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Methodist Revival Maintains Interest

The Methodist Revival being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Mayhew, assisted by Evangelist R. E. Huston, of Dallas, now well into the second week of the campaign, is pronounced one of the most successful revivals held in this city for several years, many souls having been led to accept Jesus Christ and many more reclaimed and a general uplift and re-consecration of the entire church membership.

The attendance and interest are both increasing with each succeeding service, and notwithstanding the great good already accomplished, there is every reason to expect even greater accomplishments before the close of same with the evening service next Sunday.

Evangelist Huston at each service delivers a most able, convincing and soul-stirring message, that not only brings to repentance the unconvinced but stirs the emotions and soul of the most devout church member.

Friday Old Folks Day

The meeting will continue to and including Sunday evening service, with services at ten a.m. and seven-thirty p.m. Today, Friday, has been set apart as "Old Folks Day", and the attendance at same is expected to exceed any previous day service attendance. A cordial invitation is extended to every one regardless of denomination, to be present and take part in same.

Carl P. Hulsey For County Attorney

In this paper will be found the announcement of Mr. Carl P. Hulsey, young attorney of Abilene, as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Taylor County.

Mr. Hulsey is no stranger to a great many of the voters of this county, since he has been a practicing attorney of Abilene since about 1925, and since he has been a citizen of the county for almost his entire life, having been reared near Capps.

He finished his high school education in Abilene, spent two years in Simmons University and three years in the law school of Texas University, Austin. He states that he has no special hobby on which to ride into office, further than to honestly and faithfully enforce the laws of the state and county as per the statute, doing so without fear or favor to friend or foe. He promises if elected to devote his entire time and attention to the faithful performance of the duties connected with affairs of office of County Attorney. He also stated that he was not seeking the office upon the demerits of any opponent, but solely upon his own fitness and qualifications to render the people good, efficient and honest service.

This paper would ask that the voters give Mr. Hulsey's claims due and fair consideration when casting their vote for the office of County Attorney at the coming July Primary.

IN MEMORY OF BILLIE JO NICHOLSON

On Tuesday, Feb. 21st, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Nicholson and took from them their lovely little baby boy, Billie Jo. He was only six weeks old when God called him back home.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church by Rev. W. J. Mayhew, after which his little body was laid to rest in the Merkel cemetery.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother and father. All who love him will miss him here on earth, but we can soon meet him over there in that heavenly home where there will be no parting.

By One who loved him.

LARGENT SHOW HERD TO SAN ANTONIO

V. J. Largent left first of the fine herd of prize winds at the Fine stock next week. From there to the Fat Stock Show at the Largent cattle sale in Sweetwater. The price of any fine market.

Art Exhibit Here March 14 at School

COPIES OF THE MASTERPIECES WILL BE SEEN

Recognizing the educational advantages to be derived from opportunities to see good art, the schools have arranged with the Elson Art Publication Co., Inc., of Belmont, Mass., for an art exhibition of two hundred pictures.

This collection, consisting in large part of carbon photographs, photo-gravures and prints in full color, made directly from the original masterpieces, is selected by art experts and should attract large crowds. A small admission charge will be made, the entire proceeds of which, after deducting the expense of the exhibit will be used in the purchase of pictures for wall decoration. The purpose of the exhibition is thus clearly two-fold:

First—To give people an opportunity to see a collection of the world's famous masterpieces of painting, sculpture, and architecture.

Second—To make it possible for the public schools to own a few of these pictures.

Why should this exhibit interest you? Because, throughout the country, people are awakening to the importance and value of good art as a creative of a refining influence and inspiring atmosphere—and just so surely as people become familiar with the best in art, just so quickly will the crude in art be displaced through appreciation of something better. It is, of course, idle to suppose that one shall become a competent judge of art simply through studying for a time photographs of prints.

But what can and should be obtained is a large measure of appreciation. A work of art which is really great will bear reproduction, and even though this may not possess the pleasure-giving power of the original in a gal-measure of power which it does possess, it is well worth taking.

One of the leading art critics of our own, John C. Van Dyke, says:

"You must look at pictures studiously, earnestly, honestly. It will take years before you can come to a full appreciation of it, but when at last you have you will be possessed of one of the purest, loftiest and most ennobling pleasures that the world can afford you."

BIG SINGING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST NEXT SUNDAY 2:30

What is expected to be the best and biggest singing of its kind, will take place next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the North Side Church of Christ. Singing classes from all parts of this county will be here and participate in the singing.

All those who attend will be exceptionally fortunate in being able to hear a number of distinguished singers. Henry Free, S. W. Jones and E. L. Eason of Abilene will be here, and will bring quartettes with them. Also a number of singers from Abilene Christian College are expected to render several numbers. It's going to be the best ever—don't miss it. We extend to one and all a special invitation to come and sing with us.

Nathan E. Wood, Class Instructor.

MRS. SKURLOCK PASSES FROM LIFE

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Johnson Skurlock, aged 41, were held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. O. B. Tatum, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, with burial immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Deceased was born March 15, 1887; was married to J. C. Skurlock May 14, 1909. She was converted in 1905 and united with the Missionary Baptist Church, and departed this life on Tuesday, February 28, 1928.

MAN BLIND IN ONE EYE LOSES OTHER

From S. A. Coats we learn that his son-in-law, Mr. Arthur Yates, of Big Spring, had the misfortune to have an eye knocked out last week while working on a tractor. Mr. Yates, who since a small boy, has been blind in one eye, and last week suffered the painful loss of the other eye when a wrench slipped from his hand and completely destroyed the other eye, leaving him totally blind.

Bandits Rob Bank At McCauley And Escape With \$1,100

McCauley, Tex., March 1.—Fisher county's second bank hold-up of the year was successfully staged at about 9:45 this morning. Amid a rain of buckshot fired from pump-guns, three bandits in a blue Buick coupe bearing a Texaco sign on the doors escaped eastward after the glass in the back end of the car had been shattered by one volley fired by Cecil Eivens, assistant cashier of the First State Bank of McCauley, the institution robbed. They got away with about \$1,100 fleeing toward Anson.

Officers of the county believe they have the "low down" on the identity of one of the robbers. They believe it is the same man who led in the hold up of the First National Bank of Sylvester, five miles southwest of McCauley, last January 10.

Two of the three robbers entered the First State Bank at 9:45; the third remaining in the car, with engine running. The trio were seen to drive up to the bank, but no attention was paid them until the driver, evidently becoming nervous began sounding his horn frantically. As nearby merchants came out-doors, the other two robbers were seen to jump in the car, with Eivens in pursuit and firing rapidly. Two merchants, John and Luther Rector, ran out with other shotguns and joined in the firing.

As the car rounded a corner a block away, it was seen to creen from one side of the road to the other. It all but came to a stop before darting forward again, indicating that drivers had been changed.

The automobile in which the bandits made their escape was found in the Larry Chittenden pasture near Radium, ten miles west of Anson. It was discovered at noon by Wheeler Gray, Anson City Marshal, and Tom Robinson, and was brought here.

—Abilene Daily Reporter.

Cotton Situation As Viewed by a Farmer

It is rarely an unprofitable pastime to listen to a group of farmers discuss their own problems in their own way. Expert opinion on any subject may be had by spending a little time in a good library but there is some homely wisdom that has not yet found expression in print. At least it is clothed in a different language from that used by the farmer.

In discussing the possibilities of service to the farmer by the Congress that met in Mississippi last Monday, a certain well known farmer suggests that about the biggest service that body could have offered would have been to have fixed their attention on the Cotton Exchanges and recommend a law that would prevent the annual selling of about thirteen times as much cotton as exists. The piece to stop over production first: Is to make it unlawful, punishable by imprisonment, the selling of any product beyond at least the reasonable anticipation of the production of that product in the year it is sold. This farmer suggested that the pink boll worm was working overtime without other remuneration than a satisfied appetite, to accomplish the purpose for which the Congress was called. He somewhat cynically suggested that the Congress should have memorialized the boll worm for its assiduous labor in trying to adjust the law of supply and demand. These farmers are becoming strong believers in rotation of crops and in diversified farming, but so long as speculation runs amuck until thirteen times the production of cotton can be sold any one year, he is going to be skeptical about Congresses that ignore those facts.

Our farmer friend's last observation was that he had hoped the Congress would work on the speculators as persistently as the boll worm works on the crops, giving it as his opinion, that if they did the law of supply and demand so far as it affects cotton would cause the farmer no more anxiety than the law of gravitation.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Poor, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor, of Anson; also Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burkhardt of Lamesa.

Big Cotton Acreage Reduction Meet at Abilene Saturday

Abilene, Feb. 29.—In compliance with a request recently made by Governor Dan Moody that the chambers of commerce of Texas sponsor local meetings for considering, discussing and analyzing the cotton acreage reduction program being urged for the South, the various chambers of Taylor County, through their executive officers, have united in calling a county-wide mass meeting to be held at the Abilene City Hall, Saturday, March 3 at 2:30 p.m. at which time the situation will be given consideration.

All landowners, farmers and others interested in the agricultural welfare of Taylor County have been asked to attend the meeting. Geo. W. Fry, president of the West Texas Utilities Company and Hon. E. S. Cummings, member of the state legislature from Taylor county, both of Abilene, and both of whom were delegates to the cotton acreage reduction conference held recently at Jackson, Miss., will report on that affair and the meeting will be opened for general discussion of the outlook in connection with the cotton business.

Chas. W. Barnes, president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce was joined by H. B. Hamilton, chamber president at Tuscola and L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel Chamber in calling the meeting.

Return From Burial Of Son in Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and son, C. P. Church, returned last week from Sedalia, Missouri, where they had been called on account of the accidental death of their son and brother, George B. Church, mention of which was made in this paper last week, and concerning which we clip the following from the Sedalia Democrat:

George B. Church, age 34, one of the best automobile salesmen in Pettis county, Tuesday night at 6:45 o'clock lost a game fight against death, which was the result of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred Monday night north of Sedalia on Highway 65.

Mr. Church in the accident received injuries to his chest which proved to be internal. Being left in the cold for more than an hour he developed a cold which was partly the cause of his death.

He was born at Tom Bean, Grayson county, Texas, Nov. 1, 1894. He was converted to christian faith in July 1908 and united with the Methodist Church.

In July 1925 he went to Sedalia and was employed by the Ross-Darling Motor Company as a salesman until January 1, 1926, when he accepted a like position with the Sullivan-Thompson Motor Company, the position he held at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, a step daughter and one daughter by previous marriage. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, and three brothers, C. P. Church, W. C. Church and F. E. Church, all of Merkel, Texas.

The funeral was held at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church, South, Fifth street and Osage Ave., Rev. A. W. Koken-doffer, pastor of the First Christian church to officiate, assisted by Rev. O. M. Rickman, pastor of the Methodist Church.

COLLINS BROTHERS MAKE CATTLE DEAL

One of the best bunches of cattle ever seen in Merkel changed hands last week when Sam Butman, Sr., one of the pioneer ranchmen of this section, sold to Collins Brothers, local cattlemen, one hundred and ten head of three and four year old steers.

The steers were high grade Herefords, and were raised by Mr. Butman. The Messrs. Collins sold them in the pens to SoRelle Brothers of Sweetwater and the steers were shipped there for further finishing.

The exact consideration is not known, but the price is known to have been more than one hundred dollars per head.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results.

Nazarenes Plan All-Day Meeting

In connection with the special revival services now going on at the Nazarene Church plans have been made for an all-day meeting today. Visiting pastors from near-by towns and cities will be in Merkel to attend this special days service. There will be three preaching services during the day. Rev. A. F. Daniel, pastor of Sweetwater, will deliver the message at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. B. V. Attebury of Abilene will preach at 2:30 and Dr. B. F. Neely, president of Central Nazarene Academy at Hamlin will preach at the evening hour.

There will also be several special singers and the Hamlin Saxophone quartette is expected to be on hand. The services will begin at ten o'clock Friday morning and continue down through the day. There will also be dinner served by the ladies of the church at the noon hour. The local Evangelist, Rev. Ralph C. Gray, says he is expecting a large delegation from out of town as well as many people from the town and surrounding country. Every one is very cordially invited. The revival services have been well attended this week, and seekers have prayed through at the altar in nearly every service. The services are announced to continue over Sunday with three great services Sunday. All lovers of old time religion and all Christian people from the various churches are invited to this feast of good things.

RABBIT DRIVE IN HORN and NOODLE COMMUNITY

It is announced that on next Tuesday there will be a big rabbit drive in the Horn and Noodle communities, beginning at Horn and driving back south to Noodle by noon, where a big barbecue dinner will be served.

Every one interested in killing out the pesky rabbits are invited to join in the hunt. Come and bring your own gun and ammunition.

BAPTIST WORKERS WILL MEET AT ABILENE 5th.

Following is the program of the Workers Council meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, with University Church, Abilene, Monday March 5th.

10:00, prayer and praise, Houston Scott.

10:20, Reports of Conquest Campaign, Group Captains.

10:45, A Worthy Finish of the Conquest Campaign, C. T. Whaley.

11:45, Sermon on Missions, M. A. Quinlin.

Noon.

1:15, Board Meeting.

2:00 Prayer and praise, W. H. Howell.

2:15, An Associational Evangelistic Program, J. C. McKenzie.

2:45, Pastoral Evangelism, Joe Ford.

3:15, An Associational Training School Program, G. W. Lowrie.

MRS. MCGINTIE LECTURES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

General care of the eyes and the proper use of artificial light for the protection of eyesight is the subject of a series of educational lectures now being given in West Texas public schools under auspices of the Safety Department of the West Texas Utilities Company.

Mrs. E. L. McGintie, representing the Safety Department of the Company, who last fall visited all West Texas schools with a series of lectures on general safety topics, is again conducting this educational feature. She spoke in Merkel at the schools on February 24.

In addition to presenting a very interesting and instructive talk on care and protection of the eyes, Mrs. McGintie carries with her a specially built lighting cabinet, designed and built by expert engineers in the laboratories of the General Electric Company, which is used in a highly interesting fashion to show the effects of various colored lights, and the queer tricks that may be played on the vision by a shifting of lights and shadows.

She also carries with her a complete miniature motion picture outfit which is used wherever auditorium space is sufficient, showing films on the history of light through the ages, on the marvels of the X-Ray and other topics.

A. J. HARTLEY DEPARTS FROM WALK OF LIFE

On Saturday, February 25th, Mr. A. J. Hartley departed this life after a brief illness. Mr. Hartley was born in Kentucky, November 28, 1857. He was converted early in life and united with the Presbyterian Church.

While a young man he left his home in Kentucky and moved to Missouri where he lived for a while before coming to Texas. On October 13, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Marguerite Scribner of Melissa, Texas. To this union three sons were born, one of them having died in infancy. The other two sons, together with their mother remain to mourn the departure of their father and husband. The sons are Mr. Dennis Hartley of Plainview, Texas, and Mr. Joe Hartley, who with the exception of the time he was in the service of his country during the war, has made his home with his father and mother.

In 1892 Mr. Hartley united with the Stoney Point Baptist Church, where he served as a faithful member till he moved to the present family home near Merkel. When they moved here he united with the Merkel Baptist Church and had for more than twenty years been a faithful member of this local church. Though living some four miles from the church and part of the way only a dirt road, and he himself afflicted for years with partial paralysis, there was seldom a Sunday that did not find Brother Hartley in his place for Sunday School and preaching services.

Surviving Brother Hartley are four brothers and four sisters. The brothers are J. T. Hartley of Hereford; C. D. and W. K. Hartley both of Plainview; and P. B. Hartley of Holline, New Mexico. The sisters are: Mrs. Mary Lovett, Mrs. Jennie Ross, Mrs. Alma Henson, all of Kentucky, and Mrs. Fannie Washburn of Arkansas. All of his brothers were with him during his illness, also two brothers-in-law, Mr. W. E. Scribner of McKinney and Mr. B. J. Nichols of Celina.

The funeral services were held in the local Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the local pastor, assisted by Rev. George Airheart of McKinney, Texas. Bro. Airheart was the pastor of the Stoney Point Baptist Church for nine years that the Hartleys lived there and he was the pastor of the Merkel church for three years when they first came here. He had married the brothers of Bro. Hartley and the brothers and sisters of Sister Hartley and had baptized most of both families. He had been with them in all their joys and it was fitting indeed that he be with the family in this great sorrow. Many were heard to say that his was a wonderful message of comfort and solace. Kind friends had provided flowers that almost covered the casket and later at the burial the grave was left as a bank of flowers. The church building was filled to overflowing by the many sorrowing friends. Burial was in the local cemetery immediately following the service at the church.

Brother Hartley will be missed by Merkel community. He was always interested in every good thing for the community. He will be missed more by the Merkel Baptist church where he served so faithfully. His Sunday school class will miss him much and his pastor will feel keenly his loss. But most of all he will be missed from his home. Surely in all the community you could have found a more happy home, a home where you could feel the contentment and joy, a home usually made bright by the flowers growing in or about the house, but always made bright by the fruits and flowers of peace, love and cheerfulness that you could find there any time.

He has gone now to that other home of which our earthly home is but a type. In that home where Jesus rules and where no temptation or sorrow or pain will ever come, where death never comes, but where all is love and bliss he awaits the coming of those he loved down here.

May the angels of heaven comfort the hearts of those who loved ones and may He enable them to say with David "I cannot bring Him back but I can go to him," and may they every one set their faces toward that better land.

Ira L. Parrack, his pastor.

Miss Joyce Wheeler accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wheeler, visited relatives in Rule last Sunday.

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We want to thank our many friends who in any way offered us words of sympathy and consolation in the loss of our son and brother. May God's richest blessings be on every one of you, and may you have just such friends in your darkest hour.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wavis, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church and families. It

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon R. A. Humble, and the unknown heirs of R. A. Humble; J. H. Aaron, and the unknown heirs of J. H. Aaron; Lem Bailey, and the unknown heirs of Lem Bailey; Harden Y. Bateman, and the unknown heirs of Harden Y. Bateman; Harden & Bateman, and the unknown heirs and successors of the said Harden & Bateman; V. H. Anderson, and the unknown heirs of V. H. Anderson; Mrs. Bennett B. Anderson, and the unknown heirs of Mrs. Bennett B. Anderson; J. H. Withers and the unknown heirs of J. H. Withers; J. T. Wash, and the unknown heirs of J. T. Wash; J. T. Walsh, and the unknown heirs of J. T. Walsh; J. W. Stewart, and the unknown heirs of J. W. Stewart; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, and the unknown heirs of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore; W. F. Moore and the unknown heirs of W. F. Moore; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, temporary administratrix of the estate of W. F. Moore, deceased; T. H. Vinson, and the unknown heirs of T. H. Vinson; W. E. Hittson, Jr., and the unknown heirs of W. E. Hittson, Jr.; J. W. Knox, and the unknown heirs of J. W. Knox; J. L. Johnson, and the unknown heirs of J. L. Johnson; J. W. McCormick, and the unknown heirs of J. W. McCormick, 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 newspaper 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 Judicial District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the third Monday in March A. D. 1928, the same being the 19th day of March A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 223-B, wherein T. C. Campbell, is Plaintiff, and R. A. Humble, and the unknown heirs of R. A. Humble; J. H. Aaron, and the unknown heirs of J. H. Aaron; Lem Bailey, and the unknown heirs of Lem Bailey; Harden Y. Bateman, and the unknown heirs of Harden Y. Bateman; Harden & Bateman, and the unknown heirs and successors of the said Harden & Bateman; V. H. Anderson, and the unknown heirs of V. H. Anderson; Mrs. Bennett B. Anderson, and the unknown heirs of Mrs. Bennett B. Anderson; J. H. Withers and the unknown heirs of J. H. Withers; J. T. Wash, and the unknown heirs of J. T. Wash; J. T. Walsh, and the unknown heirs of J. T. Walsh; J. W. Stewart, and the unknown heirs of J. W. Stewart; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, and the unknown heirs of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore; W. F. Moore and the unknown heirs of W. F. Moore; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, temporary administratrix of the estate of W. F. Moore, deceased; T. H. Vinson, and the unknown heirs of T. H. Vinson; W. E. Hittson, Jr., and the unknown heirs of W. E. Hittson, Jr.; J. W. Knox, and the unknown heirs of J. W. Knox; J. L. Johnson, and the unknown heirs of J. L. Johnson; J. W. McCormick, and the unknown heirs of J. W. McCormick, are defendants, and said petition alleging:

1. That plaintiff is a resident citizen of Taylor County, Texas; that the residences of said defendants, and each of them, is unknown, and cannot be ascertained.

2. Plaintiff alleges that heretofore, to-wit, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1927, he was, and still is, the owner in fee simple of the following described real estate and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

All of Lots Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Seven (7), Eight (8), Ten (10) and Twelve (12), in Block No. One; Lots Nine (9), Eleven (11), Fourteen (14) and Seventeen (17), in Block Three; and Lots One (1), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) Twelve (12) and Fourteen (14), in Block No. Four; all in Lacy-Morrow Subdivision of Outlot No. Two (2), Block No. One Hundred and Ninety-Nine (199), City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

3. On such day, also, he was in possession of such premises, and afterwards on the 2nd day of December A. D. 1927, the defendants unlawfully entered upon and dispossessed him of such premises, and withhold from him, the possession thereof.

4. Defendants have occupied and used such premises under such unlawful possession for a period of three months, and the rental value thereof during such occupancy is the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, in which amount by virtue of such wrongs, the defendants are justly indebted to plaintiff, but, though repeated demand for the payment thereof has

Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday except the evening preaching service. Sunday School at 10 a.m. in places for all. Our average attendance for February was well above 300. Let's make it 350 for March. To do this will only require an increase in attendance of 10 in each of the departments above the beginners. Everybody working will make it easy. The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "Our Only Refuge."

All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 6:30; come and help in the training service of the church.

Monday at 7:30 p.m. teachers meeting and training classes.

Next week is being observed as the week of prayer by the Women's Missionary Society and they are to meet at the church each afternoon at three o'clock. All women of the church interested in the bringing in of the Kingdom of the Lord are invited to meet and join in the services during the week.

Regular *Prayermeeting Wednesday evening 7:30, followed by choir practice. You will find a hearty welcome in any of the services. Strangers and people of the community without a church home are cordially invited to come and work and worship with us. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Come around to Clarence Saunders Store Saturday and let us serve you a good cup of coffee. It

been made of defendants and each of them by plaintiff, they have failed and refused, and still fail and refuse to pay the same, to plaintiff's damage in the sum of Six Hundred Dollars.

Wherefore, plaintiff sues, prays for citation by publication as against each of said defendants, and that upon final hearing hereof, that he have judgment for the title and possession of the above described premises, for his damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as he may be entitled to either at law or in equity.

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 31st day of January A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk 104th District Court, Taylor County. 104d

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(Saturday Only)
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The Badger Weekly

The Badger Weekly is published each week and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are:
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PERSONALS
Messrs. Wilbur McDaniels and J.A. Lowell, both students of Simmons University, Abilene, were Sunday guests of Miss Roberta Sloan.

Mr. Roy Propst was on the sick list last week.

Miss Norma Shannon returned to school this week after an absence of several days due to illness.

Mr. W. M. Taylor suffered slight injuries when the glass of the boys' vestibule door was broken out Tuesday of last week. His condition is thought not to be serious, although he is unable to attend school this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choral Club meets on Friday afternoon at 3:30 instead of on Thursday.

Until further announcement, both the Glee and Choral Clubs will meet on Tuesday at 3:30.

Assembly was called Wednesday at 3:30 for the purpose of receiving report cards.

Thursday was "apron day" and all the girls were attired in "kute" aprons with no rouge upon their faces.

On Tuesday afternoon Feb. 28, 1928, the students of Merkel High School had the pleasure of hearing Mr. C. B. Manning, who was formerly a missionary to South America, in a splendid lecture.

We also saw many curios among them a live monkey, which was so small that it could be put into a tea cup, also a live honey bear.

On the latter part of last week the students of both High School and grammar school enjoyed an interesting and useful lecture rendered by a representative of the West Texas Utilities, Mrs. McGintie.

—M. H. S.—

The Annual Staff of Merkel High School wishes to extend to the merchants and citizens of Merkel their appreciation for the backing they gave us in the play, "Aboard a Slow Train in Missouri," which was presented last Friday evening a week ago. Never before has there been such a large crowd out to see a play given by Merkel High School, and we thank you one and all for your fine support.

The students of Merkel High school are trying in every way to make this year's annual the best annual of the three that have been published so far. With backing like the town folks gave us Friday night we will be able to do so. All engraving on the annual is about done and in a few days it will be in the hands of the printer, therefore we hope to have the annual ready for distribution at an early date.

—M. H. S.—

This week closes the fourth six-weeks period. All teachers and pupils are very busy with exams and there is much burning of midnight oil. We should realize that the next twelve weeks will pass in a hurry and then final exams. Better late than never, so if you haven't been studying now is the time to begin. Let's make the next twelve weeks the best of the year.

—M. H. S.—

THE LITTLE MUSICIANS
Bright was the night
And cloud-flecked the sky;
The stars shone bright and clear,
From the blue heavens above
All was at rest when suddenly the
Whipper-will
Sent its shrill cry through the twilight.

The nightingale sang sweetly
And the meadow lark cooed,
But alas, and yet how wonderful,
'Twas not nature who sang that night
But the little musician who played
Who made the night air melodious
With the joy of God's gift to her.

—M. H. S.—

THE DAILY GOOD TURN
All the scouts and their dads who let the bad weather keep them at home (and they were few) surely missed a good time, good talks and some mighty good eats last Thursday evening a week ago by not attending the "boy scouts and dads" banquet which was to celebrate the scout anniversary week.

Several of the scouts are getting down to real work now, and Merkel may soon have several Eagle Scouts.

—M. H. S.—

FRESHMAN NOTES
Nothing exciting is happening just at this time. Everybody has been

studying for six weeks quizzes. Where is everybody's PEP.

Did you know Miss Sloan is reducing?? If you don't just stay around here and you'll soon find out, but "we" can tell it in looks.

Mr. Camp: "Name a liquid that will not freeze."

Harold: Hot Water.

Have you heard? We have! That the Freshman class is going to have a party?

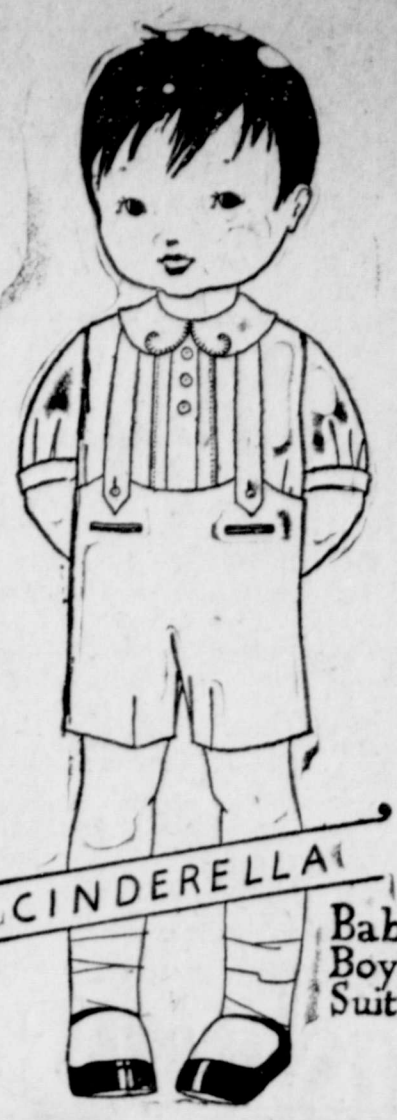


Miss Vanette Is Compared With Other Celebrities

In connection with the arrival of Miss Vanette in Merkel next Saturday, March 3rd, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., a great deal of discussion has been created as to the correct measurements of the legs of various celebrities and the following comparative scale has been furnished by the manufacturers of Vanette Hosiery:

	Miss Vanette	Miss America	Miss Fashion	Venus de Milo
Thigh	20.5	20	20	22 1/2
Upperleg	21	21	21	21
Knee	14.5	14.5	14	14.5
Calf	13	13 1/2	12	13
Ankle	7 1/4	8	7	7 1/4

For many, many years the well-advertised Venus de Milo has been given all credit for perfect feminine dimensions. For all we know, she may still be the ne plus ultra and court of last resort for the French who gave



HEY! FOLKS

Look what I dot on. Mama dot it at the—
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her a home in the Louvre, but the manufacturers of Vanette Hosiery have found a more perfect model, at least for hosiery display, in the person of Miss Vanette.

Various International Hosiery Expositions held the past several years have staged contests and awarded prizes to others with measurements as recorded above.

Miss Vanette will model Hosiery in the windows of Bragg Dry Goods Co. next Saturday, March 3rd, between the hours of ten a.m. and eleven a.m., the details of which will be found elsewhere in this paper.

(Advertisement—It.)

Mt. Pleasant Items

R. T. Cody of the Mt. Pleasant community is just up from a spell of pneumonia and got behind with his farming, but on Monday and Tuesday

of this week three of his good neighbors, Mr. Whisenhunt, Mr. Martin and Mr. Saterwhite, came with their breaking plows and put up about 30 acres of his land. In fact helped him finish his breaking. We claim this community has as fine neighbors as can be found in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Watts and family of Roscoe spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click's.

Little J. P. Click, who has been real sick with the flu is doing nicely.

Mr. P. L. Frederickson, who had been sick at his home in Merkel last week, is back at his farm, we are glad to learn.

Misses Bernice and Elsie Lasater, Lady Frank Watts visited Miss Mary Click Sunday.

Miss Joyce Wheeler accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wheeler, visited relatives in Rule last Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Let us do our part in making a record attendance at the Sunday School of the Churches Sunday.
Preaching services at 11 a.m. Communion at close of 11 o'clock service.
Offering for Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage.
Meeting of Session Tuesday evening at 7:30.

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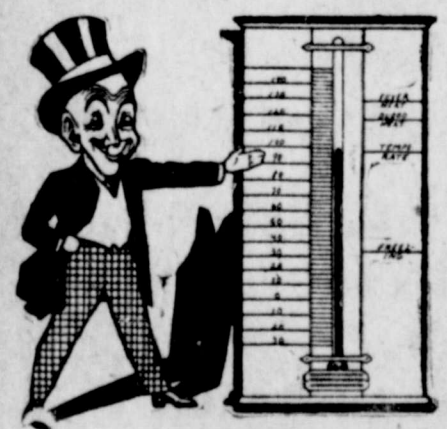
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Why not appoint a committee from the Thursday Club, the Parent Teachers Association and other ladies' Clubs of the town to work jointly in a Tree Planting Campaign—fruit trees, shade trees, shrubbery and flowers. Now is the time to do this. An attractive back yard adds as much to appearances as a beautiful front yard. The trees you grow are yours, yet within a few years they become a fine community asset and are most useful in tempering climatic conditions. We throw this out as a challenge to the women's Clubs of Merkel. We believe they will accept the responsibility and show us a more beautiful town.

TRENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are visiting relatives at Greenville this week.

The six year old child of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Goodwin died at their home the latter part of last week. We join the parents' many friends in expressing deep sympathy.

Mr. Stagner of Brownwood, our former druggist, was here last week a few days.

Mrs. Ida Carson of Kansas is here on an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hathaway.

Grandma Burks who has been visiting her son, Mr. E. H. Burks and family, has gone to Big Spring where she will visit her son there before returning to her home in New Mexico.

Mr. Patent, in route to Quanah, stopped over with his son and wife a few days.

Mr. O. S. Byrom made a trip to Colorado Saturday.

Mr. Adcock of Stephenville has returned after a few days visit with relatives here.

Mr. Ross Young and Mr. Joe Low-

rie, Trent's famous "old bachelors", have purchased them a victrola. Oh just for fun we guess, or pastime, don't know which.

Under the auspices of the Methodist ladies missionary society a very interesting play was given Friday night, Feb. 24. Proceeds amounted to \$24.00. This play was a good, clean drama and was enjoyed by all who attended and we certainly thank one and all for the assistance rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckham returned Sunday night from Wichita Falls, where they have been visiting Mrs. Beckham's parents a few days.

Little John and Ellis Howell are out of school this week on account of the mumps.

Mr. Carl Atwell spent the day in Abilene Sunday. Quite a crowd of Merkel people attended services at the Baptist Church Sunday night. We were glad to have them come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hendrix and children of El Paso are visiting Mrs. Hendrix brother, Mr. B. M. Bell, for the past week.

Obie Lester made a visit to Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. M. G. Scott and family attended church at Merkel Sunday night.

Mrs. J. K. P. Winn had as her guest Sunday her nephew, wife and baby, Ralph of Hermligh.

We are very sorry to learn of one of the teachers at White Flat school being ill. Miss Maurine Smith is filling the vacancy very satisfactorily.

Frank Hathaway is at Fort Stockton attending business matters this week.

Mr. S. F. Haynes of Merkel was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. Brooks of Oklahoma, a nephew of Mr. W. T. Walker, is with his uncle and family for a short visit.

Mrs. Gosnell spent Sunday night with friends in Stamford.

Skyler Gentry who has a position with the Chevrolet Motor Company at Odessa, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson are visiting in Roby this week.

Mrs. E. W. Autman of Roscoe attended the play Friday night, also taking part on the program.

Miss Evelyn Hogue of Abilene Christian College spent the week-end at home, returning Tuesday morning to her school work.

We regret very much to learn that on account of her health Miss Alice Bigham has been compelled to give up her school here. Miss White of Simmons University has taken her place. We welcome Miss White to our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jarnagin of Deming, N. M., are here visiting Mrs. Jarnagin's mother, Mrs. N. O. Durbin.

The friends of Mrs. Joe Reed and sons join them in sympathy in the loss of their dear husband and father, who died about four o'clock Saturday morning, having been sick for some time, and all that loving hands could do could not keep him with us longer. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Bro. Watson, assisted by Bro. Landreth and Bro. Lyons of Abilene. A large crowd attended.

T. G. Hamner, B. C. Hamner and their little sister, Gladys, motored to Temple Wednesday to see their mother, who is in Scott & White Hospital there. Miss Fern Martin accompanied them.

Mrs. Lela Dyer of Noodle Dome is leaving at this writing to join her little son Jack who is with her aunt at Cross Cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes who has been here with Mahan, McCarty and Besse, rig builders, left Sunday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Mr. Forbes has accepted a position with an oil company there. We regret giving up these good people.

Quite a few pupils of Mrs. Seal, the kindergarten teacher, are absent from school this week on account of sickness. Betty Lou Howell and Gean Scott are among them.

The old time singing at the Methodist Church Sunday night was good. We will continue this practice on Wednesday nights until our meeting begins which will be in March. Come and help us.

Bro. Owens, our missionary of the Sweetwater Association, is teaching a training course in Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. work this week.

Mr. Ed Sherman, after having spent a few days in Oklahoma, is home again. On his return he stopped over at Temple with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Hamner, who is in the hospital there.

Miss Fern Martin who is with Bowers & Hamner Dry Goods, is visiting her parents at Temple a few days this week.

COLONIAL TEA

One of the most outstanding social events of the season was staged Mon-

day afternoon from two until six, when the Womans Missionary Society of Trent Methodist Church gave a Colonial Tea in a down-town building.

Mesdames Mangum, Scott, Shouse, Watson, Winn and Smith were in the receiving line while Mrs. Cribley, as Martha Washington and Mrs. John Payne as George Washington, in colonial costume of black and white color combinations, presided over the tea table in a most gracious manner.

Fun and merriment were carried out through the afternoon as the guests came and went. Little Miss Dora Jean Nelson favored the guests with a reading and upon encore sang "Pony Boy".

The table was decorated with spring flowers and hatchets of white with red lettering were used for place cards and plate favors.

Ten dollars was realized from this tea, the proceeds of which will be given to charity.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

If you like good singing, COME. If you wish to study the Bible, come; if you wish to ask Bible questions, come; if you wish to express your ideas on Bible questions, come; if you wish to pray silently while others lead, come; if you wish to hear the Bible preached without addition or subtraction, come; if you wish to hear the Bible preached plainly and simply, come; if you wish to become a Christian, come; if you wish to become a better Christian, come. If you wish to spend and be spent for the cause of Christ, come.

Bible study at 10 a.m.

Sermon 11 a.m. Subject, "Sacrifice" Communion 12 M.

Children's class 7 p.m. Young people's service 7 p.m.

Sermon 7:45 p.m. Subject, "Saved." Midweek Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Song practice and music drill Friday 7:15 p.m.

Carl A. Collins, Minister.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Evelyn Louise Patterson celebrated her fifth birthday Sunday, Feb. 26. Guests began arriving about two o'clock, each bringing a beautiful gift. After gifts were opened and admired many games were played. Cake and fruit salad, ice cream in cones, were served those enjoying the afternoon: Laura Jenette Berry, Marguerite Berry, Mary Lee and Bettie Blanch Berry, Rachael Patterson,

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We are very glad to report that Mrs. W. R. Sumpter is improving nicely at this time, following an op-

eration several weeks ago. She is still confined to the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, but improving nicely.

KEEP MONEY IN CIRCULATION HERE

Every Dollar Spent Out of The Community Reduces the Chances of Prosperity and Growth.

This is an age of competition, an age where the things that survive in the business world are the things that must prove their merit. Anything that is useless or inefficient soon loses out in the strenuous race for supremacy. So when you view your successful business establishments in your home community you are viewing those who have proven their merit and a right to your patronage and consideration.

The business field in the small town especially, is not exclusive to anybody. The game is open to anybody who desires to enter and risk the necessary capital. Nobody faces fiercer competition on every hand than the country merchant. A dissatisfied customer does not have to trade with him and he knows it. There are the competing stores across the street or next door. Or if those do not suit there are usually towns within a very short distance that invite his patronage. So the country merchant must find a way to meet these conditions, and he can only meet them by giving the service, the goods and the prices that do satisfy the customer.

Most people expect and receive accommodations from the home merchants which they would never receive in a thousand years from the mail order concerns. Just this feature of the accommodation should be a strong point in favor of the home merchant, but that is not all. There are the churches, schools, the various public activities that are only possible because the home merchant and business man is doing a successful business. All of these things are inseparable and if everybody would trade out of town, the town would decay and public activities would soon cease. There is no way that a prosperous town can be maintained and at the same time have a large part of the business of the town sent elsewhere.

Many people do not realize what it means to send money out of the town. Of course a few would not matter, but when it begins to mount up to thousands of dollars per month then one can see the vast damage to the town caused by the loss of this liquid capital. The banks find their businesses curtailed, the merchants cannot carry the stock they should, money becomes tight and everybody finds it scarce because it has been sent away to the everlasting benefit of some big, overgrown metropolis.

Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. May Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis spent Monday night and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis.

Mrs. Webb Goza and Bill Goza spent Monday night and Tuesday with Mrs. Luther Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hatfield.

Mr. Claud Ellington is spending this week at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Benningfield and Louise Daniel spent Sunday with Mrs. Benningfield.

Mrs. J. N. Hatfield spent Tuesday morning with Mrs. Carson Hatfield.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. B. Foster of the Warren community.

Mr. Otis Peterson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Meeks and family moved to Southland, Texas, last week.

Mr. Pat Addison, Leonard Moore,

Emmett Morris, and Morris Ledger made a flying trip to Sedan, Texas, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson left Friday for Baylor County to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wilson.

Miss Ruth Pinckley spent the past week-end with home folks at Salt Branch.

Miss Effie Grayson spent the week-end as the guest of Miss Ruby Bayless.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Abbott, of Tye, visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott and family, Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Mayfield's relatives of Merkel and Abilene visited him Sunday.

Mr. A. C. Scott and sister and little nephew of Sweetwater, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Provine.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcine Doan visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin, of Sweetwater, last week-end.

Miss Monetta Adcock of Merkel visited Sunday with her cousin Miss

Mae Melton.

Mr. Jim Moore left last week on a business trip to Baylor County.

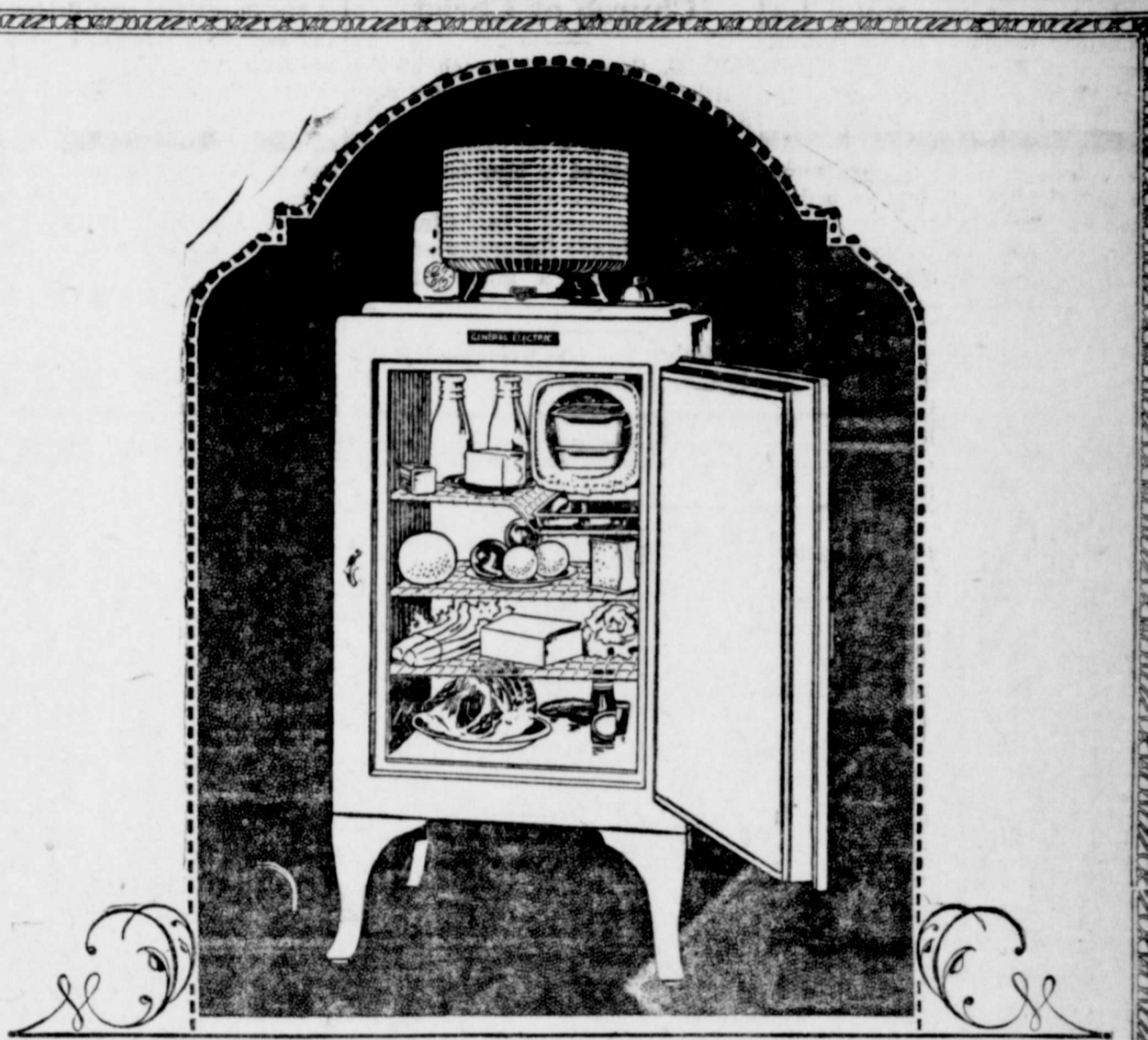
Mr. Natlie Regain of Merkel was seen in our midst Monday.

Mrs. Ora Mayfield and sister, Mrs. Boyce Balew, visited Mr. and Mrs. Rigger Clark and family Sunday.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston, who owns many fine farms in this section, reports the land on most all his farms all broke and ready for planting when the time comes. He also stated that his tenants will plant less cotton and more feed this year. In fact he says that the men on his farms are planning to live at home as much as possible, raising their own chickens, milk and butter and meat; some of them have fat hogs to kill yet, with plenty of feed on hand to run them through the year.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson was called to the bedside of her sister who resides at Greensburgh, Kansas, last week, and was accompanied by her mother, who was here to spend the winter with Mrs. Thompson.

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Golan News

We are having some pretty weather this week, and all the farmers are busy putting up their land.

Miss Ruth Thompson is spending this week with her sister Mrs. O. F. Fox of Merkel, who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane gave a dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter's sixteenth birthday. There were about thirty guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. Homer McLeod spent the day with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Duncan Monday.

Mr. Carl Thompson if Spur is with home folks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lane of Roby were the guests of their parents Sunday.

Some of the young folks had a rather nice time at the home of Mr. Isaac Vancil's Saturday night at a forty-two party.

There was a rabbit drive in Golan community last Friday. The drivers all met at the tabernacle and had lunch. They killed a good many rabbits.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas of Tahoka spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Duncan.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson spent the day in Merkel Monday.

Last Sunday a week ago Mr. Homer Lawlis, our Epworth League president, resigned and Mr. Ira D. Sexton our principal of Golan school was elected president. We are hoping he will make a grand success, as I am sure he will.

HORN NEWS

Health of this community is not very good at this writing. Those on the sick list are Mr. Charlie Davis, Murrel and Grady Carr.

Mrs. N. E. Horn spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr is spending this week with Mr. John Carr.

Mrs. Homer Howard visited Mrs. Luther Hatfield a while Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard, Levenia and Fate Howard spent Sunday with Mrs. Benningfield, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson spent

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COMPERE ITEMS
BAPTIST NOTES

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We were delighted with the attendance last Sunday, 84 in Sunday School and a few regular members away on the account of sickness.

There will be preaching Saturday morning at 1 o'clock and Sunday evening at 2:30.

Our Missionary, Bro. Pope, from Anson, was with us Friday night in the Workers Council Meeting. An invitation is extended to all who will come to our services.

The ladies organized a Sewing Club at the home of Mrs. McNutt last Wednesday evening. Ladies present were: Mrs. Ben Atkins, Ed Spurgeon, T. K. Marshall, Walter Clemmer, J. P. Davis, Reb Tarpley, Boyd Tarpley, W. W. Outlaw.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith announce the birth of their little daughter on February 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby were called to Colorado, Texas, last Monday to attend his brother's wife's funeral, Mrs. J. M. Ashby. While in Colorado, Texas, the message came from Fayetteville, Tenn., that his

brother, F. G. Ashby, was dead.

Boyd, Reb and Ernest Tarpley have gone to Ida Bell, Oklahoma, to visit their father and mother.

Lee Stanley is in Sherman, Texas, this week visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Stanley.

Dee Lucas and family have moved back from Sweetwater, Texas, to his home in this community.

There was preaching at Zion Chapel Sunday at 11 o'clock Sunday evening, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall Sunday.

Church of Christ

W. G. Cybert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday at eleven o'clock. Subject: "Stewardship of a Christian."

All are invited to hear him.

Come around to Clarence Saunders Store Saturday and let us serve you a good cup of coffee. It

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COMPERE NEWS

The farmers are all almost through putting up their land.

The health of the community is very good at present.

Bro. Bryant filled his place Sunday and preached a fine sermon which was enjoyed by a large crowd. Bro. Bryant rushed back to Abilene to be with his daughter, who was to undergo a very serious operation on Monday morning.

Mrs. Beulah Cunningham spent Monday with Mrs. Lorene Allred.

Mrs. Wilburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bond and family visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blount of the I. X. L. community Sunday.

Quite a number of young folks went on Castle Peak Sunday and reported a real nice time.

There was a nice crowd at the party at Mrs. McKinney's last Friday night, all reporting a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allred visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout Sunday afternoon.

I have been requested to announce in the Mail that there will be a party at Mr. Sam Guy's next Friday night, and everybody come and bring some one with you.

The Womens Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at Zion chapel, and was attended by a nice little crowd, but hope to have more next time.

Miss Lenora Wilburn spent last Thursday afternoon with Miss Lavern Bond.

Mrs. McKinney was on the sick list last week.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Shiloh Happenings

The farmers are all busy putting up their land, some are almost thru, while others seem to have quite a bit ahead of them yet.

There was a very good attendance at Sunday School Sunday morning. Come on everybody, let's have a big crowd next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

Miss Velma Rutledge spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. B. L. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter of Anton, Texas, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill James.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson spent Sunday in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. George Bristow, near

Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge visited Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner and Miss Edna spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Phoebe Greene and Miss Maude.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and children and Miss Pauline Tiner spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert James.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haven of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James visited Mrs. B. L. James Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Barnes.

Mr. Clifford Davis received a broken collar bone Saturday evening at Merkel when a car ran into him and knocked him down. At last reports he was doing fine.

Mr. H. R. Grayson left Wednesday for Lamesa, on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Nig Ferguson of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mabry and Mrs. Jess Woodard and baby, Miss Joyce of China Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson last Tuesday.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 10:30. Every one welcome. Topsy.

Dora Doings

Rev. Glothorn of Hylton filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday in the absence of our pastor, M. A. Quinlie.

Albert Oliver has pneumonia, but is getting along very well at this time.

Mr. G. W. Whiteaker is riding around in a new Chevrolet sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger spent Saturday night and Sunday in Mr. J. B. Whisenhunt has been on

the sick list this week.

Elmo Eargle from Dryden is visiting his parents Dr. and Mrs. Eargle for a few days.

Quite a number from here were in Sweetwater Saturday trying to see a pink boll worm, and to hear his history. All enjoyed the talk by the Governor as well as others that were on the program.

Marshall Hazelwood of Mt. Pleasant visited his mother and sister Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Lewis spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Dick McCoy.

Chapell Hardy of McMurry was visiting home folks here last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley were visitors in the White Church community Sunday.

As gas is scarce we will close for this week. Nance.

HARRY GRIPP PLAYS COMEDY WITH MIX

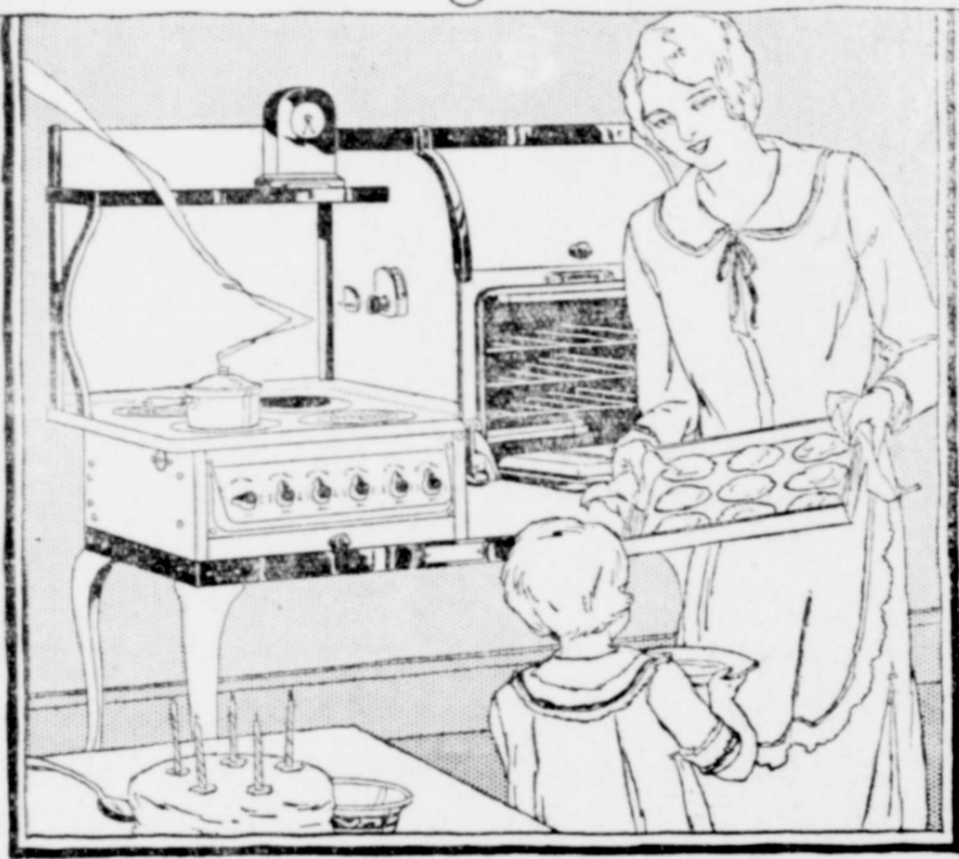
Harry Gripp and Buster Gardner, who supply the comedy relief in Tom Mix's new Fox Film vehicle, "The Tumbling River," coming to the Palace Theatre Saturday, are two of the most popular comedians in the motion picture colony.

Both have played prominent parts in numerous Fox productions and have won their spurs as well known cronies of Western productions. Buster Gardner plays the role of Cory, and Harry Gripp that of Titus, two faithful ranch hands of Jim Barton on his large ranch. Gripp played a very important role with Mix in "No Man's Gold."

Other well-known players with Tom are Dorothy Dwan, feminine lead, William Conklin, Elmo Billings, Ed. Peil, Sr., Wallace MacDonald, Etella Essex and others.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rodden had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Poor, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor, of Anson; also Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burkhart of Lamesa.

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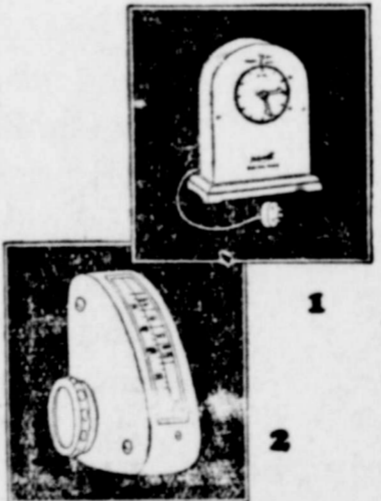
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These Schools, designed to place the service facilities of the company on a higher plane than ever before, are being held during February and March for the service personnel of the Chevrolet dealer establishments throughout the country.

The service managers are being summoned to the 45 zone headquarters, located at key centers, where the schools are being conducted. Here, under resident instructors, they are given a course in every phase of shop management.

Among the principal subjects covered are shop arrangement; equipment and special tools; appearance and maintenance; shop personnel; training of service personnel; operating costs; specializing the work of mechanics; compensation of mechanics, and the keeping of detailed and exact shop records.

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Student Mothers

Writers on the subject of mothers studying child psychology usually assume that the mother has one child, a rich husband and about four maids, whereas there are mothers who have no maids, a poor husband and about four children.—Woman's Home Companion.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon James A. Smith 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 newspaper 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 Monday in March A. D. 1928, the same being the 19th day of March A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of February A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 245-B, wherein Wooten Lumber Company, a co-partnership, composed of Julian F. Bailey, J. P. Wooten, and Gray Wooten; C. L. McWilliams, J. G. Braddock, George Akins, and C. F. Boatner, are Plaintiffs, and James A. Smith is Defendant, and said petition alleging

1. Suit by Plaintiff, the Wooten Lumber Co., for judgment on one note for \$400.00, and 1 for \$250.00, signed by defendant to J. E. Brewer, dated Oct. 25, 1927, No. 1 payable on or before January 1, 1928, and No. 2 in monthly installments of \$20.00 each, beginning Jan. 1, 1928, with 8 per cent interest, and ten per cent attorney fees.

2. Suit by plaintiff, J. P. Wooten, on a mechanics lien note for \$6500.00 with the sum of \$2403.70 balance due thereon.

And for foreclosure of the vendors lien and mechanics lien securing the above mentioned notes, respectively, on Lot 8, Block 4, Riverside Drive Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas.

3. Suit by C. L. McWilliams for \$34.00 for surfacing floors of the residence on said lot, and foreclosure of a mechanics lien thereon.

4. Suit by C. F. Boatner for the sum of \$285.00 for furnishing and installing plumbing fixtures in the said improvements and for foreclosure of his mechanics lien on the said lot and improvements.

5. Suit by Geo. Akins for the sum of \$19.00 for labor performed in the construction of the above improvements, and for foreclosure of the mechanics lien on the said lot and improvements, said labor being 3% days at \$5.00 per day.

6. Suit by J. G. Braddock for judgment for \$10.00 and foreclosure of mechanics lien on the said property which \$10.00 is a balance due him for labor in laying the concrete sidewalks on the said lot at a contract

price of \$20.00.

All of the plaintiffs praying judgment for the said respective amounts and for foreclosure of their respective mechanics liens and for a prorating of the proceeds from the sale of the property, and praying the sale of the said property, and for general and special relief.

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 the 10th day of February A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County.
By Zola McKee, Deputy. 1764

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Mrs. H. H. Reynolds, a feme sole, 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 newspaper 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 Judicial District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the Third Monday in March A. D. 1928, the same being the 19th day of March A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 4th day of February A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 239-B, wherein George McDaniel Jr., is Plaintiff, and Mrs. H. H. Reynolds, a feme sole, is Defendant, and said petition alleging

1. That on or about the 9th day of May, 1925, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: All of lots 1 and 18, Block "A" Outlot 2, Block 146, Abilene, Texas.

2. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withholds from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$5000.00.

3. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$200.00.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court, that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition; that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described lands and premises; that writ of restitution issue, and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, general and special, in law and in equity, that he may be justly entitled to.

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 the 4th day of February A. D. 1928.

BELE WELLBORN, Clerk. District Court, Taylor County. 10t4

Mrs. Walter Phillips Hostess

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 28, Mrs. Walter Phillips, assisted by Miss Alice Summerhill, entertained a number of friends and school girls in the lovely home of Mrs. Phillips, the living room was artistically decorated in red and white, four tables being daintily laid for games of hearts. Mrs. Gordon Howell and Miss Alma Cooper won high score and were awarded a box of delicious chocolates. Mrs. Phillips and Miss Ruth Williams received the boobie prize, a box of Andy Gump cookies. At the culmination of the games in came three of the guests all laden with useful and pretty gifts for Mrs. Floyd Tidwell of Abilene, the intermediate teacher of our school, who was Miss Faye Salyer before her marriage. This was indeed a surprise to Mrs. Tidwell, who only thought it just a get together social. After looking over the gifts and expressing her thanks, the hostesses served a plate lunch consisting of chicken, sandwiches, olives, cake and hot chocolate, the plate favors bearing the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Floyd Tidwell and Miss Faye Salyer at Abilene on February 18, 1928, at 10 o'clock p.m. at the home of the bride. Rev. Batsel Baxter of A. C. C. officiated.

All wished for the bride many happy years and much joy, after which they expressed themselves as having a lovely time and hoping that Mrs. Phillips and Miss Summerhill entertain again. One Present.

HAINES HAS TWO NEW AMBITIONS

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Mr. G. B. McClain accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Edna McClain and a younger brother, left first of the week for a business trip to points in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson returned first of the week from Dallas where they had been to consult a specialist in the interest of Mr. Hutcheson's health.

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On Friday, Feb. 24, the Alathean Class was entertained in the home of Mrs. Cummings, of Abilene.

Mrs. Brown read the 22nd chapter of Revelations followed by prayer by Mrs. Richie.

All business was dispensed with in order that we might have more time for a social hour with Mrs. Cummings who was teacher of this class a few years ago.

The game of "Who" was played in which Mrs. Polly was to do the "Elephant stunt." Mrs. Cannon was to pose as the "Beautiful old maid flirt," and imagine Mrs. Brown wearing false curls. Many more comical questions and answers were given, which kept the guests in an uproar of laughter.

Next was a beautiful duet, "Dream o the Shepherdess," rendered by Miss Mary Catherine Cummings and Mrs. Bell on their violins.

More social chat and recalling of funny happenings when Mrs. Cummings was one of us was enjoyed. Then another violin selection, "Beautiful Blue Danube," which was enjoyed very much.

Refreshments consisting of hot coffee, fruit salad on lettuce leaves, topped with marshmallows and cherries, carrying out the class colors of green, white and red, were served to Mesdames Brown, Jones, Richie, Polly, Canon, Matthis, Bradshaw, Warren, Bell, Porter and the hostess.

All too soon the hour of departure arrived; we bade our hostess adieu and were enjoying the ride back to Merkel very much, hoping deep down in our hearts that Mrs. Cummings would entertain our class again in the near future, when some one said "fare you well" and sure enough it was a very "fare you well," but thanks to the two men of color who kindly assisted us in getting the spare, so we arrived home in due time, each one feeling thankful for this pleasant and profitable trip. Reporter.

Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler spent last Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. W. M. Turner and family at Rule; the Judge says it was purely an accident that he ran into an old fashioned birthday dinner, the celebration of Mrs. Turner's and Ross Wheeler's birthday.

JUNIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

Subject: "Two Heroes and Ten Cowards." 1. Introduction, by Harry Boaz.

2. Twelve spies sent out, by Kathleen Harmon.

3. The spies of canaan, by Rosemary Lassiter.

4. The Report of the Ten, by Margaret Miller.

5. Report of the Two, by Ora Derrick.

6. The children of Israel revolt, by J. E. Lassiter.

7. Moses pleads with God, by Thelma Matthews.

8. How God punished the Israelites, by Cullen Tittle.

DR. GARDNER BUYS FARM

Mrs. Texie McKinney, of the Commerce community sold a farm located in that community this week, consisting of 160 acres, to Dr. C. B. Gardner. The deal was made through L. R. Thompson, local real estate dealer.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Leader, Vennie Heizer. Introduction by leader. 1. The theme here and in Heaven, Elsie Richie.

2. Our only hope, Floy Ash.

3. The gift of God's love, Mrs. C. Garner.

4. The Atonement, Mae Lassiter.

5. Christ died in our place, D. Gibson.

6. A distinct experience, Bill Haynes.

Junior League Program

Subject: "What our Words tell about us." Leader, Frances Marie Church.

Scripture lesson, Prov. 15:1-4, by leader. Song 109, prayer by superintendent. Piano solo, Lois Whiteley. Song 98. Benediction.

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