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## BOY SCOUTS FROM MERKEL WINNERS OF THIRD PLACE

Also Awarded Indian Dance at Last Council Camp Fire of Jamboree at Abilene; Seven Counties Represented.

With 66 troops from seven counties represented by about 385 scouts, participating in the boy scout jamboree Friday and Saturday at the boy scout camp near Lake Abilene, Merkel troop was given third place by the judges, troop 3 of Abilene being the winners over all.

The most spectacular event of the meet was the Indian dance at the last council fire, which was won by the Merkel scouts under Big Chief Darsey.

In addition to the usual program of scouting, contests were held in archery, first aid, string burning, knot tying, fire building, semaphore signaling, Morris signalling, wall scaling, water boiling, wood chopping and other activities, the Merkel scouts taking part in all of these events.

The scouts from Merkel were accompanied by Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson, Ralph Duke, Rev. R. A. Walker, L. R. Thompson, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Billie Bernice Gamble and Sarah Sheppard. The scouts who went to the jamboree were: J. T. Darsey, Jr., Ross Ferrier, Elvis Richardson, Bennie Sheppard, Byron Patterson, Jim Patterson, Jr., Jack Patterson, Donald Willett, Warden Boswell, David Gamble, Jack West, Jack Stanford, Burnell Scott, Mordell Shouse, Joe Earl Lassiter, Don Swafford, E. L. Turner, Meyer Mellinger, Isadore Mellinger, Howard Carson, Louis Carson and Bud Gamble.

The good showing of the Merkel scouts was due largely to the untiring and enthusiastic efforts of the scoutmaster, Herbert Patterson, who has given a large part of his time during the past two years to the boys of Merkel and the fine conduct of our boys at home and in camp attests to his character and reflects his influence both on the boys and on the community at large.

## Boy Scouts Assist Bureau of Census

Herbert Patterson, scoutmaster, has received a request from the special agent of the bureau of the census at Austin for the assistance of the Boy Scouts of the local troop in gathering records of babies born in Texas since Jan. 1st of this year. Texas is one of three states not now in the registration area and every one is urged to furnish information to the Boy Scouts when they call with the registration cards.

## 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:

T. M. Smith	2.50
J. H. McDonald	5.00
L. A. Watt	2.00
Herbert Patterson	3.00
Mrs. Lucinda Hughes (Estate)	10.00
Andy Hunter	5.00
J. T. Warren	10.00
B. F. Cox	2.00
Mrs. M. E. Campbell	2.00
C. M. Largent	10.00
S. F. Provine	5.00
Mrs. S. L. Harrison	2.00
Mrs. B. M. Black	1.00
Mrs. J. R. Walling	5.00
J. H. Warnick (Abilene)	2.00
Mrs. Florence Berry	2.50
Mrs. J. R. Toombs	5.00
Jerome Hutcheson	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson	10.00
W. S. B. Warren	2.00
Ona Johnson	5.00
Joe Winter	10.00
J. E. Costephens	5.00
Miss Amanda Curtis	5.00
Total for week	\$113.50
Previously reported	132.00
Grand total	\$245.50

## For Mothers Day and All the Year

In a distant verdant valley, in a proud old stately State,  
There's a dear old-fashioned homestead that I've visioned oft of late;  
Through the fabric of my fancy, runs a strand of purest gold—  
The memory of a Garden—sweet as any dream could hold.

I can see a shady, winding lane, with elms on either side;  
A quaint old house, with shutters, and a front porch, deep and wide,  
And a sidewalk that is bordered by a garden, full in bloom,  
By old Nature's hand embroidered on the Magic of her loom!

And there's Mother, with her slippers, and a pair of patched old gloves,  
Tending it with tender fingers—busy at the task she loves,  
And she, too, is gently dreaming—dreaming in a "world apart,"  
Of the ever-blooming memories, in the Garden of her Heart.

And she sees down time's dim pathway, baby blossoms, soon to flower,  
That she nursed with loving patience, in the quaint old homestead bower,  
Ere the thief of time came creeping, and had seized them, one by one—  
Ev'ry dainty blooming daughter; ev'ry stalwart, flow'ring son.

Moved away to distant places . . . taken from her tender care,  
Far from her who'd loved and reared them, in the old home garden there;  
Through the fabric of my dreaming, in my heart I hear the call  
Of that garden, and dear Mother—rarest, fairest flower of all!  
—James Edward Hungerford.

## MOODY PAINTS PRISON HORRORS

Conditions Make Rather Than Break Criminals Charged in Address at Bryan.

Bryan, May 9.—The Texas prison system was pictured in all the vivid terms with which historians have described medieval dungeons.

The speaker was Governor Dan Moody, who, speaking before the closing session of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce convention, characterized the Texas prison system as "a breeding ground for the most loathsome and horrible diseases."

He pictured conditions on the prison farms little known by the public generally and charged that "our prison system manufactures instead of reforms criminals."

Hundreds of derelictions in the state's duty to prisoners were pointed out by the governor as he issued his blanket condemnation of the entire system.

"Please don't think me maudlin and sentimental, for I am not. I simply want to make a plea in the name of humanity. We are not interested in reforming a criminal for the criminal's sake alone; sometime that criminal will be released and for the security of society, for the safety we owe ourselves, from every humanitarian standpoint, we should exert every effort to reform mentally, spiritually and physically those committed to our care."

## Sam Butman Ships Four Carloads Steers

Sam Butman, prominent ranchman, shipped four carloads of Hereford steers to Fort Worth Monday and the net proceeds of the sale amounted to \$12,214. The cattle were raised on Mr. Butman's ranch south of Merkel and the shipment included 96 head. The average for 72 head of these was 13 1-4 cents and 24 head averaged 12 1-2 cents. Will Butman made the trip to Fort Worth.

## Hits Truck on Highway.

A Chevrolet truck without lights, which was parked on the highway in front of Camp Chapman one mile west of Abilene, was hit about 11 o'clock Wednesday night by Victor Smith, driving a Ford coupe, and both the truck and the coupe were badly damaged but no one was seriously hurt.

## APPOINT DENNY CITY MARSHAL FOR NEW TERM

City Council in Monthly Session Fills Other Positions and Appoints Boney and Frazier on Street Committee.

D. W. Denny, city marshal of Merkel for two years prior to his resignation on March 20, was re-appointed to this position by the city council at their regular monthly meeting held Monday night. With Mayor J. P. Sharp, who won the April election and who had previously assumed office, presiding, all of the members of the city council were present at the meeting, as follows: R. O. Anderson, Booth Warren, W. O. Boney, Henry Frazier and A. T. Sheppard. Alderman Sheppard was re-elected in the recent election and W. O. Boney is the new member of the board.

City Marshal Denny qualified by taking the oath of office Tuesday morning and assumed his duties at once.

Sid Cox, who was formerly street and grader man, but who had been serving temporarily as marshal, was appointed again as street and grader man at the same meeting of the city council and Jack Huffman received appointment in the sanitary department.

A street committee, consisting of W. O. Boney and Henry Frazier, was appointed by the mayor and this committee will have supervision of street repairs and improvements.

## Committee Approves Colquitt's Name As Board of Member

Washington, May 9.—Despite President Hoover's emphatically expressed objections, the Senate voted 47 to 44 Wednesday to retain the export debenture plan in its farm relief bill.

Thirteen Republican independents joined an almost solid Democratic vote in defeating an attempt by administration forces to eliminate the disputed provision.

The bill already passed by the House does not provide for debentures, and inclusion of the plan in the Senate measure was held by its opponents to complicate enactment of farm relief legislation greatly. Republican leaders contended the House would reject the provision overwhelmingly, especially in view of the President's position.

## GOOD SHOWING AT VIEW WELL

Reports Thursday were to the effect that the Mid-continent Oil & Gas company's View well was standing about 2,000 feet in oil. As is well known, this well was shot twice last week and much interest centers about the present operations. C. A. Siggins, head of Mid-continent's production department, gave out the following report on Tuesday:

"The test was shot with 30 quarts from 2,445 to 2,460 feet. The shots covered all the lower pay encountered, and also some lime which failed, to show oil. The second shot of 60 quarts was from 2,385 to 2,412 feet. Casing was pulled and the well shot with a bomb, allowing cavings to come in, and the well did not clean itself. We are now cleaning out about forty feet off bottom from the first shot.

"We do not feel at this time that we are able to estimate the size of the well. There is between 1,000 and 1,200 feet of oil in the hole. As soon as we finish cleaning out we will make a test to determine what the production will be."

Before the well was shot the showing was estimated at seven barrels, pumping. Operators are hesitating at making an estimate at this time, due to cavings still in the hole and the performance when the showing was first encountered.

The well was started last November and first oil show found January 31 at from 2,381 to 2,394 feet. The hole was drilled deeper, with increase oil from 2,445 to 2,450 feet. At that time tanks were erected and the well was tested. February 6 it pumped 2-1/2 barrels, and on the last day of testing, February 12, pumped six and one-half barrels.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mayor J. Waddy Tate, the "hot dog" mayor of Dallas, has abolished the paid theatre censor and board of appeals.

O. D. Rider, 50, of Big Spring, conductor on the T. & P. railroad, was killed in an auto crash and two companions were dangerously injured.

W. H. Underwood, 65, Midland rancher, was instantly killed when his auto was struck by a passenger train. His neck was broken when he was hurled 20 feet.

Bessie Kohutek, 7, was instantly killed near Mereta in Tom Green county when an automobile overturned as a tire blew out. Two sisters escaped unhurt.

The manager, assistant manager and seven other employees of the Palace Theatre, operated by Dent Theatres, Inc., at Corsicana were arrested on charges of violating the Sunday law.

Rev. H. G. Kenney, recently ousted from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Cameron on a heresy charge, joined the First Congregational church at Beaumont.

E. H. Astin, Bryan, Brazos Valley plantation owner, has been appointed a member of the Prison Board by Governor Moody, leaving one vacancy still on the board to be filled.

Rev. W. E. Duke, Baptist pastor, on trial at Lamesa for the murder of J. A. Cox at Klondyke near Lamesa on February 6, was acquitted by verdict of the jury after one ballot had been taken.

W. A. Tarver, Corsicana lawyer, is the new chairman of the State Insurance Board and Life Insurance commissioner, appointed by Governor Moody, succeeding R. B. Cousins, Jr., resigned.

Mrs. Greenleaf Fisk, Abilene, was chosen president of the Sixth district, Texas Federation of Women's clubs, and Coleman was chosen for the 1930 meeting at the Federation sessions held in Brownwood.

Loy Mitchell, Big Spring aviator, who had been held on charge of conspiracy to violate the United States neutrality laws, has been released from this charge but is being held under bond of \$1,000 as a witness.

O. W. Mayo of Waco was elected state consul and John C. Daniel of Sherman state clerk at the state camp of Modern Woodmen of America held at Waco. Brownwood was chosen for the next quadrennial convention in 1933.

Ten prisoners, including Carroll Bates, former Texas ranger and San Angelo police chief, have been carried to Leavenworth federal penitentiary where they will begin serving sentences assessed on conviction of participation in a liquor ring.

The trial of W. S. Ham, arraigned at Abilene for the murder of an El Paso taxicab driver whose partially decomposed body was found buried in a shallow grave near Big Spring three months after he disappeared in 1920, resulted in a hung jury.

Burt Mayfield, 23, of Goldthwaite, was found guilty of murder and his punishment assessed at five years imprisonment in connection with the death of Ruby Osborne Delatour July 18, last year, who was found unconscious on the San Saba highway.

## Senate Passes Farm Relief Bill Retaining Debenture Plan

Washington, May 9.—The nomination of Oscar B. Colquitt, former Texas Governor, to be a member of the Railroad Board of Mediation, was approved unanimously Wednesday by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

Colquitt was appointed by President Hoover to succeed Pat M. Neff, also a former Texas Governor, whose reappointment failed of confirmation in the Senate last session.

The committee had held several hearings on the Colquitt nomination and listened to charges that he had accepted a large loan from the Texas Brewers' Association. Mr. Colquitt denied this accusation.

Mr. Colquitt is a Democrat. He told the committee that he supported Mr. Hoover in the last campaign. His appointment was indorsed by the Texas Republican organization.

## LION DELEGATION OFF TO SAN ANGELO STATE CONVENTION MEETING

### It's Music Week State and Nation

This is National Music Week which comes in the lovely month of May 5th to 11th and which has already proved itself of value on its sixth birthday.

The state and nation concentrate on the power of Music and the many ways of producing it.

Music study is unique, it compels, if properly taught, much more accurate thinking than any other study and enhances the enjoyment of life.

There is a greater demand for experienced and high class teachers than ever before.

Educators and psychologists the world over are united on this vital point in our civilization.

"Music gives tone to the mind, a charm to sadness, gayety and life to everything." Study Music!  
—Mrs. Will D. Williams.

Merkel, Texas

## STITH FARMER DIES SUNDAY

George D. Harris Who Came to County 26 Years Ago Buried Wednesday.

After having eaten a hearty breakfast with members of his family and later driven for an hour or more about his farms George D. Harris, 69, prominent landowner of the Stith community, died unexpectedly Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at his home. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Stith Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Davis, the pastor, officiating and interment was made in the Stith cemetery.

Mr. Harris was born Nov. 22, 1859, in Izard county, Ark., and married Dora M. Fluty of Baxter county, Ark. on Jan. 6, 1886. To this union 13 children were born, of whom 10 are now living and all except three were present at the funeral rites. He moved to the Stith community about 26 years ago and had resided continuously there ever since. He has been a member of the Methodist church 35 years and was prominent in the religious activities of this section. He was one of the most highly respected and successful farmers in the county.

Surviving Mr. Harris are his widow, 10 children and 12 grand-children. The children are: Henry H. and Charles A. Harris of Long Beach Calif.; George V. Harris of Cordova, Alaska; Mrs. Ruth Cannon of El Centro, Calif.; Robert E. Harris of Snyder; Mrs. Truman Harlow of Brownwood; Mrs. E. D. Ruse of Abilene; Mrs. Homer Patterson, Bert Harris and Miss Dora Ione Harris of Merkel.

All of the children were present for the funeral except Mrs. Ruth Cannon, Mrs. Truman Harlow and George V. Harris.

## Monday Fire Destroys Russell Barn and Feed

Fire of undetermined origin, which was discovered shortly before one o'clock Sunday morning, damaged the barn of C. K. Russell to the amount of about \$500, while about \$400 worth of feed was a total loss. No insurance was carried.

The fire department responded promptly and rendered valuable assistance not only in fighting the fire but in removing two trucks and four head of horses from the building. The top of the cab of one of the trucks was badly burned.

## Rainfall One-Fourth Inch.

Merkel and this section was visited by a light rain Wednesday afternoon and in some sections the precipitation amounted to two or three inches. For the period beginning at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and up to 9 o'clock Thursday morning, B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, reported a quarter of an inch rainfall with prospects of more.

### Headed by President Dee Grimes With Uniform Red Hats, Ties and Handkerchiefs.

Including local members who may attend one day, Merkel Lions will have a delegation of at least 15 at the State Lions club convention, which began its sessions at San Angelo Thursday morning and which will hold over today.

Information as to the program and other details of the convention were furnished the local Lions at their regular meeting on Tuesday by Booth Warren, chairman of the committee for representation at the convention and Mr. Warren was the only speaker on the program.

W. O. Boney presided as toastmaster and after the invocation by Byers Petty, Miss Boog Sears favored the Lions with two numbers, "The Answer" and "Oh, Mr. Piper." She was accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Gardner and both numbers received generous applause.

In his general remarks Mr. Warren stated that the Lions convention would be the first convention held in the new city auditorium at San Angelo, which cost around \$350,000 and which will seat 2,000. Benjamin Ruffin, president of International, will be one of the prominent Lions in attendance and an open air banquet on the pavements was to be given on the first evening, with flood lights adding brilliance to the scene. Varied entertainment to suit all tastes has been provided and the two days will be filled with pleasure for all those who attend.

It was announced by Mr. Warren that headquarters for the Merkel delegation would be at the Walker Hotel. Prospective delegates were displaying red hats and red ties of noticeably bright hue and it developed that these insignia with handkerchiefs to match would constitute the special decorations of the local Lions.

Those attending the state convention from Merkel, either for the entire time or for one of the days, are: Dee Grimes, president; W. L. Diltz, A. H. Brackeen, Chas. Jones, Ted Nichols, Sam Swann, Mat Dillingham, T. G. Bragg, Sie Hamm, Booth Warren, S. F. Nesmith, George Woodrum, B. H. Lancaster, E. Yates Brown, C. K. Russell, Dr. H. P. Hulsey and possibly others.

With Galveston, Port Arthur, San Antonio and Austin in the race for the next convention, it was decided for the local delegation to go uninstruced, but to vote right.

Charlie Jones and Herbert Patterson both extended the invitation from the Boy Scouts for the Lions club to have their luncheon at Shannon's Lake on Flag Day, which will be Tuesday, June 14, when the local Boy Scouts will have their fathers and visiting scouts as their guests. This invitation was accepted by the Lions club and the luncheon on Flag Day will be served at Shannon's Lake by the Boy Scouts.

## Senior Day Program Merkel High School

Thursday, May 9, was observed as Senior day at chapel hour at Merkel high school and the following program was carried out, with Raymond Earthman as master of ceremonies:

Class History—Ruby Patton.  
Story—Unalea Gilmore.  
Class Prophecy—Imogene Mangum.  
Musical Number—Wesley Butler and Buster Horton.  
Class Will—Ruskin Smith.  
Solo—Imogene Mangum.  
Song—Vivian Berger and Unalea Gilmore.  
Presentation of 1929 Year Book to School—Norma Sloan, President of Seniors.

## House Struck By Lightning.

J. S. Swann made a trip to his ranch on Sweetwater creek, 5 miles north of Trent, Thursday to investigate damages to one of the ranch houses which was reported struck by lightning Wednesday. The flue was torn off and the roof caught fire, but men who were working about the place were able to put the fire out before much damage was done.

# THE AGE OF JAZZ

The great inventions of mankind  
 Have given time for growth of mind  
 And while with tools, the present day,  
 We do our work, have time to play,  
 The greatest danger that it has  
 Is making this an age of jazz.  
 So many do not profit by  
 An easy time and jazz is why.  
 The Farmers State Bank has this to say  
 That jazz in business does not pay.

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 Assistant Cashier

## Spring housecleaning hint for Husbands

RADFORD paused in the upstairs hall.

"What!" he exclaimed, "not through yet—"

From amid the chaos of housecleaning, Mrs. Radford looked up in exasperation.

"Get that coat off and help me put up this bed," she ordered, wearily showing a stray lock of hair back beneath the towel about her head.

"How do you expect me to be through? I can't clean the upstairs, and spend the best part of the afternoon downstairs talking over the telephone, can I? I've been up and down those stairs forty times."

Radford had weathered many spring housecleanings. Wisely, he pulled off his coat and began to roll up his sleeves.

"I think," he observed sympathetically, "that an extension telephone up here in the hall might save steps and—"

"Then suppose," interrupted his wife grimly, "that you order one for me tomorrow."

Telephones where you need them save time, patience, housewifely strength.

Few know that one or two additional instruments cost considerably less than the single telephone they now have!

By a wisely-placed "extension" or two, and perhaps a rearrangement of the equipment you already have, an expert telephone man can often double the convenience of your telephone service. Just mail the coupon.



"How do you expect me to be through?"

Manager,  
 Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.,  
 City.

Without obligation, I'd like to know how to get more value out of my telephone service. Won't you call \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock?

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ A-2

## WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Snyder's airmindedness is growing with the arrival of the first home-owned plane, a Curtiss-Robin monoplane with OX-5 motor (90 horsepower), for the nearly completed airport. The port is unique in that it has such equipment that pilots and passengers need not leave the field to eat or sleep.

Hereford real estate records indicate that within a few years the great cattle men's paradise will soon become the land of the crop grower. The 110 transfers of agricultural land recently completed around the town has had a total acreage of 48,175 acres or approximately 75 sections, each transfer averaging 438 acres.

Petersburg's chamber of commerce is actively working to secure natural gas for the town. A committee arranged to go to Amarillo and confer with the gas company there on the proposition.

White Deer has recently organized a chamber of commerce and elected Odie Dean, president, and G. H. Russell, editor of the White Deer Review, secretary.

Cisco entertained the Brazos Valley Pecan Growers association on April 27th. J. H. Burkett owner of the famous Burkett pecan tree from which more trees in West Texas are budded than any other was present. Burkett was presented a bronze plaque in recognition of his influence on the growth of the industry.

Quitaque's entrants in the local city beautification contest have passed 21 with more entries coming in every day. Prizes aggregating \$50.00 are to be awarded place winners in the contest. Judges are to be chosen from landscaping experts.

Junction's new ice cream plant will have a daily capacity of five hundred gallons of cream and will be as modern as any to be found in the state. All new and the latest machinery is to be installed in the plant which will be a stucco building of Spanish architecture.

Laredo begins her shipment of Bermuda onions early and has already shipped over 200 car loads. Special train loads carrying from 75 to 100 cars will leave the town nightly while prices remain good. Then dealers will be prorated as to the amount they can ship in order to prevent the glutting of the market.

The Levelland Ice company completed the installation of its plant recently and began freezing ice. This is a new industry for Levelland and another mark of its progress.

A Clarendon paper announces that Donley county home demonstration club women have closed their living room contest and announced the winners as Mrs. N. L. Jones of Ashtola first in the class with expense of less than \$50.00 and Mrs. O. R. Culwell of Hedley, first in the class with an expenditure over \$50.00.

Anson will entertain the third annual meeting of the Dal-Paso Cavern Highway association on May 8. Invitations have been extended the highway commissioners of both Texas and New Mexico to attend this meeting. Plans for a motorcade to begin at Shreveport, La., will be made.

Big Spring's first quarterly meeting of the chamber of commerce was attended by more than 400 people. The main topic of discussion was the building of good roads. Howard county will soon vote on a road bond to pave both highways out of Big Spring, and this course was highly recommended by those present.

The Canyon Episcopal church has broken ground for the erection of a new home for their student welfare worker who is stationed in Canyon. The brick cottage will be planned to suit the needs of large student gatherings and for entertainment of visiting officers of the church.

In addition to the public schools and state supported higher institutions of learning, there are in Texas more than 100 educational institutions of university, college and sub-college rank supported by churches, private individuals and endowments.

Most of the Texas honey crop comes from cotton blossoms and the millions of acres of cotton put Texas in second place in honey production, excelled only by California.

## Chevrolet Output April New All-Time Monthly Record

Detroit, May 9.—Exceeding by approximately 10,000 units its best previous monthly manufacturing record, the Chevrolet Motor Company in April established a new all-time monthly production record with an output of 157,137 cars and trucks. April was the second consecutive month during which Chevrolet set up a new all-time monthly production mark, March having been high with 147,273 units.

The sensational April achievement brings Chevrolet production in the first four months up to the record total of 511,837 units as compared with 477,967 for the corresponding period of 1928, a gain of more than 33,000 units over the best previous corresponding period in the company's history.

The most significant feature of Chevrolet's manufacturing performance during the first four months is the fact that during the limited period Chevrolet built more six cylinder cars than any other manufacturer has ever built in an entire year.

## Whole Police Force Of Four Discharged

San Benito, May 9.—The entire police force of San Benito, consisting of four men, was discharged by the city commission here following acceptance of the resignation of chief of police J. A. Goolsby.

J. L. Waters, formerly deputy sheriff, was appointed chief of police to succeed Goolsby and will name a new force.

Texas produces more sheep and goats and more wool and mohair than any state in the union.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us. L. R. Thompson

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is a Prescription for  
 Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue,  
 Bilious Fever and Malaria  
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## A Tribute to Mother

"Who ran to help me when I fell,  
 And would some pretty story tell,  
 Or kiss the place to make it well?  
 My Mother."

To the mothers of Merkel and vicinity the Farmers and Merchants National Bank pays a reverent tribute. We are proud that so many good mothers enjoy coming to us for consultation about their financial problems.

THE OLD RELIABLE

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**USED CARS**  
 "with an OK that counts"

**Here are a few examples of outstanding values**

WHENEVER you see the Chevrolet red "O. K. that Counts" tag attached to the radiator cap of a used car—you know that it represents outstanding quality and value. This tag means that the car to which it is attached has been thoroughly reconditioned and checked "O. K." by expert mechanics—using genuine parts for all replacements. If you are in the market for a good used car, come in. We have an unusually wide selection of used cars taken in trade—and our prices and terms are exceptionally low. Come in today!

1927 Ford Touring, new Duco, motor reconditioned, new rubber	1927 Chevrolet Roadster, motor perfect, good rubber, good condition	1927 Buick Sport Coupe, new Duco, new rubber, good condition
\$165.00	\$265.00	\$495.00
1927 Ford Roadster, good rubber, good condition	Late 26 Chevrolet Landau—driven only a few thousand miles, you'll have to see it to appreciate it, new heavy duty rubber	Several Cheap Cars
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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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 Willie Evelyn Boaz.

### "PICKLES".

The musical comedy, "Pickles," was successfully given Monday night under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, with Miss Winnie Lou Compere, pianist. "Pickles," is a very clever comedy calling for beautiful costuming. Nothing so classical or so difficult has ever been attempted in Merkel and the cast deserves much credit for their rendition of it. Especially pleasing was the singing and acting of the sleuths, E. L. Turner and Fred Baker, and of the choruses. Doris Brown was the beautiful American actress traveling in Europe with her father, millionaire pickle producer played by William Shepard. She meets her artist lover, (Carlos Montandon) and they are planning to be married, as are the wealthy English widow, played by Lola Shelton, and the pickle producer, Mr. Pennington. Mr. Pennington's sales manager, played by Harold Leeton, has fallen in love with the Gypsy dancer, played by Irma Gene Mangum, doubling with Louise Booth. Things end happily for the dancer is found to be the lost daughter of the English widow. The minor characters also come in for their share of responsibility for the success of the play.

### TESTS AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

During the last six days standard achievement tests (The Stamford Battery Tests) were given all the pupils of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. The tests are in reading, arithmetic, English, history, geography and spelling. The object of the tests is twofold: (1) to compare the ability of Merkel pupils with those from other schools in this state and others and (2) the grades made on these objective tests will be considered when promotions are made. The tests so far given are showing up well, some of the students ranking much above the average.

### SENIOR NEWS.

Thirty seniors on a little Ford truck—it looked as if twenty of us would have to push while the other ten rode, but we got there just the same. Seniors always get there when they start on their Senior Day picnic. We made a non-stop flight to Caps, then completed the second lap of the journey to Buffalo Gap. No one fell

off the truck and the truck didn't fall to pieces; so all was well.

The Presbyterians have a wonderful swimming pool and the water was fine.

Mr. Burgess carried seven cases of soda pop and the sandwiches for the picnic in his Pontiac. On the return journey he brought the pop bottles back, but we brought the soda pop and sandwiches on the truck.

We had so much fun that we are now planning another picnic for the night of May 27.

### SCHOOL SPIRIT.

The school spirit is what everyone should have. You say you dislike to go to school because everything is so dull and dry, and no one has any "pep". At noon you sit around with the corners of your mouth turned down and sulk. You say there is nothing to do, no parties or picnics to go to and there is not even a gymnasium in your school. You don't enjoy your classes; the teacher doesn't make them interesting and no one ever knows his lesson. Whose fault is it? Yours. Someone has to start things, why not you? School is what you make it. If you want to have a party, you be the one to start it. Ask your class mates what they think about it; then ask your teacher. If you wait for someone else to plan a party, you may never have one. Perhaps the reason the teacher cannot make the classes interesting is because no one knows his lesson. Even if the other pupils know their lessons and you do not, the class is not interesting to you. Study your lesson for one day and see if you do not enjoy the class. If you do not have a gymnasium in your school and do not have the money to build one, see if you cannot find someone who is a good physical training leader and ask them to teach a class of physical training after school. If you try hard enough you will more than likely succeed. Do not go around with a frown on your face, but always wear a smile. "Smile and the world smiles with you; weep and you weep alone."

### WHY DOMESTIC SCIENCE SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN MERKEL.

Domestic Science is a study of cooking, sewing, et centra. The girls of Merkel High school should be taught

this study as well as girls in other schools. It is a subject that will be used in later life by most girls. Almost everyone has some use for Domestic Science. Even boys may need to know how to cook.

Domestic Science is taught in almost all affiliated High schools. Why should students of other schools have better opportunities to learn to cook and to sew than the students of Merkel High school?

### A NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

The Lions club of Merkel has recently been thinking of building a new athletic field for the High school.

For many years the sporting teams have been to a disadvantage on account of the poor field we now have. The field is poorly located and has none of the latest conveniences.

The new field, which is planned, will not cost much. It will be located on the Highway and will be modern in every respect. When it is completed it will add attractiveness to the town. We can then bring the Inter-scholastic league to this town. Our football team will be larger and better, and many students will be attracted here.

There will be more people attend the games because of the seats and the enclosed ground. The school hopes the Lions club and business men will cooperate and build us this new athletic field.

### NEW ATHLETIC FIELD WILL PROMOTE ATHLETICS.

A means of improving and promoting athletics is modern equipment and good playing fields. In the first days of football the sport received the name of being a rough game. One cause of its receiving this name was the character of the fields upon which it was played. The fields were uneven and rocky and many of them had large holes in them. A player would injure himself on one of these danger haz-

ards and the game would get all of the blame.

A modern field of which we are so badly in need is a smooth, level field, with grass growing on it, so as to give the field the appearance of a beautiful amphi-theater instead of a barren hazardous battlefield.

More of our high schools throughout this state are building these modern fields, not only for football but for baseball and track. New and modern athletic fields will encourage more athletes to participate in sports and they are inspired to do their best for the honor of the schools that they represent.

### SENIOR NEWS.

If you fail to see any of the Seniors on the stage Monday night, May 27, just look around in the audience.

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**BETTER HOMES CAMPAIGN.**

Last week more than 5,000 committees of public spirited men and women in every section of the United States, responding to the call of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior and successor to Herbert Hoover as president of Better Homes in America, sponsored community programs and otherwise devised means of creating in the public mind the need for better homes. It is a subject close to the heart of President Hoover, as in all of his recent public addresses he has referred to the home life of America as being of paramount importance.

In this immediate section, it remained for our own Mulberry Canyon leaders, only a short distance from Merkel, to pave the way in the better homes movement. This paper has received from Sam Butman Jr., the following interesting account of what has been done in the Mulberry Canyon community:

"As chairman of the local rural better homes campaign in Mulberry Canyon, I take great pleasure in introducing to the general public the efforts put forth in our community to help carry out the purpose of the Better Homes in America campaign, which was conducted last week throughout the United States.

"We have had two interesting programs on Better Homes and have had a great deal of interest shown.

"We have taken as a goal, 'Better Tenant Homes,' and better home life.

"We carefully planned and constructed a model tenant house for general demonstration, the outstanding features of which are comfort, attraction, durability and economical construction.

"The house is of ordinary box construction, weather-boarded with heavy building paper between the box-in and weatherboard. Has four nice large rooms and a porch. It is built oblong, 32x24 feet, with a hip bungalow roof.

"The most wonderful thing about this house is its cost. It was built entirely of new material and hired labor and the complete house cost only \$735.

"The cost of this house leads us to a settled fact—that any landlord can afford a cozy little home for his tenants."

**METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

A splendid service was held last Sunday morning at the Methodist church. Over three hundred (300) smiling, happy men, women and children thronged our church, eager for a message from the Savior. You miss a great deal if you miss Sunday services at your church.

Among our visitors last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham of St. Pauls, Abilene; who are visiting Mr. J. R. Graham and family; and Miss Godie Richie, also of Abilene, who spent the week-end with Miss Sis Toombs.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day Honor the memory of your mother by attending the services held in her honor at your church. There will be roses and messages enough for every mother's son among you.

Another announcement of no little importance is that of the Sunday School Day program to be given next Sunday night at the Methodist church. Be there at 8 o'clock.

Every class in our Sunday school will be represented by a special number. The King's Daughters class will relate the history of our Sunday school from the beginning to the present day.

An offering, to be used in Sunday school work, will be taken at the close of the program.

—Reporter.

**Attend District W. M. S.**

Attending the district meeting of Women's Missionary Societies at Anson Tuesday were Mesdames T. V. Touchstone, Richards, J. A. Brown, M. Armstrong, H. M. Rainbolt, C. E. Conner, J. M. Collins, Miss Mossie Sears, and Rev. T. C. Willett and Mrs. Willett.

The Texas syrup crop from sugar cane and sorghum, is valued at \$4,000,000 a year.

Two hundred and thirteen states the size of Rhode Island could be included in the area covered by Texas.

Thirsty? Have a drink at our fountain where cold drinks are colder. Phillips Drug Store.

**CANYON NEWS**

The Butman school play, entitled "He's My Pal," was highly entertaining to a large number of people. Dewel McClean said he bet there were 1000 there.

Misses Jackie and Virgil Jones entertained a few young people at their home.

Mrs. Tommie Russom and Mr. Willie Mathews are on the sick list this week.

It seems the young mules have a taste for roughness out this way. Clark Perkins was pawed on the head and Will Butman had the end of one finger bitten off by a mule.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and son left Wednesday for Idaho where they will make their home.

Douglas Porter recently visited his aunt, Mrs. G. A. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Armor Booth and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Booth's mother, Mrs. Laramore at Post.

Butman school P. T. A. met last Friday night. After a program of songs, recitations, music and contests, Clark Perkins was elected as president for the coming school term; Mrs. Tommie Russom vice-president; Elna Hale, secretary; Norris J. Whittaker treasurer.

Sam Butman shipped four cars of fat steers Monday.

Everybody come to Mother's Day program at the Methodist church at Nubia next Sunday morning. Preaching by Marvin Williams, pastor.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Sunday is being observed all over America as Mother's Day. We are glad of this opportunity to honor our mothers. Every one is expected to wear a flower that day. You will be greeted at the door with a flower which you are expected to wear in honor of the best friend you ever had or ever will have. Yours will be a white flower if mother has gone on to the better world, or a bright flower if mother still lives to bless this world.

Both the morning and the evening services will be in keeping with the day. Our choir promises suitable music for both services. Both the congregational singing and the special numbers brought will be in keeping with the day.

At least a part of our new improvements in the building will be in place by Sunday and we are counting on an increase in our attendance.

We hope it will be so that a large number of mothers can be in the services Sunday. We are also paying special attention to our cradle roll department Sunday and we are anxious that every baby of every family of our church will be in the Sunday school and preaching service Sunday morning.

Come and bring your friends with you to the services Sunday. Strangers and visitors will be heartily welcomed into our services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

**Harmony Club.**

On Saturday morning the music pupils of Miss Mary Pence gathered at her house for a meeting and the following program was enjoyed very much:

The Black Pearl—Lena Faye Harrel.

La Donna E Mobile—Velma Lee Holden.

Sweet Bye and Bye—Bessie Lou Windham.

Birdie Birdie in the Tree—La Verne Holden.

Dancing—Thelma Mathews.

Mapleton Band March—Alice Church.

Young Hunters March—Zuma Spears.

Second Valse—Miss Mary Pence.

Reading—Mrs. Holden.

The Beginning of Music—Alice Church.

Music in other Lands—Lena Faye Harrel.

Who and I Contest—Miss Velma Lee Holden winning first prize and Miss Alice Church second prize.

Table work.

Lemonade and cake were served to Mesdames Pence, Holden, Spears and Misses Alice Church, Velma Lee Holden, Zuma Spears, Lena Faye Harrel, Bessie Lou Windham, Thelma Mathews and the hostess.

—Reporter.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

To the friends who were so kind and thoughtful during the recent sorrow that has come to us in the death of our darling little son and grandson, we take this method of expressing our thanks and appreciation. We also wish to thank Dr. Gardner. And we are thankful for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless you with friends when you have such real need of them.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell,  
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kell,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mr. Adams who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Scott, returned home last Monday, accompanied by his daughter and three granddaughters, Doren and Gean Scott and Mrs. Robt. Martin.

Mrs. Eula James and children are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Manard of Olney.

Little Mildred and Foy Steadman are spending the week with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Stewart of Sylvester also Mrs. Patten of Abilene visited their uncle, O. L. Bishop and family last week.

Ruby Bright is visiting her sister, Mrs. Allie Abernatha, of Merkel. Mrs. G. M. McElmurry visited her

sister, Mrs. Garhardt, of Abilene last week.

Elmer Pomroy had the misfortune of getting his barn burned one day last week.

W. F. Beaver and wife of Miles visited their daughter, Mrs. Curly Parks last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Murry and family of Gatesville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Chambless of Pecos attended the bedside of their mother, Mrs. J. B. Chambless, last Sunday.

Miss Willie Driggers had as her guest last week-end Miss Mamie Well of Abilene.

Bud Wiser left for Mexico Sunday.

Mrs. Jno. Payne and son of Merkel visited her mother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, this week.

Media Rawlings left last Sunday

for an extended visit with relatives and friends at Ft. Worth and Greenville.

Mrs. Wright Boyd and son of Lamesa are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and family.

Clara Mae Sherman has gone to Blair to visit a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Swafford.

Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. Buna McLeod gave our kindergarden school a surprise last Friday by treating the children to a candy feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Gafford visited at Meadow Sunday. On their return they were accompanied by their son and daughter who had been there visiting the past two weeks.

A. C. Terry visited his mother who is ill at Post last Monday.

Wess Terry was here this week visiting his brother and he also visited his parents who live at Post.

O. S. Bryon and family attended the

May Fete at Stephenville the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McLeod were visitors to the Plains this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koding and son have returned from Coleman after a short visit with relatives.

**Plan McMurry Campaign.**

T. G. Bragg, W. D. Hutchinson and Dr. M. Armstrong met with the presiding elder, Rev. E. E. White, in Abilene Wednesday to assist in formulating the campaign for the district in the McMurry college drive - for \$500,000 and L. W. Cox and Rev. T. C. Willett conferred with the presiding elder the same day as to plans for the quota of the Methodist church locally.

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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.

**JACK FOR SERVICE**—Registered Tom will make the season at my place 4 miles northeast of Merkel; terms \$12.50. J. W. Teaff.

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—Four room house, lights, gas and garage; close in. Apply at City Furniture or call Joe Garland. Phone 272.

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**FOR RENT**—A four room house near Noodle Dome oil field. See Sam Swann or S. H. Wheatley.

**FOR RENT**—Two rooms nicely furnished; all conveniences; two blocks north of Queen Theater. W. F. Hamblen.

## LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

J. A. Patterson, H. P.  
O. R. Dye, Secretary.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.** We had a great day at the Methodist church last Sunday. If you were not there you missed some fine fellowship and some helpful services. There is nothing like the quiet restful atmosphere of the house of God on the Sabbath day to fit one for the strenuous tasks of the following week. Try it and see.

Next Sunday should be a red-letter day for Methodism in Merkel. We will begin with a Mothers' Day program in the Sunday school and at the morning worship hour. Nothing would gladden Mother's heart more than to know that her sons and daughters were honoring her by honoring her God in worship. Let's go to church next Sunday. At the evening hour the Sunday school will render a unique and original program, one of the interesting features of which will be a history of the Methodist Sunday school from its organization down to the present.

Watch the announcement next week. An interesting thing coming. Don't make any engagements to conflict with May 19th.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

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# SOCIETY

## IDLEWISE.

Mesdames Earl Baze, Roy Largent and Miss Lucy Tracy entertained members of the Idlewise club in the home of Mrs. Largent on Tuesday afternoon.

A harmonious color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in all party arrangements for the afternoon and beautiful pink rose buds were used as decorations for the entertaining suite.

Games of auction bridge and 42 were employed as diversion and Miss Lucy Tracy delighted the guests with a reading at the culmination of the games.

Lovely refreshments of brick creams embossed in ship design, angel food squares, olives were passed and favors were miniature ships fashioned into nut cups for Mesdames Matt Dillingham, Warren Smith, Hembre of Jayton, C. M. Largent, Harry Cookston, W. S. J. Brown, George White, Byers Petty, Bill Haynes, W. T. Sadler, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Alva Wheeler, Iva Bragg, Boog Sears and the hostesses.

## BRIDGE GAMES.

Miss Melba West entertained a number of friends with bridge games on Tuesday evening. Progressions of the games were interspersed with musical selections and at the refreshment hour fresh strawberry cream, angel food, olives and salted nuts, were passed to Mesdames Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Misses Addie Holler, Christine Collins, Roberta Sloan, Iva Bragg, Vera Baker and Melba West.

## THURSDAY CLUB.

Members of the Thursday club were named honorees at a beautiful party by Mrs. Ross Ferrier on last Thursday afternoon.

The variegated hues of yellow were stressed in handpainted table appointments, exemplifying the jonquil, which flower furnished inspiration for the party theme.

Games of 42 progressed until the late afternoon hours, when Mrs. Ferrier, assisted by Mrs. Tom Largent, served a delightful ice course, in which the party colors were reflected, with artistic nut baskets fashioned as jonquils for favors to Mesdames Ferrier, O'Brian, Amy Sears, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, W. J. Largent, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, Gene Harvey, Fred Groene, Earl Lassiter,

C. B. Gardner, John West, Seth Simms, Misses Boog Sears, Mary Eula Sears. Tea hour guests were Mesdames Jack Anderson, Claude Young, W. T. Sadler, Misses Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Roberta Sloan, Melba West, Vera Baker.

## FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mesdames Ira Windham and Dave Windham were joint hostesses to members of the Fidelis Matrons class in the basement of the Baptist church Friday afternoon. The devotional was led by Mrs. Bill Haynes followed by a business session conducted by the president, Mrs. Ira Windham. A social hour in which interesting contests were featured culminated the afternoon's program. The hostesses served a delicious salad course to Mesdames Sam Swann, Earl Baze, Charlie Higgins, Bill Haynes and Byers Petty.

## Cemetery Day at Shilo.

Thursday, May 16, has been set aside by those interested in the Shilo cemetery for cleaning and beautifying the grounds. It is announced that dinner will be served on the ground and everyone is invited to come to assist in the work. Be sure to bring tools to work with is part of the announcement.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

## Shriners Go To Fort Worth.

Several Shriners from Merkel will attend the Moslah Temple ceremonial at Fort Worth Saturday, including W. C. Boney, district aide to the potentate, Jim Boaz, Jim Patterson, Booth Warren, Bud Sears, Dr. R. L. Grimes and two who will be candidates for initiation, S. D. Gamble and Ira Windham.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Be on time, let's go beyond any previous record of attendance. A Mothers Day service at 11 o'clock. Flowers will be provided suitable for the day. Special music and readings. If any that may not have conveyance, call the superintendent or pastor, we will send for you. At 8 p. m. there will be a service for the children. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Always glad to have strangers and visitors in all our services.

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## Dora Doings

The Sunday school Day program put on by the Slater's Chapel Sunday school was well rendered to a large audience.

A large party of our neighborhood spent the week-end on the Concho fishing, but report that luck was not so very good.

Brother H. W. Hanks of Sweetwater was here Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Grandpa Jennings of Blackwell is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton. Friends have noted his health is getting poor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker motored to McCauley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine and family spent Sunday in Winters visiting their uncle, M. A. Quinlin.

Lawn Rotan of Littlefield is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Rotan.

O. O. Oliver and wife are on a visit to Vanzant for a week.

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### SAN ANGELO WINS TRACK HONORS

Austin, May 9.—Scoring 19 points, San Angelo high school captured the 19th annual University of Texas inter-scholastic track meet over a field of competitors whose entries shattered four state records.

The victors were responsible for lowering the one-mile relay mark of 3 minutes, 30.5 seconds made by Vernon in 1925 when they sped the distance in three minutes, 26.9 seconds.

San Jacinto high school of Houston placed second in team scoring and Grand Prairie and Temple tied for third. Houston was responsible for 11 markers and Grand Prairie and Temple counted 7.

Hardman, Grand Prairie's one man team who placed third in the 120 yard high hurdles and first in the low hurdles in the record time of 24.4 seconds, was high point man.

Other state marks broke during the afternoon's performance were the 880 yard run, won by Lewis Brothers of San Angelo and in the pole vault Baxter soared 12 feet, 2 5-8 inches to better the previous height of 12 feet, set by Jackson of Dalhart in 1920.

Four Masonic home high school speedsters of Fort Worth who pressed San Angelo hard in the relay were timed in 1 1-2 seconds faster than the former state record.

Roberts of Friendship school in Kaufman county proved the iron man of contestants from small rural schools finishing first in the pentathlon.

#### Plans Texas Derby.

New York, May 9.—W. T. Waggoner of Texas, owner of the Three D stable, has under consideration a plan to establish racing in his own state this fall with a \$150,000 race.

Associates of the oil man and sportsman said at the opening of the Jamaica meeting here recently that Mr. Waggoner would like to stage the race which he would call the Texas derby, on his own private track. The purse of \$150,000 would make the "Texas derby" the richest race in the world.

#### Pleasant Hill Teachers Named.

At a meeting of Pleasant Hill school district trustees R. B. Jackson of Hamilton county was employed as principal of the Pleasant Hill school for the 1929-30 session, succeeding E. B. Pruitt who goes to the Wylie school as principal next fall. Mrs. Gordon Hines, teacher at the Pleasant Hill school, will be retained, it was announced.

The board is composed of Frank Richards, Landow Harber and Mace Gamble.

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### Trial Set Alleged Murderers Laredo Newspaper Writer

Laredo, May 9.—The trial of Raymond J. West, 27, and Tomas Hernandez, 31, suspended Laredo peace officer, on charges of murdering Harry Williams, Laredo newspaper reporter whose body was found in the waters of the Rio Grande Feb. 18, has been set for the week of June 10.

Williams dropped out of sight here on Jan. 18. A search in Mexico and the United States gave no trace until a fisherman found the body in the river a month later.

### HEBRON NEWS

M. Bolin and the pupils of Kale School went to Castle Peak Thursday afternoon, also the primary teacher, Miss Middleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Douglas. After climbing the peak and eating dinner, they returned home, all tired but happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Miss Lenalee, of Blair visited the Jack Pannell family Sunday. Rev. Tatum filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday.

There will be a program on Mother's day at Hebron Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

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### Treasury Surplus to Exceed 100 Million

Washington, May 9.—A surplus in government finances in excess of \$100,000,000 on June 30 seems assured by announcement that collections for the fiscal year are \$73,799,937 ahead of returns a year ago.

Far exceeding treasury expectations income tax returns in March total \$595,987,410 and brought the total collected during the current fiscal year to \$1,689,165,158, figures of the internal revenue bureau showed today.

Treasury statisticians have revised their estimates in the light of the new figures and now predict a surplus of more than \$100,000,000. Previously a deficit of \$34,000,000 was considered likely, though this was turned into an indefinite surplus by earlier reports.

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### Pony Boy Rode to See Coolidge Last Year Going Home

Duluth, Minn., May 9.—Molly, the little Indian pony that Boyd Jones, youth of Amarillo, Texas, rode 1,600 miles last summer to see President Coolidge at the Brule, is finally going home.

Molly has been at the head of the lakes since September. Boyd returned home by train, but lacked funds to have the pony return the same way. His plan to turn Molly loose, confident that she would find her way back across the 1,600 miles was vetoed by humane society officials.

Recently Molly has been at the Duluth Zoo, being used to give children rides about the park. Mrs. Jones, mother of Boyd, has arranged for the pony's transportation home.

#### You Never Can Tell.

Ashtabula, Ohio, May 9.—When Mrs. Frank English of this city opened a can of salmon and dumped the contents on a plate, she heard some-

thing rattle like a pebble, and searching it out she found it was a diamond. A jeweler appraised the stone Wednesday at \$175.

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# What the Gray House Hid



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(Continued from Last Week)  
CHAPTER IX

The day on which, as the Hanby family supposed, young Barron had taken his early morning departure, saw the arrival of half a dozen visitors. His absence was in a measure overshadowed. Mrs. Hanby spoke of Leslie, and hoped that there had been no quarrel. Celia assured her mother that he was no more than a friend, and that she was well satisfied to be rid of him for a little while.

Dina Hanby put her arm about the girl's shoulder.

"Do you expect me to believe you?" she asked. "I wonder what was in that letter he wrote to you?"

"Here it is," Celia said. "If you can interpret what he means by threatening to 'jump off the road for good,' I should like to know."

"I don't understand references to a 'wild faun,'" said Mrs. Hanby.

"That was nothing," Celia replied. "Here's dad with his house detective. Not a word to them! I'm going to play tennis with my new cousin. He looks most attractive. I've often wanted to contrast Ann Arbor and New Haven."

Dina looked at the two as they sauntered to the courts. Leslie had been very unwise to go just now, she thought.

"You two look as if you were conspiring," she said to her husband. "I'm reminding Bill of what he said a few weeks back. He remarked that it was beneath the dignity of a lord of the manor to do his own sleuthing. Bill was boasting himself for the job."

"Have I fallen down?" Bill demanded.

Hanby's bantering tone ceased. Dina could see that something worried him.

"Bill," he said, "you have; but I shame myself, too. I assumed, rather illogically, that when Miss Selenos proved merely an emerald in disguise, we had been making mountains from molehills. Seymour's letter puzzled me; but when nothing happened, I put that aside. There was one other threat."

"The woman who said that Red Kerr was killed because he was like you in build? Oh, Bill, you don't think that was anything serious?"

the literature of the subject nor a donor of funds for bird conservation. Some of your friends have been playing a joke on you."

Half an hour later the professor had changed his clothes to khaki and puttees. He was armed with sketch books, notebooks, and a costly camera. He declined any aid. He even resented it. Every now and then it could be seen that he despised the amateur ornithologist. His luncheon had been put up for him, and he promised to be in time to dress for dinner.

He was glad, as he fought his way along, that he was armed with leather gauntlets and stout clothes. Nature had placed about this little sanctuary a seemingly impenetrable barrier.

He had begun to despair of reaching the distant mound when he saw that this solid hedge came to an end. He stepped from it to a path worn by the foot of man—a path three feet across, bearing the impress of recent treading.

Professor Burton set out to follow the path to its end. Presently it brought him to a stream, sunk at least ten feet below the surrounding ground. It was this stream, he supposed, which had been diverted in order that the twenty-acre lake half a mile away might be fed.

He resumed his silent walk along the path. The acrid smell of a cigar smote his nose. He knew the noisome long and narrow cigars which only native Indians enjoy. Then the odor was wafted from him, and he found his path dropping toward the stream level.

The professor stopped. He had suddenly encountered a stranger.

It would be difficult to say which of the two seemed the more amazed. The professor looked upon a small but well-proportioned man dressed with conservative elegance. The stranger's face was florid, and his mild blue eyes were accentuated in size by reason of strong lenses.

Mr. Appleton, for his part, thought he had run across an inquiring-scout master laden with all the impedimenta that his position demanded. Burton was tall and slight, and suggested erudition.

"How did you get here," Mr. Appleton began, "and by whose leave have you trespassed thus?"

"I am kin by marriage to Mr. Hanby," said the professor. "He gave me permission. Your status, sir, is not so clear."

"In order to make my position clear," he said frankly, "I must term myself a sanitation expert. Mr. Hanby has heard that former tenants of the Gray house have suffered from sewer-gas poisoning. He does not wish to alarm his family and visitors. I am, therefore, making a sort of secret investigation. Much water settles here, as the luxuriant foliage shows. I have been commissioned to determine upon the healthfulness of this spot, and to make what recommendations I see fit."

"Before doing so, I should like you to come with me and see more. You cannot possibly judge from here."

Professor Burton followed the other along a winding pathway, until he was in the thicket's very center. When his guide paused on the edge of an opening, the professor exclaimed upon the oddity of a lake, filled in, as he had supposed, being open instead.

"It was only partially filled in," Mr. Appleton told him. "When I took charge of the work, I had my own views—very interesting views, too," he added, chuckling. "Oh, dear me, yes! They amuse me even now. You can settle a moot point for me." He looked over the edge of the opening, gazing intently at some low bushes whose roots were in the moist earth. "What is that?" Appleton asked. "Look at it and tell me."

to get him out and put him with the man who came first."

Adolf Smucker had proved a tractable prisoner. In reality he lacked the courage to do anything that might bring him punishment. He



"You Shall Pay for This Outrage!" He Shouted.

realized that he was the prisoner of three men who had powers of life and death over him. Of Appleton he saw almost nothing.

James Delaney, the second in command, knew Smucker's sort, and despised him. Luigi was his jailer. He enjoyed incendiary talk. The day could not come too quickly which would permit of looting, unattended with death penalties.

By this time Smucker was so much the prey of delusions that he had almost forgotten his home and family. He brooded upon the chaotic day when, by the alchemy of strange events, he should be high among those whose mission it was to destroy. Luigi, who cringed to capital in the guise of Appleton, would be an early victim.

Adolf Smucker looked up, that afternoon, to find his cell invaded by a stranger—not such a man as the previous young capitalist in evening dress, but a worker clad in muddy khaki, stained and torn.

Professor Burton wondered at the heartiness of his welcome. After he had been an hour in Smucker's company, he spoke incisively.

"Your mania," he said, "is termed dementia praecox. Our word 'precocious' comes from the common root. It means that your intellect is unable to assimilate the ideas you crowd into it. Be kind enough to leave me in silence. I find such twaddle as yours extremely tedious."

Infuriated at this, Smucker attacked the professor. He was rescued by Luigi. The professor was bigger, stronger, and in a rather evil temper. Luigi dragged him to another small stone room and shut the door.

"What the devil?" said Leslie Barron, rudely awakened.

"I am not the devil," snapped the professor, "but I feel like him. I have been brutally beaten. A Caliban from southern Italy has promised to twist my head from my neck. I am in no mood for the ordinary social amenities."

"Another nut!" sighed Leslie. "Tell me, if you've any decency left, whereabouts I am."

"You are in what my cousin Hilton Hanby terms a bird sanctuary. You, I take it, are one of the birds. I presume that I am another."

"I was blackjacked by that infernal Appleton. I had an idea that I'd been put in an automobile and taken miles away."

Leslie recounted the misadventures he had suffered.

"Never mind!" said the other. "You will be rescued when they get me out."

"Cheery little optimist, aren't you?" Leslie retorted. "That man Appleton is the devil. He'll arrange it so that you won't be looked for."

"Impossible!" said the professor.

Leslie Barron was right. Appleton, who had a skill with the pen that might have earned him a great name among forgers, was at that very moment looking at Professor Burton's notes and forging a letter. He called to mind the professor's way of speaking. This is what Mrs. Burton read:

Have sustained injury to corner of right eye through a thorn spike. Inadvisable to trust to local physician. Have accepted offer of passing motorist to go to a specialist. Do not worry. Will telephone you from the city.

"Tom is always nervous about his eyesight," Mrs. Burton declared. "It is just like him to rush to see a specialist. Oh, why was I out?"

"You couldn't have done anything if you had been here," her cousin said, comforting her. "We shall have a telephone call before long."

But nothing was heard from Professor Burton.

(Continued Next Week.)

### Twin Sisters Sue Twin Spouses on Same Day

Los Angeles, Cal., May 9.—Mrs. Louise Young and Mrs. Lucy Young, twins, achieved their twin spouses, Byrl and Earl, at a double wedding two months ago.

Both applied for divorces Tuesday. The petitions read like carbon copies except that Louise accuses Byrl of likening her to a "Fiji Islander because of the way she wore her hair." He also did not like the way she fried eggs.

The twin brides said their duplex honeymoon was lovely until the twin husbands took them to live with their parents.

The twin wives want the divorces tried on the same day.

### Jury is Deadlocked First Jones Law Case

Washington, May 9.—The first case brought here under the Jones "five-and-ten" law ended in a deadlocked jury of 11 men and one woman who failed to agree after two hours' deliberation and were dismissed by Justice Frederick L. Sidons.

The case, tried in the District of Columbia supreme court, was against Curtis Carter, 26-year-old suspended policeman. He was pursued by another policeman, who testified he found six gallons of corn whiskey in Carter's car.

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### TRENT MAN DROPS DEAD IN ABILENE

J. B. Knox, formerly of Abilene, but living at the time of his death on the Sears Ranch, five miles south of Trent, which he had purchased in 1912, dropped dead on the street near the Taylor county courthouse Wednesday of last week. He was buried Friday morning, services being held at the residence of Mrs. Knox's mother, Mrs. W. A. Curry, four miles south of Abilene.

Funeral services at the residence were conducted by Dr. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Abilene and the burial in the Masonic cemetery there was in charge of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Curry Knox, and a daughter, Miss Pearl Knox, a student in Abilene Christian College.

### Noodle District Votes Brick Schoolhouse

By vote of 62 to 45, the bond election for \$15,000 to build a new brick schoolhouse carried at Noodle last Saturday. The official district is styled Cross Roads district No. 2 and it is planned to replace the present four room frame structure with a one-story, six-room brick building in unit form, with an auditorium in addition.

Trustees for the district are A. J. Barbee, J. D. Beasley and W. J. Bicknell.

### A Delightful Affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff entertained a number of their friends on last Tuesday night at their home near Noodle Dome. Various games were played and all present greatly enjoyed the music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hale.

At the culmination of the games a refreshing ice course was served by Mrs. Eoff, assisted by Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Henderson, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson, Misses Grace and Maribel Washburn, Thelma, Alma and Idell Cooper, Ileta and Fanny Vessel of Trent, Ora and Lora Hale, Ruby Joplin, Messrs. Ernest, Algie and I. J. Hale, Ted and J. C. Washburn, Thomas and Atwell Henderson, Henry, Emery, Austin and Mitchell Cooper.

### Splits Muscle in Arm.

While hauling a box about six feet long on the side of his car, Charlie Jones had the misfortune to split the muscle in his left arm when the box hung on a pipe extending from a platform. The injury, however, will not be serious, it is thought.

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### Speech Department Programs Announced

Pupils of the Speech department of the Merkel Public schools, of which Miss Lucy Tracy is in charge, will be presented in two programs, the first recital being tonight and the second on next Friday night, May 17, both being given at the Grammar School auditorium.

The program to be presented tonight will be given by pupils of the Grammar school as follows:

"Style Show"—Jessie Margaret Berry, Ora Derrick, Elma Mae Gambill, Betty Lou Grimes, Clara Frances Largent, Margaret Miller, Thelma Patterson, Truett Patterson, Modyne Sheppard, Ben Sublett, Mollie Frank Touchstone.

"The Glorious Whitewasher," (Mark Twain)—Margaret Miller.

"Under the Sugar Plum Tree"—Children's operetta—(Harry C. Eldridge.)

The program for next Friday night follows:

One-Act Play—"Three Dear Friends," (K. M. Roof)—Byrl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Pauline Toombs.

"Cinderella Dyes Them Black," (Fannie Kilburne)—Pauline Toombs.

"The Old Apple Tree," (Dunbar)—Byrl Hunter.

"The Third Ingredient," (O. Henry)—Odell Hunter.

"To Sing a While"—

"Where art Thou Going, Pretty Maid?"—Choral and Glee Club.

One-Act Play—"A Fan and Two Candlesticks," (MacMillan)—Byrl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Pauline Toombs.

### Stolen Chevrolet Not Yet Recovered

A 1929 Chevrolet coupe, belonging to Mrs. Warren C. Smith, was stolen from in front of premises at 21st and Grape street in Abilene one night last week and has not been recovered. Mrs. Smith was enroute to Anson and stopped to call on a friend. While she was in the house, the coupe was stolen and her hat box containing wearing apparel was carried off in the car.

### Kermit Favored in Courthouse Suit

By decision of Judge A. J. Drane of the district court of Winkler and Pecos counties, handed down Saturday, construction work on the \$200,000 four-story brick courthouse for Winkler county at Kermit will proceed. Injunction sought by J. R. Ostrum, mayor of Wink and others, seeking to restrain the Winkler county board of commissioners from carrying out the contract with C. S. Oates and Son, Abilene contractors, was denied. The Winkler county commissioners were represented by Scarborough, Brown, Ely and King of Abilene and the contractors by Ben L. Cox of Abilene.

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### Personal Mention

Dr. C. B. Gardner was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Ira Windham returned Tuesday from Rochester, Minn.

John Collins returned Tuesday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Sie Hamm is busy this week assessing city property for school taxes.

W. E. Martin, an attorney of Abilene, was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Faucit of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr.

J. A. Sears of Sears Variety Store was in Dallas on business the past week.

Mrs. Dewey Mayhew of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton.

Madaline Addison visited with Mary Louise Hughes of the Nubia community Sunday.

Miss Tommy Lou Hamblet of Breckenridge is visiting her uncle, Quay Hamblet.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and Mrs. Adcock visited friends and relatives in Bronte Sunday.

Tom Spears and daughter, Miss Zuma, attended the singing at Colorado Sunday.

B. F. Harwood of Lamesa, who is an uncle of F. H. Latham, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer of Silverton were guests in the Tom Allday home the first of the week.

Jay Causeaux of the Phillips Drug store spent Thursday and Friday in Fort Worth with his brother.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and Mrs. Chester Hutcheson were Abilene visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Doyle Hair of Midland was a recent visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Warren.

Mrs. E. Yates Brown returned from a two-weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Barbara Walls in Midland.

L. L. Huddlestone of Abilene who has extensive land interests near Merkel, was on our streets Tuesday.

Bob Renfro of Fayetteville, Tenn., who is a brother of Mrs. J. M. Ashby, has come to Merkel and will make his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Chapple and Misses Vera and Maimie Walker spent the week-end with friends at Wellington.

L. R. Thompson attended the regular monthly meeting of the County Board of Education at Abilene Saturday.

S. P. Nesmith, Curtis Wilcox and Stanley King were a fishing party that returned from Wichita Falls Monday.

Mrs. Seth Simms of Chicago returned Wednesday after an extended visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett returned the first of the week from Dallas, where they had carried their baby

### Confesses Beating Aged Parents to Death

Grosbeck, May 9.—Trial of Lloyd Davidson, who has confessed to the slaying and cremation of his father, W. T. Davidson, and stepmother, Mrs. Ellen Davidson, will go to trial in Eighty-seventh District court Thursday morning, May 16. Trial date was set by Judge W. R. Boyd, who appointed two former county attorneys and a former county judge, Scott Reed, Jim Bradley and Lester Sheppard, to defend Davidson.

County Attorney Carl Cannon will direct the prosecution. Davidson will go on trial on one of the two murder charges against him. He is also accused of arson in the burning of the bodies in their home near Cooleedge last Thursday night. No application has been made for bond.

### Wife of Cisco Editor Dies.

Cisco, May 9.—Funeral rites were held here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Tula Bennett O'Flaherty, wife of A. B. O'Flaherty, former publisher of the Cisco News. Mrs. O'Flaherty died at 10 o'clock Monday night, after an illness of two years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. B. C. Boney, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, burial following in Oakwood cemetery.

### Undergoes Operation.

Otis Ashford, living between Merkel and Trent, was operated on at Merkel Sanitarium Wednesday for appendicitis and is reported doing nicely.

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