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WOMEN WILL HEAR EXPERT ABILENE JUNE 6

Mrs. Henry D. Linzza, specialist from the American Refrigeration company is to address women of Taylor county at the city hall auditorium at 3 p. m. June 6 by courtesy of the Women's Committee of the West Texas Utilities company and under auspices of the home making department of the Federated Women's Club of Texas.

Mrs. Barnett has called a meeting of all presidents of federated clubs in Abilene of the Parent-Teachers Association, the Business and professional Women's club of the Y. W. C. A., and the Women's Committee of the West Texas Utilities company for June 6. Miss Caroline Chambers home demonstration agent of Taylor county will also speak.

On the stage at the auditorium a model kitchen, wash room and bath room will be installed by the West Texas Utilities company and Franklin Plumbing company. Special invitation is extended to women living outside the city and the meeting time has been set early in the afternoon to accommodate them.

Improvement of living conditions by bringing about use of labor-saving and sanitation devices for kitchen, wash room and bath room is the aim of the Federated Women's club.

As an added feature of the meeting the Woman's Committee of the Utilities company will present the playlet entitled, "Let's Stay Married," which contrasts American homes with and without labor saving devices.

Mrs. Linzza's address will deal with food preservation and care of the ice box.

AFTER INSPECTION OF ROUTES POSTMASTER HAS WORD TO PATRONS

I have completed inspection of the routes, last week, and find everything on the routes, roads and boxes, in so much better condition than they were last May, when the inspection was made last year, but there is still room for some improvement and so will mail out to some of you notices of irregularities. Please note carefully the notices and co-operate with us in making conditions just the very best possible for services. I will appreciate it, your carriers will and you will too.

Some of you who do not get notices might improve the looks and convenience of your boxes by just a little effort, though they got by the inspection.

Your boxes should be painted white, lettered black, easy to get to by carriers, on a good solid post 48 inches high and level.

It there are other old posts or rubbish about your mail box remove it and fix your post and box as suggested above. It won't take but a few minutes and it will look and be so much better.

People who pass along the road notice these things and comment on them, let them say of us that there are folks who take pride in the rural route service. I know you will.

Yours for service,
O. J. Adcock, Postmaster

BUILDING NEW FARM HOME

Mr. T. J. Christopher, of Abilene, was awarded the contract last Saturday for the erection of a beautiful and modern six-room home for Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, on their splendid farm three miles southwest of town.

The new home of six rooms and bath will be modern throughout with water, lights and sewer connections etc., and when completed will be among the nicest and best farm homes throughout this section.

Misses Jessie and Essie Mae Rodden, who have been teaching the past term in the Butman school, left last Sunday for their home at Denton, following the school closing exercises last Thursday evening and the school play Friday evening; both of which was largely attended and appreciated by the entire community. These splendid young ladies have been re-elected at Butman for another year, but as yet have not decided as to whether they will return next term or not.

Merkel will probably have the opportunity to secure natural gas since Sweetwater will be supplied from the Ibox field which is in direct line. Mr. Thompson has been in correspondence with gas companies since before Sweetwater granted a franchise and is daily expecting some representative of the company to confer with the city council.

County Agent Urges Prepare For Fall Fair

Oil booms come and go, but agriculture goes on forever. Last year, the Merkel Fair was not a creditable show because enthusiasm at that time was running high on oil. If we expect to have a creditable agriculture exhibit in September, it is necessary for us begin to save bundles of wheat, oats and barley before they are thrashed, and to house them for future display. If some one in every community of this section would begin to lay away specimen of farm crops as rapidly as they mature, when the fair season arrives, it would not be difficult to exhibit a remarkable collection of agricultural products.

If there is no oil boom next fall during the fair season, then we must depend upon our agricultural exhibits to stimulate local interest; if there is an oil boom at that time, then let us show the boomers what we can do agriculturally.

And the only way for us to have a creditable fair is for every person who feels a pride in Merkel and its territory to gather specimen and prepare them for the Fair. We remember how impressively we were all urged to "do our bits" during the war. We must all do our bit to build a greater Merkel if we expect for the town to grow. And, of course, if the town grows, our farms enhance in value in like proportion. Our fair this fall will be just what we make it.

J. R. Masterson,
County Agent.

The Lueders Baptist Encampment July 11-22

The Lueders Baptist Encampment will begin July 11 and continue till July 22. For the past three years it has been the largest encampment in Texas in point of attendance. An extensive Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. U. study course has been planned. Some of the ablest speakers in Texas will be on the program.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, will preach morning and evening. He is claimed to be the world's greatest preacher. Thousands flock to hear him wherever he preaches.

Extensive arrangements have been made for the daily play period. Large sums have been expended on the grounds. Both banks of the river will be open to campers this year, a thing never done before.

DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERER

TULIA, Texas, June 1. (AP) A verdict of guilty, affixing punishment at death, was returned at 8:30 this morning by the jury in the case of Robert F. Blake, Amarillo youth, charged with murder in connection with the killing of J. Fred Conner, Tulia automobile salesman on July 16, 1925. Blake heard the verdict quite calmly.

WE THANK YOU

We, the postoffice force thank all the people of the town for your splendid co-operation in making the Postal Convention a big success.

We feel sure that all visitors went away feeling good toward Merkel for the way the meeting was put over and glad they came.

Mr. Thompson knows how to do things and the way he put this meeting over speaks well for him and the C. of C.

Others, aside from the C. of C. assisted and we thank you for your willingness to co-operate. It made us feel good.

The ladies put the luncheon over in grand style and we thank everyone who assisted in doing that for us. The Merkel Orchestra sure set the luncheon off with that fine music. We thank you so much.

We are grateful to the Merchants of the town for their valuable assistance and every one who in any way helped to make the occasion and the day enjoyable.

Gratefully Yours,
The Postoffice Force

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, returned Monday from Chillicothe, where he preached morning and evening at the First Baptist church of that city. At a conference of the church officials Rev. Parrack received a unanimous call to accept the pastorate of the church there, but up to this writing had not made known his intention in the matter.

NO. 1 TO BE PAVED WITH CONCRETE

The six-miles of State Highway No. 1 from Abilene east to the Callahan county line will be paved with concrete.

The reporter was so informed Tuesday afternoon by W. R. Ely, state highway commissioner, in a telegram from Austin replying to a request for a statement. The telegram said:

"Commission has concluded to advertise for concrete. This eliminates present complications and possible long delay, assuring immediate construction.

(Signed) W. R. Ely."

The "present complications" mentioned by Judge Ely arose over specifications on the six-mile strip, drawn in the office of the resident highway engineer here, altered in the state engineer's office at Austin, sent to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads for approval, and by that office sent back for corrections.

Deemed "Excessive."

Specifications were drawn here for concrete, brick and bituminous asphalt; and for the latter a road of eleven inches depth was called for. At Austin this specification was changed to a 13-inch road, and other changes were made. It was this provision which A. R. Losh, federal aid man deemed excessive.

With the matter thus thrown back on Taylor county, the commissioners court, in a special meeting Monday, passed a resolution requesting the state highway commission to ask for bids on the alternate types: concrete, brick and asphalt.

The commission has, however, turned down the request, as evidenced by Judge Ely's telegram. Bids will be asked only on concrete.—Abilene Reporter.

LOCAL LABOR TO BE USED IN PAVING

Below we are publishing a letter received by L. R. Thompson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, which is self explanatory.

Lubbock, Texas, May 26, 1927
Dear Mr. Thompson:—

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the 25th requesting that we employ as far as possible, local labor in your city. We will be glad to co-operate with you and use all labor and teams possible. You appreciate that in paving and water construction, it is necessary to carry foreman on skilled labor. However, you will be surprised at the really small number of men that we carry with our organization. It is our policy to always use labor and merchandise from those citizens in the town in which we work.

Accept our thanks for your kindness in offering desk room in your building.

Yours truly,
H. D. Grant, V. P. & Secy.

MISS HELEN BOOTH PLEASES ABILENE AUDIENCE

On Thursday evening of last week Misses Helen Booth and Lillian Bacon, voice and piano pupils of Miss Anna Morris, of Simmons University offered in joint recital before a most appreciative audience at the City Hall, Abilene, number from Bojana, which was sung with an assurance, creditable to a voice of far maturer years while her last number, "A June Morning" was easily the favorite of the evenings program.

Miss Helen has only recently finished her high school education and will enter Simmons University in the Fall where she will continue her voice work.

The towns affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce are beginning to understand and appreciate the value of that organization since the decision denying the insurance companies the right to raise rates. Had it not been for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce we would soon be paying in increased insurance far more than the cost of affiliation.

The recent high winds and extremely warm weather have caused some uneasiness among farmers. We are in much better circumstances than those on the plains as they have no wheat and not enough moisture to bring up the feed crop or cotton. We have plenty of time for a good cotton and feed crop if it rains within the next ten days.

FAMILY HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN FARM HOME BURNS

Mr. Clyde Shouse and family had a narrow escape from being burned to death when fire of unknown origin destroyed their home and household effects Monday night. Mr. Shouse states that they have no idea whatever as to the origin of the fire as there had been no fire of any kind in the house since noon.

It was about one o'clock when he awoke from the smoke and with one child in his arms he called to his wife to jump. He kicked out a window and with the child jumped as did his wife. He then returned and rescued the other child, sustaining severe burns on his neck and arms in flight from the burning building.

The building was almost ready to collapse when he awoke and the family escaped with only their night clothing. Thus everything they possessed together with the house which was on the C. F. Curb farm was a total loss, with no insurance on either the household goods or the house.

However Mr. Shouse is very thankful as many friends came to their relief with nearly three hundred dollars in cash and much clothing and bedding. And Mr. Curb is rebuilding the home, which will enable them to proceed with the making of their crops.

FIRST COTTON BLOOM IS RECEIVED HERE

On yesterday, June 2, the first cotton bloom of the season was brought to this office. It came from a farm between Stith and Hodges, and was brought in by Elder W. G. Cypert, who stated that there was considerable field of this early cotton, which was about half knee high and apparently growing and doing fine. We have the sample bloom in our office.

FIRST BALES IS SOLD FOR \$1350

HOUSTON, Texas, May 31.—(AP) America's first bale of cotton of the 1927 growth netted its owners \$1,350 when sold at auction on the floor of the Houston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade Tuesday. On that bid ownership of the bale passed to J. M. Edel, Houston cotton man.

The bale, which arrived Monday, was officially accepted Tuesday morning as the first bale of the season. Official acceptance was withheld Monday because no affidavits sustaining the claim that the cotton was of 1927 growth were forthcoming. The affidavits arrived Tuesday.

The bale weighed 540 pounds and was produced by M. Chapas Montalvo, a Mexican farmer of the San Manuel community, in Hidalgo county.

Another bale which was enroute to Houston Monday to Starr county, was diverted to Galveston owing to the early arrival of the Montalvo bale.

Last year's first bale reached Houston on June 19.

BANK CASHIER MOVES INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, are now happily domiciled in their new and handsome bungalow home, which has just been completed on the site of their former home which burned some months ago.

This is one of the most beautiful and modern homes in the city, and besides the comfort it brings the owners, adds much to the beauty and civic pride of our city.

MAYOR WEST BUYS NEW BUNGALOW HOME

Mayor H. C. West this week closed a deal for the purchase of the new and beautiful bungalow home recently built in the south part of city, by Mr. H. C. Duff, and will soon move with his family to same. This new home is modern throughout and contains six rooms and bath, and adds much to the beauty and civic pride of our city.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and family returned Monday from a few days trip and visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Hulsey, at Caddo Mills, Texas. They enjoyed a reunion of all the children. Doctor says he is glad to get back to Merkel and Taylor county, and stated that crop conditions here are far better than in East Texas, although they have had more rain than in this locality.

Mr. Delbert Polly who came home last week from attending the State Agricultural College at Arlington, returned to that city this week to accept a position offered him there.

Water And Paving Bonds Are Approved

We are informed that the paving and water extension bonds have been approved and within a few days the city will receive the sale price and work on the improvements will begin immediately.

The water pipes extending from the mains to the edge of the walk will have to be changed and pipe has been ordered. The city council has not yet determined whether they will install the white way or let the contract to the West Texas Utilities Company. They have decided that we will have a white way. Pipe will be laid under the paving connecting the alleys so that gas pipes may later be placed without tearing up the paving. We congratulate the Mayor and members of the council on the work accomplished and in prospect, and the harmony displayed in serving the best interests of the town.

Old Settlers To Make Plans for Annual Meet

There will be a call meeting at Buffalo Gap Friday, June the 3rd, at 2. p. m. for the purpose of mapping out a program for the Old Settlers Re-Union Barbecue on Friday, JULY the 15. I hope to have a full attendance of as many as can conveniently be there, and especially from Merkel. R. G. Anderson, President

BAND MEETING CALLED

Everyone interested in the organization of a band is requested to meet at the office of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. Mr. Ward will be present and will lend his experience towards organizing the musical talent of the town into a municipal band.

"BLIND" TIE MAN IS EXPOSED RECENTLY

Neckties sent out to all parts of the world by "Necktie Tyler the Blind Tie Salesman" and "Pawnee Bill, the Blind Tie Man", St. Louis, have, in reality been marketed by a St. Louis promoter, according to information received by the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce from the "Better Business Bureau of St. Louis.

The ties were mailed throughout the country by the alleged blind men, with requests that money for the ties be mailed the "blind" men, or the ties returned.

The scheme is being promoted by Jacob K. Karchmer, St. Louis man who was expelled from the American Legion in 1924, it was stated.

The charity appeal, used in sale of the ties, stacked up a profit for the promoter in the three months of last October, November and December, totaling \$12,299.

Which goes to prove that Snyder is the place to buy your ties. Besides, don't overlook the fact that June 18th is "Fathers Day", and buy your Dad a real necktie—right here in Snyder. Or if you live in Hermleigh, or Fluvanna, buy it there—but buy it at home.

The West Texas Utilities Company is rebuilding all old lines in Merkel and it will be but a short time until there will be no unsightly poles within the limits of our town. This is in accord with the spirit of the Company which seeks to keep abreast of every civic enterprise and in the forefront of every movement that has for its object the improvement of living conditions or the making of the town more attractive to the people who live within its trade territory. This company is one of the liberal supporters of the Chamber of Commerce and has a large number of memberships in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. It is one of the best organized corporations in the United States and it believes that the best interest of the towns and territory it serves can be properly cared for only through organized effort.

Misses Melba West and Flora Frances Anderson left yesterday for Dallas where they are to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard at a House Party. On their return to their homes here next week, Miss West will immediately depart for Alpine where she will attend summer school, taking special work at the State Teachers College there.

Mr. Maben Rodgers, member of the graduating class this year in the Merkel Public Schools, left Wednesday for McCamey, where he has a splendid position.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS HOLD GOOD MEETING

About seventy-five rural carriers, some of them accompanied by their families, motored to Merkel Monday to meet in annual convention.

The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Grammar school building and were opened by singing America, followed by a welcome address by L. R. Thompson. Mr. Thompson paid some fine and well deserved compliments to the carriers for the service they rendered, and did not overlook calling their attention to all the advantages offered by Merkel in particular, and Taylor county in general. This was responded to by J. D. Doan, of Stamford, who, in a very happy way expressed the pleasure of the carriers of the welcome assured them.

After the regular morning business session the visitors were invited to the basement of the First Baptist church where a bountiful dinner was served under supervision of the following committee: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Frank McFarland; N. E. Wood; Stanley King; Tom Largent; Virgil Touchstone; James West; C. H. Jones; assisted by Mesdames R. O. Anderson; R. I. Grimes; C. B. Gardner; Geo. Woodroom; R. C. Sheppard; and S. D. Gamble.

The personnel of this committee makes any comment as to the quality or quantity of the dinner or the excellency of serving unnecessary. During the meal the Merkel orchestra composed of the following: Arthur Clarke; Mrs. Earl Thornton; Van Hines McSpadden; Pete Hancock; Sterling Sheppard and Mr. Ward played several selections which were highly appreciated by the visitors.

In the afternoon a free matinee was given at the Palace Theatre showing a very popular picture with the usual News Reel and two full reels of Comedy. The visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased with their visit to Merkel and as a further mark of their appreciation they voted unanimously to hold the next annual convention at this place. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: W. L. Fletcher, of Hamlin, President; Joe Nalley, Trent, Texas, Vice President and L. T. Spencer, Ovalo, Sec.

REV. CHAS. H. LITTLE CALLED TO CHURCH AT HOWE, TEXAS

Rev. Chas. H. Little, who for the past two years has been the faithful and excellent pastor for the Grace Presbyterian church in this city, left the first of the week for Howe, Texas, where he has accepted the call of the Presbyterian church in that city.

Rev. Little is a very fine man, an able minister, and this paper joins the entire citizenship in wishing for him and his most excellent family success and happiness in their new home.

GLEE CLUB CHECK LOCATED

Mr. Thompson received a telegram from Mayor Sheppard Wednesday evening saying that the check for fifty dollars to the Merkel Glee Club had been located and was being forwarded in next mail. This will reimburse the members for their expenses as it was understood that they would have to defray their own expenses, which they seemed very glad to do.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Camp, of Lamasa, were here last week-end, guests of their daughter, Mrs. Loyd Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Camp were reared on adjoining farms to the editor of the Mail, hence it was a pleasure to the writer to again meet Mr. Camp and enjoy a chat with him about boy-hood days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and family returned Tuesday of this week from a trip upon the plains. They carried Mrs. Murray's mother to her home at Pampa, after a visit here, and also visited Mr. Murray's brother at Canyon.

Judson McRee, who for the past two years has been a student at Baylor Medical College, Dallas, came in this week to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.

Mrs. R. B. Underwood and baby, of Crowell, arrived this week to spend the summer with the former's father Mr. F. J. Smith. Mr. Underwood has been Sup't. of the Crowell schools for several years.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$434,892.12
Overdrafts	2,987.92
Banking House	13,500.00
Building fund, banking house	12,178.88
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Stocks & Securities	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Commercial Loans	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds	77,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	217,698.04
Cash & Exchange	4,820.62
Total	\$700,969.37

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	29,964.74
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscouts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	621,004.63
Total	\$700,969.37

The above statement is correct.
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier
R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

FARMERS STATE BANK
"The Dependable Bank"

MERKEL TEXAS

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David Hendricks

POOR HORSE COLLARS CAUSED ROME'S FALL

French Savant Advances an Original Theory.

Paris.—Did Rome fall because no public-spirited citizen knew enough to invent a harness that would adequately utilize horse power? This weak joint in the armor of the fallen empires of antiquity was pointed out by Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at a recent meeting of the French Institute of Anthropology.

Commandant des Noettes has made a complete survey of the history of the use of animal motive power from the early dawn of civilization. The harness of the ancients, he explained, had for its principal organ of traction a collar consisting of a leather band that went around the neck like a dog collar, without touching the shoulders, and which was attached to a wooden yoke just above the withers. This collar was so placed that it most effectively cut off the animal's wind by pressing on his windpipe and the large artery of the throat.

Almost Strangled Horses.

As soon as a team felt the weight of a chariot and its passengers exerting pressure on the collar they were forced to rear up their heads and dash off to save themselves from strangling. Hence the rampant attitude of all the horses depicted in ancient papyri and sculptures, declared Commandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the great civilizations of the past were never able to get more than a fraction of the potential motive power from their horses. Oxteams operating with a wooden yoke attached to the horns, not greatly different from that in use today, did not suffer from the oppressive collar and in consequence did most of what heavy hauling was done. Both oxen and horses were unshod and in consequence were not much good in rough ground.

Couldn't Haul Half a Ton.

Data obtained from translations of the Greek historian Xenophon and from the Theodosian code about a thousand years later, said Commandant des Noettes, indicate that no team of oxen in ancient times was ever considered capable of transporting a load of over half a ton.

Various ineffectual attempts were made to modify to better advantage the accepted type of harness, but not until after the era of Charlemagne, about the time of the beginning of the Capet dynasty in France, did some inventive genius devise a horse collar that was practical.

For six hundred years the water mill for grinding corn had failed to bring great benefit to the Romans, simply because it took numbe-less animals to draw enough grain to supply its needs. Where grain could not be transported in ships the arduous labor of hand grinding continued to be the order of the day. The lack of adequate transportation of raw products and the consequent dependence on slave labor, according to Commandant des Noettes, constituted the great weakness of the civilizations of the past. The invention of the modern harness gave to the world, he declared, a motive force more powerful and economical than slavery.

Discover Branch Fossil 100,000,000 Years Old

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A tree branch fossil estimated to be 100,000,000 years old is a prized possession of the Carnegie Institute of Technology here.

The fossil, found in a coal mine at Harmsburg, Pa., is described by geologists as a "lepidodendron lanceolatum," a plant which contributed greatly to the forming of coal deposits in the carboniferous era.

The woody part of the tree became carbonized with other branches that became coal and the fossil is almost as thin as paper. It is a tree top four feet high with branches spreading three feet. Bark, limbs, twigs and leaves are very clearly marked.

Miners in the Harmsburg mine of the Consumer Mining company found the fossil in the slate roof of an entry, and the company gave it to the Institute.

Foreign Names Barred on Russian Bills of Fare

Moscow.—Roast beef, cafe au lait, consommé and other adaptations of foreign names for foods henceforth will appear no more on Russian bills of fare. The government has ordered that foods in Russia must be called by their proper Russian names to stimulate national feeling in Russia and thereby unintentionally making life a little less happy for foreign visitors.

Icicles in Alaska Tunnels Delay Railroad Traffic

Anchorage, Alaska.—Huge icicles in tunnels along the route of the Alaska government railroad are interfering with through on time traffic. Last week three pillars of ice several feet thick formed of frozen drippings from ceilings of tunnels between Mile 44 and Mile 52. The ice was so brittle, however, from intense cold that a blow of an ax shattered the obstructions.

Lorna Doone a Myth

Exmoor, England.—Lorna Doone never lived and Richard D. Blackmore's celebrated romance of that name was founded on a myth, says A. G. Bradley, noted English historian.

QUEER TAXES LEVIED ON PEOPLE OF WORLD

Humorous Levies Relic of Feudal Times.

Washington.—A delegation from the Virgin Islands recently appeared before a congressional committee and appealed for the removal of the export tax on sugar.

"That an export tax is unconstitutional is a matter of common knowledge to American news readers, and since the Virgin Islands belong to the United States, some may question why the delegation should peacefully plead for the removal of the levy when it could be attacked as unconstitutional from the time of its imposition," says a bulletin from the headquarters of the National Geographic society in this city.

"But the Constitution does not say that there shall be no tax on articles exported from the United States and its possessions. It declares that 'No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.' And, according to the courts, state in this case, means a state, not a possession.

Export Tax Odd to Us.

"While an export tax seems odd to a citizen of the United States, it cannot compare with some of the humorous levies in foreign countries," continues the bulletin.

"Since feudal times the kings of England have received miscellaneous articles as taxes on valuable property.

"Two knives, six horseshoes and sixty-one nails are sent to the king's court by the city of London each year for the use of a parcel of land near the famous Strand, while a school occupying a piece of property near the Tower bridge, sends a bunch of roses. The land is worth \$10,000, but as long as the roses are 'paid,' the school is permitted to continue in peaceful possession. Peppercorns (pepper berries) are paid by the Royal academy for its London site.

"To hold his land the owner of Aylesbury manor provides three geese if the king visits Aylesbury in the summer and three live eels if he goes there in the winter. The owner is also bound to put clean straw on the king's bedroom floor three times a year if the sovereign stops there. Straw on the bedroom floor was one of the luxuries of feudal times.

"The tenant of Copeland manor is required to hold the king's head should he get seasick while crossing the stormy waters of the English channel from Dover to Whitsang bay.

"A crossbow is contributed by the ancient city of Chichester, while the lord of Bryandon, Dorset county, is bound to make a yearly presentation of a stringless bow and an unfeathered arrow for his majesty's use should he decide to war with Wales.

"Instead of paying an assessment in money, knights, to whom large parcels of feudal land were granted, were bound to perform 40 days' service in the king's military establishment and to equip themselves for duty.

"Property owners in England a few hundred years ago also accounted for the number of hearths and chimneys in their buildings, for each one of them was levied upon. Windows also were taxed and today one occasionally sees evidence of the evasion of this levy where old windows have been bricked up.

Blocks of Salt Paid Taxes.

"For centuries blocks of salt were sent to the rulers of China from the provinces bordering the sea to pay taxes. Rice and silk vied with salt in importance. Today, in some parts of the republic, rice supplements silver in payment of levies. In ancient times some tribes sent elephants' teeth while the Cantonese, it is related, made payment in crabs, frogs, snakes and crickets.

"Travelers from one city to another in China soon became familiar with other ways of raising revenue, than that collected from land owners. Likin or 'squeeze' stations, which might be compared with our nearly obsolete toll gates, are met with at frequent intervals along the highways. Eight of these stations are encountered during the 84-mile trip from Shanghai to Soochow. At each station one's effects are ransacked and, while every article is not taxed at each station, before the traveler reaches his destination at least three levies have been paid on each article.

"Tibetan taxes are usually paid in goods. Sheep, wool, meal and native cloth are principally used. In one section of the hilly country, the grass and water the Tibetan cattle consume are taxed, but not the cattle."

Plan Statue of Miles Standish at Plymouth

Plymouth, Mass.—Transfigured into bronze, Capt. Miles Standish, first soldier of the Pilgrim colony, may soon return to this little town, the birthplace of America.

Plans are under way here for the erection of a monument of the military leader of the early settlement. A site on the grounds of the Plymouth Memorial building is being considered. In Duxbury, where Captain Standish once lived, a granite shaft already stands in his memory.

A Hefty Bride

Los Angeles, Calif.—Jolly Josephine, twenty-two and 350 (age and weight), is a bride. Her husband, Karl Otto Klein, twenty-four and 110, is to give up painting autos and manage her circus sideshow career.

DRY WEATHER

HOT WINDS

NO RAIN

but in spite of the continued dry weather you will always encounter at this bank a fine spirit of.

OPTIMISM

and the satisfaction of knowing that we have abundant cash resources to meet the requirements of every customer.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Since 1904

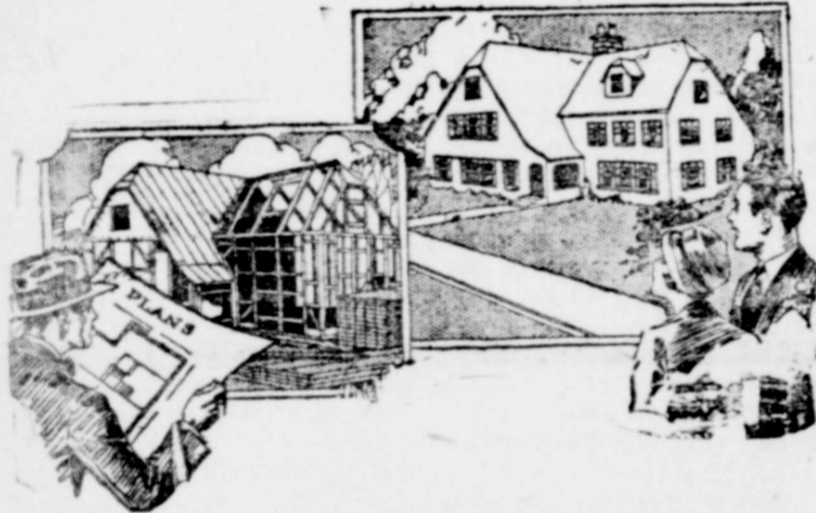
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Members of the High School Choral and Glee Clubs enjoyed the well-known hospitality of the C. M. Largent home on Tuesday evening of this week. The party came as a grand final to a years success and was one hilarious round of gayety until a late hour. The palatial home was still more beautiful because of gorgeous plants, cut roses and window boxes in full-bloom. Tables were arranged for games of Auction Bridge and progressive 42 and an impromptu musical program was given by the members of the clubs, also radio and victrola music was very much enjoyed through out the games. Mrs. Largent was assisted by Miss Christine Collins and Miss Edna Marie Jones in serving a delectable refreshment of creams moulded into gorgeous yellow butterflies, angel food squares topped with miniature butterflies and dainty candies in harmonizing shades all of which completed a yellow butterfly motif which began with the table appointments for the games and continued throughout the party. The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Diltz, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and Misses Christine Collins, Edna Marie Jones, Thelma Copeland, Venice Belle, Mildred Smith, Inice Brown, Iris Garrett, Mary Pense, Orpah Patterson, Mary Ellen Ashby, Helen Compton, Una Lee Gilmore, Bessie Westenhover, Gladys Watts, Charlie Largent, Andrew Jones, Clyde Mayfield, Mabean Rodgers and Rea Spurgin.

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Lynn McSpadden left first of the week for Austin, where he will attend school this summer. His mother, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, will join him there soon.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On last Monday afternoon the members of the Missionary Society enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Potts, of Abilene. Mrs. Jennings is the new district secretary and the purpose of her visit was to plan with the auxiliary the work for the coming year. Merkel auxiliary is to be hostess to the next all day district meeting and June 28 was set as the date for the meeting. Next Monday will be regular business meeting day. There were 16 present last Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Graham and Mrs. D. A. Gaddy and children, of Electra have returned to their home. They have been visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker.

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Mr. Claude Elliott, Supt. of Schools at La Ferra, Texas, was here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott.

Little Miss Duncan Briggs is spending the week in Abilene, guest of Mrs. Samuel J. Rider. Little Miss Briggs, with a number of others of this city took part in several recitals given by Mrs. Rider's classes in both Merkel and Abilene.

Mrs. R. A. McBean and children, who have been here for a visit with her parents, left the first of the week for their home in Dallas.

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The Sunday school is growing in attendance, fine interest. If you are not in a Sunday school elsewhere we will be glad to have you come to ours. The offering Sunday will be sent to Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage, Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Communion service at the close. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Glad to have you at all the services.
R. A. Walker, Pastor

MERKEL BAPTIST

All regular services Sunday beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. The pastor will speak at the 11 o'clock hour and at 8:15 p. m. The training classes are doing fine work this week and it is assured that at least one class will run next week. There will be a class in the last division of the Sunday school Manual. This is a short study of the Bible and will be interesting and helpful to any who wish to know their Bible better. Those who have had the first division of the Manual will get a diploma when they finish this division of the book. But any one can take this part without having the other part so we are hoping for a big class in this study of the Bible.

Let every department leader find out if all their workers have had the department book for their department and in case they have not plan a class in the department book at once. Let every member of the school come Sunday and encourage our workers in the effort to reach the advanced Standard. Other Sunday schools are undertaking this advance step. We are as near it as they are and we can beat them to it if we co-operate with our workers in meeting the demands of the standard. A warm welcome awaits all who will attend any of the services.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor

J. W. CHISM PREACHES

Bro. J. W. Chism will preach for us Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend church at the church of Christ to hear him.

Bob McDonald is doing jury duty at Abilene this week.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greetings:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Frank Taylor by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the Third Monday in July A. D. 1927, the same being the 18th day of July A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6507-A wherein Elizabeth M. Taylor, is Plaintiff, and Frank Taylor, is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and Defendant were married about May 31st, 1890 and separated about March 1st 1925. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in her Original Petition. Herein Fail Not, and have you 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 28th day of May A. D. 1927.
Belle Wellborn Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County,
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. 314

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH AT TRENT SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent on next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. He extends a cordial welcome to one and all to hear him.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY LADIES MEETING

Program of Presbyterian Missionary Society for Monday, June 6.
Subject—Phillipine Islands.
Devotional—Led by Mrs. West.
The little things—By Mrs. Elliot.
At the point of a needle—Mrs. Chas. Jones.
New games, new rules—By Mrs. Smith.
The silver lining—Mrs. John West.
Business—
Closing prayer.

Miss Annie Smith, who for several years has been a teacher in the high School department of the Electra schools, is here to spend the summer vacation with her father, Mr. F. J. Smith.



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Glass factories and coal mines had kept the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker and the banker busy the year round in Point Marion, Pennsylvania. Hired men left the farms followed by the farm owners to get their share of the attractive wages.

Suddenly labor saving machinery was brought in to the old hand method window glass factories. The coal business took a drop and hundreds of people had to find new employment. Savings accounts dwindled. Deposits of the two banks dropped of almost a million dollars.

"Bring in more industries," was being sung at luncheon clubs all over the land, every town seemed to be advertising unlimited water supply, cheap fuel and free factory sites. Competition was keen and the reward doubtful.

The question came, "Why not stimulate the agricultural pursuits of the community which have lain dormant so long." Farm income might be increased and production costs lowered in many instances.

The first move of one of the banks was the purchase of healthy chicks. These were furnished by the bank at wholesale to interested farmers, payment to be made by note payable in six months. The bank followed through by aiding in the dissemination of culling and feeding knowledge and by helping to market the cock ereils which in most instances paid the initial cost of all the chicks.

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Miss Elsie Sharp who for the past two years has been teaching in the Childress public schools, has returned here to spend her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp. Miss Elsie has been re-elected for the years term there.

**WORLD SERIES IS
BACKGROUND FOR
SCENES IN FILM**

Be kind to the small boy—he may be your boss some day!

This is the moral pointed out by Mike Donlin, one of the greatest and most famous baseball players America has ever produced; for seven years manager and idol of the New York Giants.

Mike played a baseball player in "Slide, Kelly, Slide," Metra-Goldwyn-Mayer's big baseball spectacle, coming to the Queen Theatre commencing Monday and the director, Edward Sedgwick, was a small boy once—whom Mike used to befriend during training season.

"In the old days when the Giants used to train in Texas," says Donlin, "a stout youth used to come and watch us. I took a fancy to the kid, Eddie Sedgwick by name. A few years later we went back there, and Eddie was catcher and somewhat of a star on his college team; I even tried to get him to try out for the Giants—but he had the idea he wanted to go on the stage."

"Now he's my boss—directing me in a picture."
Incidentally, Donlin says Sedgwick got two hits off Christy Mathewson when the Giants played a practice game with the University of Texas, which qualifies Sedgwick to direct a baseball play.

William Haines and Sally O'Neill head the cast in the new baseball picture, a vivid romance of big league baseball, much of its action laid in the World Series. The cast includes Harry Carey, Dorthy Sebastian, Karl Dane, Eileen Sedgwick, Junior Coghlan, and such famous professional ball players as Bob and "Irish" Muesel and Tony Lazzeri of the Yankees and others of note.

Miss Venice Belle has just returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Eastland and Abilene.

Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears, Miss Edna Marie Jones and Christine Collins were among those singing in the Choruses of the Oratorio "Elijah" in Abilene on Monday evening.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley of the Noodle community died Sunday and was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery Monday, with Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating.

HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll of last school period. I am gratified in finding so many of our boys and girls made the honor roll for the last term of school. You will see there are 116 who achieved this honor. Many others would have done so had they not been absent or tardy. We commend these students and parents on their promptness and interest.

We had a large number who were neither tardy nor absent for the year. Their names—

Milton Case, J. T. Darsey, Lester Patterson, Francis Frederickson, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Hilda Rister, Pauline Toombs, Bernice Lasater, Raymond Earthman, W. P. Jones, Norma Foster, Iris Garrett, Elizabeth Harkinder, Mary Pence, Ima Parrack.

Perfect for all High School terms, 4 years—
Aileen Childress, Dorthy Higgins, Christine Russell.

If any have been omitted we apologize.

Perfect attendance, Mrs. Jackson, 7th grade.
Alvin Parrack, Elvis Richardson.

Mrs. Sublett, 7th grade.
Eris Ash, Fred A. Baker, Alton Davis, Louise Booth, Opal Foster, Willie D. Frady, Beth Hamm, Jess Higgins, Fannie V. Jones, Ida Lee Jones.

Miss Sterling, 6th grade.
Ward Berryman, Harold Brown, Ross Ferrier, Willie Evelyn Boaz.

Miss McMurray, 6th grade.
Lela Patterson.

Miss Proctor, 5th grade.
Jim Patterson, Maudell Shouse, Mildred Richardson, Joyce Wheeler.

Miss Campbell, 5th grade.
J. R. Lassiter, Margaret Canon, Nadine Field, Elosie Manscill, Margaret Miller.

Miss West, 4th grade.
Harold Cash, Oscar Adcock, David Gamble, Bennie Hendrix.

Miss Gurtar, 4th grade.
James McClure, La Verne Holden.

Miss Coates, 3rd grade.
Alice Russell.

Miss Heizer.
Rodgers Derrick, J. C. Jones, Lois Beasley.

Miss Pogue, 2nd grade.
Preston Chaney.
Mrs. Teaff.
Waymond Adcock.

**HONOR ROLL FOR LAST
SCHOOL PERIOD**

Flora Francis Anderson 92, Helen Booth 90, Inice Brown 94, Aileen Childress 97, Dorthy Higgins 91, Mary Hughes 92, Opal Neil 92, Orpha Patterson 98, Nina Belle Russell 93, Iris Garrett, Fred Yandell, Berdelle Adcock, Norma Foster, Ruby Joe Higgins, Mary Pence, Elizabeth Harkinder, Burnis Tucker, Victor Smith, Irene Perry, Sterling Sheppard, Bernice Lasater, Raymon Earthman, J. T. Dorsey, Francis Fredrickson, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Ruby Robins, Nina Vantrees, Christine Russell.

7th grade, Jackson.
Elvis Richardson 95, Alvin Parrack 93, Elsie Lasater 93, Oia Smith 91, Dorothy Little 90.

Sublett, 7th grade.
Hazel Highsmith 96, Velma Lee Holden 92, Fannie V. Jones 91, Fred Baker 91.

Sterling, 6th grade.
Ross Ferrier 92, Willie Evelyn Boaz 91, Alice Church 90, Ida Mae Derstine 94, Katharyn Duff 94, Mary E. Grimes 94.

McMurray, 6th grade.
Lela Patterson 93, Isadore Mellinger 92.

5th grade, Miss Proctor.
Florene Rider 94, Mildred Richardson 91, Joyce Wheeler 94, Beulah Wilson 92, Maurine White 91.

Campbell, 5th grade.
Imogene Middleton 94, Opal Huskey 94, Frances Marie Church 94, Margaret Canon 93, Nadine Field 92, Voncie Gilbert 92, Meyer Mellinger 91, Nova Dean Bratton 91, Duncon Briggs 90, Ruby Grace Jones 90.

West, 4th grade.
Wilma Gardner 94, David Gamble 94, Walderine Huskey 94, Harry Boaz 91, Floyd Clark 91, George Hancock 91, Iris Copeland 91, Ruth Davis 93, Kathleen Harmon 90.

Fourth grade, Guitar.
Garnet Robbins 96, Laverne Holden 93, Jack West 93, Doyle Morrison 92, Raymond Wilson 92, T. J. Vernon 92, Bessylea Church 92, Vivian Lassater 91, Jack Stamford 91, Floyd Robertson 91.

3rd, Miss Heizer.
Clara Francis Largent 95, Devere Brown 94, Beth Duff 93, Vernon Davis 92, Rodgers Derrick 92, Jack Lowe 91, Lois Beasley 90, Jessie Margaret Berry 91, Vivian Davis 91.

3rd, Miss Coates.
Ethelda Tucker 96, Alice Russell 95, Modyne Sheppard 92, A. C. Sears 91, Billie Robbins 91, James Precher 92, Jacquetta Slater 91, Ben Subbett 91.

2nd, Miss Payne.
Hollis Huddleston 94, Jaunita Huskey 94, Preston Chaney 94, Elizabeth Holloway 94, Jeannette Haynes 94, Ora Derrick 93, Jerry Hancock 92, Ramond Lasater 90.

2nd, Miss Harrison.
Dorothy Nell Spurgin 93, Thelma Patterson 92, Arnie Love Toombs 92, Louise Toombs 92.
High 1st, Mrs. Teaff.
Betty Lou Grimes 94, Robert Grimes, Jr. 94, Clara Hancock 93, Lawrence Thornton 92, Waymond Adcock 90, Ottilie Grayson 90.
Low 1st, Miss Russell.
Movis Wozencraft 91, May Reynolds 91.

**Doug MacLean as the
Smilin' Marine Who
"Let It Rain"**

DOUGLESS MacLEAN, he of the million dollar grin, is back in uniform again! Yes sir, not since the never-to-be-forgotten "Twenty-three and a half Hours Leave" has Doug donned Uncle Sam's official clothing. And this time, (leave it to MacLean for originally,) he's a marine who doesn't even go to war. Why? Because there isn't any. But, he does win a glorious victory over gloom and if that's not enough, you'll just have to "Let It Rain."

As the star of Paramount's current comedy release, "Let It Rain," MacLean appears as a happy-go-lucky marine who rambles along until he meets the girl of his heart. Then he decides to cast off his nickname, "Let-It-Rain," and seek promotion. How he does this, by foiling a gang of desperados who attempt to rob a runaway mail train, provides both laughs and thrills. Certainly, motion picture fans have never seen the equal to the sequence in which a trio of hard-boiled ruffians start shooting through sacks, disconnecting coaches and generally cutting up.

Needless to say, it doesn't rain forever and the sun soon beams through the clouds. Doug wins the girl, Shirley Mason, his promotion, and the audience. See "Let It Rain" at the Palace on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4. Eddie Cline directed.

Mr. Baze rural carrier out of Eden, with his family was up Monday to attend the Rural Carriers Convention in this city, and while here visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Mr. Earl Baze of the Merkel Motor Company, accompanied by his wife, returned last week from a business and pleasure trip to points in



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New Mexico. While on their trip they visited and explored the great Carlsbad Cavern; going some eight hundred feet under ground and traveling some five or six miles. It took them from 10:00 o'clock in the morning until five-thirty in the afternoon to make the underground trip. They were delighted with what they saw and experienced. Mr. Baze stated that they found the country dry all the way with the drought more severe father west.

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ing the 20th day of June A. D. 1927,

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47-B, wherein Nellie Hightower is
Plaintiff, and Earl Hightower is De-
fendant, and said petition alleging
that plaintiff and defendant were

married about Sept. 13, 1915, and
separated about January 15, 1920,
Plaintiff sues for divorce on the
ground of three years abandonment,

all of which is fully shown in Plain-
tiff's Original Petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next
regular term, 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, Texas, this the 11th day of
May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County. 1344

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Taylor County, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
ED** to summon Edward Roy Keithley
by making publication of this Citation
once in each week for four successive

weeks previous to the return day
hereof, in some newspaper published
in your County, if there be a news-
paper published therein, but if not,

then in the nearest County where a
newspaper is published, to appear at
the next regular term of the 104th
District Court of Taylor County, to

be holden at the Court House thereof,
in Abilene, Texas, on the third Mon-
day in June A. D. 1927, the same be-
ing the 20th day of June A. D. 1927,

then and there to answer a petition
filed in said Court on the 7th day of
May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered
on the docket of said Court as No.

45-B, wherein Hilda Josephine Keith-
ley is Plaintiff, and Edward Roy
Keithley is Defendant, and said peti-
tion alleging that plaintiff and de-
fendant were married about Decem-
ber 15, 1926, and separated about

January 15, 1927. Plaintiff sues for
divorce on the grounds of cruel treat-
ment, also for restoration of her
maiden name, all of which is fully al-
leged in her original petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-
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regular term, this writ with your re-
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executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and
the Seal of said Court, at office in
Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of
May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County. 2044

TRESPASSING NOTICE

Any person or persons found fish-
ing or hunting on any land owned or
controlled by me will be prosecuted
to the fullest extent of the law.

J. S. SWANN. 2742p

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WARREN NEWS

The farmers are all busy chopping
cotton, and would like to see a good
rain.

Health of this community, very
good, at present.

Several around Warren attended
the fifth Sunday singing at Compere
Sunday, all reported a good singing.

Grandma Hobbs was on the sick
list the first of the week, but is do-
ing fine at present.

We are all very sorry to learn that
on last Thursday morning at 1 o'clock
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde
Shouse, who live south of Merkel, was
destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Therman McCoy and baby
visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. El-
lington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent
Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs.
Decker.

Mrs. John Pain of Trent spent last
Friday with her sister Mrs. C. T. Mc-
Cormick.

Miss Rose Ellington spent last week
end in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Nail Howel and baby
spent Sunday with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Dickerson, of View.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones visited
Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jaynes, Sun-
day.

Mr. Otis and J. B. Foster visited
Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson of View Sun-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited
her sister Mrs. Clyde Shouse Tues-
day.

Violet Jones, Lorene Ellington vis-
ited Florene Nickerson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberson, of
Hamlin visited her sister Mrs. W. M.
Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Dobbs spent Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. Howard Garner.

Mrs. Author McCoy spent Monday
with Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Rose Ellington, Reporter

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing
our sincere thanks and appreciation
to our friends and neighbors who in
any manner aided and assisted us
during the recent illness and death
of our infant baby. Mr. and Mrs. C.
C. Conley.

Mr. C. A. Collins, for a number of
years connected with the Post Office
department at Fort Worth, has been
transferred to Merkel, being assigned
to work in the local office, taking the
place of Mr. Jack Davis, who left last
week to take Mr. Collins place in Fort
Worth. Mr. Collins and family are oc-
cupying the Mrs. W. A. McSpadden
home for the present.

Mr. R. C. Bates of San Angelo, was
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Gossamery, as its very name suggests—yet firm. And deftly interwoven is its silken sheen—expressed in varying combinations of
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Miss Hadean Foster and Mrs. Pat Clark entertain for Miss Cora Lee Hulsey

Miss Hadean Foster and Mrs. Pat Clark delightfully entertained Friday evening with a forty-two party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster, on Cornelia Street honoring their guest, Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Hulsey of Merkel, and formerly of this city.

The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns, and shaded throughout with soft lights.

The tables were laid for the ever interesting games of progressive forty two. At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Jack King, held high score and was presented with a beautiful gift which she in a charming manner presented to the honoree, Mr. Finis Copeland held low score and was presented with the booby prize.

The hostesses assisted by their mother, Mrs. Foster and Miss Louise Bradbury served a delicious plate lunch in Japanese style.

The Japanese effect was also carried out in the tallies and tea service.

The cut of town guests were Miss Ina O'Neal of Bomarton, Mrs. Paul Cameron of Paris and the honoree—Greenville Evening Herald.

SUMMER SCHOOL NOTICE

To the people who are interested in summer school for high school subjects, the teachers would like to make this announcement.

The faculty will be made up of Miss Lucy Tracy, Mrs. H. H. Teaff and I. L. Jackson. The subjects offered will be English, History and Mathematics. School will open Monday at 8 o'clock and will run for eight or ten weeks with one hour recreations and classes will be held six days a week. The work done will be equivalent to a full years work in each subject. No student will be allowed to register for more than two subjects.

The fees will be the same as have been charged from year to year. And are the same as charged in other schools, \$10 per subject per pupil, and paid upon enrollment. No refunds will be made after two weeks have been taught. The ten dollars does not guarantee a credit in the course. The work done must be satisfactory, and for that reason we want the parents to see that the students really take advantage of the opportunity. Don't enroll for summer school work unless you intend to work.

Any inquiries will be taken care of by the teachers before school opens. See them and talk over the work. If interested let us know.

Come Monday June 6 at 8:00 and we can tell you exactly what you can take and other particulars.

RHEUMATISM

If you have it you would give most any price to be rid of it. Here is the answer to your question? RHEUMALAX relieves the trouble by reaching the cause. Is taken internally and not rubbed on. Get a bottle today. Sold and guaranteed by Hamm Drug Co.

Mr. T. G. Bragg attended the commencement exercises of McMurry College, Abilene, Thursday, and also a meeting of the board of trustees, of which he is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and daughters Misses Mary and Ouida left Wednesday morning for Apache, Oklahoma where they will visit Mr. Campbell's sister, Mrs. Alice Akin, he hasn't seen in over thirty years. They will return by the way of Canyon, where Misses Mary and Ouida will enter the W. T. S. T. College for the summer.

FOR RENT—Down stairs apartment, four-rooms and bath, close in, in Merkel. Address: L: B: Howard, Hamlin, Texas.

Rev. C. C. Montandon and family returned first of the week from a visit to the former's parents at Knox City.

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TODAY & SATURDAY
June 3rd and 4th

Joseph P. Kenedy Presents

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With his famous horse "SILVER KING"

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Summer Prices 10c & 25c

Monday and Tuesday
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An Edward Sedgwick Production

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Wednesday & Thursday
June 8th and 9th

A Cecil B. DeMille Production

"The Volga Boatman"

—With—

William Boyd, Elinor Fair, Victor Varconi, Julia Faye and Theodore Kosloff

—Also—

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank our friends, neighbors, the business men and the people of Merkel, for their sympathy, kind words and financial aid so generously tendered us as the result of the loss by fire of our home and entire household contents.

We utterly fail to possess words adequate to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the goodness of every one. We do wish to say however, that we are proud to live in a community among such big hearted and sympathetic people. May the richest blessings ever be yours, is our sincere wish for every one, who in any manner tendered us aid or sympathy. Clyde Shouse and Family.

Miss Julia Martin, who has been teaching in the Childress high school, returned last week to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin. Miss Julia has been employed as one of the teachers in the Merkel Schools next year.

Jack Anderson and J. Ben Ashby took advantage of a holiday and visited friends in Dallas, Arlington and other points. They are silent about car trouble, having exhausted their vocabularies on the road.

"LET IT RAIN"
A Paramount Picture
PALACE THEATRE
Friday and Saturday, June 3-4
Matinee Saturday 2:00 O'clock

Mrs. J. R. Toombs and daughter, Miss Willie, returned Monday evening from Dallas where they had been visiting relatives.

We specialize on comfort shoes at **BROWN'S**.

L. R. Thompson was in Abilene Thursday attending the commencement exercises at McMurray College in the morning and a meeting of the Board of Trustees of that institution in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee returned this week from their visit with relatives at Wichita Falls. On their return they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barkley and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul, all of Wichita Falls.

Miss Willie Swann, for the past two years with one of the large dry goods firms in Snyder, arrived here this week to spend her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

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