eggs for you or your money paid for the Chows will be refunded. Start feeding now.



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White Church Cemetery

Just next week, Wednesday, we expect to see an enthusiastic crowd of workers cleaning off the new addition of the cemetery. At this meeting we need to grub the catclaws and other undergrowth of mesquites from the entrance, repair the fence and gate, and discuss plans for other needed improvements. The work on the buildings began at our last meeting has recently been finished.

Remember the meeting is to be all day from the time you get there until it is time to start for home, so come early and prepared to spend the day.

Dillard R. Snow.

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Mr. Hoyt Blair, son of sheriff B. R. Blair, of Center, Alabama, came in Tuesday for a visit in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

METHODIST CHURCH

In our last several services we have been studying the "Holy Ghost" and His work and have had a fine response from the audience. We have felt our "hearts strangely warmed" as we have worshiped together and studied this great theme. Next Sunday morning the pastor's subject will be "Paul's estimate of life." There are several estimates of life but what does the Bible estimate mean to you.

A cordial welcome awaits one and all. T. J. Rea, pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting continues. The interest is growing and the crowds are increasing. There have been several additions to the church.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome.

W. H. Albertson.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "What we can do to win others to Christ."

Song; Prayer.
Leader, Irene Campbell.
Scripture: I Peter 4:8-11; Thes. 1:6-8; James 5:16-20.

One-act Play.
What Frances did, Tommie Durham. Song; Benediction.

WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the Laundryman. tf

We regret to learn that Mr. James H. West, popular member of the West Company firm, has been quite sick this week, being confined to his room most of the week.

EGGS! EGGS! I want 25 cases Saturday. Top price paid at all times. W. F. Hamblet. 1tp

J. S. Swann and J. W. Wheeler are in Fort Worth this week attending the Fat Stock Show.

Who is it that draws pictures, draws crowds, draws attention 1tc

A shipment of two dozen quail was received this week from the State Game Commissioner by Mr. Robert Hicks, asking him to place them to the best advantage in an effort to increase the bird family of this part of the state.

A good place to eat, with service up-to-date. That's what you find at the City Cafe. 13t2

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