

## DALLAS MAN TO BE SCOUT EXECUTIVE

G. N. Quirl, former Assistant Scout Executive of the Dallas Council, Boy Scouts of America, Dallas, Texas, has been employed as the Scout Executive for the Chisholm Trail Area Council, composed of Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor, Callahan, Runnels, and Coleman counties. Mr. Quirl has been Assistant Scout Executive at Dallas for two years having been a scoutmaster and superintendent of boys work there for eight years.

Mr. Quirl has had considerable experience in training scoutmasters, having taken a prominent part in a training school just closed in which 130 leading business men of Dallas were enrolled. He has also taken the lead in camping program at Dallas. They have just recently completed one of the best Scout Camps in the whole southwest.

Mr. Barnes, who has been engaged for the past three months in organizing this council, has gone to Southeastern Oklahoma where he will be employed for three months in putting on training courses for the towns in the largest area council in the state of Oklahoma.

The new Scout Executive will carry on the work just as it has been started, making every town in the Area once every month. The training schools that have been started will continue under the leadership of Mr. Quirl.

Practically all of the finance has been raised so that everything is in fine shape for the year.

The Chisholm Trail Area Council when developed will be one of the largest councils in the State of Texas, having possibly seventy-five of eighty troops. It will take three years however to develop it to that point.

There are at least ten towns in the area of from 1500 to 3000 population each that have not been reached and cannot be served until an assistant can be put on the field.

Mr. Quirl will arrive in Abilene with his wife Thursday and will then take up the duties of the Scout work here.

### Mrs. Cypert Improving

Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert returned Thursday from Temple, where they had been for the past three weeks, following three operations upon the latter in one of the great sanitariums there. We are glad to announce to their many friends that Mrs. Cypert is now getting along nicely, and it is hoped and expected that she will soon regain her former good health.

Mr and Mrs. Ford Butman returned first of the week from Brownwood, where they had been to attend the funeral and burial of Miss Thelma Ruth Ray, who died last week at Brownwood, with burial immediately after at Coleman. We join their many friends in extending deepest sympathy to them.

Mr. Ed. J. Leeman, formerly editor of the Merkel Mail many years ago, and recently editor of the Duncan Banner, stopped off here last Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, while on his way to Pecos for a visit with his father.

Rev. C. W. Foote, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, but for the past three and a half years stationed at Paducah, was a very pleasant visitor in this city yesterday.

## EXAMINATION FOR POST OFFICE CLERK HERE

According to information received by Taylor F. Davis, postmaster, there will be held in this city at the local post office, a Civil Service Examination for the position of clerk in said office.

Applicants may secure blanks for the examination at the local post office and the date for filing applications is April 7.

## METHODIST REVIVAL TO BEGIN SUNDAY

The attendance at Sunday school and church services was far below normal last Sunday. We hope to have a record attendance next Sunday.

We begin a series of revival services next Sunday to continue at least two weeks. This announcement should be taken as a summons by each member of the church and as a trumpet call from Christ for engagement in active service.

The Christian people of the other churches of the town and those who may not belong to the church are invited to attend our meeting and cooperate with us.

There will be two services each day, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The general public is invited to attend all our services.

W. R. McCarter.

## MR. SUMMERHILL IS RE-ELECTED

At a meeting of the School Board of the Merkel Independent School District, with all members present and voting, Mr. J. A. Summerhill, present superintendent, was elected for a second term at a salary of \$2,400, the same as he receives this year.

Mr. Summerhill reports the school moving along very successfully and satisfactorily this year, and further states that with the continued cooperation during the remainder of this and throughout the next term, he hopes to make much progress and improvement in the work of same.

At this meeting the board also ordered the election of three members, the election to be held on the first Saturday in April, the same being the 3rd day of the month.

The members whose terms expire this year are: H. C. West, A. T. Sheppard and Dr. R. I. Grimes.

### Mt. Pleasant Revival

Pastor Parrack of the local Baptist church will be with pastor Howell and the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church in a revival meeting beginning Sunday.

Pastor Parrack will be with the Merkel church for the morning service but will be in the Mt. Pleasant meeting Sunday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Brown and daughters, Sallie, Inice and Madden, motored to San Angelo last Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Brown's daughter, Mrs. Robert McCean, and baby daughter, Betty Bob, who returned with them for an extended visit.

W. H. Frazier, the efficient road builder, left Wednesday afternoon for Rochester in response to a message announcing the serious illness of his father at that place.

## WARNING AGAINST TOO MUCH COTTON

Austin, Texas, March 17.—Prospects for a bumper crop in Texas this year are good, but too much cotton may cause a calamity, Commissioner of Agriculture George B. Terrell said in an official bulletin issued Monday.

Mr. Terrell appeals to all farmers and business interests to do everything in their power to see that enough feed crops are produced to supply the State and reduce the cotton acreage accordingly "in order to avert the calamity that would follow a bumper cotton crop with low price and general business depression."

He warns that there is great danger of an overproduction of cotton this year, there being a good season in the ground over the greater part of the State.

"There is now a surplus of more than 5,000,000 bales to be carried over," Terrell said, "and the price of middling cotton is only 17c to 18c, with no market for low grade cotton. If a crop of 15,000,000 bales is made in the South this year we may expect the price to go as low as 12c per pound, and this would be a calamity that all sensible men should try to avert."

Commissioner Terrell said there is a larger small grain acreage planted in the northern and northwestern parts of the state than was planted last year and recent rains have improved the small grain crops. The prospects are favorable for a good tomato crop and fruit crops in East Texas and if a late freeze does not come these crops are assured, Terrell said.—The Dallas News.

## WILL PLANT MORE FEED AND RAISE OWN MEAT

In speaking of the need of raising more feed and the necessities of life on the farm, Mr. R. S. Darden, of the Mt. Pleasant community, who was here one day this week, stated that he had been a citizen of this community for the past 22 years, that he had raised his own feed and meat every year except the years 1917 and 1918, but that he would plant more feed this year than last.

Mr. J. J. Pribble said "I made enough feed to do me this year I think, and I always raise my own meat with some to spare. We are now selling eggs and cream, with plenty for home consumption."

### Will Preach at Trent

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday morning and evening he will preach at Trent, and cordially invites every one who will to attend each of the services. He urges that the church membership be in full attendance.

## BRUNK'S SHOW HAVING GOOD ATTENDANCE

The well known and popular show, Brunk's Comedians, is giving a week's entertainment under their big tent here this week. They are playing to crowded houses every performance. For Friday and Saturday they will give their best performances. They have the best tent show on the road, say their patrons. It

Mrs. J. W. Brown of Pecos came in last Sunday for a visit with Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, who has been very ill for the past two weeks. Mrs. Brown formerly lived in Merkel.

## SIMMONS QUARTET IN PROGRAM TONIGHT

The people of Merkel and surrounding country will have the opportunity of enjoying a very fine program tonight given at the Grammar School auditorium by the Simmons Cowboy Band Quartette Players.

These fine entertainers are coming upon invitation of the local school, and a part of the proceeds will go toward the Library Fund of the school.

A varied program of About 20 quartette numbers, solos, trios, ukelele artist, whistling solos, trick and fancy roping, etc. We might state that Simmons Cowboy Band was selected as the official state band for the Old Confederates and will go to the National meeting at Birmingham, Ala. This quartette will render a program on March 22 over W.B.A.P. at Fort Worth.

The date is tonight, March 19, at the Grammar School Auditorium.

## NEW AUTO CONCERN TO BE IN MERKEL

We are authoritatively informed that Messrs. Geo. Brown and George Henry, both well known in this city, have just secured the contract for the agency in this city of the Reg. Oakland and Pontiac automobiles and will have within a few days a carload of them for display in their sales rooms on Kent street.

These gentlemen have each had considerable experience in handling automobiles, and the fact that they are well known throughout the territory adds to their prestige and opportunity of success in their new undertaking.

They announce that in the immediate future they expect to launch an extensive advertising campaign by which they will acquaint the public with the many good qualities of the line of cars they are handling. Watch for further announcements.

### Mrs. Arthur Thornton Home From Temple

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thornton returned this week from Temple where they had been for expert treatment and operation for Mrs. Thornton, and we are glad to say to their many friends that Mrs. Thornton's condition is reported to be as good as could be expected at this time.

Mr. R. W. Terrill, of Xenia, Ohio, came in first of the week for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. R. I. Grimes. Mr. and Mrs. Terrill spent some time here last year when he was in very poor health, however we are glad to inform their many friends that he is now very much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall left Thursday for Detroit, Michigan, and other northern points in the United States and Canada. They will spend the spring and summer in the north and then go to Florida for the winter, stated Mr. Hall. They have many friends here who sincerely regret their departure.

Mr. G. R. Gazzaway formerly a citizen of this community, but now residing at Happy, Texas, was here first of the week on business, and while here had us send him the Mail for the next year in order that he might keep posted on happenings here.

## MERKEL SCHOOL CENSUS NOW COMPLETED

Mr. A. J. Lloyd, employed by the school board to take the scholastic census of the Merkel Independent School district, states that he has about completed his work, but for fear that some family has been overlooked, he asks that in case such has happened the parties will please see him at once and enroll their children.

## LYCEUM FOR MERKEL IS ASSURED

Miss Lucy Pennington, representing the Dixie Lyceum Bureau, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Merkel in an effort to sell this city a Lyceum Course for next fall. This paper is glad to report that she was successful, and that through the signing of a contract by members of the Parent Teachers Association and others, Merkel and the surrounding country will have the pleasure of enjoying four numbers of very high class educational entertainment.

The numbers as they are to appear here will be: McDonald Birch, Magician an entertainer; one of the greatest of his kind in the country.

The American Glee Club, composed of four young men, who have played many return engagements.

The "Betsy Ross Trio," three of the finest musical entertainers on the stage today.

And the "Cheney Concert Company," using chimes played in the White House.

The Lyceum Course is not only entertaining but educational, and all Merkel should make ready to help the course to success in our city next fall.

## EXPRESSION DEPT. RENDERS PROGRAM

It was a fine program given Tuesday evening at the school auditorium by the Expression Department of the school, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy.

While the weather was quite unfavorable, there was a fair attendance, and yet not as good as it should have been when one considers the high character of entertainment presented.

The entertainment was given to raise funds for the payment of furniture for the auditorium stage, furniture needed very badly which will be helpful to the school and enjoyed by all the patrons of same. Miss Tracy and those taking part in the entertainment worked hard to make it interesting; they were not selfish, but did what they could to help your school. Did you appreciate their efforts? Not many did. By your absence you said you had no interest in educating and training the boys and girls of the community in the better and higher walks of life. Shame on a community with such little interest in higher ideals.

Rev. T. J. Rea and daughter, Miss Erma Lee, came down from Lockney first of the week and spent several days visiting the former's son, Adrian, as well as their many friends here. Bro. Rea reports liking their new home and is happy in their work there.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

## C. E. CONVENTION TO BE IN ABILENE

The Endeavor Societies of Abilene are to be hosts to the Abilene District Christian Endeavor in a rousing convention of fun and fellowship on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 26, 27 and 28.

Plans are being made to take care of over one hundred and fifty out of town visitors and the program committee has arranged many interesting features in the way of music, both vocal and instrumental, addresses, a big banquet and the "Mystery" program, on the opening evening of Friday, as well as other special features that will interest every Endeavorer in the district.

Among the speakers will be Miss Bertha Mae Looney, State Intermediate Superintendent; E. F. Huppertz, State Field Secretary; Dr. T. S. Knox; Dr. E. B. Surface; Dr. E. D. Salkeld; Rev. B. C. Boone; Mrs. Fred S. Gogers; Miss Stella Hovey.

The convention banquet will be held on Saturday evening in which two hundred or more delegates will participate. The Abilene Christian College Quartet, one of the most widely known organizations of its kind in this section, is to furnish the music at the banquet. Out of town delegates that have registered for the convention will be admitted to the banquet free.

Prizes are being offered to the out of town societies that first register their society one hundred per cent; to the society bringing the largest registered delegation to the convention; and to the society registering the most members. The prizes will be cash awards and a great deal of rivalry is expected between the societies in the towns of the district.

Abilene Endeavorers are looking forward to the pleasure of entertaining this convention, and will extend to all delegates a royal western welcome. Convention headquarters have been established at the Central Presbyterian Church.

### Declamation Contest

The local Declamation contest of the high school and ward schools will be held at the Ward school auditorium next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The winners in this contest will represent the public schools in the county meet at Abilene the following Friday and Saturday. Mr. Chas. Jones offers \$10.00 to the winners, \$2.50 to each contestant that wins a place. We want everybody to attend this program.

Our good friend A. J. Hartley was in the city one day this week and while he seemed to be in very good spirits, he really did not seem as jovial as usual, and upon inquiry we learned that Mrs. Hartley was away on the plains, at Plainview, visiting their son, Dennis, and wife, to whom a daughter was recently born. However, Mrs. Hartley is expected home this week, and then Grandpa Hartley will be himself again.

Mrs. A. T. Laxson and family of Delano, California, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson first of the week. Mrs. Laxson is a sister of Mrs. Grayson.

Mr. Robert Hicks of the Liberty Hardware Company has beautified his home surroundings by having side walks and curbing laid around his residence.

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The following is a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Portland, Oregon, whom Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford is visiting. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Mrs. Swafford.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 18.  
Editor the Merkel Mail,  
Merkel, Texas.  
Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure we acknowledge receiving each week the Merkel Mail, addressed to our Mother, Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

This paper is proving a wonderful medium in keeping her in touch with Merkel and surrounding communities of which she is so much interested.

We know you will be interested in learning Mrs. Swafford is enjoying extraordinary good health and will soon be a real Oregon Web-foot.

To her many friends you may announce she will be at home indefinitely at the following address: West Apartments, apartment four, 786 Montana Ave., Portland, Oregon. Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis.

### A St. Patrick Party

This was a great day at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Little. Dorothy entertained a number of friends from four to six at her home on Rose street. The rooms were very beautifully decorated in green and the guests wore green, all of which made the day seem great. Many games were enjoyed after which delicious refreshments were served to Madline Murray, Ola Smith, Voncile Gilbert, Mable Morton, Mary Zoe West, Gordon Murray, Gwinn Tipton, Jack Dawson West, James West, Jr., James Patterson, Jr. All left with a dainty green basket of easter eggs. These youngsters are just wondering when their little hostess will open her doors to them again.

### Singing at Blair

We are looking for a big time at Blair next Sunday. Preaching at 11 in the morning and singing at 2:30. We have the promise of some very fine singers. Prof. Eason, Alphin, Rudd, Sprawls, Haley, and have sent an invitation to Jones and Wood. Hope they will come. Also Bro. Quattlebaum from Trent and others from there are coming, and we are sending an invitation for Mrs. Earthman to come and handle the piano for us. Come along, friends, let's have a real time. Respectfully,  
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### HOW OTHERS VIEW HIM

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Out where the West is "at." —The Abilene Daily Reporter.

### MERKEL BAPTISTS

No evening services during the Methodist revival meeting. Will have regular Sunday school and morning worship. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 p.m., but there will be no evening preaching service. Training classes meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 so all can attend the Methodist revival meeting. No prayer meeting Wednesday. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

### Mrs. Largent Hostess

Thursday afternoon, March 11, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent was hostess to the Thursday Club, with a 42 party, at the C. M. Largent ranch home three miles north of Merkel. Promptly at three o'clock guests began arriving, and as soon as all were present. St. Patrick score cards were passed which matched partners and located tables. The rooms were decorated with spring flowers and pot plants, and each table was decorated with dainty score pads, and St. Patrick nut baskets filled with salted nuts. Progressive 42 was enjoyed until about five o'clock when the games ceased and a short business meeting was enjoyed and Mrs. Roy Adams was elected secretary and treasurer of the club. The hostess then served a dainty refreshment plate of angel food cake, and a shamrock loaf of ice cream, each plate being decorated with the tiny green flag. The following guests and club members were present: Mesdames R. R. Adams, L. A. Arrington, R. O. Anderson, T. E. Collins, Mrs. L. B. Scott, D. Grimes, John R. West, R. I. Grimes, C. B. Gardner, Tom Largent, C. M. Smith, Frank McFarland, Charlie Jones, Lige Gamble, Sam Swann, T. L. Grimes, Jas. H. West, Booth Warren, T. E. Lassiter and L. B. Howard.

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BELLE WELLBORN

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M. A. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff:  
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JOHN BOND

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### OBITUARY

The death angel visited the home of J. O. Miller of Claud, Texas, and claimed J. T. Miller, who made his home there with his son, Oscar. He leaves behind Mrs. Virginia Miller, a loving and devoted wife, to carry on her burdens until God sees fit to call her to meet him in a palace above, where there is no parting nor sorrow.

J. T. Miller was born in Missouri, Feb. 17, 1856. While a small child he moved to Hopkins county, Texas, where he grew to manhood, loved and married Miss Virginia Henderson on Jan. 14, 1878. To this union nine children were born, four boys and five girls, as follows: D. E. Miller, Abilene; J. D. Miller, Claude; S. A. Miller, Big Spring; W. H. Miller, who died in 1816; Mrs. Mattie Sapp of Tyrone, Oklahoma; Mrs. Mary Moore, El Paso; Mrs. Laura Harris, Merkel; Mrs. Georgia Crist, who died in 1912, and Nancy Agnes, who died at the age of six.

Mr. Miller is also survived by three brothers and sisters: J. A. Miller of McKinney, Mrs. Anna Hamilton of Leonard and Mrs. Mary Turner of Merkel, who were present at the funeral. He is also survived by a host of grandchildren and some great grandchildren.

The early years of Mr. Miller's manhood were given to teaching school, but in later years when his eyes failed, he followed farming. He was known for his honesty, and moral life. He has many friends in Merkel and surrounding country.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Griswald, pastor of the Baptist church of Claude, on Friday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m. at the home.

A Loved One.

Under the constitution of this state and nation every man has the right to his belief and opinion as to religion and politics. Every man and woman with good sense will and should exercise the same. No man has the right to fall out with or hate any person for their expressed political or religious belief. In fact, if you reserve to yourself the right to think and believe as you please, how can you justly criticize and hate your neighbor for doing the same thing, even though he may think and believe just the opposite to what you do. A hot political campaign is just starting in Texas. Let's be fair to our neighbors and friends who may differ with us. We should also be reasonable in assertions and statements. Let's be careful and just in our criticisms.

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Part 3, Fannie Belle Boaz.  
Part 4, Miss Lucy Tracy.  
Part 5, Juanita Beene.  
Part 6, Vennie Heizer.  
Part 7, Bill Haynes.

### Singing at Cross Roads

Mr. J. J. Pribble of the Cross Roads community, one mile south of Nubia, was here yesterday and asked us to announce that there will be singing and a music lesson every Friday night at the Cross Roads school house to which every one is cordially invited.

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Do you suffer the agonizing pangs of rheumatism? Are you tortured with rheumatic joints and stabbing twinges? Then you should know that many so-called rheumatic troubles are due to an excess of uric acid and must be treated through the kidneys. When the kidneys weaken, the whole system is upset by these body poisons. Help your kidneys with a stimulant diuretic. Use Doan's Pills, the remedy your neighbors recommend! Here is a Merkel man's case.

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### SALT BRANCH NEWS

The farmers are very busy at their work now.  
Miss Gladys Petty was the guest of Miss Grace Beene Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Henry and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Henry of Merkel on Monday night this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Foster and children were guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Higgins last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lois Jaynes spent last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Odessa Childers.

Miss Lila Bird spent the week end with Miss Grace Beene.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett of near Abilene spent Sunday afternoon with friends and relatives in this community.

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#### COMPERE ITEMS

By Alma Stout

Health of this community is not very good at this writing. Grandpa Marshall, who has been making his home with his son, Mr. T. K. Marshall, died on March the 9th. He had been sick for some time. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Elder Adcock. Burial took place in the Compere cemetery. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs are spending this week

with relatives in Comanche county.

Mrs. Winter and children from Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. Allred and family.

Miss Floy McKinney visited her sister, Mrs. Pearl Allred, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster and baby visited Mr. Foster's mother a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs. Dee Lucas are Happy over the arrival of a baby boy at their home.

A large crowd from here attended services at Hebron Sunday.

Little Sarah Lee Lucas spent Tuesday night with Misses Flora and Lila Adkins.

Some of the young folks from here attended the show in Merkel Saturday night.

Mrs. Stout and Alma Stout spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. Foster.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Bob Hobbs spent Tuesday night with Mr. Hollis McCoy.

For Sale—Five 31x4.40 used casings and tubes and four wheels and five rims. Will fit Ford, Chevrolet or Overland. tf Merkel Auto Paint Shop.

#### WARREN NOTES

By Vera Jones

The health of the community is not so good at present. The farmers have all about got their land put up.

Mr. Ottis Jaynes spent Saturday night with Mr. Oddie Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Evers spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mrs. Velma McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday evening.

Miss Artie McCormick visited Miss Ruth Chancey Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Willie Numan spent the week-end with Miss Vela Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy visited his mother a while Sunday morning.

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Helen McCormick.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Miss Cordie Ellington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Criswell and Mrs. West of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday evening.

Misses Rose and Willie Ellington visited Mrs. Hollis McCoy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited his parents of Stith community Sunday.

#### SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Wynona Patton

Quite a number of Salt Branch folks attended the meeting Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church of Merkel.

Those who took dinner with Wynona Patton Sunday were Misses Grace Beene and Lila Mae Bird of Merkel and Mr. J. C. Petty and Tom Beene, and Bro. Kinard of Abilene.

Miss Johnnie Hines spent the week end with home folks and friends at Tye.

Mrs. Ethel Hicks visited her mother, Mrs. T. C. Allen, last week-end.

Mrs. Walker, Miss Anna Walker and Mr. Earl Walker of Cross Roads community were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday night.

School is progressing nicely. Every one is studying hard.

B.Y.P.U. Program for March 21st: Leader, Mrs. Elma Jaynes. Introduction by Mrs. Jaynes. Part 1, Marie Pinckley. Part 2, Luther Higgins. Part 3, J. C. Petty. Part 4, Mrs. Gertrude McClain. Part 5, Dock Reeves. Part 6, Willie Hays. Part 7, Celia Henry.

Do your best, lead the rest, be on time, and say what's on your mind.

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#### WARREN NEWS

By Rose Ellington

Health of this community is very good at present.

Several from around Warren attended the track meet at Anson Friday. They were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family, Mrs. Ellington and family, Otis Thompson, Lottie Gressett, Vera Jones and the teachers, Mrs. Wilma Robertson and Miss Shelby Mitchell.

Miss Willie Newman spent last week end with Miss Vela Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson visited her parents Sunday and Sunday night of the Hodges community.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Fight and Mr. and Mrs. Hudson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Cordie Ellington Sunday.

Misses Lena Mae and Ruth Chancey and Artie McCormick visited Miss Azline Sumpter.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones, and Helen McCormick visited Miss Willie Newman of Merkel Sunday.

Messrs Jasper Hobbs, E. C. Tarvin, and Raymond Stout visited Mr. Howard Tarvin a while Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hollis and Willie and Rose Ellington visited Mrs. Ester Cannon of Merkel a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Azline Sumpter spent Tuesday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited in Abilene Monday.

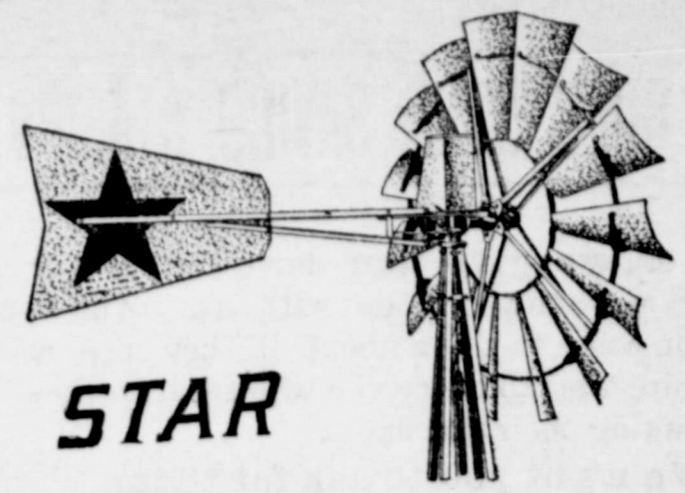
Violet Jones spent Tuesday night with little Lettie Jones.

Miss Vela Jones spent the first of the week with Miss Willie Newman.

#### SPRING IS NEAR

Har! I hear a Blusbird sing. And that's a sign of coming spring. The wild goose flies away up yander; She's going north along with the gander. The bullfrog bellows in the ditches; He's thrown away his winter breeches. The elm buds are now a swelling And yellow Jonquils sweet are smelling. The darky drives his stubborn mule, And lively hollers "gee you fool" The honey bee is sweetly humming. And everything says spring is coming.

—Contributed.



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## SUCCESS IN AMERICA AN OPEN HIGHWAY

How Four Boys of Humble Origin Have Become Chiefs of the Greatest Financial Organization in the World.

Broad highways of achievement are wide open to all in America no matter how humble their beginning. It is brought out by a writer in Forbes Magazine, telling of the successive elevation of poor boys to the chieftainship of the most powerful association of financial power in the world.

"Nowhere is opportunity so democratic as in caste-free America, nowhere is recognition for faithful service so little conditioned by inherited position and wealth," the article says. "The bounty of America in bestowing her rewards of great success upon those of modest origin is again notably manifest in the rise of Oscar Wells to the presidency of the American Bankers Association.

"The son of a tanner, John H. Puelicher, was elected to this eminence in 1922. Circumstances ended his public schooling in the seventh year and he went to work in a carpet store in Milwaukee. At sixteen he entered a bank as a clerk, rising step by step until he became president. Recognition of his abilities as a banker and civic service through public education in sound economic understanding brought him the highest reward from his profession.

"A former country school teacher, Walter W. Head, born in a farm hamlet in Western Illinois, was elected president of the association in 1923. He gave up teaching and a salary of \$75 to enter banking at \$40 a month in a small Missouri town. He subsequently became president of a bank in Omaha, the largest in Nebraska and a dozen neighboring states. The position he occupied in advancing agricultural welfare during the period of depression led to his being called the 'Granger President of the American Bankers Association.'

"From Irish immigrant lad to supreme head of banking in America epitomizes the career of William E. Knox, president of one of the largest savings banks of the country in New York. His business career began as an office boy in a publishing house, and he later entered the bank as a clerk. Experience with humble people in their problems of personal finance and his inculcation of economy in all matters attracted country-wide attention.

"Oscar Wells, who rises in 1925 as successor of these men, was born in an old weather-boarded log cabin house in the Missouri River bottoms of Platte County, Missouri. He became an orphan when three years of age, losing his parents in an epidemic that ravaged the countryside. He passed under the care of an uncle, head of

a small country bank in Maite City, a town of a few hundred inhabitants, growing up on a farm and receiving his early education in a rural school. He later entered Bethany College, West Virginia, but at the end of his junior year he had to quit college and go to work in the bank.

His subsequent career was one of steady progress, first to higher positions among small country banks, then to larger city banks in Texas, where he rose to the top. In 1914 he was chosen first governor of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank and served through the opening period of the establishment of that institution. He resigned to become president of a bank in Birmingham, Alabama, which has grown under his administration to be one of the largest and most successful institutions in the South.

## MUCE GROWTH IN SCHOOL SAVINGS

New York—School savings in the United States for the year 1924-1925 increased in aggregate bank balances by \$5,500,000, with a growth of 630,000 in the total number of pupils participating. It is shown in reports made to the American Bankers Association, which declares that the returns encourage belief in the permanence of school savings as a part of the educational program in the public schools.

During the year the number of reporting school savings systems increased from 633 in 742 districts to 763 in 1,557 districts, the number of schools from 9,080 to 10,163, the number of pupils participating from 2,236,731 to 2,869,497, the deposits from \$14,991,535.40 to \$16,961,560.72 and the bank balances from \$20,435,144.64 to \$25,933,431.15, says W. E. Albig, in charge of the Association's savings activities.

Since 1920, the first year for which comprehensive statistics are available, the number of schools having school savings banking has increased 27.14 per cent, the enrollment in school savings districts 27.9 per cent, participants 520.2 per cent, deposits 506.1 per cent and bank balances 516.8 per cent.

## Elder Believed Tree on Which Judas Died

Jew's ear, as the name of a fungus, is a corruption of Judas' ear, given to it because the fungus referred to is often found on the elder, on which tree Judas is supposed to have hanged himself.

It is curious that on account of this connection with Judas the fungus should have "become a famous medicine in quinsies, sore throats and strangulation ever since." Why the elder should have been selected as a gallows for the traitor apostle is, considering the usual size of the tree, puzzling enough, says a writer in the Chemist and Druggist, but Sir John Maundeville (or the romancer who wrote under that name) tells us that when he was at Jerusalem the very tree on which the hanging took place was still in existence near the Pool of Siloam.

## Mrs. J. Samuel Rider

Will have charge of the music and young people's work in the revival services at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rider is an experienced worker and we are fortunate in being able to secure her services for our meeting.

Mrs. Rider will meet the young people at the Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when she will organize them for this important work.



Mrs. J. Samuel Rider

**WARREN NEWS**  
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all through putting up their land. Health of this community is not very good at present. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCormick and family visited her parents of Trent Sunday. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Shouse. Miss Lottie Gressett spent Sunday night with Miss Azline Sumpter. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and Mrs. W. M. Jones oprHandT — little daughter, Violet, visited rM. and Mrs. W. M. Jones Sunday. Miss Ollie Hobbs spent Sunday with Willie and Rose Ellington. Mr. E. C. Tarvin, Emmett Howard spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin. Mr. Jasper Hobbs is visiting Mr. Hall and Mr. Bob Hobbs this week. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy. Mrs. Ellington and Grandma Turner spent the day with Mrs. Tom Harvell Monday. Miss Vera Jones spent Sunday night with Miss Helen McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson. Leonard Copeland spent Wednesday night with Claud Ellington. Messrs. Hall and Bob Hobbs spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy. Mrs. Howard Tarvin visited Mrs. May Peterson a while Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent the day with his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvell and little daughter, Claudene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamm, of Clyde, Sunday afternoon. Grandma Harvell is visiting in Clyde.

**CROSS ROADS ITEMS**

Health of the community is very good at this writing. The farmers are about all through with their land, and are waiting for a good season to plant. The intermediate B. Y. P. U. rendered a program at Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. The P.T.A.'s rendered a program last Friday night at Cross Roads. Mrs. J. W. Hammond visited Mrs. Clint Stewart last Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Crow visited their daughter, Mrs. D. P. Moore last Thursday. Mesdames R. F. England, and Blake Teaff visited Mrs. T. J. Amason one afternoon last week. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bryant visited M. G. King and family last Thursday night. Mr. John Rister visited Mr. D. C. West last Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Isom visited near Cross Raods last Wednesday. Mrs. W. F. Joiner and son, Carrol, visited her daughter, Mrs. Bill Haynes, last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Shorty Ellis from Odessa is visiting Mr. Bill Bigham. The Aid met at Mrs. J. J. McCartney's last Tuesday afternoon with 12 members and four visitors present and after the business meeting we all enjoyed the social hour together. Refreshments were served to all. Mr and Mrs. Dee Teaff are out on the plains visiting relatives this week. Mr. G H. Tucker visited Mr. T. J. Amason Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Arch Teaff, who was operated on last Thursday, is doing fine. We hope she will soon be well and back at home. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King and children were visitors at Cross

**Jones Dry Goods**

**Pre-Easter Sale  
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- All \$12.75 Coats, Easter Sale \$9.75

- All \$22.50 Dresses Easter Sale \$19.75
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Roads last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs last Sunday.

**Mosquito Story Told  
by Truthful Kansan**

A contributor from Kansas writes gratefully to thank us for the story on our miscellany page that described the kidnaping of one of our contributors in a steam boiler by mosquitoes. It explains something, he writes, that has always been a mystery to me. Some time ago I had occasion to purchase a boiler of a certain type. Attracted by the advertisement of an eastern firm, I ordered one from them. When it arrived I found attached to it by the bill, which was thrust through a hole in the boiler and clinched, a large mosquito, apparently dead. When I released it, however, I found that it was not dead but only weak and exhausted from hunger. In fact, the poor thing was nothing but skin and bones. I ministered to its needs and turned it into my pigeon fly, intending to keep it for a curiosity—here in Kansas we seldom see mosquitoes larger than a crow. The mosquito had a number of severe bruises, acquired in shipping, on its body. On these I poured soothing liniment. The next morning, being too busy to attend to it myself, I sent my little boy out to put more liniment on the mosquito. He made a mistake and used Doctor Soakum's hair restorer instead of liniment. In the course of a few days the mosquito was covered with fine, soft, curly hair. Last week I sheared thirty pounds of high-grade wool from it. You may not believe this. I wouldn't believe it myself if anyone else was telling it. And I can't prove it because the mosquito is dead. It got loose yesterday and swallowed a Missouri mule that had strayed across the state line. The mule kicked as he went down its throat, and broke its neck.—Youth's Companion.

**Tracing of Famous Saying**

The responsibility for branding the natives of his state as being a skeptical, "show me" lot is laid at the door of Col. W. D. Vandiver, a representative of Missouri in congress many years ago. In discussing a proposed measure on the floor of the house he is said to have remarked, "I am in doubt upon the point at issue until proof is supplied." That seems like a pretty small peg upon which to hang a phrase which has become proverbial with us, nevertheless these is hardly an Americanism that is better known than this.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Wasp Takes High Rank  
as Builder of Nest!**

Wasps are the master architects of the jungle. Masons, tailors, carpenters, decorators, paper manufacturers and builders of skyscrapers—all of these trades and many more are open secrets among the wasps. There appears to be almost an esthetic sense among some species, writes Paul Griswold Holmes of the Bruce museum at Greenwich, in Nature Magazine. I have found the exquisite homes of the Nectarina wasps so beautifully decorated in color that I could scarcely believe my eyes. These little wasps are found in colonies. They are rather timid and seldom sting. One may disturb their nests with impunity. The nests are of paper, constructed by macerating wood pulp into paper ribbon. The color of this basic material in the case of the species in question is coppery brown. When the nest is almost finished it is beautifully decorated by the addition of stripes and bands of pure white. These are laid on in interesting designs.

The bottom of the nest is pure white, as a rule, but in one memorable case all the white portions were washed with the most delicate shades of pink and green. Within the nests are tiers of hexagonal cells of paper, wherein the young wasps are reared, after the fashion of other paper wasps.

The walls of nests are often as thin as tissue paper, and it is surprising how they withstand the tropical down-pours.

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**MT. PLEASANT NOTES**

By Annie Mae Whisenhunt

The Baptist meeting will start Saturday, March 20 and will close Sunday night, March 28. Every body come. Miss Grace Cody spent the week-end with her sister in Abilene. The Cross Roads Intermediate B.Y.P.U. rendered a delightful program at 3:30 at the Baptist church. Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt spent Sunday afternoon with Katherine Hogan. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson. Mr. F. T. Hogan returned Sunday from a business trip to Dallas, Texas. The Mt. Pleasant base ball team played View Saturday. The scores were 9 to 8 in favor of Mt. Pleasant. Misses Ione, Eva and Dod Cody spent the week-end visiting friends of Clyde. Nola Mae Anderson spent Sunday with Emma Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. George Crow visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair Sunday. Mr. Martin and family visited Mr. C. J. Whisenhunt and family

**a while Saturday night.**

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys Sunday. Mr. S. L. Castleberry and family spent Sunday with Mr. Coats of White Church. Mr. D. W. Rodgers and family spent Sunday in Abilene. There was not many out at Sunday School Sunday on account of the rain. The B.Y.P.U. will meet next Sunday evening and the following program will be rendered. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Giving power." Introduction by the leader, Bill Blevins. Part 1, Bible background, by Lennie Sedberry. Part 2, Power to preach, by Kathrine Hogan. Part 3, Peter preached a model sermon, by Annie Lee Campbell. Part 4, The power of the Spirit, after Pentecost, by Ione Cody. Part 5, Power to live the Christian life, by Annie Mae Whisenhunt. Part 6, Power to Pray, by Willie Click. Part 7, Pray for Power, by Jess Anderson.

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## West Texas Utilities Company

### Christian Endeavor Program

Topic: "What does Jesus mean by Cross Bearing?"  
 Leader, Norma Shannon.  
 Scripture reading: Matt. 16: 21-28; John 10:11-16.  
 Talk by leader.  
 Cross bearing means power, Mildred Smith.  
 Cross bearing means patience, Helen Compton.  
 Cross bearing means progress, Dean Murray.  
 Cross bearing means comradeship, Doris Russell.  
 Cross bearing means Humility, Obeal Stubblefield.  
 Cross bearing means crown wearing, Nina Belle Russell.  
 Cross bearing means courage, Venice Bell.  
 Cross bearing means sympathy, Eunice Russell.  
 Cross bearing means faith, David Ferris.  
 Cross bearing means prayer, Christine Russell.  
 Song, question, prayer.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors who were so kind, helpful and sympathetic to us during the illness and death of our sister, Thelma Ruth Rey, which took place at Brownwood, with burial in Coleman. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each of you is our prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman. 1tp

Expecting car Hulls for Friday and Saturday. Swafford, Phone 44. 1t

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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### Woman's Missionary Society Program

For Monday, March 22nd.

Bible lesson, by Mrs. McCarter

Discussion topic: "What is the effect of the Recent Japanese Immigration Law on the Christian Movement in Japan?"

1. "What are the facts with reference to the Recent Immigration Bill?" by Mrs. M. Armstrong.

2. "What are the grounds for the deep feeling with reference to the immigration act as expressed by Viscount Kaneda?" by Mrs. Rainbolt.

3. "Discuss all the reasons why the Japanese were so deeply offended by the immigration law of 1924," Mrs. Tom Largent.

4. "What can we, as Christian women, do to counteract the influence of this act? Is this endeavor more important than to send missionaries and money to Japan?" Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

### Idlewise Club

Mrs. Bill Haynes was hostess at a very pretty party Tuesday when she entertained the members of the Idlewise Club at her attractive home on Elm street. Dainty Tally cards marked the places for Bridge which furnished entertainment for the afternoon. Refreshing mints were served during the game hour. A short business session was held after which the hostess served a delicious refreshment of ice cream and angel food cake. Plate favors were dainty bunches of violets.

The guest list included Misses Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Earl Baze, Bill Brown, Roy Largent, Sie Hamm, Warren Smith and Jack Durham.

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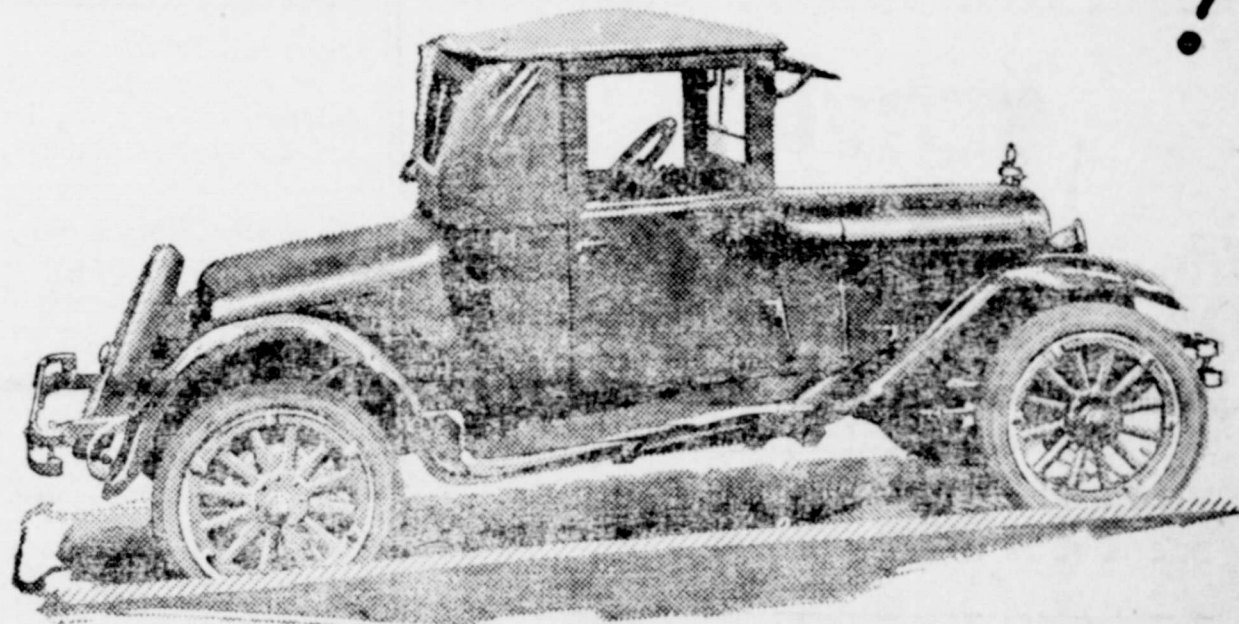
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**CLARENCE BOYCE FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR**

The following announcement of Mr. Clarence Boyce made subject to the Democratic Primary, is hereby submitted for the careful consideration of the voters.

To the people of Western Taylor County:

In announcing my candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor County for your most earnest and careful consideration, inviting investigation of my qualification as to character and ability, I do so on my own accord, my own merits and not the merits or demerits of another.

I am 30 years of age, married with a wife and two children. I have resided in Texas for 25 years, sixteen years in Foard county, Texas, on the farm where I acquired a rural and high school education. I moved to Abilene in December, 1916, and entered Draughon's Business College January 1, 1917 and graduated in the following summer. Enrolled in Abilene Christian College in September 1917 and attended part term when I entered the U. S. Army and remained until the spring of 1919, at which time I returned home and secured employment with the J. H. Pickens Abstract Co., where I remained until the year 1920, when I resigned and upon solicitation accepted a position in the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor County as head deputy, where I have been steadily employed for the past six years, and will be until this year ending 1926. I have assisted with every detail of the office work, in the taking of inventory of property, the abstract (book) work, the tax roll work and all other minor details of the office.

I am thoroughly acquainted with all responsibilities of the office and equally familiar with all duties to be performed. It is my purpose to conduct a clean, fair and gentleman like campaign, and accept the decision of the people of Taylor County, void of ill feeling and as a friend and good will to all.

I am in favor of low taxation, especially so with the farmer and rural or small town business man who is dependent largely on the farmer for his business, and if elected I shall serve you honestly, efficiently and impartially with kind, courteous and respectful treatment to all.

CLARENCE W. BOYCE

**ALL EVENING SINGING AT SALT BRANCH SUNDAY**

Mr. H. B. Robertson requests us to announce that there will be an "all afternoon" singing at Salt Branch next Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited.

**MOTHER**

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' Day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

Miss Sue Craven, student in McMurray College, was a week-end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble this week.

We are very thankful to Mr. T. F. Compton for the renewal this week of his subscription.

The office of Burton-Lingo Lumber Company has been made more modern and convenient by rearrangement and enlargement.

Mr. W. D. Haynes has added much to the appearance of his splendid home by having a nice curbing palced around it.

The many friends of Mrs. Walter Boden will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely, following an operation at an Abilene sanitarium.

We are glad to have the renewal of the subscription of Mr. S. G. Tipton, one of our best citizens and large land owners.

**In Valhalla and Out**

by **George Ethelbert Walsh**

WNU Service

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**SYNOPSIS**

**CHAPTER I—**Fishing in idle fashion, from a private dock, Dick Van Ness watches a ship, the Pelican, which he recognizes as the Beacon, his father's yacht before his death and financial reverses forced him to part with it. A man whom he hears a girl who accompanies him address as Mr. Blake, lands from the yacht. The girl drops her handbag in the stream, and Dick recovers it. Thanking him, she gives him her visiting card. She is Alice Cutler, niece of Stephen Cutler, successful business rival of the elder Van Ness.

**CHAPTER II—**Dick overhears a conversation between Blake and Captain Brent of the Pelican which gives him the impression that the yacht is bound on a voyage of adventure to an island the name of which he does not hear.

**CHAPTER III—**Acting on impulse, Dick, footloose and ready for any sort of adventure, remembers a hiding place in the main cabin of the yacht and determines to conceal himself and sail—away—with the party. Stephen Cutler, invalid, comes aboard, with his niece, and the ship sails.

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**Play at White Church**

The Mail is requested to announce that on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, there will be given at White Church school house a play entitled "The Ranchman," a western drama with many thrills and much comedy.

The play is given in behalf of the school for playground equipment, and the price of admission will be 10 and 25 cents. The same play will be given both Thursday and Friday nights.

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Mrs. J. M. Watts and sons, John J. and Wayne, of Moran, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts last week.

Will pay market price for 50 cases Eggs Friday and Saturday. W. F. Hamblet. 1t

J. N. Watts of Abilene visited in the home of his brother, L. A. Watts, here last week.

Expecting car Hulls for Friday and Saturday. Swafford, Phone 44. 1t

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned first of the week from a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dillard of Tuscola were here one day this week guests of Mr. B. C. Gaither, father of Mrs. Dillard.

...there was any antidote for the poison, I'd get busy administering it. What do you think?"

The man nodded and gulped. "I—I will try it!" he stammered.

"Don't waste time, then, for I expect a ship will be here any hour to take us off."

"If you'll let me, I'll give him treatment now—right away!" replied the doctor eagerly.

"All right. I'm not hindering you. But—" slowly and impressively, "remember this: I have two witnesses to your confession, and if Mr. Cutler dies you'll be held responsible. Under the circumstances, I wouldn't play any trick or try to double-cross me. If you attempted it I'd shoot you like a dog and with less compunction. Now get busy with your medicines."

Alster glanced furtively at him. "If I save his life," he began meekly, "you won't—inform on me?"

"I'm making no promises," replied Dick sharply. "I'm giving you the chance to save yourself from the electric chair."

All the morning Dick watched with the others by the bedside of their patient. The strain of the situation began to tell on Alice, and toward noon Dick led her into an alcove beyond the hearing of the other two.

"You must go out and get fresh air, Miss Cutler," he said gently. "You're losing the roses in your cheeks. I'll watch."

"Do you think I'd quit when you—you—Oh," she exclaimed impulsively, "how can I ever thank you! You've saved uncle's life, and protected me from something worse!"

Dick took the two hands extended to him and held them an instant. "I'm already rewarded," he replied, bowing his head. "Your gratefulness is enough."

"And to think," she added, smiling through tears, "I took you at first for the cause of all our trouble."

"What did you think I was?" he asked, his eyes twinkling.

Her face flushed under his gaze. "Why, I thought you were in some sort of a plot to rob us. You see, Mr. Blake had sent the servants down ahead of us, and when we found them gone we were puzzled and alarmed. Then your appearance on the island looked suspicious."

"You never suspected Blake?"

"No, why should I? He had been uncle's secretary for years. Uncle trusted him, and turned over most of his private papers into his keeping. I used to think at times that Mr. Blake had more influence over uncle than I, and it piqued me. But I never dreamed of his doing anything—" She stopped, and asked quickly, "What was the plot? What did he intend to do? I'm all mystified yet. I simply know that—that—"

"—he made love to you, and when you refused him he threatened you," Dick finished for her.

"How did you know that?" she asked, flushing a rich, rosy red.

"I've been an eavesdropper ever since we sailed," he laughed. "I seem to have lost all sense of decency in that respect."

"Eavesdropping in a good cause is nothing to be ashamed of," she replied, giving him a smile that made him dizzy.

Recovering from the momentary confusion caused by her smile, he asked: "What excuse did Mr. Blake give for sending the yacht away that first night?"

"To get more servants."

"And you believed him?"

"Yes, but I rebuked him for doing it without consulting me first. I told him we should turn right around and go back home."

"I see," mused Dick thoughtfully. "Perhaps he thought you'd want to do something like that, and he forestalled it by sending the yacht away at once. He didn't want to take a chance keeping it here. Of course, he was very sorry, and all that—very contrite, wasn't he?"

"You seem to read him pretty well, Mr.—Mr.—"

He smiled when she stopped for him to enlighten her. "Dick's the only name I have down here," he said. Then changing the subject quickly, he added, "You say Mr. Blake, as your uncle's private secretary, was trusted by him in many important matters? Do you happen to know whether he had the combination to his private safe and deposit vaults?"

"Yes, I think he did."

"Then that will explain many matters," was the quiet remark.

She watched him curiously, waiting for him to explain, but he had grown suddenly dumb. Walking to the window in the alcove he glanced through it. A wonderful panorama of the sea was spread before him. She followed, and together they watched the heaving bosom of the ocean, fascinated by the shimmering path of gold that the sun made on the waves.

Suddenly her eyes opened wide, and, with finger pointing, she exclaimed exultantly, "A ship! Rescue's coming!"

Dick gave one hasty glance, and then caught her hand and jerked it down. "Be quiet!" he whispered. "It's the Pelican!"

The yacht was in plain sight from the alcove window, but from the bedside of their patient it was still invisible. Both mechanically turned their heads in that direction, and sighed with relief when they saw the doctor and Marie busy, with their backs to them. Dick reached up and pulled down the shade.

"You'll stay here," he whispered. "You must leave Captain Brent to me."

He thrust into her hands Blake's

**CHAPTER XIII**

The lines were scarcely ashore before Brent leaped to the dock, and after a few hasty orders to his mate he hurried away. Their hearts stood still for fear that he might look into the bathhouse; but when he passed it almost on a run they breathed easier. When he was half way up to the house Dick caught the girl's arm, and whispered:

"You must back me up, Miss Alice—second everything I say. It's our only chance."

She nodded silently, and followed him out of the bathhouse. Jauntily, with a smile on his lips, he walked to the end of the dock where the crew was still busy making the point lamp.

automatic and kept the one he had taken from McGee.

With as little display of emotion or excitement as he could assume, he crossed the room to the bedside. "Doctor," he said quietly, "I'll be gone a few minutes. Miss Cutler's in charge now. Take orders from her. Remember, if there's any attempt at trickery, you'll pay."

He waved the gun eloquently before the man's face and then turned and quietly slipped from the room.

He stopped on the front piazza and watched the approaching vessel. Within half an hour she would land. Meanwhile, he had to do something. The yacht was steaming under forced draft, which convinced Dick that Brent had picked up his wireless and was hurrying to arrive before any other ship received the news. The



He Stopped on the Front Piazza and Watched the Approaching Vessel.

broadcast call for help had aroused Brent's suspicions, especially as it had not gone forth in the code agreed upon by him and his confederate.

For ten minutes Dick remained an impassive observer of the scene, his wits completely numbed. There seemed no way out of his difficulty except to fight Brent single-handed. This of itself was not so alarming, but the fear that members of the crew would overwhelm him in the end disturbed him. How many other confederates Brent had aboard the yacht he could not say.

In the midst of his perplexity an idea came to him, and his grave, solemn face lighted up with hope. Instead of going down to meet the incoming boat he retreated into the house and hurried up the stairs to the sick chamber.

The three watchers raised their heads at his entrance. Dick nodded, and said nonchalantly, "How's the patient, doctor?"

"Improving, sir."

"Then if you don't need Miss Cutler for a few minutes, I'll ask her to step outside. I wish to consult her. We'll return directly."

Alster merely nodded his head; he was the physician now, intent on saving the life of his patient. Alice Cutler gave Dick a startled glance, and then quietly crossed the room into the hallway. Dick closed the door behind her, and beckoned her to follow him.

Once beyond hearing, he turned eagerly. "Miss Cutler, I didn't want to get you into this. I didn't want to have you run any risk. But I see no other way out of it."

He stopped and wiped his perspiring forehead.

"If there's danger," she said, smiling frankly and bravely at him, "I want to share it with you."

Her words distressed him more than ever—even as they thrilled him. "Maybe there won't be any danger, after all," he murmured. "Anyway—" He stopped, and then added, "What do you know about the crew of the Pelican? Are they all new men, or—"

"No," she replied, "they're mostly old employees. They were with Captain Johnston, and I feel they're loyal to uncle."

"Splendid!" shouted Dick, seizing her hand and shaking it energetically. "Come with me to the bathhouse."

In approaching the landing place the Pelican had to run behind a rocky bluff that stood between her and the dock, which completely concealed her from view. During this temporary eclipse no one on her deck could see the shore between the house and the dock. Alice saw in a flash the reason for Dick's sudden queer actions.

They crept cautiously to the small window that gave them a view of the breakwater and dock. Through a dusty, cobwebby pane of glass, they watched the Pelican swing in to the dock. They could see Captain Brent forward, eagerly sweeping the island with a pair of binoculars.

"Seems anxious and curious," murmured Dick.

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**MR. BOUNDS IN RACE FOR COUNTY CLERK**

To the voters of Taylor County: I take this opportunity of informing you that I am a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the action of the coming Democratic Primary election.

In offering myself for this office I am not unmindful of its duties and responsibilities.

I have lived in Abilene and Taylor county for the past eighteen years and I am personally acquainted with many of you, but it may not be amiss in me to give you a short bit of my history.

I was born in the state of Alabama in 1869, and came to Texas with my parents when I was thirteen years of age, locating in Milam County. I grew up on the farm, attended the community schools, graduated from High School and finished with a business course.

I came to Taylor county about eighteen years ago and located in Abilene, where I have resided ever since, the first two years operating a grocery store, and the remainder of the time I have been engaged in the real estate and loan business.

I have always advocated good morals, a strict enforcement of the law, and a progressive and economical administration of our public affairs. I served about seven months during the world war in the Y.M.C.A. work and three of my boys were on the firing line in France.

My platform is efficiency, thoroughness, honesty, close application to business, politeness and economy.

With my long experience and training in clerical work, I feel confident in promising you that if you will trust me with this office that I will not betray your trust or confidence, but will make you an efficient and faithful servant.

I want this office, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence in the coming primary election, and if elected, I promise to do my very best to make you as good and efficient County Clerk as you have ever had.

Very Respectfully,  
W. P. BOUNDS

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Mr. L. L. Estes, of Plainview, was here several days recently, having shipped in a car of maize. While here he visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes

Messrs. T. G. Bragg, L. W. Cox, John R. West and "Billie" Sheppard returned Wednesday from a fishing trip to the Concho. They report only fair luck.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Andy Brown, who recently underwent an operation at an Abilene sanitarium, is reported as doing nicely at this time.

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**COMPERE ITEMS**  
By Alma Stout

A large crowd from here attended the county track meet at Anson Friday. A few attended Saturday.

Mrs. E. W. Bland has been teaching school in Miss Kemp's place the last few days. Miss Kemp has been sick for some time and went home Monday to stay until she is able to teach again.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs returned from Sidney, Texas, Monday where they had been visiting Mrs. Hobbs' daughter.

Some of the young folks from here have been attending the tent show in Merkel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster and baby visited at Mrs. Stout's a while Sunday.

Miss Ruth Wilburn spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Opal Rister.

Every one enjoyed the singing at Mr. Allred's Sunday night.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. T. K. Marshall.

Mr. Hall Hobbs spent Sunday night with Mr. Jasper Hobbs.

Grandma Marshall left for Wichita Falls one day last week, where she will make her home with her son for a while.

Miss Virdee Rister spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Lenora Wilburn.

Those visiting at Mrs. Stout's Tuesday afternoon were Mrs. Hobbs, Ella Hobbs, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Zenobia Lucas and Miss Carrie Whitaker

Messrs. Yaymond Stout, E. C. Tarvin and Jasper Hobbs spent Saturday night with Mr. Hall Hobbs.

Those who called on Mrs. Adkins for a while Tuesday afternoon were Mrs. Lucas and children, Mrs. C. Lucas, Mrs. Marshall and Miss Carrie Whitaker.

Mr. Cora Camp from Trent visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. Ed Spurgin and family attended preaching at Stith Sunday night.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon. Sunday school Sunday morning at 10. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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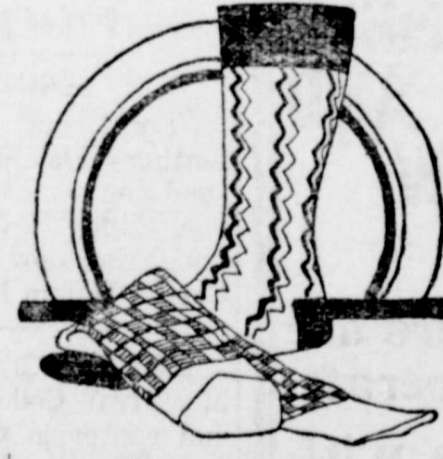


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