

\$16,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE CARRIES 3 TO 1

PIONEER CHURCH AND BUSINESS MAN MOURNED

Seth Hamilton, Long Time Resident of Merkel and Active in Religious, Civic and Commercial Life, Dies Unexpectedly.

Men, women and children from all walks of life paid tribute to the life and example of Seth Hamilton, prominent resident of this city and a merchant here for 31 years, who died unexpectedly last Saturday morning at 11:30, when funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and a large concourse of friends followed the remains to Merkel cemetery where interment was made.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Bastrop county on January 10, 1878, and came to Merkel in 1891. At the age of 14, he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He was active in church work, always having official duty of some kind and expending his efforts for the advancement of the church.

He was married to Miss Celestine Everett of Merkel January 19, 1908, and to this union was born three children, a little son, who preceded him in death, and two daughters.

For more than 31 years Mr. Hamilton was a successful business man in this city but with a realization of his failing health closed his business dealings and sold his interest in the Hamilton-Case grocery only a few days before his death, which was due to leakage of the heart.

Survivors are his wife, two daughters, Ethel and Eleanor Mae; the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, and two brothers, W. W. Hamilton of Snyder and Guy Hamilton of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Rev. T. C. Willett was assisted in the funeral services by Rev. Ira L. Par-rack, pastor of the Baptist church, and Elder G. W. Cypert of the Christian church. Mr. Willett read a sketch of the departed churchman's life and was followed by a touching tribute from Mr. Cypert to the man as a neighbor and citizen; Rev. Par-rack reviewed the religious life of Mr. Hamilton, and the remarks of each of the speakers stressed the fine qualities that made Mr. Hamilton one of Merkel's best known and most respected citizens, that stamped him as a loving husband, father and son, and above all that enabled him to set an example for others to follow in church and charity.

Active pall bearers were: Eli Case, Herbert Patterson, Kenneth Pee, W. D. Hutcherson, B. T. Sublett and R. O. Anderson. Honorary pall bearers were: W. E. Massey, Tom King, J. C. Childress, H. M. Rainboldt, C. M. Largent, W. M. Elliott, Ted Lassiter, S. F. Haynes, W. W. Wheeler, L. W. Cox, Grover Hale, J. M. Toombs, L. R. Thompson, Marvin Smith, J. T. Dennis and G. F. West.

Merkel Odd Fellows Attend Abilene Meet

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Taylor county federation of the I. O. O. F. at Abilene last Saturday night when more than 200 Odd Fellows were present from several West Texans towns.

"Rebekah Ideals" were discussed by Miss Dora Garoutte. The welcome address was delivered by A. H. Balch, tax assessor and collector of Abilene, and L. L. Murry of Merkel made the response.

Others attending from Merkel were: Mesdames F. A. Polly, John Slaton, Hines, A. M. Daugherty; Mr. and Mrs. Maek Busbee, and Messrs. J. D. Porter, Jess Higgins, Charlie Higgins, Joe Riney and Ted Lassiter.

Mother of D. H. Vaughn Dies. Mrs. Sarah Vaughn, age 77 years, mother of D. H. Vaughn of Merkel, died last Friday in Harrold, Texas. Mr. Vaughn, in response to a telegram that his mother was dangerously ill, arrived about two hours before her death.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

James M. Williams, 68, an invalid, was burned to death in his home at Fort Worth Friday morning.

E. Y. Jennings, 78, wealthy Ranger landowner, who had been a resident of Texas for 54 years, died at Ranger last week. He is survived by 12 children.

Miss Elizabeth Bennett was crowned queen of the court of Louis XIV, the royal designation for this year's Fiesta de San Jacinto at San Antonio.

A. J. Swinebroad, 92, said to be the oldest Mason and Shriner in Texas, died Saturday at the home of his son in Center. He had been a member of the Masonic lodge 71 years.

G. T. Blaylock, salesman for a Waco automobile concern, was forced at the point of a gun to drive on to Houston by two negroes. Near Bryan he scribbled a note and threw it along the roadside which was found by two A. & M. students.

What is believed to be a record in Texas criminal courts was made in the case of Mathew Sanders, negro, arrested, tried and executed in less than a month for criminal assault on a young white school teacher at Milligan in Brazos county.

Due to a change of administration, Jeff Bartlett, city manager, Frank Jones, city engineer, Ray Edinburg, water superintendent, H. H. Haines, manager of the board of city development and 27 minor city officials of Amarillo have resigned.

Judge William M. Sleeper, Waco attorney and member of the class of '79, will deliver the commencement address at the A. & M. graduation exercises June 2. This marks the fiftieth anniversary of the class of '79 which will hold their reunion at commencement.

The death of R. O. Head, attorney for the Red River Bridge company, caused another postponement in the trial of the case at Sherman in which two weeks ago Joseph Weldon Bailey, former United States senator, dropped dead in the court room after addressing the court.

Miss Katherine Marshall of Quanah, winner in the state-wide oratory contest in competition with eight other high school pupils, will represent Texas in the southern finals at New Orleans, May 10. Second place went to Walter Ely, Jr., Abilene, and third to Miss Margaret Dawson, Brownwood.

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general of the United States, connected with prohibition enforcement, who will deliver the commencement address at Baylor University, Waco, on May 29, is the first woman this institution has had for commencement speaker in its 84 years' history.

Four Fire Alarms.

Three small fires and a false alarm occurred during the week but the loss was not large in any of them. Wednesday night the cab of a truck belonging to J. M. Dunn, Jr., and W. F. Dunn caught fire from wiring, the loss being covered by insurance. The motor at the Quality Market struck and burned some wires and the tent and household goods belonging to Calvin Hawkins, living in South Merkel, were destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The fire department answered a false alarm Tuesday evening when an auto was thought to be on fire.

Miss Ussery Will Broadcast. Miss Nita Myrtle Ussery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ussery, of Brownwood, formerly of Merkel, who will graduate from the music department of Howard Payne college, will broadcast Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Her father is a singer and composer of sacred music and her grandparents also were residents of this section.

Stan Johnson Doing Nicely. Stanton Johnson was reported doing nicely on Thursday and while his recovery is slow it is thought that it will not be long before he will be able to be up and with his friends again.

PLAN HOTEL BUILDERS NEARING FINAL STAGE

MUCH INTEREST JONES WILDCATS

Two Spudded In and Several Drilling, With Better Show After View Well Shot.

Besides the Grisham-Hunter No. 1, Tiner, which is being drilled to 2750 feet to test for the new stratum found in Texas Co. and Cosden No. 6, Carter, at the depth of 2733 feet, and the Midcontinent Oil and Gas Company's well at View, which was shot last week and made a good showing when the bailer was run and which is to be shot a second time at the upper pay, there are several new wildcat operations in Jones county, which are holding attention.

The rig has been completed for W. G. Clark's No. 1, Newman, and W. G. Clark et al, No. 2, Dickinson, is out of the redbed and drilling at 1200 feet. Phillips Petroleum company's No. 3, Pomroy, has been spudded in, while Phillips Petroleum company's No. 1, Walters, is drilling around 750 feet.

Sam Knepley's No. 1, R. R. Horn, has passed 750 feet and the Conder Co., McDonald well at Stith is more than 2200 feet now. A rig is to be started soon on W. G. Clark's No. 1, G. L. Miller, which will be located in the northwest corner of section 29, T. & P. survey 18.

Grocery Store Safe Burglarized Monday

The safe of Robt. N. Campbell Grocery company, in which was between \$60.00 and \$70.00 in currency, \$15.00 in silver and some checks, was burglarized Monday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock and the entire amount of currency was stolen. The silver was left, also the checks and a '45 Colt, which was in the safe.

Mr. Campbell states that he came to the store about 5 o'clock Monday morning but that he left for a few minutes, locking the front door, but neglecting to close the back door. It is thought that the alleged thief entered by the back door. Officers are working on the case.

Large Delegation of Lions to San Angelo

A large number of Lions have already signified their intention to attend the state convention at San Angelo next Thursday and Friday, including Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, Sam Swann, Charlie Jones, L. B. Scott, E. Yates Brown, A. H. Brackeen, Mat Dillingham, Ted Nichols, Sie Hamm, Dr. H. P. Hulsey and S. P. Nesmith. It is thought that others will join the list and that the Merkel Lions Club will be one of the best represented organizations there.

\$275,000 Block County Roads Bonds Approved

Approval of \$275,000 worth of Taylor county road bonds, sold here March 25 at a 5 per cent interest, has been given by the state attorney general's department.

The bonds were bought by the Roger H. Evans company of Dallas. Following their approval by the company's attorney, money from the sale will be available for Taylor county roads. The funds will be used for improvement and construction of hard-surfaced roads in the county.

The March sale was the second from a \$1,000,000 bond issue passed in Taylor county in October, 1927. Sale of \$600,000 worth of the bonds was made in November of the same year. The remaining \$125,000 worth will not be sold this year, it has been announced.

Boy Scouts at Abilene.

Herbert Patterson, L. R. Thompson and Rev. R. A. Walker will leave today with twenty-five boy scouts for Camp Abilene for a scout jamboree to continue over Sunday.

Lions Club Told Minor Details Are Now Receiving Attention.

Combining business and pleasure, the weekly meeting of the Lions club was well attended; members learned that only the details as to the deed to the site and final financing by the builders of Merkel's new hotel are to be attended to before dirt is actually broken; two new members were elected, and plans were furthered to send a large delegation to the state convention of Lions clubs at San Angelo May 9-10.

Rufe Tittle was toastmaster and little Misses Odell Hunter and Clara Frances Largent were on the program for readings. Miss Odell Hunter gave "The Courtin'" by James Russell Lowell and "A Song of Degrees," while Miss Largent's selection was "They Never Quarrel." These little misses are clever in their art of expression and Lions encored them heartily.

Between the numbers and also at other intervals during the luncheon, the chair was asked to entertain various motions as to etiquette and it was proposed to move one Lion to an individual table. Hilarity ran high during the impromptu debate on the question "Resolved, that custom should be changed, that men should wear dresses and women should wear pants." As one opponent for the negative supported the affirmative, the debate was conceded to the modernists.

J. A. Sears and C. J. Glover, Jr., were elected to membership and it was announced that initiation of these and other novices impatient for the ceremonies would take place at the next meeting.

President Grimes, referring to the state convention to be held at San Angelo, stated that the report of the local club to the state organization would show that Merkel Lions club is thirteen months old, that during that time it has shown an average attendance of 71 per cent and that practically all of the projects undertaken by the club had been successfully handled.

Reporting for R. O. Anderson, chairman of the hotel committee, who was compelled to leave during the luncheon, (but not until after he had partaken of it.) C. J. Glover, Jr., gave a resume of the recent visit of Mrs. Elva Harrington of El Paso, builder of the proposed new hotel, together with her associates, and Mrs. Harrington had stated that when the deed to the site should have been placed in escrow with one of the banks here they would then be in position to make the final arrangements as to details of financing.

President Grimes announced the program committee for May as follows: E. Yates Brown, chairman, Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Sie Hamm. Toastmaster for next week will be W. O. Boney and for the following week Lige Gamble.

W. C. Ballard Manager Merkel Produce Co.

W. C. Ballard, formerly of Winters, where he was the head of the Ballard Produce company, has removed with his family to Merkel and succeeds Mr. S. O. Nations as manager of the Merkel Produce company. Mr. Ballard and his family are being cordially welcomed to this city, adding to the many new residents who have come to Merkel in the past few months.

Mr. Nations goes to Colorado from here and carries with him the best wishes of many friends and business associates.

Fred Groene Sails For Cuba.

Mrs. H. F. Groene received word Wednesday that Mr. Groene was sailing that day from New Orleans for Havana, Cuba, in connection with his commercial advertising work. Mr. Groene left Merkel about two weeks ago and will probably be engaged in Cuba for sometime.

CONTRIBUTORS TO CEMETERY FUND

Following is the list of contributors and the amount of each to the cemetery fund, as reported to the committee up to Thursday morning, together with the amount previously collected: Amount reported last week... \$ 95.50

Mrs. J. J. Stallings of	
Ft. Worth	2.00
Mrs. W. L. Harkrider	5.00
Mrs. Amy Sears	5.00
J. L. Barker	2.00
G. L. Anderson	3.00
M. C. Church	5.00
J. A. Horton	5.00
Homer Easterwood of	
Taft, Texas	2.50
Mrs. Duncan Briggs	1.00
J. A. Buford	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins and	
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Grafford	5.00
of Centralia, Mo.	
Total	\$132.00

Hi Choral and Glee Club Will Present "Pickles" Monday

"Pickles," a musical comedy in three acts, will be presented at the Merkel theatre Monday evening at 8:30 by the High School Choral and Glee club, of which Miss Christine Collins is director, with Miss Winnie Lu Compere pianist.

It is said that this delightful musical comedy affords excellent opportunity for voice students, backed up by numbers from the Choral and Glee club, and the rehearsals give promise of an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The cast: Hans Maier, proprietor of the Wurtzelpraeter Inn, played by Orion Tittle.

Louisa, a waitress, played by Hazel Leslie.

Captain Kinski, chief of the detective bureau of Vienna, by Ruskin Smith.

Bumski, Rumski, Kinski's sleuths, played by E. L. Turner and Fred A. Baker.

J. Jennison Jones, an advertising expert, is sung by Harold Leeton.

Jigo, a Hungarian gypsy, sung by Baylor Amason.

Ilona, a gypsy girl, by Ima Gene Mangum.

Arthur Crefont, an American artist, by Carlos Montandon.

June Pennington, an American heiress, by Doris Brown.

Jonas H. Pennington, proprietor of "Peter Piper Pickles," played by William Sheppard.

Lady Vivian Delancy, a charming English widow, played by Lola Shelton.

Waiter, Milton Case.

Dancer, Louise Booth.

Wichita Falls Gets Texas Press Meeting

Dallas, May 2.—Wichita Falls was chosen as the Texas Press association convention city and the dates set for June 13-15 at a meeting of the officers and executive committee.

Original plans were to hold the meeting at Mineral Wells. The change was made when it was discovered a new hotel there would not be completed in time for the convention.

Trinity U. Band Over Radio.

The Trinity University Band and Men's Glee club who delighted a full house of listeners at their recent concert here were passing visitors again Friday morning at the same time the Dallas business men were in Merkel and added to the city's welcome for the Dallasites.

On Friday evening the Trinity boys were on program over WBAP, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and many local radio fans enjoyed "listening in."

NEEDED REPAIRS GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROVIDED FOR

Modern Heating Plant, New Sewerage, New Roof, Building to Be Repainted; Improvements to Be Completed This Summer.

Voicing their approval of the proposed \$16,000 bond issue to repair and remodel the present Grammar school, as recommended by the school board and explained in detail in previous issues of the Merkel Mail, the people of Merkel by a majority of almost three to one put themselves on record in favor of this further step of progress in the forward movement of this city. The vote was 94 in favor of the bonds, with 39 voting against same in the election that was held Tuesday.

According to a statement from Superintendent Burgess' office today, just as soon as the preliminary steps are taken for the approval of the bonds by the attorney general's office, the bonds will be sold and it is hoped that plans and estimates may be all at hand so that the work of repainting and remodeling the Grammar school building can start early in June. It is expected that the improvements will be completed during the summer months and the session of 1929-1930 will find the building not only overhauled with necessary repairs but also equipped with new sewerage and a modern heating system.

The major item in the architect's estimates for the repairs and improvements is for a modern heating plant, which is to cost about \$7,000. A new sewer system is to be provided and the entire building painted. The Grammar school auditorium is to be seated with opera chairs and the floor of the school auditorium will be raised.

A statement of the financial condition of the Merkel public schools as submitted by the board prior to the election, reveals the very pleasing fact that unless something unforeseen happens, the board will be able to care for this bond issue without the addition of more taxes or raising the value of property, as the present income will produce an estimated surplus over expenditures for next year of about \$2,500.

Dallas Trade Trippers Get Acquainted Here

In their good will tour of West Texas cities, more than one hundred Dallas business men reached Merkel Friday morning about ten minutes behind their schedule and their stay here was cut short a few minutes of the allotted time.

The arrival of the special train was greeted at the station by members of the Lions club, headed by President. Dee Grimes and his reception committee, a large number of businessmen and the entire school body with the teaching corps, school having been dismissed by Prof. Burgess in honor of the occasion.

Headed by the 20-piece Dallas municipal band the trade evangelists formed in double file and paraded the streets of the city, the band forming in a circle at the conclusion of the parade and favoring the townspeople with a brief concert.

No set program was followed, but the Dallasites mingled with the merchants, visited them in their stores and had a good time generally getting acquainted.

On Thursday night previous to their visit here, the Dallas excursion party were guests of Stamford and they spent the next night at Midland.

Singing at Mt. Pleasant.

It is announced that there will be singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All singers are invited to be there and bring your new books.

Is Recovering Satisfactorily.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Charlie Jones is recovering satisfactorily from an operation last week. Mrs. T. C. Bittle, her sister, came up from San Antonio to be with her.

DON'T BE A QUITTER

First always know your plan is right,
Then go to work with all your might.
When you decide a thing to do
Don't quit until you get it thru.
Because the quitter never wins;
He leaves undone what he begins,
And takes up something else to do;
His plan he never carries thru.
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New universal joint will be installed for a labor charge of \$3. Brake shoes relined for \$1.50. Rear spring and perches rebushed for \$1.75. The cost of overhauling the starting motor is \$3. A labor charge of approximately \$2.50 covers the overhauling of the generator.

It will pay you, therefore, to see your Ford dealer and have him put your Model T in good running order. By doing so you will protect and maintain the investment you have in your car and get months and years of reliable transportation at a very low cost per mile.

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Stamford is to have a new modern 24 room brick veneer hotel in the near future to take the place of the Riggins hotel, an old landmark on East Reynolds street. The building, according to M. Rogers Williams, Abilene owner of the property, will be leased when completed.

Anson's growing interest in aviation has been acted upon by the Lion's club of that city, which appointed a committee from its members to finance the clearing and marking of a field just east of the city limits. The name of the town will be painted in large letters on the top of some building.

Tulia's two mile caravan of cars filled with representatives to the Panhandle Plains dairy show, headed by the Tulia band, returned after the show with a large percent of the ribbons offered. Two championships were won by Tulia dairymen, and the coveted P. C. Bennet trophy was also won.

Iowa Park is already making plans for her fair next fall. A committee to look after spacious grounds and ample housing quarters has been appointed. Attention will be paid to educational features and exhibits, some of them being by school children.

Pecos, with the completion of a \$40,000.00 tourist camp to be known as Beacon camp, will have one of the most modern and convenient camps in the country. It will have 20 suites and 20 rooms, equipped with garages, children's playgrounds, etc. It will be opened by May 1st.

Floydada's first first Monday drew a large crowd, and nearly \$4,000.00 worth of every kind of goods needed on the farm was sold at the auction which featured the afternoon's entertainment. Merchants of the town financed the auction sale and spread advertising of the event over the country.

Brady's Chamber of Commerce secretary points out that 10 wolf clubs have saved the Heart O' Texas area \$2,000,000.00. Clubs in McCulloch, Comanche, Brown, Mason, Kimble, Runnels, Calahan, Coleman, San Saba and Taylor counties have collected 2400 wolves and 1000 wildcats.

Ballinger entertained the Mid-Texas Educational Association recently. Addresses were made by J. D. Motley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; A. B. Oliver, principal of the Santa Anna schools; Prof J. J. Brown of Texas A. & M. College; Dr. F. C. Ayer, University of Texas, and Dr. T. D. Brooks, Baylor University.

Breckenridge school children are taking part in the clean-up program being observed in the town this week. They spend their time beautifying the school campuses and buildings, along with the rest of the town. The observation was started off with a parade in which every school was represented.

El Paso will be the scene of the eleventh annual convention of West Texas Chamber of Commerce late in the summer instead of in May. It is hoped that the postponement of the dates will make it possible for President Hoover to attend and to participate in the convention, and in the Gadsden Purchase commemoration.

Rochester is laying claim to being the smallest town in the world with talking pictures. Greenwade, owner of the Rochester Theatre says that the newly installed machinery will make it possible to feature all the latest vitaphone pictures. All talking pictures will be shown the first three nights of the week.

Sweetwater's band will be in charge of Geo. H. Winter after May 1. Winter has a record of 24 years in band experience in university and industrial organizations. He was leader of four different army bands during the war. He will conduct classes in band and orchestra instruments at his municipal building offices.

Munday will keep several hundred dollars at home since the establishing of a modern laundry there by Miss Jewell McKee of Knox City. The capacity of the plant will be increased as fast as the patronage justifies. The plant is equipped with several washing machines and a drying closet.

Winters will hold an annual "Living at Home Fair" beginning with June 20, 21, and 22, of this year. Exhibits by communities and individuals, 4-H

Clubs, vocational agricultural judging contests, short courses and field day, a "Live at Home" Banquet and the opening of the fair will be featured.

Stephenville will start work on the paving of 70,000 square yards of brick pavement to begin soon. The contract went to the Thurber Brick company, whose price on concrete was \$2.01 for six inch thickness reinforced with 40 pound steel. The paving will amount to between six and ten miles.

Lubbock men are at work tearing down a two story structure to make way for the twelve story Hilton hotel, for which the permit for construction was taken out recently and was in the neighborhood of \$500,000.00.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is sending an invitation signed by Governor Dan Moody of Texas, Governor Dillon of New Mexico and Governor Phillips of Arizona to President Hoover asking that he attend the eleventh annual convention and the commemoration of the Gadsden Purchase at El Paso.

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"MAMMA'S AFFAIR."

On Monday evening at the Merkel Theatre, the public speaking department of the Merkel High school gave a three-act play entitled "Mamma's Affair." The band played before and after the play.

D. O. Huddleston, a former Merkel boy played violin solos between the acts. He is now a student of Abilene High school.

Some unusually good acting was done by all the characters, especially Miss Missie Dye, who played the leading part, and Lee Darden, who played the part of the hero. But we might also mention Vernie Derrick, who played the part of the mother of Henry Merchant, (Carlos Montandon), and Tula Miller, as Mrs. Orrin. Harold Boney as the bell hop brought a laugh with every appearance and Bernice Lasater as the cook won everyone's heart.

The proceeds of the play will go to the library.

MISS GARROUTTE VISITS JUNIORS.

The Junior class was happy to have its visitor Thursday morning at the chapel period Miss Dota Garroutte. For several years Miss Garroutte has been especially interested in the boys and girls of this class. She was chosen our "Room Mother" some four or five years ago, while we were yet youngsters in Grammar school. Miss Garroutte always brings to us lessons well worth remembering.

"Some one," she said "has accused the modern day student of stealing his education, but this cannot be done. An education is acquired through effort. It becomes a part of one, and cannot be stolen.

"Remember, what you want to be you can be. It all depends upon you. Be rulers of your own kingdom. you must learn to govern yourself before you may hope to govern others effectively.

"Do not gally with temptation," she said, "but if something tells you not to do a thing do not do it. Once you have yielded it is more difficult to resist the same temptation when it is again faced."

Another maxim quoted by Miss Garroutte, and one worthy of consideration, is as follows: "To think is more than to know and to be is better than to think."

Miss Garroutte remarked that she had detected in numerous young people to today too much arrogance along with their knowledge. "Some people," she said, "know too much to be edu-

cated. Humility and meekness are virtues."
 "Live, that out of it may come a better growth," she told us.

TRINITY BAND AT CHAPEL.

On last Wednesday morning during the chapel period the high school enjoyed some numbers by the Trinity Band. The quartet and the Glee club also sang several numbers. This was under the direction of Mr. Learning, dean of the music department at Trinity University. They went from the High school to the Grammar school where they gave a program.

SIMPLE RHYMES OF A SIMPLE WRITER.

Sometimes amidst the struggle
 For that thing we all call gold
 We may forget that there are yet
 Somethings that are not sold.

Yes, some that cast no strife or coin,
 And in abundance are;
 And may be had by rich or poor;
 Those dwelling near or far.

The beggar trudging on his way
 May view with joy and pleasure
 The arts of nature on the path
 As he of hoarded treasure.

The most humble, lowly child of God
 May breathe the air of Spring,
 Inhale the fragrance of the roses
 And hear the song-birds sing.

The most despaired and futile life
 May glean an inspiration
 And find in God and nature
 A blessed consolation.

And He who wisely planned it thus,
 On such things placed no toll;
 They're here for pauper as for Prince
 And are not bought for gold.

—Frances Fredrickson.

SAY, DIDJA KNOW—

—That the citizens of this school district have shown themselves to be as progressive as school patrons anywhere by giving their hearty approval of the \$16,000 school bond?

—That the play, "Mamma's Affair,"

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Your friends dare not say so but your sore gums and foul breath don't make folks like you any better. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy heals worst cases if used as directed. It is not a mouth wash or paste, and is sold on a money back guarantee. Phillips Drug Store.

which was given to a large audience at the Merkel Theatre, Monday night by the M. H. S. Players Club under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, was one of the best plays ever presented in Merkel?

—That there are only four weeks of school remaining this term?

—That with the receiving of the '29 Badger, another milestone in the progress of the history of M. H. S. will be reached?

—That with the close of scholastic activities this year, one of the best terms in the annals of the school history will have ended?

—That if the science laboratory were only in as good condition as the remainder of the high school building, there would be nothing left for the immediate needs in high school, excepting a little thing of more room for a few classes?

—That with the close of school only a matter of weeks now, most of the students seem to be loafing as much as ever (if not more so) and according to the teachers the parents must cooperate if several of the pupils pass in their studies?

—That even though there has been

no spring football training in M. H. S. as there has in most of the larger schools throughout the state, prospects for a successful season next term are very bright?

—That this week students were visiting in the High school and the Grammar school from McMurry college. They were completing the survey of the Merkel schools?

—That next week the Senior class begins practicing on their play, "A Full House," by Fred Jackson?

SOPHOMORE PICNIC.

Thursday evening after school the Sophomores went to Mulberry on their annual picnic. Most every one rode on a truck but some private cars went. As soon as we arrived we started a game of baseball. After much play we spread our lunch. At first it looked like a feast, but "the feast fast diminished."

After eating we started a new game of baseball, but had to stop the game upon seeing the sun slowly nearing the western horizon. We were sorry to leave but we were satisfied to have had such a good time.

As their guests the Sophomores and their sponsor, Miss Roberta Sloan,

had Misses Julia Martin and Vera Baker and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

DALLAS BOOSTERS VISIT MERKEL.

The students of Merkel High school and Merkel Grammar school welcomed the Dallas Boosters to our city on Friday, April 26, by all being at the station to give them a hearty greeting.

The Merkel Boosters' Band also was

at the station to welcome them into our town.

The Dallas Boosters visited the different stores and gave little trinkets to the school body, while the Dallas Band played a short concert on the streets.

The Boosters came to Merkel from Stanford and they continued on their way to El Paso.

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BIG REDUCTION

Beginning Wednesday, May 1st

Our New Prices on Cleaning and Pressing Will be as Follows:

- Men's Suits Cleaned and Pressed \$1.00
- Men's Suits Pressed 50c
- Men's Pants Cleaned and Pressed 50c
- Overcoats Cleaned and Pressed \$1.00
- Ladies' Plain Coats Cleaned and Pressed \$1.00
- Ladies' Coats with Fur Collar Cleaned and Pressed \$1.25 and up
- Ladies' Wool Dresses Cleaned and Pressed \$1.00
- Ladies' Plain Silk Dresses Cleaned and Pressed \$1.50
- Plaits and Ruffles Extra
- Ladies' Hats Cleaned 50c
- Men's Hats Cleaned 50c
- Men's Hats Cleaned and Blocked \$1.00
- Ties Cleaned and Pressed 10c
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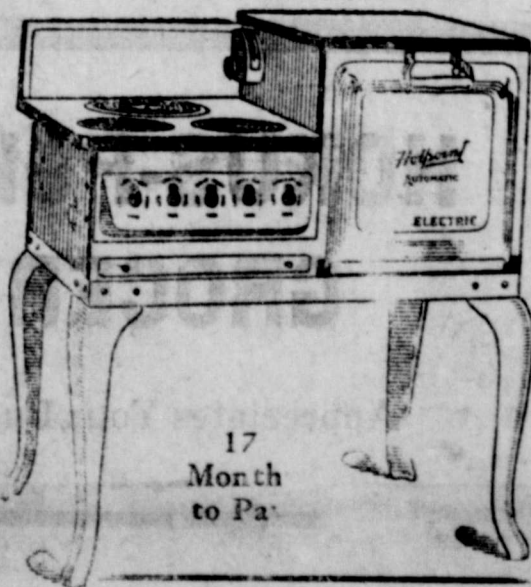


Be Prepared for Summer Have a Cool, Comfortable Kitchen.

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TALKING SHOP.

To join the Abilene Reporter-News family in the capacity of promotion editor, J. J. Hutchison, editor and one of the owners of the Merkel Mail for the past eight months, has disposed of his interest here and is now actively engaged in his new duties with the Abilene newspapers.

Mr. Hutchison was born with a sense of news and acquired the ability to put that news naturally and with ease in shape to please and interest the reader. He is a graduate of the school of experience where so many of the better known journalists got both their groundwork and their diplomas and will fill any desk in the modern daily newspaper organization ably and satisfactorily.

Although a resident of this city for only a short time, Merkel parts with Mr. Hutchison with regret and those of us who were workers with him are loathe to lose his co-operation and services but our best wishes and the best wishes of the people of Merkel and this section follow him in his new sphere of endeavor.

It is not an easy task that he has left us, however, because we know and can say without boasting that he has placed the standard of the Merkel Mail in the ranks of the best of the weeklies in the smaller towns. As we carry on, we ask the indulgence of readers and patrons.

From Texarkana to El Paso is farther than from Texarkana to Chicago.

OUR SCHOOL BOARD.

As a result of the favorable vote on the \$16,000 school bond issue Tuesday, much needed repairs will be made to the Grammar school building, a new sewerage system provided and a modern heating plant installed. The public schools of this city are a source of pride to every resident and the members of the school board have proved themselves, individually and as a body, capable and far-seeing business men as well as fit civic leaders in their management of school affairs.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with places for all. We have congenial classes and competent teachers in every department in the Sunday school. The pastor will speak both morning and evening Sunday. Half the hour at the evening service will be a musical program consisting of congregational singing and special numbers in solos, duets or quartets.

Our B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7:15 Sunday evening and will have a place for all who come. Brother W. I. Crane has been elected director over all our B. Y. P. U. work and will be on hand Sunday to take over the directing of this part of our work. Let's give him our hearty support and help him put over a worthy training service in our church. Every able-bodied member of the church ought to be a member of one of the B. Y. P. U.'s and ought to help make it go. Let a large number of our grown-up workers come to our adult union, bring the young folks along for the senior, intermediate and junior unions and we hope to have a primary union also.

Strangers and visitors are always welcomed to our services.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Mollie Hall Wilson, 60, wife of J. H. Wilson, who had preceded her to the glory world 20 years, and a resident of Blair for the past 18 years, died suddenly at her home Wednesday at 3:30 a. m., April 24. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the M. E. church at Merkel, conducted by Rev. Marvin Williams, pastor of the Blair M. E. church. Interment was in Merkel cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was a native of Tenn. and came with her father, W. A. Hall, and family to Texas and Taylor county some 40 years ago, having resided in the same vicinity since. She had been a member of the Methodist church from childhood and was always interested in the advancement of the Master's kingdom. Mrs. Wilson is survived by her only child, Mrs. Cynthia Swafford and four sisters: Mrs. G. W. Moore, Merkel; Mrs. Cynthia V. Hall, Blair; Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Trent, and Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Blair, all of whom were present at the funeral services.

—Contributed.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Ona Fay Campbell and Bruno Veckert, popular young people of the Shilo community, drove over to Sweetwater last Saturday evening and were married there. They will make their home at Sweetwater. Their many friends are extending best wishes for a happy married life.

The program at the M. E. church last Sunday evening was rendered by the League of McMurry College and was enjoyed thoroughly.

Misses Lillian and Emma Gean McRee visited relatives and friends in Fort Worth last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth are the parents of a fine baby girl who arrived last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Belton arrived Saturday for an extended visit with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Watts. Mrs. Johnson will be remembered as Vera Watts.

Mrs. J. A. Faulkner, accompanied by her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wise of Fort Worth, returned home last Monday after visiting with Mrs. Falkner's mother, Mrs. Archer. Mr. Wise filled the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

Friends will be glad to know that Mr. Burks and son, who have been in the hospital at Merkel for the past week, are able to be at home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed and daughter, Bonnie Ruth, attended the bedside of Mr. Reed's grandmother at Copperas Cove last week, returning home Tuesday and leaving the grandmother very much improved.

Mary Boyd of Simmons University visited with the home folks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott have returned home after quite a stay at Haskell.

Drew Johnson visited his son, Dewey Johnson, last week enroute to San Angelo.

Will Walker of Big Spring visited his uncle, Ed Burks, Friday.

Bill Riley and daughter, Maurine, of Coleman visited Mr. Riley's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hub West, the greater part of the week.

Miss Lillie Harris is visiting with her sister in Dallas.

Miss Zula Bright is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gentry, of Paradise.

Clarence Duke, who has been visiting with relatives for some time, has returned home.

Mrs. Wilson has returned to her home at Sylvester after visiting the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Kirby.

Earnest Massey and Wilmer Woods spent last Sunday in Wink.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rossen of Lamesa last week-end.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Majestic at Abilene Changes Features Every Four Days

In an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue it is to be noted that, starting this week, the policy at the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, has been changed so that all programs will run for four days only, unless otherwise announced.

The program opening today and Saturday will carry over for next Monday and Tuesday. The following program will play the balance of next week and a new feature will open on Monday of the second week with change on Friday of that week, three attractions being offered each two weeks period.

It is also announced by the theatre management that a cooling system is

now being installed and will probably be in operation within two weeks. The new "freezing" plant will effect a complete change of air within the theatre every three minutes and the temperature can be held to not over 72 degrees even during the hottest weather. The system is described as being absolutely noiseless, a necessary factor in cooling plants designed for use in theatres presenting sound attractions.

Purchased Mack Fowler Home

D. R. Thompson has recently purchased and modernized the Mack Fowler home. The purchase was made through L. R. Thompson.

Have your shoes dyed red, blue or black with oil dye. Dowell, the Shoe and Top Man on Front street.

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I will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to meet with us.

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We have a fresh stock of Globe Black Leg Aggressin. Phillips Drug Store.

Abilene Couple Wedded Here.

Elvey Wood Mitchell and Miss Audie Lou Giles of Abilene were united in marriage Saturday night at the Methodist parsonage here, Rev. T. C. Willett officiating.

Get your Top and Seat Covers from Dowell the Shoe and Top Man. We meet mail order houses.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
RANGER
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Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday
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S. S. Van Dine's All-Talking Murder Mystery
"The Canary Murder Case"
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William Powell Louise Brooks

4 Days starting Wednesday May 8.

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FOR SALE—Six tons of Maize at \$18.00 per ton; eleven miles north of Merkel on the Rains farm. Mrs. R. B. Rains.

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NOTICE—I am back in business. Welding, vulcanizing and radiator repairing. H. H. Hand Garage.

If you want to write insurance for a going concern, get in touch with the Peoples Mutual Life Insurance Association, Abilene, Texas. Liberal contract. Good territory.

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LOST—\$10 Bill on streets of Merkel or some business house. Please return to W. R. Hampton, Merkel, Texas.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

H. J. R. NO. 6
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 5 Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the occurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; in other matters, until otherwise provided by Law, the jurisdiction of the Court shall be exercised under such regulations and orders as the Court by a majority vote may prescribe. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this State and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court, or such lawyer and judge together at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for State officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified. When this amendment takes effect, the Governor shall immediately appoint six additional Associate Justices of the Supreme Court for terms of office so that the terms of two of such appointed Associate Justices shall expire with the term of office of each of the present members of the Supreme Court, and, upon the qualification of such new Justices, the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas shall terminate."

"Article 5 Section 3. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction only except as herein specified, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State. Its appellate jurisdiction shall extend to questions of law arising in cases of which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Until otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall extend to questions of law arising in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the Judges of any Court of Civil Appeals may disagree or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals may hold differently on the same question of law, or where a Statute of the State is held void, and shall extend to such other questions as may be within the Court's Appellate Jurisdiction under the Statutes of the State in force when this amendment takes effect. The Supreme Court and the Justices thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, as may be prescribed by Law, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by Law, the said Court and the Justices thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, procedendo, certiorari and such other writs, as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. The Legislature may confer original jurisdiction on the Supreme Court to issue writs of quo warranto and mandamus in such cases as may be specified, except as against the Governor of the State. The Supreme Court shall have power, upon affidavit or otherwise as by the Court may be determined, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capitol for the trans-

action of business at such times as may be designated by the Court.

The Supreme Court shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter be required by law, and he may hold his office for four years and shall be subject to removal by said Court, for good cause entered of record on the Minutes of said Court who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide."

Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot: "For the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court", and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot in the same manner the following words printed on said ballot: "Against the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court." If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in

favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

Approved February 19, 1929.
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J. A. Patterson, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the death of our dear mother and sister; also for the beautiful floral offerings. May each of you have such friends when sorrow comes to you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford,
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore,
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman,
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell,
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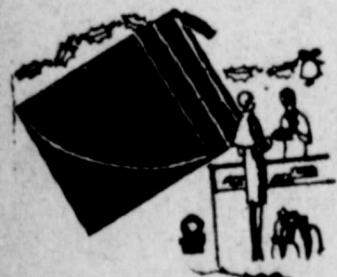
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What the Gray House Hid



The Mystery of a Haunted Mansion
by Wyndham Martin

(Continued from Last Week)

CHAPTER VIII

When Leslie Barron came again to consciousness, he thought he was in a prison cell. It was a small stone room, electrically lighted. He had been placed on an iron cot. A bandage was about his head, and his crumpled shirt front was blood-stained. Except for bruises and a throbbing head, however, he found that he was unharmed.

He reconstructed what had happened since he went in search of the wild faun, and was forced to admit that the event which stood out most vividly was the inexplicable knavery of Frederick Appleton. The little man had always been so courteous, so respectful, so flattering. He had expressed his regard for the Barron family repeatedly. He had once embarrassed Leslie by comparing his head with that of the Hermes of Praxiteles; and then, incontinently, he had brought a loaded bludgeon down upon it with such force that death had not been very far away. What was the wild faun to Mr. Appleton, that he had sprung thus amazingly to avenge the unknown intruder?

Leslie rose from his cot and walked to the door. It was of heavy wood, metal covered. He could not escape. No one answered his shouts. Leslie sat down again on the bed.

In his career as a somewhat reckless driver, he had more than once had to wait in a jail cell until he paid his fine. In every instance there had been a penetrating and unpleasant odor about these places. This cell had no such effluvia; nor, as he examined it more closely, had it the appearance of the regular jail. It was plain that it had been constructed for no other purpose than to imprison.

Leslie called to mind his talks with Junior as to the threatened dangers surrounding the Gray house. In the beginning they had thrilled him; but then, as pleasant days succeeded pleasant days, Junior and he began to feel annoyed that they had ever anticipated peril.

Leslie was not yet nervous about the outcome of the adventure. The eldest son of Grantley Barron could not disappear without a nation-wide investigation. It would be proved that he had gone from the Gray house into the grounds. Celia would understand why he had gone. He had disappeared in evening clothes, leaving his other effects untouched. The whole neighborhood would be combed by detectives. In the end, his father might have to pay a huge ransom.

This last thought rather amused Leslie. Appleton was probably a professional blackmailer or kidnaper. None would suspect the suave, modest, hard-working little man. Had not Leslie seen the descending black-back in his hand, he would not now have believed him guilty.

"I wonder where the devil I am!" Leslie murmured.

Then his thoughts turned upon the big fighter whom he had knocked out. That knock-out, Leslie admitted, was more or less accidental. If the unknown stranger had not turned his head obligingly as an owl hooted, he would probably have won; but who was he, that he should stand guard outside the Hanby home at night?

Leslie presently dropped into a troubled sleep. When he awoke, there was the smell of strong tobacco in his cell. He looked into the twinkling eyes of Luigi Bartoli, strong man, collier, and, alas for his impetuous temper, a double murderer.

"Where am I?" Leslie demanded.

Luigi was easily moved to mirth. This seemed an excellent jest.

"If I tell you," he answered, "these happen to me!" He made the expressive gesture of cutting his throat. "You come with me. If you make a much noise, I break-a your neck, so!" Again the graphic action of a man bending back the neck of a victim until the cervical vertebrae snapped. "Now!"

Leslie knew that this stocky jailer had the power to inflict such a punishment. His forearms were enormous, and his chest measurement could not be less than fifty inches.

Along a narrow stone corridor, lighted by an overhead electric lamp, went Leslie and his jailer. Luigi passed outside a metal-shielded door and knocked. Apparently he was to enter, for he gripped Leslie by the wrist and pulled him in.

Mr. Appleton and two companions sat him. It was a room fifteen feet square, well furnished, and artistically lighted.

"Ah!" said Mr. Appleton benevolently. "Here we have Mr. Barron Jr.!" He turned to a good-looking, well-dressed woman, who was smok-

ing a Russian cigarette. "I have the highest respect for this young gentleman's family."

"I don't like your way of showing it," Leslie snapped.

He had seen by this time that the third person was the wild faun, wholly at ease in a big chair, puffing at a cigar.

"He is quite a nice-looking boy, isn't he?" the woman said, in a low-pitched, charming voice.

"The Barrons are all good-looking," said Mr. Appleton. "I have commented before on the Grecian cast of Mr. Leslie's head."

"Have the kindness to leave my head alone," Leslie growled.

"Certainly, certainly!" Mr. Appleton assented. "My attentions to it last night were dictated by motives



"He is Quite a Nice-Looking Boy, isn't He?" the Woman Said.

of caution, not of hatred. Others were dependent upon me, and I must consider them. Mr. James Delaney here, formerly a power in the ward politics of our common city, seemed at the moment to be a corpse. You are younger, stronger, and fleet of foot than I. I did not think you were in a frame of mind which would permit me to wish you good evening and disappear. Had you reported my presence to Mr. Hanby, a search would have been instituted which might have had unpleasant consequences."

"A search will be made," Leslie snapped, "and, believe me, it will have unpleasant consequences for you all!"

Appleton was urbane, untroubled. "What makes you suppose that?" "Because I shall be missed." "But will you? That's the point." "Why shouldn't I be missed?" Leslie said heatedly. "The Gray house isn't a hotel where one checks out and is promptly forgotten."

"Fortunately for us," said Mr. Appleton, "you did check out."

"That silly lying doesn't impress me."

Leslie was annoyed that the wild faun and the woman found in his assurance something almost humorous.

"But you have checked out—oh, dear me, yes!" Mr. Appleton took from his pocket the letter that Leslie wrote to Celia. "Miss Hanby will find this tomorrow. The references hidden from us will be clear to her. You have had a quarrel, it seems, and, with the folly I expect from youth, you have decided to go away. Very well, Mr. Barron, you have carried out your threat. Do you think Miss Celia will sink her pride to send out an alarm for you? No! This stupid, unappreciative lad, she will say, 'will come back later to be forgiven. He shall find that there are others to console me.' Her parents, being still amazingly wrapped up in themselves, will not worry. Until I read this, I was a little perturbed at the situation; but you have clarified it."

Leslie opened his mouth to speak, but thought better of it. He was about to remind Appleton that the household would be alarmed because he had gone away in evening clothes, leaving his other belongings in disarray, and had neglected to take his automobile.

"We have attended to all that," Appleton said kindly, guessing his thoughts. "Ch, dear me, yes! A lifetime of a business in which detail plays so important a part is a great aid. I shall presently pack your gear. I have keys to every room in the house. I shall bring them to you here. Your car will be removed by James. It will be in Philadelphia by noon. Tomorrow night you would not recognize it. James has an in-

terest in the business. You will be our guest here for a time."

"Where are we?" Leslie demanded. His spirits had fallen. The Barrons were accustomed to his absences and long silences. The unfortunate letter would exasperate Celia. For some weeks, at all events, he would be an unsought prisoner.

"In Westchester county," replied Mr. Appleton. "We are the guests of one who is dear to me." He bowed with distinguished courtesy to the lady. "You will have no opportunity to escape."

"Am I held for ransom?" "You are held because it would be inconvenient to let you go."

"You said it!" James commented. "So mighty inconvenient that it wouldn't make me sleep no worse if I had orders from the chief to croak you!"

Luigi here made his expressive gesture of slitting a windpipe.

A sudden panic swept over Leslie. He was not used to consorting with criminals. The sense of real danger came to him. He had no chance to escape, and at least two of three men were openly hostile. It must be that he was imperiling the success of some secret affair. The two might sway Appleton to their views. He glanced at them wildly.

"You can't get away with murder!" he cried.

"We should not try," Appleton told him considerately. "It would be an accident. Your body would be picked up in the sound. We might even arrange that it should be clad in a swimming costume. I rather think the Thimble Islands would be suitable—somewhere near Stony creek."

"Why frighten the nice-looking boy?" suggested the woman, in her caressing voice. "It is only if you think he is trying to escape that we should have to do that. Really and truly, Mr. Barron, we are not murderers or kidnapers."

"You will be held until a certain deal that we are putting through is successfully accomplished. Your treatment depends on yourself. Luigi will be your jailer. Look at him, Mr. Barron, and judge for yourself whether it would be wise to try to escape. He has carried a grand piano on that broad back of his. Luigi has a system which has proved very effective with another uninvited guest here."

"He eat-a out o' my hand now," Luigi said proudly. "Thees one, too!"

Assuredly Leslie could expect no mercy from Luigi, the strong man. So there was another prisoner! Leslie felt lonely and fearful. Why had he allowed himself to take offense at Celia? Celia! It was hard work to keep tears from his eyes as he thought of her. Perhaps she would never know how much he loved her. If cruel death took him here among these hardened men, she would think of him as one who allowed the irritation of a moment to overcome the affection he had protested.

Even in that moment Leslie wondered by what magic of authority the little plump man controlled such ruffians as these. There was no question of his dominance; and this was the same quiet, modest, affable person whom Leslie had grown used to seeing at the Hanby table, the man who rarely ventured an opinion, and listened deferentially to those of others! Of the three, Appleton seemed the most sinister and alarming.

(Continued Next Week.)

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Simmons U. Sponsors Voice Contest For High School Seniors

Abilene, Texas, May 2.—The first voice contest for high school students of West Texas will be held at Simmons University during the latter part of May when high school seniors compete for vocal honors. The meet is being sponsored by the school of voice of Simmons, under the direction of Professor William James Work.

The music supervisors or principals of each school will be asked to hold a contest at home and choose the best boy and the best girl singer, among those who will graduate this June, and send them to the meet here.

The winner of the first prize will get a year's scholarship under Professor Work, second place will get a \$70 scholarship, entitling them to a half year's work and third place student will get a \$30 scholarship.

All contestants must sing two songs, one of their own choosing and one must be selected from two designated by the directors of the meet. Songs for boys, one of which will be sung, are: "Give a Man a Horse he Can Ride" by O'Hara, and "The Old Road," by Scott. Girl's songs are: "The Lark now Leaves her Watery Nest," by Parker and "I Hear a Thrush at Eve," by Cadman.

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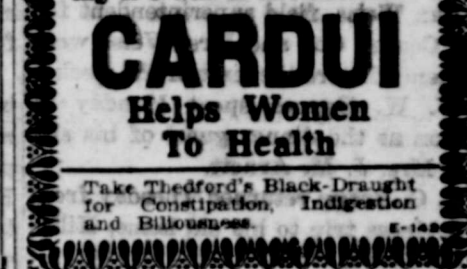
Tye School Closed Monday.
The school in the Tye community, nine miles east of Merkel, closed for the 1928-29 session Monday afternoon according to announcement from the office of County Superintendent M. A. Williams.

The Tye school is the third in the county to close for the present term.

Worried Night after Night as health declined

"I SUFFERED frequently from nervous headaches, and I could not sleep well," says Mrs. Mrs. Corns Dover, R.F.D. 2, Hickory Grove, S.C. "I was thin and pale. I was so weak I could scarcely walk. I tried several remedies which were suggested, but nothing seemed to help me. Night after night I worried because I could see I was going downhill. I had my children to look after, and I was afraid of what would become of them if anything happened to me."

"I began to take Cardui on the recommendation of a friend. It wasn't long until I was beginning to pick up. My strength gradually began to return. I rested better at night and was less nervous. I took several bottles of Cardui, and when I had finished taking it I was in fine health."



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FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. John West entertained a number of friends last Friday evening with games of 42 as the diversion.

A lovely color scheme of pink and green was emphasized in all table appointments and in house decorations of roses, massed in profusion throughout the entertaining suite.

A dainty sandwich plate on which the colors of the party were portrayed with roses as individual favors went to Mrs. Seth Simms, Messrs. and Mesdames C. B. Gardner, Jim Sears, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, Henry West, L. B. Scott, Mr. James West and the host and hostess.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Mrs. Quay Hamblet, assisted by Mrs. S. A. Farris, entertained at her home Friday evening at West Elm street with a surprise party complimenting Audrey Farris.

Roses of pink and white tints were used as room decorations. Games of "Pollyanna" offered entertainment during the evening with high score going to Addie Belle Free and second prizes to Ola Smith.

Punch was served during the games and later orange sherbert and cake was served to the following guests: Audrey Farris, Ola Smith, Marguerite Turner, Opal Patterson, Mary Eva Nichols, Marie Stanford, Hasseltine Farris and Addie Belle and Pearl Free of Abilene.

Aletheans Entertained.

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Pick Allen and Mrs. O. B. Boden were joint hostesses to the Alethean class of the First Baptist church in the pretty new home of Mrs. Allen on Oak street. The class was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. P. Hamm, followed by the devotional and class song, scripture reading by Mrs. E. N. Brown and prayer. A short business session was held and it was decided to send towels to the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. To determine how well the members know the Bible seventeen questions were asked and Mrs. J. T. Warren answered them all. Mrs. Warren made an interesting talk. Miss Alice Church gave several piano selections and Miss Beryl Hunter a reading. Contests were enjoyed during the social hour. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Euell Allen in serving delicious ice cream and angel food cake with beautiful pink rosebuds as plate favors to the members and visitors: Mesdames Bradshaw, Brown, Richie, Holden, Hamm, Warren, McDonald, Sumpter, Ash, Porter, Polly, Dougherty and Stephens. Visitors were Mesdames Joe Higgins, Warren Smith, E. Yates Brown, Misses Alice Church, Beryl Hunter.

CARD OF THANKS.

To our friends who were so kind and thoughtful during the recent sorrow that has come to us, in the death of our husband, father, son and brother, we take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation.

Your friendly helpfulness has meant more to us than you can ever know, for words fail to convey the real depths of our feelings for you. It is at such times that we are made to realize the beauty of friendship and thank our Good Father in Heaven, for the dearest ones on earth. The beautiful flowers, every kind word spoken, every thoughtful deed—we are not unmindful of one single thing you have done for us. May God bless you with such friends when you have such real need of them.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton,
Ethel Hamilton,
Eleanor Mae Hamilton,
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton,
W. W. Hamilton,
G. B. Hamilton.

Florida Speaker Here.

Louis D'Asaro, an Italian missionary, whose home is in Mango, Fla., spoke at the Christian church here on Thursday of last week. He was introduced by Elder W. G. Cypert. Mr. D'Asaro came to America at the age of 17 and he has been an active leader and worker in the Mango church of Christ for the past eight years.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Leta Powell of Ozona spent the week-end with Miss Mary Parrack. Mrs. J. V. Tye of Burlington is visiting her brother, Andy Brown, and other relatives.

B. E. Hamilton of Roscoe visited Sunday with his brother, B. L. Hamilton.

Mrs. J. H. Toombs and children of Carrollton, Texas, are visiting Mr. J. R. Toombs and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson combined pleasure and business in Abilene Saturday.

Lytton Howard of Stamford was a business visitor in Merkel the latter part of the week.

Miss Ona Lee Richards of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Norma Shannon.

Mrs. C. L. Boswell has as her guest her grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Perry, of Blooming Grove in Navarro county.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and family visited relatives in Sweetwater Sunday.

Miss Missie Dye enjoyed a week-end visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum in Abilene.

Miss Louise Booth was the week-end guest of Miss Opal Dillingham in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck and Mr. and Mrs. George Caple have returned from a visit to Waco.

Mrs. L. B. Scott attended the funeral of a distant relative, Miss Lizzie Green, at Ferris, Ellis County.

Dan Weiss, field superintendent for the Cosden Co., and Mrs. Weiss were Abilene visitors the first of the week.

W. W. Haynes spent Monday in Anson as the dinner guest of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Arnett.

T. G. Bragg returned Tuesday from a business trip to his old home, Hillsboro, Texas.

Until their new rock-veneer home is completed, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham will have rooms at Mrs. Sandlin's.

Mrs. Quay Hamblet had as her guests for the week-end her sisters, Misses Addie Belle and Pearl Free of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox were visitors at the home of Mrs. Cox's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, over Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Roberts left Sunday for her home in Plainview after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brown visited Mrs. Jackson's sister, Mrs. W. L. Fetty of Sylvester Sunday.

V. E. Sublett left Tuesday with Dr. Chas. F. Williams of Abilene to look after Dr. Williams' farms near Portales, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell spent last Sunday at Lamesa with an uncle, M. K. Slagle, whom they had not seen in twenty-six years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Haynes' eldest sister, Mrs. M. E. Hardy, of Dallas, who has reached the ripe age of 86.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. Weir's sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes and they attended the funeral of Seth Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Perry of Abilene, the former an uncle of Mrs. C. L. Boswell, paid a Sunday visit to Mr.

and Mrs. Boswell, in whose home Mr. Perry's mother is now a guest.

Mrs. Roxie Chandler of Ash Grove, Mo., en route from California to her home, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson. Mrs. Chandler is an aunt of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

On their return from Abilene, Mrs. S. P. Nesmith and Mrs. George Moore were accompanied by Misses Kaygins, Elliott and Rogers, who remained over as Mrs. Moore's guests for the week-end.

After enjoying a visit of several weeks from their young grandson, Billie George Coker, Judge and Mrs. Cobb accompanied the young man on his return to his parents' home in Dallas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson left for Fort Worth on Tuesday, Mr. Anderson on business, and while there they will enjoy a visit with their daughter, Miss Flora Frances, who is a student at T. C. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham were Sunday visitors to the home of Will Calvert south of Sweetwater. Mr. Calvert is recovering from a very serious injury sustained in an automobile accident several weeks ago.

A. W. Hudgins of Dallas and P. F. Hudgins of Corpus Christi with their families were visitors of the Misses Garouette Wednesday. These men were former residents of Merkel, their father, B. W. Hudgins, having been superintendent of the Merkel schools for several terms.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong, wife and baby came from Fort Worth Saturday night to visit with Dr. Armstrong's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Dr. Frank Armstrong left Fort Worth after office hours Saturday and returned Monday in time to be at his office at the usual hour.

Mrs. E. Yates Brown motored to Abilene last week-end where she met the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. Tippet of San Angelo, who were en route to Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Tippet and children returned to their home in San Angelo from Dallas Sunday in their newly purchased straight Eight Packard.

Kit of Tools Stolen

Two boys are being held in connection with the alleged theft of a kit of tools from a freight car Saturday, and two batteries missed at the same time have not been recovered. Deputy Constable S. M. Cox was assisted by special officers of the railroad in the case.

CARD OF THANKS

No words can quite express our thanks to each and everyone that that worked so faithfully in trying to put out the fire that destroyed our barn and feed. We trust we may be able some time to be of service to you all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rossion and Children.

The Roberts Co., Sewing Machine Experts, will be in Merkel next week working on Family Sewing Machines. Cleaning and Overhauling. Shop Men, look for them.

We have the Spike, Low Spike and Cuban heels. We put them on where they stay. Dowell, the Shoe and Top man on Front street.

Miss Pence Attends Teachers Conference Under Louis Saar

Miss Mary Pence went to Dallas last week to a meeting of music teachers for a conference and examination with the distinguished Louis Victor Saar. Miss Pence accompanied her music teacher, Mrs. S. C. Randals of Abilene, who has made a specialty of the Progressive Series Text. Teachers using this text are affiliated with the greater music conservatories of the country and are invited from time to time to meet with noted musicians, bringing their enrolled pupils who are specializing in teachers training that they may have personal supervision.

Mr. Saar studied in Europe for many years in Munich, (where he was graduated with highest honors from the Royal conservatory,) Berlin and Vienna. He came to America in 1893 and engaged for three years as accompanist for the Metropolitan Opera company. He has held enviable positions as a teacher in New York, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis.

Miss Pence feels greatly benefited by her trip, having received much inspiration from Mr. Saar. Aside from the examination the teachers heard him lecture and play, a treat never to be forgotten. As a souvenir Mr. Saar presented Miss Pence with two of his own compositions which he autographed for her. Miss Pence and Mrs. Randals were accompanied to Dallas by Mr. M. Douglas.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Presbyterian Home. Evening service will begin at 8 o'clock. Session meeting Tuesday at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come and worship with us.

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R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Thanks Extended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins have asked the Merkel Mail to express their thanks to the congregation of the Methodist church for their kindness in supplying them with a gas heater that filled a much needed place in their home.

KINDERGARTEN.

Beginning June 3, 1929, I shall teach a kindergarten. The term will be six weeks: The work will consist of: hand-work, games, story telling, health rules, music and objective counting. Tuition, rate \$10.00 per child.
EUNICE RUSSELL.

Blair Items

Mrs. Mac Herton and son of Wichita Falls were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan Sunday.

Douglas May of Lubbock is spending an indefinite time with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Rossom.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and children, Kenneth and McQuerry spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer of Snyder.

Taylor Campbell of Brown county, was visiting in our midst recently.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and Peggie visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall of Blackwell is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore, of Cross Roads visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Mer-

kel visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton of Blackwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott, parents of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of Tye, visited them Sunday.

Junior League Program.

Song; scripture; Psalm 135:6-7, by leader, Pauline Lassiter; Yellowstone National Park, by Florine Baker; the mount of the Holy Cross by Wanda Hunter; the Mammoth Cave, by Mollie Frank Touchette; North Carolina mountains, Lois Whiteley; Niagara Falls by Odelle Hunter; leader's talk, Pauline Lassiter; discussion; benediction. Juniors, remember your conference collections.

We have a fresh stock of Globe Black Leg Aggressor. Phillips Drug Store.

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Big Reduction May 1

Men's Suits Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00
Men's Suits Pressed	50c
Men's Pants Cleaned and Pressed	50c
Overcoats Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00
Ladies' Plain Coats Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00
Ladies' Coats with Fur Collar Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.25 and up
Ladies' Wool Dresses Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00
Ladies' Plain Silk Dresses Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.50
Plaits and Ruffles Extra	
Ladies' Hats Cleaned	50c
Men's Hats Cleaned	50c
Men's Hats Cleaned and Blocked	\$1.00
Ties Cleaned and Pressed	10c
Ladies' Coat Suits Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00

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\$1 SATURDAY DOLLAR DAY \$1

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2 dozen Bed Spreads	2 for \$1.00
1 dozen \$1.50 Bath Mats, each	\$1.00
50c Tissue Gingham, 3 yards for	\$1.00
50c Printed Linens, 3 yards for	\$1.00
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Tub Silk, the yard	\$1.00

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56x50 Linen Lunch Cloths	\$1.00
Men's Fancy 50c Silk Hose	3 Pair for \$1.00
Men's \$1.25 and \$1.50 Dress Shirts, each	\$1.00
Men's 65c Summer Union Suits	2 for \$1.00
Children's 50c Sox	3 Pair for \$1.00
50c Ladies' and Children's Hats, each	\$1.00

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Specials For Saturday

COFFEE, Broncho, 3 lb. Cans	\$1.35
COFFEE, Sam Houston, 3 lb. Cans	\$1.45
PEACHES, Gallon Cans	49c
BACON, Dry Salt, lb.	16c
SALMON, Nile Brand, Can	17c
SPUDS, Idaho Russets, 10 lb, Limit one,	22c

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