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# THE MERKEL MAIL

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1930.

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## GENERAL RITES FOR DECEASED MERKEL MERCHANT HELD

**E. Comegys, 70, Owner of Star Store Here for Twenty-five Years, Dies After Long Illness.**

Funeral rites were held here at 10 o'clock last Saturday morning for George E. Comegys, 70, prominent retired merchant and resident of Merkel for the past 30 years, with Elder W. C. Cypert, former minister of the Church of Christ officiating. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Comegys died here Friday morning at 11:15 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, after a lingering illness. He had been in bad health for the past two years and seriously ill for about two months.

Besides Mrs. Anderson, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Courtney Hunt, Haskell, and a son, Claude Comegys, who lives here. All three of the children were at the bedside of their father when death occurred—in the same room in which their mother died, May 7, 1922. Mrs. Comegys was the former Flora Davis Thurman. The couple were married May 2, 1883.

Born in Indiana Dec. 5, 1859, Mr. Comegys moved to Texas 37 years ago and located at Decatur, removing with his family in 1900 to Merkel. For 25 years he operated the Star Store here, retiring from business several years ago.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner were chosen as pallbearers. They were B. F. Cox and Bud Myers of Abilene, S. D. Gamble, L. R. Simpson, J. E. Boaz and Dr. R. I. ...

Among those from out-of-town, who attended the funeral were W. P. ...

... Mrs. Annie Bradley, Mc... Okla.; Mrs. J. S. Thomas, Ft. ... J. D. Sheppard, Dallas; Mrs. ...

### Sanitarium Notes.

Mrs. J. A. Stanford is reported as recuperating nicely after an abdominal operation at the Merkel Sanitarium last Saturday. Lloyd Gilmore underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Merkel Sanitarium last Friday and is improving nicely, according to reports.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail February 18, 1910.)

### MERKEL CONFEDERATES MEET.

The members of the Merkel Camp No. 79 U. C. V. held a very interesting called meeting at the city hall on last Sunday evening.

The officers of the camp were all re-elected for the present year. The death of Comrade G. W. Anderson was reported and Comrades J. J. Miller and J. T. Tucker were appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in regard to his life and services. S. R. Counts and E. M. Langley were elected delegates to the general reunion with W. M. Clark and W. A. Cozart as alternates. J. J. Miller and J. T. Tucker were elected delegates to the state reunion, with W. H. Hawkins and R. A. Miller as alternates. The delegates to the general reunion were instructed to vote against the proposed change in the constitution of the organization. Miss Retta Burns was introduced as sponsor of the camp. Comrade Hudgins of Grandview and W. W. Hampton and daughter were welcome visitors. The proceedings were interspersed with music by the Burns String

### BODEN-KING.

A surprise to all but the most intimate of their friends was the quiet wedding last Thursday evening of Mr. J. B. Boden to Miss Reta King.

In honor of Mrs. M. T. Bradley, who will leave soon to make her home in El Paso, Mrs. Deavenport Gaither entertained at bridge on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Templeton always has good dinners but Sunday she had one fit for a king in honor of young friends from Sweetwater who came down in an auto to spend Sunday in the City in Clover. Her friends were Misses Read and Beall of Sweetwater and Mr. Boyce of Fort Worth, stepson of Mr. William Burton, one of the lumber magnates of Texas. They tried to persuade Mrs. Templeton to go to Sweetwater to open up a boarding house but Mrs. Templeton says Merkel is just good enough for her.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Col. William A. Miller, 58, mayor of Amarillo in 1908 and 1909, and organizer of the Fourth Cavalry during the Spanish-American war, died at Amarillo Wednesday.

A federal grand jury at Houston returned 74 indictments involving 114 persons, included among which were 58 bills for liquor law violators, naming 23 women, one of them a 17-year old girl.

The jury at Eastland deliberating the sanity of E. V. Allen, condemned to die for the robbery of the First State bank of Carbon with firearms, was deadlocked 3 to 9 for insanity and was discharged.

Moore Lynn, state auditor, was the first witness when the hearing of charges proposing impeachment of Comptroller S. H. Terrell got under way late Wednesday in the house of representatives.

Horace Butler of Eastland, brother of General Smedley Butler, and a three-year old girl died and four others were in a hospital seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident near Mineral Wells.

First Assistant Attorney General Galloway Calhoun has resigned to return to Tyler to resume private practice, but it is understood in Austin that he will be a candidate for attorney general in the coming primary election.

Before the adjournment of the fourth called session of the legislature Tuesday, Governor Dan Moody issued a proclamation reconvening the legislators in fifth called extraordinary session at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

An easy-going unmasked young man held up three employes of the Security Trust company on Congress avenue in Austin Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, scooped up the loose money on the counter, estimated at \$1,946, and walked out.

When Jose Padilla, 37, San Antonio, struck a match to ascertain if he had any gasoline in the tank of his automobile, the tank exploded and he died at a hospital after his clothing became ignited by the burning gasoline.

After waving good-bye to other girls in the office where she worked, Miss Lucille Voorhies, 19, plunged out of a window on the eighth floor of the Petroleum building at Fort Worth, landing on the roof of a two-story building and dying two hours later.

John Watson, 85, former grand master of the Masonic grand lodge and grand secretary for 18 years prior to 1913, who began his connection with Masonry in 1869, joining the Clarksville lodge of which he was still a member, died in Waco Saturday morning and was buried Sunday in Clarksville.

## JIM FERGUSON ANNOUNCES FOR GOVERNORSHIP

**Says He Is Responding to Petition of Large Number of Voters; Platform of Ten Planks Briefly Outlined.**

Austin, Feb. 20.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson announced his candidacy for governor today. He is the husband of Miriam A. Ferguson, Texas' first woman governor.

Ferguson was impeached and removed from the governor's office in 1917 after serving one term. Since then he has been a candidate for United States senator and for president on the American party ticket, a party of his own. He abandoned it, however, and returned to the democratic party.

Mrs. Ferguson became a candidate for governor in 1924, after Ferguson's name was refused a place on the ballot because of his impeachment from office. He had his wife's name along with his own and announced in the event his was not put on the ballot she would be a candidate.

Mrs. Ferguson was defeated for reelection by Governor Moody. "Responding to the petition and suggestion of a very large number of Texas voters I hereby announce for governor.

"When Abraham Lincoln was elected president the second time, he said that he did not regard the election as an honor so much as he regarded it as the belief of the people that he could best serve the people in a position for which he had been severely trained.

"In this campaign I will be seeking an office which I have already had. I will not be seeking an honor; for me and my family have had that too. I will not be seeking vindication because that has been given me. When I am elected, as I am sure I will be, I will feel that the people have called me to render a public service which they have not received for the past three and one-half years, and for which my experience with state affairs has especially qualified me to perform.

Every informed person knows that the next governor should be selected on the sole ground of qualification, he who can best serve the state will be the controlling question in the mind of the voter. At this perilous time this is as it should be. I would not have my friends feel that I am taxing their patience in again asking their support. If they feel that some other candidate can perform the duties of the office better than I, then I think it is their duty to vote for that candidate.

If on the other hand, they think that I will make a better governor than any of the other candidates then it is their duty to the state and not to me to vote for me. I want to emphasize, that whether anybody, friend or foe, votes for me or not it will cause no hard feelings on my part and our present cordial relations, I hope will be continued.

"I shall not enter into a frantic or physical struggle for election, and I shall conserve my strength for the performance of the duties of the office to which I will be called.

"If there be those who may find satisfaction in personal abuse and vicious criticism of me or my record let them be at once advised that they will have the field all to themselves without murmur or protest from me. I have long since made my peace with God and I shall not now permit the heat of politics to engulf me in personal hatred.

"My platform has been heretofore announced and the public is more or less familiar with it. Shortly stated this platform calls, "(1) For a business administration and the veto of any liquor legislation by pro or anti—something to eat and something to wear without a row over something to drink;" (2) The reduction of public offices notably the combination of the office of the assessor and collector and the limitation of fees to \$6000.00 a year;" (3) Preventing any bank from loaning over 10 per cent of its capital and deposits outside of Texas;" (4) The right of the borrower to redeem any home or other real estate within two years after foreclosure;" (5) The abolishment of the landlords' lien, so that a tenant may mortgage his crop to his merchant for yearly supplies;" (6) For an elective highway commission of five, one at large and one from north, south, east and west Texas;" (7) Opposition to the issue of any state road bonds, and for a three cent gasoline tax, and the building and grading of less expensive roads which will give more roads

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## TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS EXES TO BANQUET MAR. 2

**Former Students of University of Texas Will Have Distinct Pleasure of Hearing President Benedict on That Occasion.**

On March the 2nd of each year it has been a long established custom for all the former students of the University of Texas to celebrate. On that date former students of Texas throughout the United States, wherever they may be, gather around the banquet table and call back to memory the "good old days" when they were inhabitants of the "forty acres." It is an affair no loyal Texas Ex ever passes up without remembering.

This year March 2nd comes on Sunday, so on Monday night, March 3rd, the Taylor County Texas Ex association will meet in the Crystal Ball room of the Hilton hotel at Abilene to banquet. The Texas students at Sweetwater have signified their intentions to join with Abilene in this celebration. Other surrounding counties have also been invited by the Taylor County association to join with them on this occasion.

### BENEDICT TO SPEAK.

What will make the affair one of more than unusual importance is the fact that President Harry Yandel Benedict, familiarly known to former students as "Dean Benny," will be the speaker of the occasion. Those who have ever heard him know what a treat is in store for the banqueters on this night. Texas Exes in Merkel who may want to attend the meeting may secure tickets from Supt. Burgess at the High School building.

Below is a list of the former students of the University of Texas who gave Merkel as their address. Should any one know of a former student of Texas who now lives in Merkel, and whose name does not appear below, please telephone the Merkel Mail or Supt. Burgess and let them have the name.

### FORMER STUDENTS.

- Adcock, Rufus Lane, '14.
- Bird, Martha Jane, '24.
- Burgess, Roger A., '27.
- Burgess, Mrs. Roger A., '24.
- Cobb, N. D., '99-'00.
- Collins, Merrill, '24-'26.
- Cookston, Mrs. Alice, '19-'20; '22-'28.
- Curb, Byron, '25-'26.
- Curb, Evelyn, '29.
- Durham, Grayton Wren, '22-'23.
- Durham, Neville Wren, '23-'26.
- Elliott, Claude, '28.
- Ellis, Castle B., '22-'24.
- Erwin, Dee, '12-'13 (deceased.)
- Garrett, Doyle, '20-'21.
- Glover, C. J., '04-'06.
- Graves, George Douglas, '15.
- Hibbetts, Jeffie Adcock, '06.
- Johnson, Mrs. Effie, '17.
- McCandless, Harry L., '24-'25.
- McRee, Judson T., '22-'25.
- McSpadden, Mrs. Wood Anderson, '25.
- Martin, Julia Frances, '23.
- Matthews, Clyde C., '25-'26.
- Mayfield, Marvin, '23-'25.
- Probst, Roy L., '28-'29.
- Reeves, Ernest Willard, '24-'28.
- Russell, John J., '23-'27.
- Sharp, James Parker, '12.
- Thompson, Edith Lynnis, '23-'24.
- Tucker, James Carvel, '29.
- Tucker, Mrs. James Carvel, '29.
- Underwood, Robert B., '25.
- Watkins, Kenneth, '25-'26.
- West, James Hogg, '13-'14.
- West, Melba, '29.

### Record of Births.

- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1930.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette, Blair, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1930.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Riley Whisenant, residing in the canyon, Friday, Feb. 14, 1930.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Howard, Noodle, Saturday, Feb. 15, 1930.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stover, White Church, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1930.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith, residing north of town, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1930.

### Cattle Movement.

J. A. Henshaw, one of the Abilene buyers, purchased a car of mixed cattle here last week, shipping same to his stockpen in Abilene Saturday. On Tuesday Jacobs and Lackey shipped a car of mixed cattle to Ft. Worth, making only two cars to move from here during the past week.

## MARCH 12 AND 13 DATES FOR LIONS MINSTREL SHOW

Wednesday and Thursday nights, Mar. 12 and 13, have been named as the dates for the minstrel show, which is to be sponsored by the local Lions club under the direction of "Happy" Doc Holland and featuring local talent.

This was decided at the Tuesday luncheon of the Lions club after the show committee through its chairman, L. B. Scott, reported that they had seen the minstrel show at Colorado on Wednesday night of last week, staged by Mr. Holland, and were so pleased with the performance that they had closed a contract with him, subject to the approval of the club. Accompanying Mr. Scott were Messrs. Booth Warren, George Woodrum and E. Yates Brown.

It has also been decided to hold the next "Cow Day" on Wednesday, Mar. 12, the hour being designated as 4 p. m. At this time, following the plan of previous "Cow Day," a fine Jersey cow, a registered sow and a pen of chickens will each be sold at \$1.00. This will be the fourth of Merkel's "Cow Days" and the interest has grown greater on each successive occasion.

### Continued Activity To Reorganize Bank

Plans have been actively under way during the week according to former officials of the bank, to reorganize the Farmers State bank, which did not open its doors for business Monday last week, but the details were not ready to be announced Thursday in time for this issue of the Merkel Mail.

J. B. Long, Austin, special agent for the state banking department, is in charge of the affairs of the bank, replacing E. W. Jamison, state bank examiner, who was here last week. L. B. Hardin, Georgetown, is assisting Mr. Long.

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## DEPRESSION ERA WILL GIVE WAY TO NEW PROSPERITY

**Abilene Speaker Tells Lions Club That the Period of Depression Is Inventory Time; Situation Will Be Clarified.**

With C. W. Bacon of the Bacon Securities company, Abilene, as the principal speaker, the Lions club was fortunate enough to have several other guests, each capable of headlining a program, at their luncheon this week and local members of this civic club were treated to a wealth of mental and spiritual food as well as of the substantial kind, which Mrs. McFarland so regularly provides.

A. T. Sheppard was toastmaster. After the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown accompanying, the invocation was delivered by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Especially pleasing as the entertainment feature was a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Miss Mona Margaret Jones and Charlie Jones, who sang "I'm waiting for ships that never come in," with accompaniment by Mrs. I.

Mr. Bacon, as the speaker, discussed some of the things that are going on in the world today in a business-like manner, referring to the present depression as a "grim struggle of a big drunk." He predicted that the atmosphere would get better by picturing by way of illustration, business conditions in this section.

1903 when he came here. During the following year of 1904 there was a rain until the fifth of June. Peas were seen gathered in the streets for a mob—the whole thing was demoralized. He recalled that it was a Saturday night when it did rain and cited the fact that this section made a wonderful crop in that year. "Depression,"

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## THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

Hot Air Is the Enemy of Common Sense.

Every day and everyone else are daily confronted with problems. Every group of people and every community has problems.

Now there are two kinds of sense for use in the solving of any problem, common and preferred—plain and fancy. Preferred may enter into some private affairs, but it certainly will not do in the solving of any community problem. The chief reason for which is that preferred or fancy sense is used only by those who grow their own halos—those who rate themselves as having inherited superiority; therefore it has no place in anything pertaining to civic welfare.

The greatest enemy of common sense is hot air. But many, even sober-minded well meaning people, have mistaken and sometimes even accepted it for common sense. On the other hand there are many who mistake common sense for hot air. Others call common sense hot air especially if it doesn't coincide with their views, if they can't understand, or if they think that he who suggests or uses it has an axe to grind.

Unadulterated, plain, everyday, common sense directs that it is common sense and good business for any mercantile establishment to have the people that work in the store sold ON the store, and know what store has to sell; it is common sense and good business for an industrial or manufacturing concern to have the people who work in the factory sold on the firm and the products made; and likewise it is the same kind of common sense PLUS GOOD BUSINESS for all of the people of any community to be SOLD ON the community.

There is no hot air about that. It may sound a little hazy, like "co-operation" and "civic loyalty" that sometime or other you have undoubtedly labeled as hot air; but it is SENSE—a cold, hard fact, and the quicker you realize it, just that much quicker will you cash in on it.

Being sold on Merkel doesn't mean that morning, noon and night you have to go around hollering about it. Usually people that holler the loudest think the least, and although community boosting may once have been based on pure lung power and hot air, it surely is not the case today.

Every community wants something—needs something. Merkel is no exception. If Merkel were the only city that wanted or needed something that would be different; but your community and every other community has competition, and competition that THINKS will put out of business any fellow or a group of fellows who fail or refuse to think.

YOU are Merkel—don't forget that. What you do, the way you do it, and the way you think will be in great degree the way Merkel will do it, and think. Therefore, your problem is to conduct yourself so that you sell all of those with whom you come in contact ON the fact that Merkel IS a good town, any way they want to consider it. Let everybody in Merkel do that for six months, and Merkel will have what it wants and it needs.

You may say that THAT is hot air, but to prove it you will show that doing such is wrong; and the only way to show that is to get the hatchet, work together with the other fellow, think about it, get sold on it yourself, and sell it to others. Then if you still say it is hot air, all right; but you won't, because, in the first place, you will win money by it, and besides you will LIKE it, therefore Bull, keep it.

And right then Merkel will begin having a lot of 100 firms—and then some.

This Town Doctor Article, published by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the community, is for RESULTS (Copyright, 1930, A. D. ...)

### State Board Makes Important Changes In Entrance Exams

The state department of education, High school division, Austin, Texas, has furnished the following letter to county superintendents with reference to college entrance examinations for high school students of the unaccredited schools:

There is a change in the dates for this year. They will begin on Tuesday, April 22, and will continue through Friday, April 25. These dates are a little earlier than usual, but the Department feels that they will be more convenient for students in short-term schools.

There are several important changes in the examination in English, algebra, Latin, and Spanish. The examination in English, for instance, will be given in four parts. Parts I and II will be based on the study of grammar and composition; Part III on English literature, Part IV on American literature. Part I is intended for students who have had only eighth grade English. A student who passes this examination will receive one unit of high school credit. This credit will be accepted by any Texas high school to which the student may transfer. It will not be accepted for college entrance. A student who has completed the ninth grade course of study in English is an eligible candidate for Part II of the examination in English. A student who passes Part II will receive two units of credit which may be counted toward college entrance or which may be used for credit by students transferring from one high school to another. It will not be necessary for a student to have credit in grammar and composition before he takes the examination in literature. However, both examinations in literature will be graded strictly, and no student will be passed in these subjects unless his papers show that he has a thorough understanding of the principles of grammar and composition.

The same ruling applies to algebra, Latin and Spanish. The algebra examination will be in two parts; the first for high school credit only, the second for college entrance. Of course any college entrance credit may be used for credit in transferring from one high school to another.

The college entrance questions must not be used for final examinations, and the papers must be sent to Austin for grading.

Each student who takes the examinations will pay a fee at the following rate: 1 to 4 examinations, one dollar; 4 to 8 examinations, two dollars; 8 to 12 examinations, three dollars; 12 to 16 examinations, four dollars. Each examination in each subject must be counted separately. This is a departure from the former plan of basing the fees on the number of units applied for.

Notebooks must not be sent to Austin. Students who take the examinations in science are required to present their notebooks to the local examiner

in charge. The latter is required to sign a statement certifying that the student has presented a satisfactory notebook in the science in which he is being examined. Students who have no laboratory work should not be admitted to any examination in science.

All teachers should report to the county superintendent not later than March 15, the names of pupils in their school desiring to take this examination. This information is necessary in order that a sufficient number of sets of questions may be obtained. Report separately any student who expects to take the examination in home economics.

### Mineral Wells Mayor Not in Governor Race

Mineral Wells, Feb. 20.—Mayor Charlton Brown has issued a statement that he will not enter the race for governor this year, although solicited to do so by friends from all parts of the state. The mayor said in part:

"I have several local projects in view and I feel I should give my time to them rather than make the race for governor. It has been rumored locally that I would enter the race for some county office but I will not participate as a candidate in this year's election."

Mayor Brown has another year to serve in his present office. When he announced last fall as a possible candidate for governor he was referred to as "the blue shirt, cotton stocking, one gallus candidate for governor."

### Horses and Buggies Cause Traffic Tangle

Wills Point, Feb. 20.—Wills Point had a traffic problem all its own after a recent rainy seige in its trade territory.

Farmers left automobiles in their garages, where there was no danger of their getting stuck, and hitched up "Dobbin" for the trip to town. Police had to work overtime finding parking places for the horses, mules, buggies and wagons.

Incidentally merchants reported a flourishing business despite the muddy roads.

Above all—Now is the time to trade at the Boston Bargain Store. E. Y. Brown, Owner.

The United States has but three postage stamps bearing the likeness of women.

The Italian government is pushing many land and road projects to provide employment for its idle.

#### ACTION



Motorists in constantly increasing numbers are learning that they get action from Conoco Gasoline and from the High Grade Oils which we dispense. If you would enjoy the maximum of motor satisfaction at no additional cost, drive by and let us introduce you to our high grade products, and then you get painstaking and courteous service here.

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Everybody's Garage TELEPHONE 72

### Judge Decides Keep Brady Murder Case In Travis County

Austin, Feb. 20.—John W. Brady may face another jury of his fellow citizens of Travis county in an effort to win acquittal of the charges of murder brought against him after Miss Lehia Highsmith, stenographer, had been stabbed to death on the night of November 9, last.

Judge J. D. Moore, who presided at the trial of the former civil appeals court judge, has announced he would retain venue of the case in his court until it had been demonstrated another jury could not be obtained to pass on Brady's guilt or innocence.

District Attorney Henry H. Brooks had filed a motion asking that the case be sent to Williamson county.

After Judge Moore decided that the venue would not be changed at this time, Brooks requested an immediate setting. The present term of Judge Moore's court will expire on March 17 and the new term will open April 1.

In making his decision Judge Moore said he had conducted an investigation, which revealed that the newspapers had widely disseminated stories of the testimony adduced at the trial and that he was of the impression at this time there was as good a

chance to find 12 men here who had not a fixed opinion or did not have scruples against infliction of the death penalty as in any county.

A jury which listened to the case was discharged when it was found it was unable to agree on a verdict, 11 voting for conviction and one for acquittal. Nine wanted to inflict the death penalty and two favored life imprisonment. The trial lasted three weeks.

#### NOTICE.

Beginning Monday, February 17th, and until further notice this bank will open promptly at 8 a. m. and close at 3 p. m.

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### the Call that came at Midnight

An icy gust of February wind eddied down the dark stairway, rustled the pages of the telephone book on the landing, and sent its chill breath easily through Robert McBain's thin pajamas.

McBain glared angrily into the telephone, shivered, sneezed.

"Listen!" he interrupted impatiently, "there's really not much we can do about it until morning, is there? Suppose you see me then!"

He rattled the receiver on the hook and plodded back upstairs to the bedroom.

"Calling me at midnight!" he snapped. "That's nerve for you. And . . . and now . . ."

Warning twitches assailed his nostrils and again . . . he sneezed!

" . . . and now," he finished wearily, "I guess I'll nurse a cold for the rest of the winter."

Beneath comfortable covers, his wife stirred sympathetically.

"I've always said," she began drowsily, "that we needed a . . ."

"Yes, I know!" broke in her husband. "An extension telephone in here. And mark my word, tomorrow we'll have one, right beside this bed!"

Telephones where you need them save time, patience, inconvenience—sometimes, strange as it may seem, prevent colds.

Few know that the extra cost of one or two "extensions" is somewhat less than that of 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 the telephones in your home.



He rattled the receiver on the hook


Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., City.

I'd like to know how to get more value out of my telephone service. Please send me free, a copy of your booklet, "Modern Telephone Service for the Home."

Name .....

Address .....

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America has furnished to the world the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.

—Daniel Webster.

THE OLD RELIABLE

### FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

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There's never a fire or a destructive accident that doesn't bring home to somebody—sometimes the property owner involved, sometimes just a casual observer—the vital importance of adequate, dependable insurance. But why wait for the ill wind to blow in your direction? Why not find out now about property protection and the type of insurance that best meets your particular needs?

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MERKEL MAIL WANT

January 21, 1923  
 Growth of Eldorado  
 Committee for New Office  
 Building for WTU Co.  
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 By I  
 Austin, Tex., Feb. 13.—Construction of a new office and storeroom for the West Texas University at Amarillo, Tex., will begin in a few days.

Will Add 17-Ton Ice Plant at Memphis  
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**WINTER MORNING**  
 By WILL M. MAUPIN

WHEN the frost is on the fodder,  
 And a tingle in the air;  
 When the pumpkins have been gathered  
 And the corn is shucked with care;  
 When the grease is on the griddle  
 And the batter's in the crock,  
 Life's worth living winter mornings  
 When you rise at 6 o'clock.

When the cakes are on the griddle,  
 And the sirup's in the jug;  
 When the coffee has been settled,  
 And the fire is warm and snug;  
 When you smell the breakfast ready,  
 And you hear the "get up" knock,  
 There's a lot of joy in living,  
 Though you rise at 6 o'clock.

When the buckwheats reach the table,  
 Mountain high and piping hot;  
 When with sirup and with butter  
 They glide to the proper spot;  
 When you've eaten all you're able,  
 Full of "bucks" your wife has sent,  
 You can hike off to the office  
 Full of grub and sweet content.

Talk to me of pate de foie gras!  
 Talk of sauces, puddings, pies!  
 Talk of table d'hote and cuisine—  
 Not from me they'll get a prize.  
 Give to me the smoking buckwheats,  
 Stacked up high and piping hot;  
 Maple sirup, golden butter—  
 Ah, that hits the proper spot!  
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**Has Anyone Laughed At You Because —**  
 By ETHEL R. PEYSER

You cry at a sad play? Hasn't the strain of trying to keep back your tears spoiled many a good play for you, because some one with you giggled or remarked about your "softness," "chicken-heartedness," etc? Never you mind, the fellow that can weep is a bigger soul than the one who cannot. So be glad if you are in the class where sadness touches you. It means that life has really meant something to you, that beautiful things and beautiful ideas have done something for you. What sort of person would not cry when on the stage a child is seen dragged from its parents? If you don't cry then you are a little soul, if you do you are a real human being. If you weep alone your loneliness is the right kind.

SO  
 Your Get-away here is:  
 That you've done exactly what the writer of the play wanted you to do.  
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**ONCE IS ENOUGH**  
 A Swiss engineer named Durler has been appointed to direct the electrification of the state railroads in Japan.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughter arrived Tuesday to spend the Xmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

**SOCIETY**

**Gleaner Class**

Mrs. Tom Toombs and Mrs. Pogue were hostesses to the Gleaner Class on Thursday evening, December 14th at the home of Mrs. Toombs. The rooms were pretty in Christmas decorations.

About 8:30 the house was called to order. Mrs. Largent read a passage of scripture, followed by prayer, by Mrs. L. R. Thompson. Business was discussed for a while then Mrs. Toombs and Mrs. Pogue took charge, the rest of the evening being spent in a social hour.

Mrs. Toombs played bits of familiar songs giving all a chance to announce the name of the song as soon as recognized.

A "Christmas Turkey" contest passed. Mrs. Lambreth seemed to know more about turkeys and was given a beautiful bowl of blooming Narcissus.

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**INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE**

Subject—How to have Christmas all the Year.

Leader—Elfe Chaney.  
 Scripture—Luke 2 8-19.  
 Song

Introductory talk—Mary Ellen Smith.  
 Love —John 3-16—Emma Toombs.

Song —Silent Night, Holy night.  
 Give—John 6-51—Hazel Bell.  
 Piano Solo—Jessie Mae Stevens.

Serve—Luke xx11-27—W. L. Harkrider.

Story —Her Birthy Day  
 Dream—Ruth Pike.  
 Reading—Hallie Pike.  
 Song.

League Benediction  
 Miss Lilley Pratt Sears returned home to spend the holidays, last Sunday.

**CHRISTMAS FACTS IN BIBLE**

Day Celebrated as Christian Festival for Centuries—Holy Ones a Sacred Plant.

Christmas day is the anniversary of the birth of Christ, and has been celebrated as a Christian festival for several centuries. The Christmas tide lasts from the 25th of December to the 6th of January, the twelfth day after Christ's nativity.

The origin of the Christmas tree is obscure; the thought of Christ as the Light of the World and the Tree of Life may have given rise to the light-bearing tree, or the popular old belief that every Christmas eve, trees blossomed and bore fruit, may have been the foundation of the custom.

Gift-giving is, of course, the echo of the Wise Men's gifts; and mince pie, turkey and plum puddings—modern relics of the pagan Santa Claus, known to every child every land in this old world is the sonification of the spirit of love.

The holly, synonymous with Christmas, was a sacred plant, and its leaves a mysterious plant, supposed to possess the power of healing and preventing misfortune. It was never allowed to touch the ground, hence the modern superstition that it is unlucky for a mistletoe bough to fall from its place. It was dedicated to the Goddess of Love, which explains the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

**A SEASONABLE SERMONETTE**

- C Cheerfulness is a personal possession, but you can
- H Hand some of it on to those whose weary, drab lives
- R Represent naught but a grim struggle to exist, whose
- I Inheritance is labour and sorrow—stranger to joy.
- S So, in kindly spirit, go forth, seek and find some of
- T These joyless ones. Bring some cheer into their lives.
- M Make it a Christmas resolve that you will, out of your
- A Abundance or sufficiency, make, with kindly heart, the
- S Sun to shine at Christmas in one poor home at least.
- D Do this, and the deed shall bring you such sweet joy
- A And satisfaction that the remembrance of it will make
- F Your own Christmas a "happy" one in deed and in truth.

**VULETIDE.**



Daughter—Say, pa, what do you want me to get you for Christmas?  
 De Close—Well, it's all the same to you, I'll just keep the money.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and two sons left Friday morning for Cisco, where they will remain until Tuesday, spending these few days at Christmas with relatives. Warren, attending State University, join his mother there Friday.

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And, may the New Year have in store for you much happiness and prosperity. And we believe the use of a little more of that Good Gulf Gasoline during the year will add to your comfort and pleasure.

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Misses Evelyn Hamm, and Mary Cleo Booth, who are attending school at home.

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In this connection let us thank each and everyone who in the past so generously patronized us; we have appreciated same whether it has been large or small. And, we would urge any and all who know themselves to be indebted to us to please call at once and make settlement in order that we may close our business in a proper and satisfactory manner.

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## PREACH AT TRENT

Next Sunday. Every one is invited to come out early and study the Bible with us and hear the preaching. W. G. Cyfert.

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I take this method at the close of the year 1922, to express my thanks to my friends for their patronage in a business way during the past.

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Wishes you a merry Xmas, full of happiness, prosperity, and plenty,—and that the New Year may bring you added resources in a full measure. I appreciate the nice business you have entrusted to me for the past two years. I have tried to establish my trade by honest and straight dealings, for delivery in good shape and on time, for satisfactory quality and a willingness to make good any errors or discrepancies. My business has more than doubled over last year, due to the fact that it's economy to patronize an institution equipped to satisfy and handle the business satisfactory in every department. This guarantee goes with every order.

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Car just arrived of Corn, Oats, Chops, and Bran at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

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### Growth of Eldorado Plans for New Office Building for WTU Co.

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 13.—Construction of a new office and storeroom for the West Texas Utilities Company in Eldorado will begin soon, as announced by the engineering department of the company.

In order to meet the long strides of progress this town has been evidencing, it is necessary that the company expand and build a 25 by 50-foot building, to be finished in tile and stucco and constructed of fire resisting materials throughout. The new one-story structure is to be designed in the Spanish style architecture observed in company buildings over West Texas.

The Orient railroad, with its contributing commercial advantages, is building into Eldorado. This town, being in the heart of a rich agricultural section, is growing rapidly and customers are being added to the lines daily.

### HEBRON NEWS

The regular monthly services were well attended Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

William Pannell spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson were in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell returned to their home at Dallas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children visited Mr. Pannell's sister, Mrs. Nettie Perkins at Trent Sunday.

Mrs. Elbert Dean and daughter, Margaret, were in Blair Sunday afternoon.

Paul Pannell was an Abilene visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burleson spent the week-end with Mrs. Burleson's brother, Mr. Lee Stanley at Comper.

Rev. Tatum of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Karr were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pannell for Sunday supper.

Leave your hemstitching at Boston Store with instructions. I will call each afternoon.

Mrs. L. R. Robins.

Oil investments in Texas, estimated at \$1,500,000,000, represent one-seventh of the United States total. Texas average monthly production during six months ending Oct. 1, was 21,000,000 barrels.

### Will Add 17-Ton Ice Plant at Memphis

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 13.—Construction of a 17-ton ice plant and an adjacent office building will begin in Memphis, Texas, on or about March 1, according to an announcement made by the West Texas Utilities company.

This ice plant, covering a space 53 by 50 feet will be built of brick, concrete and steel and constructed of fire-resisting materials throughout. The very latest ice manufacturing equipment will be employed. The plant, to be electrically operated throughout, will have the capacity to operate by means of full automatic controls. A 6x44 foot service platform will furnish ample room for the plant sale of ice. The 20x20 foot cooling tower will be constructed to the rear of the plant.

The ice plant, which is in operation at Memphis now, will be completely remodeled. This plant and the 17-ton plant will furnish a total output of 40-tons per day which it is estimated will be adequate to the demands of the normal growth of Memphis for the next five to ten years.

Simultaneous with this construction, an office building and storeroom will

be built adjacent to the ice plant. The one-story structure will be 27' by 80', built of brick, concrete and steel and externally finished in stucco. The ice plant and office will be built on the corner of Seventh and Brice streets. Both buildings will be designed in Americanized Spanish architecture, the type followed in company buildings over West Texas.

There are approximately 1,125 electric customers in Memphis now. The rapid growth of this town, located in the midst of a rich farming area, has necessitated this expansion made by the company.

Construction on both buildings will

be completed within ninety days after work begins.

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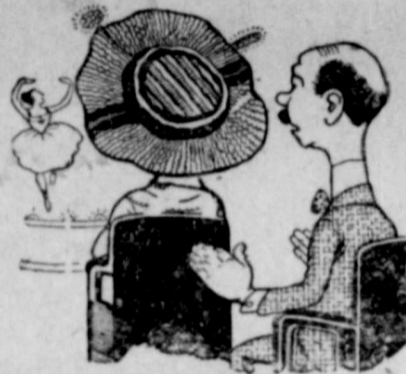
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**Trent News and Personal Notes**

The W. M. S. of the Baptist church met at the church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The devotional was led by Mrs. Terry after the meeting was opened by Mrs. Alex Williamson, the president. A business session followed and the meeting was then turned over to Mrs. R. M. White of Abilene, associational president of women's work. Mesdames Paxton and McGinnis of Abilene, T. E. Collins, Sam Swann and A. R. Booth of Merkel were also present. Fifteen members of the local society enjoyed the inspirational talks by several of these ladies. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served. The W. M. S. meets on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock after each second and fourth Sunday, these being regular preaching days. We have several things planned for the year's work; we are taking a mission study—all the world in all the world, taught by Mrs. Terry, and we would be so glad if more of the ladies would attend the meetings, Mrs. Boyd reported.

Turkey dinner was served on Sunday at the Beckham home in honor of Mr. C. T. Beckham's birthday. Out of town visitors were the two Mesdames Tittle from Wichita Falls and their families, Hubert Beckham and Mr. Whitfield of Lamesa. Everyone extended best wishes to Mr. Beckham for many happy returns of the day. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Reta, to Rev. Ted Norton of Colorado, Texas. Mrs. Norton is a charming and cultured young lady, having finished college at A. C. C. and also taught in the Oklahoma colleges. Their courtship dates back to their college days.

Thursday evening Mrs. Ed Massey entertained the ladies of the T. E. L. class and their husbands. Games were played after the devotional and business session and at the refreshment hour a delicious plate was served to about thirty guests.

The ladies of the Bible class met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. Cal Hamner. Ed Burks had the misfortune of cutting his right hand rather badly Monday while working in his shop. In some manner his hand was caught in the belt of the machinery.

W. J. Beckham, wife and baby of Lamesa came over Tuesday for a short visit with relatives.

Elbert Rogers and family have moved to Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Page of Big Spring spent Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Quite a number from Trent attended the play at Eskota, among them being Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mrs. Herbert Beckham and Mrs. Buna McLeod.

Miss Florence Sherman spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Moore, of Merkel.

Miss Falkner of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mrs. Buster Edwards.

Aubrey Dowdy of Abilene was in our city Saturday.

Miss Ethel Alexander visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murdock and Clois Murdock, all of Big Spring, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Estelle Terry was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Burks are here from Littlefield.

Melvin Reed, who has been visiting his mother for the past two weeks returned Sunday to his home in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene were week-end guests of Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mrs. Buna McLeod had as her guest last week-end, the Mesdames Tittle of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Clinton Hall is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. M. Sherman.

Mrs. Dr. Howard and little son of Merkel spent Monday in Trent.

Mrs. Effie Hightower was a recent guest of Mrs. Bounce Hays.

James Waters of Stephenville was here for a few days the first of the week.

childhood were the choice subjects taken when a group of old friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Ed Burkes and celebrated the 70th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Julia McLaughlin, on Friday afternoon. A delicious luncheon was served buffet style. Mrs. Burkes was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Cleve Johnson, her daughter, Mrs. Clifford Estep, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fay Burkes.

This festive occasion came as a complete surprise to the honoree, who received many pretty and useful gifts.

Old timers enjoying the gala afternoon were Mesdames Goode, Steadman, Tid Smith, C. T. Beckham, Bill Reynolds, Wright, J. I. Leamon, W. E. Shouse; also Misses Mattie and Cora Scott, Fayma Maude and Sarah Julia Johnson, Messrs. Cleve Johnson, Clifford Estep, Buddie Burkes, Isom Burkes, Ed Burkes, the hostess and her assistants.

**METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.**  
Sunday School was well attended in spite of the approaching norther and so much illness. A goodly crowd attended the preaching service. Brother Sherrill chose as his subject "Religion, Pure and Holy Ghost." The pastor very ably discussed his text in the usual sense of the word.

Beginning on Monday evening at 7 Brother Sherrill will conduct some lessons for study among members of the missionary society and others who care to attend. The book for reference will be "The church and the world Parish." Classes will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Every loyal Methodist is urged to attend.

Mrs. Seth Nugent was greeted as a welcome visitor from the White Flat community for the morning service. Mrs. George Howell, who has been on the sick list was able to be at church again Sunday.

Little Marvin Sherrill of the baby class has been very ill with fever but was able to attend class in the morning.

Mrs. Hale McRee, teacher in the primary department, is ill and Mrs. John Payne is substituting for her.

The missionary society will not meet at the usual hour on Monday due to the plans for every member to attend the study in the evening.

The pastor will be in the pulpit for both services next Sunday.

**Trent School News**

Last Friday evening the Trent boys' and girls' indoor baseball teams went to play White Flat. Both games were won by White Flat. Only a week ago these contestants met for the first time on Trent field, both games being won by Trent. Both teams showed some excellent playing and it is felt that the defeat will only strengthen the Trent players' determination to win the next game.

Nine of the High school girls, chaperoned by Miss Jenkins, hiked to White Flat Friday to see the baseball game. Although several cars asked to carry them to the game, they declined the offer because they enjoyed the exercise and sociable tete-a-tete.

Tuesday afternoon the P. T. A. and the mothers were entertained by the Home Economics class. The Home Economics class is taught by Miss Nona Burgess of Abilene. The first half of the year was spent in sewing. This is the first time in several years that Home Economics has been taught in Trent and much progress has been shown, due to the interest of the pupils and the efficiency of the teacher. Many articles were on the display tables and the "Model Home," which was furnished with furniture made by the girls, attracted much attention.

The most entertaining feature of the program was the "Style Show." Dresses, pajamas, negligees and aprons were shown by the girls as they slowly marched out one by one upon the stage accompanied by soft music. The girls were introduced by Miss Velma Ruthledge. Miss Jenkins, the sixth grade teacher, was at the piano. "The Blue Apron" girls sang "Beautiful" in gingham dresses of their own make, they also demonstrated the correct way to set a table and when they were seated, discussed some of the important "devices for keeping house." They then sang "My Bungalow of Dreams."

Three judges, Mrs. Steadman, Miss White, the music teacher, and Miss Jenkins, sixth grade teacher, awarded first, second, and third prizes on all displays and upon garments worn in the style show. Refreshments of punch and cake were served by the class to all the guests.

The girls in the class are as follows: Mediah Rawlings, Fama Maud Johnson, Dorothy Boyd, Fannie Vessels, Mollie McLeod, Helen Hogue, Zula Bright, Dollie Wash and Opal Freeman.

St. Keyne's well, located near a church in Cornwall, England, is supposed to give permanent happiness to all who drink its waters.

The ski originated in Norway.

**Personal Mention**

Sterling Sheppard was home from S. M. U. over the last week-end.

Ed Scott of San Angelo spent the week-end here.

Mrs. M. E. Campbell is visiting her son, Blue Tite, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burgin were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler have returned from a trip to Palestine.

Miss Melba West spent the past week-end with her parents here.

Miss Maurine Craddock of Crawford is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Bland.

Miss Ernestine Brown of Aspermont was the week-end guest of Miss Lola Dennis.

Miss Ona Fay Rose of Abilene is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. Ara Brown is here from San Angelo visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins drove over to De Leon Sunday.

After visiting her mother, Mrs. C. W. Tipton, Mrs. Maurine Pannell has returned to her home in Dallas.

Misses Vivian Berger of Noodle Dome and Euna Lee Gilmore spent the latter part of the week in Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp returned to their home in Fort Worth Thursday after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. M. E. Young returned Saturday to her home in Mesquite after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Polly.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet and children of San Angelo were week-end guests of Mrs. Tippet's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Miss Mabel Corinne, spent Sunday in Roby, the guests of Mrs. Morton's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner returned Saturday from an extended visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner, in Dallas.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Miss Marion Sheppard also Mrs. Bill Sheppard and Miss Modene Sheppard, all of Dallas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, wife and daughter, Miss Mary, visited in Chillicothe the early part of the week, preparatory to their removal there on the first of the month.

Mrs. Roy Largent and two sons of Brownwood visited with Mrs. Largent's mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. Miss Elizabeth Harkrider also was home from McMurry for the week-end.

Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Sharp were in Abilene the first of the week to attend their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Haggard, who underwent an appendicitis operation and who is reported doing nicely.

Constable J. T. King and Fire Chief

N. A. Dowell left Thursday for San Angelo to attend the meeting of the West Texas Sheriff's association, of which both are members and which is to convene two days, Feb. 13-14.

Uncle Tom Pribble, now past 80 years of age, who makes his home with his son, J. J. Pribble, in the Canyon, was operated on at the Merkel sanitarium last Friday and is reported doing very well, a fact his many friends will be very glad to learn.

In a letter telling of a recent operation to which her little son had submitted, Mrs. Melvin Evans, her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, as soon as her son recovered from effects of the operation, she and children would come for a visit and spend the balance of the winter here.

Mrs. W. O. Reeves and children returned to their home in Philad after spending the summer and with Mrs. George Reeves here. Reeves' return trip was delayed when her little son, Billy, Jr., fell on a stove and received severe burns. He was, however, doing nicely when they left for home.

**February Special Offer**

From February 1 to March 1, we have an especially attractive offer for the

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are appointed and present judges have served the courts appointed commissioners court are to general election in November at any special elections, as amendments or constitutional amendments, but the county executive committee appoint the judges to serve the primary elections.

Omitting the Abilene precincts, the voting boxes, with the names of the presiding judge given first, are as follows:

Buffalo Gap—J. K. Kincaid, A. B. Spencer, Walter duen.

Moro at Moro school house—W. McMillan, J. R. Middleton.

Lubia at Live Oak Baptist church—L. McLean, Will Matthews.

Merkel at fire station—H. M. Bolt, W. O. Boney, Stanley.

at school house—T. A. Burdett, D. Harrison.

—B. H. Frichard, W. H. Pillsbury at Methodist Church—B. Bynum, T. J. Key.

at Home State Bank—R. W. Boyd.

at Condon's store—Kendall, George W. Brewster.

G. Y. Landingham, H. V. at First State Bank—R. E. Floyd Hodge.

at First State bank—Jim A. B. Britton.

at Rhodes store—J. B. G. F. Duncan.

Tye-Merkel—N. D. Teaff, Walter Carty.

at Keeling Hardware store—Williams, Ira Grantham.

at I. O. O. F. hall—E. J. Osborn, H. E. Campbell.

Bradshaw at bank of Bradshaw—H. Bradshaw, Henry Steen.

**Preaches Sermon On 82nd Birthday**

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burgh Publishing company of Boston, the author using the non de plume of Mrs. Kain. His tribute reads "To the best woman, the most sincere Christian, the most dutiful wife, and the most faithful mother in Texas, Mrs. Rebecca Parrack."

His wife was raised in Putnam county, Mo., and on the Landis side is a second cousin of the famous Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis, more recently famous as baseball commissioner.

He has had no pastorate for the past twelve years, having returned here about five years ago from Riesel. His last pastorate was in Eastland. He formerly lived here for about six months in 1920 when his son, the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, was pastor of the Merkel church for the first time.

Already licensed to preach, he came to Texas in 1870 and as a missionary on the frontier of those days, with headquarters at Waco, his itinerary led him to Fort Griffin, Fort Tom Hill, Fort Baird and Fort ho. After a pastorate at Robinson near Waco, he was again engaged in missionary work for several years. Other churches served were Eastland, Garden City, Salado in Bell county, and Caddo, Okla.

In recounting his early days, he told of crossing Indian trails many times, but was never attacked by or came in contact with them, only coming in sight of them once on the divide between Clear Forks on the Brazos and Hubbard creeks. In the chinery he recognized them only by their red blankets.

Always a believer and a devout Christian, he relates that the occasion when gospel music brought him the greatest happiness was a day in his early career as a missionary when he was riding horseback from Fort Worth to Decatur. He stopped at a cabin soon after he had crossed the west fork of the Trinity to make inquiry as to the way. Noticing that his horse was showing weariness, the man tried to discourage his continuing the trip to Decatur, acquainting him with the fact that the Indians were in; they had cut the ropes and stolen horses from the back of the wagons near his cabin. Deciding to push on and when

**OLD TIMERS HONOR PIONEER WOMAN.**

Reminiscences of old times and nearing Decatur, he could hear the war whoops of the Comanches, but he was shortly to be joined by two wagons, all roads leading to Decatur where the people were gathering for protection.

It was then that the joyous sound of "Amazing Grace," led by a Methodist preacher, greeted the travelers as they ended their journey at Decatur safely and with thanksgiving.

**Dunnam Bros.**

**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

Lettuce	nice firm heads	8c	Beans	cut stringless, No. 2 cans, 3 for	35c
Bananas	large green tips, per doz.	19c	Peas	Glen Valley, No. 2 cans, 3 for	35c
Carrots	nice bunches 2 for	15c	Hominy	No. 2 cans	8c
Beets	large bunches 2 for	15c	Kraut	No. 2 cans	8c
Oranges	large juicy per doz.	48c	Peaches	Armour's No. 2 cans, 2 for	25c
Apples	nice delicious, per doz.	32c	Hominy	No. 2 1-2 cans, 2 for	25c
Spud s	No. 1, 11 lbs. for	43c	Kraut	No. 2 1-2 cans,	15c
Beans	fresh green, per lb.	15c	Cereals	Breakfast, any kind	11c
Cabbage	nice hard heads, per lb.	4c	Butter	Country, per lb.	25c
Corn	Standard brand, No. 2 cans	11c	Coffee	San Jose, 3 lb. bucket, 1 bowl, cup & saucer free	\$1.15
Pork & Beans	No. 2 cans, 3 cans for	25c	Soap	Lighthouse White Naptha, 11 bars	39c

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—2 good work mules and oboeat disc plow. See Bob Hicks.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One gas engine. Can be seen at Dowell's Auto Shop and Shoe Shop.

FOR SALE—Good used implements, single and double rows. Liberty Hardware Company.

MILK COW—One choice milk cow and young calf for sale. Lee Baker.

FOR SALE—3 mules, 2 horses, 1 mare, 1 Moline double disc, 1 P. & O. double row cultivator, 1 Case double row planter, 2 wide tire wagons. See Booth Warren—Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

FOR SALE—One Hot Point Electric range, \$150 stove, good as new; will sell at a sacrifice or trade. Dean Higgins.

FOR SALE—Bundled and headed feed, two row planter and cultivator pony disc plow; will trade for milch cow. See me at my farm near Stith. T. W. Collins.

FOR SALE—Good head mazi, \$25 per ton. See G. T. Turner, Route 1, Box 21.

RHODE ISLAND baby chicks from my flock for sale at the Merkel Hatchery. W. C. Lee.

FOR SALE—The ev byret usper).b  
FOR SALE—The very best pure bred Silver-laced Wyandotte hatching eggs, 15 for 75 cents. See R. B. Wells.

## FOR RENT

NEW TWO ROOM apartment, nicely furnished, private entrance, adjoining bath; gas, hot and cold water. Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Phone 171W.

FOR RENT—480 acres, 320 in cultivation; well improved, near Snyder, Texas. Good layout for right party. See L. B. Scott, Merkel Motor Co.

FOR RENT—Four room house, furnished; also bedrooms. Buy, sell and exchange anything of value. City Furniture Co. Joe Garland, Prop.

FOR RENT—House with all modern conveniences between school and churches; also a four room house with gas and hot water. S. Haynes. Phone 265J.

FOR RENT—160 acres, good land. See Roy Isom, one-half mile south of e.

FOR RENT—4 rooms and bath on Oak street, \$10.00. Write Mrs. V. B. Sublett, 901 Cedar, Abilene, Texas.

## WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

## LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Pair tortoise shell glasses, between school and home. Return to Will Toombs.

IF THE PARTIES who took the three cross-bags from off the Santa Fe right-of-way between Blair and To land will return same, nothing will be said. J. E. Holbrooks, section foreman.

FOUND—Bundle of men's clothing, giving proper description and for this ad can get the goods. See, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

In Merkel, Saturday a crank Nash car. Please leave at Pete's Filling Station. J. B. Rosson.

German police dog disappeared Friday from Floyd Hutcheson north of Warren; some scars on forehead. D. H. Thomas at Barnburner Co.

## LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitation cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary

## TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments, actors in Merkel homes, and as other news items of local nature. If you have news, entertain friends or please tele-

# ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
For Congress, 17th district:  
R. Q. Lee, (Re-election.)  
For Sheriff:  
H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)  
C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.  
For County Clerk:  
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)  
For County Treasurer:  
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)  
For Tax Collector:  
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)  
For Tax Assessor:  
J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)  
For District Clerk:  
BELE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)  
For County Attorney:  
GRAY BROWNE.  
WILEY L. CAFFEY.  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
W. H. FRAZIER.  
W. L. BLAIR.  
RUFÉ TITTLE.  
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.  
JOHN J. TOOMBS.  
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.  
I. N. BROWN.  
DENT GIBSON.  
DENZEL COX.  
A. D. FULTON.  
T. D. COMPTON.  
OSCAR W. WALKER.  
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

## A Rural Property Owner Gives Views

Rural Voters:  
I hear much talk of consolidating the rural schools with city schools. Every article the rural man produces has been reduced in price. Have your taxes been reduced? If not, you had better look out for still higher taxes when you unite with city schools. The board of equalization will raise the valuation of your property, thereby raising your taxes. You go to the board and try to frazzle this tax business out with them; they laugh in your face, tell you this money has got to come and the only way to get it is by raising taxes.  
Suppose we lose the state aid and only have five months' free money; is it not better for each district to raise their taxes one or two per cent, enough to make two months more school and have your school commence when all children can be ready to start in school at one time than have your taxes doubled, your child at home helping gather the crop, while the city child is going to school enjoying your high taxes?  
The first of November your crop is mostly gathered; your child starts to school, is put in a grade with the city child, drags over work he does not understand, fails in the exams, becomes disheartened and quits school as soon as he is old enough to evade the compulsory school law, which will let him out at any age, if he does not live within the required distance. Would you like to come into the Merkel district and help pay the \$16,000 debt she took on herself?  
Suppose we have fewer teachers by this consolidation. The fewer teachers, the less attention your child gets. Is it not better to pay the number of teachers we have than to pay for more city buildings, school buses, the upkeep of these buses and bus drivers?  
You will miss your community entertainments and ball games. If your child should be lucky enough to get on the ball team, or in the school plays, you will pay 50 cents or one dollar to see the game or play.  
You have your well equipped schoolhouse, which will be a total loss; besides you will miss your rural socials, which we country people enjoy so much, where everyone learns to know and love each other. Better open your eyes and see what you are doing when it comes to a vote. Too late to pray after the devil gets you.  
Rural Property Owner.

## Largent Chairman Pulpit Committee

W. J. Largent is chairman of the pulpit committee of the Baptist church whose duty it is to call another pastor to succeed the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, who has submitted his resignation, effective March 1, to accept the pastorate of the Chillicothe Baptist church.  
Other members of the committee are W. O. Boney, J. T. Warren, W. J. Sheppard, Byers Petty and Rufe Tittle.  
There were 47,772 retail stores in business in Texas in 1929. Groceries were 13,620 and auto accessories (including tires, etc.) were second with 6,488.  
Road contracts let by the Texas Highway Commission during 1929 totaled \$32,707,000, covering 3,444 miles of highway.

# SOCIETY

## VALENTINE MOTIF FEATURES CLASS PARTY.

Miss Mary Eula Sears entertained twenty-five members of the Philathea class of the Methodist Sunday School in her home on Monday evening from seven-thirty until ten.  
The Valentine motif featured an attractive refreshment plate served after the social hour, during which Valentine games were enjoyed.  
The program included group singing, a devotional led by Miss Pauline Pinkley, prayer by Miss Vera Baker, a discussion of the needs of the orphan whom the class supports at the Methodist Orphanage at Waco, Texas, and plans for the annual Philathea Barracha banquet.  
The class was especially glad to have with them Mrs. Roy Largent of Brownwood.

## FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler entertained members of her Sunday School class on last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Byers Petty led the devotional after which an informal business meeting was held and plans for the future were formulated. A delicious refreshment plate of strawberry Bavarian cream and angel food cake was served to Mesdames Warren Smith, Dean Higgins, Byers Petty, Charles Higgins, Sam Swann, Tom Cooper, Warren Higgins, J. F. Fry, Brit Mayfield, George Caple, Claude Young and the hostess.

## THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Dona Loyless entertained members of the Thursday night bridge club in the hospitable home of Mrs. E. N. Brown, on Friday night.  
Bridge games were enjoyed until a late hour and delicious salads, sandwiches and hot punch were served to Misses Roberta Sloan, Mona Margaret Jones, Evelyn Curb, Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis, Vera Baker, Dona Loyless, Mesdames W. S. J. Brown and E. Yates Brown.

## BUSINESS MEN ENTERTAIN.

The parlors of the Baptist church were the scene of a gay affair on Friday evening, the culmination of an attendance contest, when members of the Business Men's Sunday School class entertained their wives. Rufe Tittle presided as toastmaster introducing Joe E. Childers, attorney of Abilene, as the principal speaker of the evening, also the entertainers who were not local talent. A quartet of mixed voices from Salt Branch rendered several beautiful selections and a tenor soloist from Abilene, Wiley E. Caffey, accompanied by Mr. Alexander, was very much enjoyed. Readings by Miss Lucy Tracy, Margaret Miller, Nell Hughes, Margaret Canon and Willie Evelyn Boaz were delightful features of the program.  
Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served to seventy-five guests.

## WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

When the Willing Workers class met with Miss Mary Kenney on Tuesday afternoon, the program, which was postponed from the January meeting on account of the cold weather, was given. The subject was "New Plans for Another Year." After the scripture readings, sandwiches and coffee were served, the hostess being assisted by her sister, Miss Lizzie Kenney, and little Miss Evelyn Patterson. A delightful afternoon was spent by Mesdames R. A. Walker, George West, S. A. Derstine, J. L. Tucker, Will Curb, Marvire Smith, Butler, James Patterson, William Elliott, S. G. Russell, and Misses Eleanor Tucker, Lizzie and Jennie Kenney and the hostess.

## "HAPPY HOBOS."

Miss Mildred Richardson entertained the "Happy Hoboes" Friday at her

## Caffey Announces For County Attorney



WILEY L. CAFFEY.

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce that Wiley L. Caffey of Abilene is in the race for county attorney of Taylor county.  
Mr. Caffey is a native of Jones county and received his education in the public schools, in Simmons university, McMurry college and the University of Texas. He was admitted to the bar February 1, 1928, and immediately entered into the private practice of law at Abilene as an associate of the local firm of Cox Hayden. Before entering the law college at the University of Texas Mr. Caffey had made his way through three years of academy and college working part time while in school by farming and by teaching alternate years. He taught both in the Jones Taylor county schools. He is 29 years of age and is recommended by friends as being honest, clean, energetic and capable.  
While in the university Mr. Caffey was a member of the McLauren society, the University Glee club, a Masonic fraternity. His platt will be announced later.

home when Victrola music and good of flinch and rook furnished the time. A refreshment plate of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, jelly cake was served to Duncan Marie Marie Stanford, Joyce Wheeler, May Hartman, Imogene Middleton the hostess.

## Will Sponsor Home Beautification Idea

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noticeable change in attitude between the people of West Texas and those in East Texas, where he had lived most of his life. Out in the west, the people do not magnify conditions, but instead plan to overcome them, exemplifying his text of "sticking together."  
"There is always a solution," the speaker concluded, "some way, some how. Believe in your country, believe in your fellowman, have confidence in yourself."  
Short talks along the same lines were also made by Supt. Roger A. Burgess, Rufe Tittle and Booth Warren as well as appropriate remarks by E. Yates Brown, who had taken charge of the luncheon program at the departure of Lion Boney.

The Liberty Bell now stands in the vestibule of Philadelphia statehouse, which enshrines the old Independence Hall.

# Dawson Coal and Magnolia Coke

will save you money on Fuel.

Also carry full line High Grade Feeds priced right.

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# SWAFFORD

Phone 44

## Dora Doings

Farming is in full swing this last ten days of pretty weather.  
Regardless of the blustery evening, the Epworth league was well attended Sunday night.  
A large crowd accompanied our basketball team to Blackwell last Wednesday afternoon. We were defeated by only two points.  
Their many friends have been surprised at the announcement of the wedding of Mr. Cooper Denison and Miss Etta Laine, which occurred Dec. 23rd.  
Mrs. John Burklow visited her sister, Mrs. Turner Driner, at Littlefield last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Oliver made

business trip last week.  
The league social at Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roge night was greatly enjoyed.  
Mrs. Ruth Jones visited her sister, Mrs. Drew Clark, in Clovis, N. Mex., last week.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone that was so kind to us during the illness and death of our loved one. May God's richest blessings rest on each of you is our prayer.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. L. Crick and Children.  
Will buy second hand cotton seed and bran sacks. A. J. Canon at Farm Bureau Gin.

## Order Approving Treasurer's Report

On this day the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer for the quarter ending December 31, 1929, and find same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

	Received	Paid	Balance
Jury Fund	\$ 2,756.70	\$ 4,664.66	\$ 1,923.00 OD.
Precinct No. 1 Fund	5,642.36	18,543.85	3,029.44
Precinct No. 2 Fund	2,749.74	12,406.38	2,454.16
Precinct No. 3 Fund	1,321.10	4,545.89	12,825.37
Precinct No. 4 Fund	6,197.97	7,277.31	253.61
General Fund	8,723.50	15,723.04	20,548.34
Pauper Fund	82.75	2,551.94	7,542.50 OD.
Court House Sink Fund	1,549.07	7,012.13	3,402.20
Road Dist. No. 1 Sink Fund	582.22	4,062.36	12,784.05
Road Dist. No. 2 Sink Fund	333.53	137.64	5,859.65
Road Dist. No. 3 Sink Fund	136.82	3,033.15	985.92
Road Dist. No. 4 Sink Fund	194.76	536.61	591.49
Road Dist. No. 5 Sink Fund	675.83	29.50	871.11
Road Dist. No. 6 Sink Fund	378.12	34.05	2,036.80
Road Warrant Fund	2.66	.00	427.98
Test Station Fund	20.95	.00	664.15
Precinct No. 1 Gravel Fund	198.01	2,298.26	29,137.89
Precinct No. 2 Gravel Fund	553.85	775.07	26,075.76
Precinct No. 3 Gravel Fund	1,166.88	4,040.53	24,832.53
Highway No. 1 Fund	16.68	1,012.12	1,546.75
Highway No. 30 Fund	3.34	298.35	273.69
Highway 600 M Fund	20,239.41	3,661.13	191,897.83
Highway 1 and 30 Sink Fund	2,537.34	9,878.40	8,758.27
Highway 1 A Sink Fund	.00	.00	125.83
Highway 600 M Sink Fund	5,114.92	.00	17,483.43
Escrow A/C 90-C-E Fund	.00	15,340.74	13,004.20
Escrow A/C 90-D-1 and 2	.00	32,882.31	1,608.17
Permanent Improvement	600.84	298.00	888.50

TOTAL CASH IN BANKS \$372,601.60

BONDS AND SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUNDS.  
Court House Fund—Road and School Bonds \$ 3,600.00  
Road District No. 1—Road and School Bonds 22,200.00  
Road District No. 2—Road and School Bonds 1,000.00  
Highways 1 and 30—Road Warrants 6,000.00

TOTAL SECURITIES OWNED BY COUNTY \$32,800.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS.

Highway Bonds, 1923 Issue	\$322,000.00
Highway Bonds, 1927 Issue	500,000.00
Highway Bonds, 1929 Issue	275,000.00
Court House	70,000.00
Road Warrants, 1918 Issue	80,000.00
Road Warrants, Highway 1 A	51,000.00
Road District No. 1	85,000.00
Road District No. 2	16,000.00
Road District No. 3	6,500.00
Road District No. 4	9,000.00
Road District No. 5	14,000.00
Road District No. 6	15,000.00

TOTAL OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS \$1,533,500.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.  
TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge.  
G. B. TITTLE, Com. Prec. No. 1.  
P. A. DILTZ, Com. Prec. No. 2.  
J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Prec. No. 3.  
H. A. NEWBY, Com. Prec. No. 4.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of February, 1930.  
W. P. BOUNDS, County Clerk.

## Early Chicks Bring Good Prices on the Broiler Market

and the pullets make good Fall and Winter Layers. Let us do some custom hatching for you or sell you some baby chicks.

## The Merkel Hatchery

J. M. Templeton, Jr., Mgr.  
Front Street.





Reference will convene to

### Committee Man Edict Scored By Love's Counsel

Austin, Feb. 20.—Action of the democratic state executive committee in instructing itself to bar as candidates persons who did not vote for the democratic presidential electors in 1928 is wrong in principal, "law or no law," State Senator Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, said Monday.

Senator Woodward had been retained by Senator Thomas B. Love of Dallas, applicant to have his name placed on the 1930 primary ticket in spite of his having voted against the party presidential electors last time, to assist in testing powers of the committee to take such action.

He said a petition for mandamus was being prepared and at the proper time would be filed in the supreme court.

"The action of the democratic state executive committee is not against Senator Love, but it applies to the more than 300,000 voters in Texas," Senator Woodward said.

"There is no political significance attached to my connection with the case, except, perhaps, the fact that I supported the entire democratic ticket at the last general election; in fact, I have never in my life bolted the ticket nor scratched a nominee.

"Still, I do not believe the state democratic executive committee, possesses authority, under the law, to keep Senator Love's name off the ticket, and from their resolution adopted in Austin a few days ago, it is apparent they expect to bar his name unless directed otherwise by the courts; in fact, they really did bar his name."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

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MR. JAMES P. SIMPSON.

"Although seventy-nine years of age I found quick relief in Konjola," said Mr. James P. Simpson, 1800 North Sixth street, Ft. Smith, Ark. "For five years I suffered with rheumatism of the worst sort. The pains settled in my back, at times driving me nearly mad. Three years ago my stomach began troubling me and I grew steadily weaker from this ailment. Intense distress followed the simplest meals and food never tempted me.

"In desperation I turned to Konjola, for I knew many whom it had helped. Almost from the beginning of the treatment with this medicine, my health improved. The ills of rheumatism grew less and finally all pain from this ailment had ceased. My stomach yielded no less promptly and I began eating hearty meals without distress of any sort. My appetite improved and my general health is better than it has been in years."

Konjola is sold in Merkel at Merkel Drug Co., and by all the best druggists in all towns throughout this entire section.

### Blain It

Mrs. J. F. Spears and little son were down Wednesday from Littlefield visiting with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Ervin drove over to Roscoe Sunday to be the guests of Mrs. Erwin's sister.

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer were their week-end guests. Mr. and Mrs. Walker of California made a pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. Jim Cavette, Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Griffin of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Rev. Mr. Balcome of Abilene, representing the Baptist sanitarium, spoke here in the interest of that institution at the morning hour Sunday.

Mr. Jim Moore and daughter, Mrs. R. B. Horton and little daughter, Jimmie Nell, spent the latter part of the week in Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Meeks and little son of Butman were home for the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Several from here attended the Methodist church conference at White church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette are happy over the arrival of a fine 8 1-2 pound boy, who has been christened Allen Edward.

### Taylor County Rural Schools Get \$5,759

February payment of \$2 per capita from the state school fund was received Monday by County Superintendent M. A. Williams for rural schools of Taylor county. Total amount was \$5,759.

The two-dollar payment brings the total per capita apportionment for the year to \$7, with \$10.50 per capita yet to be paid by the state.

City schools of Abilene and Merkel and independent districts of Trent, North Park, Potosi, Tuscola and Lawn receive their payments separately from the state fund.

Oil royalties may ultimately furnish funds for endowing all Texas institutions of higher learning according to Regent Crane of the University of Texas. Royalties totaling \$13,000,000 have been received from the partial development of only about 40 sections out of the 2,000,000 acres in the University lands.

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### Governor to Name Judge Woodward to State Parole Board

Austin, Texas, Feb. 20.—Judge J. C. Woodward of Coleman, father of Senator Walter Woodward, will be appointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, Gov. Dan Moody announced Monday.

"I shall make the appointment at the proper time, but Judge Woodward does not desire to qualify before April 1," Governor Moody said.

The appointment will fill out the three-member board, the others being Judge James R. Hamilton and Stanhope Henry.

The board formerly was composed of but two members, but the present Legislature, at a previous session, increased it to three, and specified that one member should devote his time to paroles, visiting the penitentiary and obtaining records and other information of inmates entitled to parole under the new law.

Governor Moody has been criticized by members of the Legislature for his failure to appoint the third member, they charging that until the board was completed the parole law could not operate effectively. The House passed a resolution requesting the Governor to appoint the third member, but the Senate did not concur.

It was stated that before Judge Woodward's appointment could be confirmed it would be necessary for Senator Woodward to resign from that body. It was reported he would do this near the end of the next special session, but that he would be a candidate to succeed himself in the July primaries and the general election.

### Famous Landmark at A. & M. Is Dismantled

Bryan, Feb. 20.—One of the oldest college landmarks in Texas, a seven mile railway from Texas A. & M. college to Bryan, which has furnished many jolly times for cadet students, will become extinct, its properties having been sold. Purchasers said it would be dismantled.

The sale marks the passing of a landmark which is familiar to many generations of A. & M. students. Automotive bus lines will replace the railroad to care for the traffic.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

### Many Safety Features Added New Chevrolet

Evidence of the manner in which the automobile manufacturer is furthering the cause of safety by eliminating the hazards of mishaps is shown by the many safety features incorporated in the new Chevrolet.

Notable among the safety devices in the car are the Chevrolet-designed internal brakes which are new in their field. Many a motorist has had the unnerving experience of descending a long mountain grade to find his brakes becoming less effective the farther he descends—a failure known technically as "fadeout" and due to heat generated between the brake shoe and drum which warps the shoe and lessens the contact of the brake lining with the drum. The hotter the brakes get, the less efficient they become.

Tests on the General Motors proving ground show that fadeout has been eliminated in the new Chevrolet brake by a method of construction known as the "articulated shoe type," which compensates for heat distortion and assures uniform braking facilities under all conditions of temperature. The wear on the brake lining also is uniform and assures far greater service out of a set of linings than the old type brakes.

Test Chevrolets on the proving ground have obtained as high as 28,000 miles on a set of linings. It is pointed out that the average motorist will obtain considerably greater mileage in view of the severe driving to which test cars are put. Further tests show the brake will stop a car traveling thirty miles per hour in two and two-tenths seconds within a distance of 48 feet.

Another safety feature of the new Chevrolet is the non-glare windshield on the new Fisher bodies. By the simple expedient of tilting the windshield slightly inward, instead of mounting it vertically, the reflected light of an approaching or following headlamp is deflected downward away from the driver's eyes. The twin-beam headlights, which enable the driver to throw the light on the road out of the eye of an approaching driver, are a further Chevrolet contribution to the greater safety of the highways.

Above all—Now is the time to trade at the Boston Bargain Store. E. Y. Brown, Owner.

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### Dora Doing

School is progressing nicely, although several teachers and a number of students are very cautious with sore arms since vaccination week.

The Bucks were declared champions in this county and went to Big Spring Friday and Saturday for district play. They played Odessa first, carrying off the honors, 38-2 but were defeated in the finals, 32 to 20, by Colorado. They were declared a good second and brought home a half size silver basketball mounted on a pedestal, presented by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Several auto loads of boosters followed our team to the scene of the struggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Tyrone of Eastland visited his brother and family over the week-end.

Brother Guindlin filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Ivy McCoy, Mrs. Tom Laine and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pool visited relatives in Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Holland and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Moore were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Eula Lasiter of Maryneal school visited homefolks Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Sawyer and twin daughters, Doris and Dorothy, of Vernon are spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rape, and other relatives.

Leave your hemstitching at Boston Store with instructions. I will call each afternoon. Mrs. L. R. Robins.

In 1904 deposits in Texas banks totaled \$84,000,000. In 1929 they had reached a total of \$1,000,000,000—a gain of 1,190 per cent in twenty-five years.

### 666 Tablets

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### WTCC Board to Meet Sweetwater Feb. 21

The meeting of the executive board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which originally was scheduled for Thursday of this week, has been postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 26 in Sweetwater.

The meeting was postponed due to previous engagements of board members which prevented their presence. The meeting will convene at noon for lunch at the Bluebonnet Hotel, according to an announcement from D. A. Banded, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Personnel of the 12 committees of the organization will be announced at the meeting of the executive board. Reports also will be made on membership subscriptions for the year. The 10 regional directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the present officers and the immediate past president comprise the executive board.

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**Bob Black Announces  
For Second Term As  
District Attorney**

J. R. (Bob) Black has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for re-election to the office of district attorney of the 42nd judicial district, subject to the action of the democratic primary, July 26.

Mr. Black was appointed to the office of district attorney of the 42nd district which is composed of Taylor, Callahan and Shackelford counties, by Governor Moody when Judge Milburn S. Long stepped up from that office to the bench of the same court. He is announcing for the second term.

In making his formal announcement Mr. Black said:  
"During the time I have served as district attorney it has been my purpose to be fair, honest and efficient, and especially have I worked to keep the criminal dockets clean and my cases tried. I believe that one of the best of the remedies that we have for crime is a speedy trial."  
"I appreciate the help and cooperation given me by the citizens of the district, and will appreciate their support at the polls next July."

**Prosperity Era to  
Follow Depression**

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he said, "enables one to take inventory. When business is going big is when you make losses. Following such depressions is when we have our genuine prosperity."

Following this speaker, Rev. W. F. Fergusson, pastor of Baptist church at Snyder, who is here to help in the B. Y. P. U. revival, responded in eloquent manner, declaring that West Texas citizenry "had attained a sound basis of living, both economic and religious," as it was through the periods of depression that people realized the blessings of living. He stressed the building of character of our boys and girls as the main thing in life. "Our greatest assets," he said, "are not our fine cattle, our broad acres of land, oil wells, paved streets, but the boys and girls that come from your homes."  
In his usual happy and humorous manner, Rev. W. M. Murrell, former pastor of the Methodist church here and now presiding elder of the Clarendon district, touched on the same theme as the other speakers, interpreting his serious thoughts with wit and witticisms at the expense of some of his former church members.

Another speaker was R. L. Bland of Abilene, a former resident of Merkel, who brought out the statement that "all of us have seen worse times than this." The remedy was in the cooperation of each individual, he said.  
L. R. Thompson also spoke briefly, voicing his pleasure at being present and being permitted to hear such able commentaries on the present problems facing this community, stating in conclusion that he had "fixed confidence in the ultimate outcome of the situation."

Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, who recently came here as successor to Dr. W. A. Buckner, dentist, was the sixth guest present and was warmly welcomed.

Besides the reports as to the minstrel show and "Cow Day," both reported elsewhere, the only other business transacted was instruction to the secretary to write a letter to the Lions club of Chillicothe introducing Rev. Ira L. Farrack, who is to assume the Baptist pastorate there.

L. B. Scott is to be toastmaster for the next meeting.

**Jim Ferguson Enters  
Race for Governor**

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to the farm and the mill;" "(8) against the road "hog" and the banishment of the present bus and truck vehicles who use the public highways to fit to the exclusion of the traveling public;" "(9) A luxury tax on story made cigars and cigarettes;" "(10) For putting the state convict farms in the hands of farmers and the issuance of pardons to meritorious prisoners."  
Upon these issues I shall go to the polls and if needed or wanted I am ready to serve. If my country calls, I am ready."

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**Henry Sing Is In  
Race For Office  
of Tax Assessor**



H. F. LONG.

"After careful consideration I have definitely decided to ask the voters of Taylor county to honor me with the office of tax assessor," is the way that H. F. Long begins his statement to the voters of his county in announcing his candidacy for this office.

Mr. Long is 46 years of age and is a native of midwest Tennessee, but has been in West Texas twenty-four years. He came to Taylor county from Shackelford county and has resided in this county for a number of years. He has been connected with an Abilene accounting firm ever since coming to this county in the capacity of field representative and in view of his connection with this firm he has had considerable experience with county tax matters for the past ten or twelve years.

"I believe," says Mr. Long, "there is a much-needed work in bringing about a more county-wide equalization of taxable property. If elected, I will be diligent in assembling data to be placed in the hands of the board of equalization in order that they may arrive at a most just assessment. I will attempt to eliminate so much 'unknown' assessed real estate and assess same to the rightful owners in order that the county may get the benefit of the revenue instead of being carried as delinquent from year to year. In the near future, I hope to meet every one of the voters and to place my claims before them personally."

**West Texas Sheriffs Meet.**  
Upon their return from the meeting of the West Texas Sheriffs' association at San Angelo, of which they are both members, Constable J. T. King and Fire Chief N. A. Dowell report a delightful time. Brady was chosen for the next meeting, which is to be held in May. Tom Hudson, Jones county sheriff, was elected president; W. B. Bigham, Stonewall county sheriff, vice-president and Mrs. Joe L. Ray, Dawson county sheriff, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.



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**Cross Roads School**

Hal Pennington and his company were engaged to show their productions here Thursday evening at the school auditorium and about three hundred saw the pictures, which included two educational reels showing the American revolution and "How Steel is Made from Pig Iron," followed by a two reel comedy and the main picture, "Life in the Far East."

The Merkel Booster band under the leadership of Director Hartman, gave a delightful concert in the school auditorium Friday night, which was attended by about 150. Several classical numbers were spiced with a few snappy pieces and the program was concluded with "The Old Gray Mare" and "The Star Spangled Banner." The concert was followed by community singing. The Cross Roads school is indebted to Charlie Jones for arranging the concert as well as to the director and members of the band for the treat afforded.

There will be community singing at the High school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 21, and the Jones county singing convention will be held there the fifth Sunday in March.

Chapel exercises are conducted three times each week and a visiting minister is asked for at least one occasion each week. Among those who have spoken thus far are Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Merkel; Rev. R. A. Walker, Merkel; Dr. E. B. Surface, Abilene; Rev. W. C. Cooper, Mt. Calm; Rev. Woodrum, Nazarene evangelist for West Texas; Rev. Wallace of A. C. C. and pastor of Noodle Christian church; Dr. E. D. Salkeld, Abilene, and Rev. O. B. Tatum, Merkel. Prof. Connell, superintendent of the Anson public schools, spoke last Monday.

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**Greyhound Races at  
Abilene For Holiday**

Greyhound races under the auspices of the American Legion are announced as an event of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, at Abilene, beginning at 2 o'clock. The coursing park is two miles west of Abilene on the Bankhead highway.

The promoters promise excellent footing and lots of Kansas rabbits. Entrance fees may be mailed to Riley Horton, Abilene, Texas. The admission price will be 50 cents, for ladies and children 25 cents.

**TELEPHONE THE  
MAIL**

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

**Cemetery Contribution**

During the week the following contributions were received by the Merkel Cemetery association:  
J. T. Howard (Abilene) ..... \$5.00  
W. W. Wheeler ..... 5.00  
Mrs. S. C. Keith ..... 5.00  
Mrs. C. P. Church (Tahoka) ..... 5.00  
Pauline and Ona Johnson ..... 5.00  
Contributions may be left at the Farmers and Merchants National bank or at the Barrow Furniture company and will be acknowledged in the Merkel Mail.

**Attend Brother's Funeral.**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheatley attended the funeral in Eastland Sunday of Mrs. Wheatley's brother, Jack Williamson, who was fatally injured in an automobile crash near Mineral Wells last Friday. Mr. Williamson was 41 years old and a prominent automobile dealer and ranchman of Eastland. Besides his wife and little daughter, he is survived by his parents, one other sister besides Mrs. Wheatley and three brothers. His mother, who was ill in Big Spring, was unable to attend the funeral.

**BANKRUPT SALE**

**AT TRENT, TEXAS**

\$50.00 in Merchandise Given away at 9:30 Saturday Morning February 22.

We have bought the Winn Dry Goods stock at Trent at 50 cents on the dollar and we have just bought the Wood Bros. stock at Floydada, Texas at Bankrupt prices. These are both new, clean stocks of goods and we will slaughter both stocks for the next ten days.

Be here at 9:30 Saturday morning. We are going to give away \$50.00 in merchandise, absolutely free to the trade. Just think of buying new staple merchandise at near and less than half price. Don't miss this sale. Sell your eggs and cream and come to the Winn Dry Goods Company Saturday morning, Feb. 22, at 9:30.

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**Special Style Plus and Correct Clothes for Men**  
\$42.50 Suits to go at ..... \$19.50  
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One lot of all wool suits, old styles, to go at ..... \$5.50  
Men's Dress Pants, \$6.50 and \$7.50, to go at ..... \$3.95  
\$5.00 pants go at ..... \$2.95  
\$3.50 pants go at ..... \$1.95  
Men's Hats—They all go at one-half regular price.

**DRESS SHIRTS**

\$2.50 shirts at ..... \$1.35  
\$2.80 shirts at ..... \$1.15  
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**SHOES—SHOES—SHOES**

W. L. Douglas Shoes, worth \$8.50, at ..... \$5.85  
Shoes worth \$6.50 at ..... \$3.95  
Men's \$5.00 Shoes at ..... \$2.95  
One lot of Men's oxfords at ..... \$2.25  
Men's work shoes, worth \$4.50 and \$5.00, at ..... \$2.95  
Work shoes, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00, at ..... \$2.45  
Men's scout shoes, worth \$2.50, at ..... \$1.65  
Men's lace boots, Elk brand, worth \$10.00, for ..... \$4.85

**LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES**

We have new spring line of ladies' pumps and strap Shoes, worth \$5.85 to \$6.50 for ..... \$3.45  
Shoes, worth \$4.50 to \$5.00 for ..... \$2.95  
Shoes, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50, for ..... \$1.95  
One lot of Ladies' and Children's Slippers to go at 95c pair ..... \$2.45  
Children's lace sandals, worth \$5.00, at ..... \$2.45  
Girl's strap sandals, worth \$2.95, to go at ..... \$1.95  
Girl's strap sandals, worth \$1.98, to go at ..... \$1.25  
Tennis shoes in all sizes, ..... 69c to 89c

**LADIES' DRESSES**

Ladies' silk dresses, worth up to \$8.50, to go at ..... \$5.85  
Ladies' silk dresses, worth \$7.50, to go at ..... \$3.95  
Ladies' wash dresses, worth \$2.50, to go at ..... \$1.45  
Ladies' wash dresses, worth \$1.50, to go at ..... 89c  
Children's wash dresses, worth \$1.50, to go at ..... 89c  
Children's wash dresses, worth \$1.00, to go at ..... 69c

**WASH DRESSES**

One lot of dress silks, worth \$1.25 per yard to go at ..... 69c  
Dress silks, worth 79c the yard, to go at ..... 49c  
One lot of Vienna prints, worth 25c the yard to go at ..... 15c  
One lot of cotton checks, worth 10c the yard to go at ..... 5c  
3 lb. roll of bleached quilt cotton, worth \$1.00, to go ..... 69c  
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**LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY**

Ladies' full fashion silk hose, worth \$3.50, to go at ..... \$1.19  
Ladies' full fashion silk hose, worth \$1.50, to go at ..... 95c  
Ladies' silk hose, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, to go at ..... 69c  
Rayon silk hose, worth 75c, to go at ..... 39c  
Children's Rayon ribbed hose, worth 50c, to go at ..... 29c  
Knox Knit hose for girls, worth 35c, to go at ..... 19c  
Baby Bear silk socks, worth 35c, to go at ..... 19c

**MEN'S HOSIERY**

Men's silk and wool hose, worth \$1.00, to go at ..... 49c  
Men's silk hose, worth 75c, to go at ..... 39c  
Men's silk hose, worth 50c, to go at ..... 29c  
One lot of men's seamless hose, in all colors, worth 15c, to go at ..... 10c

**LADIES' NEW SPRING HATS**

We have just bought 200 ladies' new spring hats, worth from \$2.95 to \$3.95, take your choice ..... \$1.95  
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Jackets to match at ..... \$2.45  
Scott's 220 weight overalls, worth \$1.95, to go at ..... \$1.29  
Overalls, worth \$1.25, to go at ..... 79c  
Boys' Crown overalls, sizes up to 16, worth \$1.50, to go at ..... 95c  
Boys' overalls, worth \$1.00, to go at ..... 79c  
One lot of Boys' overalls, up to 8s, to go at ..... 49c  
Boys' workshirts ..... 39c  
Men's rodeo shirts, worth \$2.50, to go at ..... \$1.25  
Uncle Sam's heavy gray work shirts, worth \$1.00, to go at ..... 69c  
One lot of men's blue shirts, to go at ..... 49c  
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One lot of laces at ..... One-half Price  
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**LODGE NOTICES**

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

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
For Congress, 17th district:  
R. Q. LEE, (Re-election.)  
For District Attorney 42nd district:  
J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)  
For Sheriff:  
H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)  
C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.  
For County Clerk:  
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)  
For County Treasurer:  
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)  
For Tax Collector:  
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)  
For Tax Ass:  
J. T. HOV (Re-election.)  
H. F. LON.  
For District Clerk:  
BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)  
For County Attorney:  
GRAY BROWNE.  
WILEY L. CAFFEY.  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
W. H. FRAZIER.  
W. L. BLAIR.  
RUFÉ TITTLE.  
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.  
JOHN J. TOOMBS.  
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DENZEL COX.  
A. D. FULTON.  
T. D. COMPTON.  
OSCAR W. WALKER.  
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

**Personal Mention**

Miss Martha Bird was home from Graham over the week-end.  
Mrs. H. Holler of Gail was the week-end guest of her daughter, Miss Addie Holler.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheatley, who have been here for several months, left for Big Spring.  
Friends will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Dave Windham have returned to make Merkel their home.  
After visiting in Abilene, Mrs. L. A. Phenix of Colorado was a guest in the home of her niece, Mrs. L. M. Holden.  
Mrs. T. H. Cobb and son of Wichita Falls and Claud Watkins of Electra are visiting their mother, Mrs. Ada Watkins.  
Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes have as their guests, Mrs. Grimes' brother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Terrell and two children of Xenia, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg were in Dallas the first part of the week, having gone to buy spring goods for the Bragg Dry Goods company.  
Mrs. Hamilton Bell, (nee Miss Norma Shannon,) is the guest of her aunt, Miss Mollye Shannon, and is being cordially welcomed by friends here.  
His many friends here will be glad to learn that Mr. Robert Terrell, father of Mrs. R. I. Grimes, of Xenia, Ohio, who has been seriously ill, is much better.  
Mrs. M. J. Harwell, with her three sons and her daughter-in-law of Stephenville, en route to California, stopped over here for a short visit with Mrs. Mary E. Provine.  
G. W. Brown, popular automobile mechanic and for several months owner of Brown's Garage here, has removed with his family to Big Spring. Bill carries the best wishes of many friends for his success in his new home.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dillard and little son of Tuscola were visitors here Tuesday. Mrs. Dillard is the daughter of B. C. Gaither, long-time resident of this city, and their visit was primarily to see him.  
O. F. Weidenbach, ofr sometime proprietor of the Quality Market here, has removed with his family to Odessa, where he has entered business. His many friends here will wish him much success in his new home.

**H. H. Jenkins New Owner City Drug**

An important business change announced early in the week was the purchase of the City Drug store on Front street from J. F. Fry by H. H. Jenkins, formerly engaged in the drug business at Oklahoma City and more recently proprietor of a drug store in Wink. Mr. Jenkins will remove to Merkel at once and states that he likes the city, likes the people and will continue the operation of the business on the same progressive basis as his predecessor.

The prescription department of the City Drug store is in charge of Schuyler Farris, a registered pharmacist, formerly with the Phillips Drug store, who is well known and popular in business circles here.

Mr. Fry, who came here more than a year ago, has not announced his plans yet.

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**Trent News and Personal Notes**

On Saturday evening, Feb. 8, Miss Alma Russell, who is bookkeeper for the Trent Oil company, and Volley E. Vessels, manager of the Jarecki company, both of Trent, were united in marriage in Big Spring, Rev. Mr. Heard, pastor of the First Baptist church there, officiating. They stopped in Pecos and continued to the Carlsbad Caverns, returning via Artesia, Roswell, Vaughn and Clovis N. Mex. While away they visited with Mr. Vessels' mother in Slaton and with a brother in Lubbock. Upon their return here last Friday they are being extended best wishes by a host of friends.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Alex Williamson honored the High School Seniors with an all day outing in Abilene. After a visit to Simmons and A. C. C., they spread a delightful lunch at the lake and in the afternoon they attended the picture showing at the Majestic, "The Gold Diggers of Broadway." Those enjoying the outing were Misses Opal Freeman, Zula Bright, Velma Rutledge, Dollie Walsh, Fama Maude Johnson and Supt. Jenkins.

Fastor R. M. McGinnis and wife of Abilene are teaching the B. Y. P. U. training course here this week at the Baptist church.

Last Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers entertained a few of their friends at their home. After games were enjoyed, a lovely plate was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames M. G. Scott, L. E. Adrian, L. E. Stevens, A. W. Woods, A. C. Terry, Alex Williamson and Mrs. Buena McLeod.

Little J. B. Winn is real sick with tonsillitis this week.

Miss Estelle Terry, who is teaching school at Moro, with her father visitor her brother, Allen, in school at Stephenville.

The P. T. A. and members of the Eskota school put on a play, "Cyclone Sally," here Wednesday night, funds to go to both the schools.

On Friday night of this week the High school will render a play, "The Doctor," admission being 15 and 25 cents.

Coleman Whitfield of San Angelo is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry of Sweetwater have moved back to Trent. He will have charge of the Trent Oil company and they are being given a cordial welcome.

Tom Rosson and family of McCamey spent several days here last week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rosson.

R. E. Dowdy and R. B. Johnson made a trip to South Texas last week. Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene visited Mrs. G. McLaughlin last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and children of Vernon are guests of Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith.

E. Massey and A. W. Woods made a business trip to Junction Friday.

Mrs. Cecil Rutherford of Abilene spent the day Thursday with Mrs. Joe Nalley.

Mrs. Rosa Humphrey of Abilene was Thursday's guest of Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Miss Ima Jean McRee and Mrs. Norma Thompson of Abilene were visitors here Saturday.

Mrs. Nina Frazier has returned to her home after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. John A. Woodward.

A. J. English and family have moved to Hermleigh. We regret to lose these good people.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse has been called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Lena Black, who is seriously ill at Cisco. Cecil Murdock and family and J. C. Murdock of Big Spring were guests of relatives here Sunday.

John Aikins and daughter, Zada, of Cross Plains were week-end guests of relatives here.  
Mr. Collin Perkins and Miss Eliza-

beth Masters were married Friday, Feb. 14, at Frederick, Okla., at which place they will make their home.

Members of the Cottage Bible class met with Mrs. Rodo Archer on Thursday of last week, spending a very enjoyable hour in the study of "Ideal Womanhood," by Mrs. Jessie P. Sewell. The class meets this Thursday with Mrs. L. E. Adrian and an invitation is extended to each and every lady to be present and enjoy the course of study.

**METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.**

The subject for the morning service Sunday was "I am my brother's keeper," Gen. 4, 9-10; for the night service "Discipline of Sorrow," Jno. 15. Brother Sherrill very greatly stressed the need of religion to the human soul, concentration of the heart to prayer and lost ones. The pastor will be in the pulpit at Union Ridge for both services next Sunday. It would be a great boast for the Methodist Sunday school and a great help and inspiration to the people of that community for a number to accompany the pastor to these appointments.

Mrs. L. C. Keyes and Mrs. E. L. Mangum entertained their Sunday School classes in a Valentine social at the home of Mrs. Keyes last Friday afternoon. Little Miss Verneda Keyes received the prize for making the best Valentine of the primary class. All reported a pleasant time and after receiving the pretty Valentine presented by Mrs. R. L. Reeves from different members of the classes and their teachers, they were invited into the dining room where hot chocolate and cake were served to the following: Ima Freeman, Mildred McElmurry, Nelda Quattlebaum, Verneda Keyes, Otho Cozart, Max McElmurry, Thelma Quattlebaum, Viola Cozart, R. Z. Cozart, Kathrine Cozart, Ruth Cozart, Coyce Shannon, Lillian Grace Reeves, Doris Margaret Steen, Doro-

thy Jo Strawn, Jean Scott, Doreen Scott, Kathlyn Shannon, Edgar Lee Mangum, Hazel Dell Clinton, Ida V. Estep, Mesdames Charley Keyes, M. G. Scott, R. L. Reeves, E. L. Mangum and the hostess, Mrs. L. C. Keyes.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill, Marvin Steen and Mesdames W. Y. Steen, R. B. McRee, R. B. Johnson, W. E. Shouse, Mollie Winn and E. L. Mangum attended the Zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Abilene district, which was held at Caps, Thursday, Feb. 12. A very interesting program was rendered and arrangements for those who expect to attend the council meeting were planned. Mrs. R. B. McRee is the delegate from Trent auxiliary.

The council will meet at Amarillo March 13, at the close of which the annual meeting of the Northwest Tex-

as conference will convene only.

**Marked Demand for Herefords Evidenced**

As evidencing the big demand for Hereford cattle and the reputation of the Largent herds, it was learned that within the past ten days C. M. Largent and Sons have sold 27 head of their fine registered stock.

W. J. Largent and Roy Largent, the latter here with his family from Brownwood, are this week delivering several calves to the Blocker-Cone company at Encinal, near San Antonio.

Within the last few days they have also shipped a good bull calf to Mrs. Rogers of Iredell, another to George Burch of Dimmitt, and two bulls to Mrs. J. C. Bird of Alpine.

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Carrots	nice bunches, 2 for	15c	Matches	Crescent, 6 boxes for	20c
Tomatoes	fresh, per lb. 15c, 2 lbs. for	25c	Onions	Spanish Sweets, 6 lbs.	25c
Bananas	large green tips, per doz.	22c	Pickles	cut sour, per quart	22c
Oranges	nice Texas, per doz.	29c	Peas	black-eyed, per can	10c
Bell Peppers	per lb.	20c	Grape Fruits	Texas seedless, each	5c
Beans	Pintos, 12 1-2 lbs. for	\$1.00	Peaches	Armour's No. 2 cans, 2 for	25c
Potted Ham	per can	4c	Coffee	bulk Peaberry, 3 lbs. for	70c
Coffee	Santa Fe Trail, with Jananese cup and saucer, 3 lb. bucket for	1.25	Bacon	dry salt, per lb.	18c
Wafers	Vanilla, 2 boxes for	28c	Bacon	smoked, per lb.	26c
Gallon Fruit	any kind	63c	Bacon	100% sugar-cured, per lb.	32c

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### CHAPEL FRIDAY.

On Friday, February 14, at the activity period, Mr. Adams of Abilene Christian college spoke in chapel. He said he wished to inspire young people to put forth more effort; the teacher can not learn for you. They can do the teaching but you must learn through your own responses. There are four things that cannot be brought back. The first is the spoken word. We often say things that we do not mean, but we can not recall them once they are spoken. The second is the sped arrow. To illustrate this, he said the early American Indian knew when once they shot the arrow that it could not be brought back. The third is the lost opportunity. The illustration of this was the story of Ali Hafad, the man who lived in India. He had a beautiful daughter, a loving wife and everything, seemingly, to make a man happy. And he was happy. But one day the priest came to see him and told him of a discovered crystal, the diamond, of which a small stone would be worth more than all his possessions. Ali Hafad became interested and disatisfied with his possessions because of this strange discovery. The priest told him to go to the north, east, south, and west and he would find the stones in the bed of a stream. Ali Hafad left his wife and daughter with neighbors, sold his farm, and went to seek for the crystal. He searched until his money was gone and then lay down in a stream to die. Meanwhile, at home the priest again visited the owner of Ali Hafad's home, and seeing a tiny sparkling gem on the mantle inquired about it. The man said he found it in the garden and they began to dig and found a great number of these diamonds. This is the story of the discovery of the famous diamond mines of India in the old home of Ali Hafad. "We don't have to hunt for our opportunity—our opportunity is here."

The fourth is the lost moment. He urged us to put to use our leisure time. It is estimated that school children have four hours of leisure time a day. He said it took him a year in college and \$1250 to learn that leisure time should not be lost time.

### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

On last Wednesday afternoon, the American History class organized a party for the purpose of doing homage to the anniversaries of important dates. On Friday, Feb. 21, the society is having George Washington with a program.

The following officers were selected: Clinton Bryan, president; Orion Tittle, vice-president; Tula Miller, reporter; Maurine Davis, secretary. Committee were appointed by the president to take charge of the programs and the museum, to which all contributions by the public will be appreciated.

### REMEMBER WHEN—

Ola: "read for us" "Out to Old Aunt Mary's?"  
Maggie Elizabeth had long curls?  
A third grade teacher told Joel that she hoped that he was as smart as J. T.?  
The High and Grammar schools were in the same building?  
Mr. Burgess was a backdoor?  
You were an "attraction" at the seventh grade commencement exercises?  
You tried to pronounce your first Spanish word?  
You first read real "Hefner"??  
You thought that High school teachers were inhuman?  
This, our Badger Weekly, was edited and printed by the High school students themselves?  
If you don't, your memory's poor.

### BASKETBALL NEWS.

The basketball team had a meeting Wednesday and the following were awarded letters for the 1930 season: Captain Orion Tittle, Lee Darden, B. Middleton, Gerald Derrick, Joel Arsey, Calvin Irwin, Raymond Petree and Clinton Bryan.  
Raymond Petree and Calvin Irwin were elected co-captains for the next year. The team loses three letter men because of graduation. They are Orion Tittle, Lee Darden and Clinton Bryan. At a meeting held Monday afternoon the team voted to buy honor sweaters trimmed in purple, with purple "M" on them.

year she is a member of the Senior Girls club.  
This is her last year and everyone will miss her. We sincerely hope that there will be many more students as willing and ready to work as she has been.

### Clinton Orion Bryan.

Clinton Orion Bryan was born in the little town of Warren, Penn., October 25, 1912. Clinton was known as a bright child and at the age of six he entered the school at Warren where he made good grades. He then moved to Clarendon and thence to Shidler, Okla., where he lived for four years. But still Clinton had a desire, as did his parents, to live still farther south, and two weeks after leaving Oklahoma they stopped in Trent. Clinton entered school at Trent and after a year's study he enrolled in Tarleton Junior college at Stephenville. When his parents moved to Merkel the past year, Clinton decided to complete his high school education in Merkel High school.

Although this is Clinton's first year in Merkel he has made many friends and is recognized as one of the best students in school.  
Clinton is a member of the P. P. P. A. A. club, he was elected Sport editor of the "Badger," and he held down a guard position in basketball for the Badgers this year.

### James Wesley (Red) Butler.

James Wesley Butler, or "Red," was born in Moran, Texas, October 23, 1910. He first entered school at the age of seven in Putnam. He then moved with his family to Colony, where he attended school until he had finished the eighth grade. Again he moved—this time to Comper—and Wesley enrolled in Comper High school, but after one year there he transferred

to Stith High school. After completing the tenth grade, he came to Merkel. Wesley is a Senior this year with fair standing and he is blessed with a winning personality. Ready wit and humor makes him desirable company for any crowd. He is a member of the P. P. P. A. A. club and one of the best character performers of the Merkel High School Players club.

### ETHICS.

We made up a code of ethics; through thick and thin we stuck. Depending on fair and square dealing and not on bloomin' luck. Careful of every day's interests; every attention paid; Cleanly making our grades; fulfilling promises made.

Holding our tongues from "knocking," keeping each sacred trust; Grades not lower nor higher, but reasonable and just. Giving the best that's in us; waiting on Fortune's pranks, Grateful for every teacher, saying sincerely, "Thanks."

### PUZZLEMENTS.

I'm wise to the ways of the traffic cop.  
But not to the ways of Sue.  
When her eyes say "Go" and her lips say "Stop."  
What is a chap to do?

### BASEBALL GAMES.

A very interesting game of baseball was played Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11, between the High school and Grammar school girls, the final score being 22 to 17 in favor of High school, but until the last two innings it looked as though Grammar school would win.  
The line-ups were:  
High school—Jesse Higgins, c; Lona Bryan, p; Velma Lee Holden, 1b; Imogene Middleton, 2b; Margaretter, 3b; Blanche Denny, 1ss; Waldrine

Martin, rf; Lena Margaret Miller, cf.  
Grammar school—Valeria Parks, c; Frances Adecock, p; La Verne Holden, 1b; Vivian Lassater, 2b; Wanda Hunt-Turner, 3b; Nell Hughes, 1ss; Melba Huskey, rss; Carabell Mansfield, lf; Vivian Davis, rf; Alta Muri Hygt, cf.  
The game Wednesday, Feb. 12, proved to be a knock-out for High school. The boys and girls were both defeated; however, the boys made a better showing than the girls. The score for the girls was 24 to 9 in favor of Grammar school, while the boys' score was 23 to 20 in favor of Grammar school.

Monday afternoon a very interesting, but unexpected game of baseball was played, with Mr. Davis and Mr. Duke acting as umpires. The score was 9 to 7 in favor of High school.

### JOKES.

Miss Martin: "Bill, can you tell me why Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence?"  
Bill C: "Cause he couldn't afford to hire a stenographer, I guess."

Farmer: "What a fine rain! It'll bring everything right out of the ground."  
City Man: "Hope not—I've got a mother-in-law down there."

Tracy, (after walking a mile): "By the way, Ford, what's in a camel's hump?"  
Ford S.: "Why that's the tobacco which is smuggled over from Egypt to make these cigarettes."

Office boy: "The boss is beginning to take an interest in me."  
Head clerk: "Is he?"  
Office boy: "Yeh, the other day he asked me if I worked here?"

Mr. Turner: "What did you and

your date talk about last night."  
Margarette: "Oh, we talked about our kith and kin."  
Small brother: "Yeph, pop, I hear 'em. He seth, 'Kin I hev a kith?' and she seth, 'yeth you kin!'"  
H. H. (making a book report): "Ramona's mother was a squawl."  
The little girl's mother was very religious and also a strict dietitian. One day her aunt asked her, "what makes your curls so pretty?"  
"God, spinach and carrots," came the unexpected reply.

Willie: "What is a peace offering, Dad?"  
Father: "Oh, anything from a box of chocolates to a fur coat."

Mr. Smith: "How did you cure your wife of her antique craze?"  
Mr. Brown: "Oh, I gave her a 1907 model automobile for her birthday."

H. H. (entering crowded barber shop): "How long will I have to wait for a shave?"  
Barber (eyeing him critically): "Oh I should judge about two years."

Above all—Now is the time to trade at the Boston Bargain Store. E. Y. Brown, Owner.

### NOTICE.

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Under the Massachusetts law, the control of the disease is voluntary with the poultryman, who pays for the service at the experiment station control laboratory at the rate of 10 cents a bird plus 1 cent for the leg band. The cost of 11 cents for each bird includes expenses of the blood collector as well as the actual laboratory work.

Mr. Hinshaw attributes the failure of certain poultrymen to eradicate the disease to a number of reasons. The poultryman may fail to test all his birds, or fail to retest at intervals within the season if the flock is found to be infected, or he may keep chicks which have been hatched before the test had been completed. Other reasons are the failure to remove reactors from the flock as soon as they are reported; the failure to burn off from birds which react to the test killed for home use; and the failure to clean and disinfect the houses following the removal of reactors.

Sometimes the poultryman makes the mistake of holding reactors for egg-laying purposes, and feeding eggs from unknown sources to baby chicks. Again he may hatch eggs for poultrymen who have not tested their flocks, or buy stock such as eggs, chicks, and adults, from diseased flocks. When he returns birds to the flocks from poultry shows, and egg-laying contests without first quarantining them, he runs danger. Lack of attention to details in the field at the time of collection of blood samples may result in failure to eradicate the disease.

## Convenience Important in Poultry Buildings

Though convenience concerns the manager directly, it indirectly affects the poultry. The more convenient it is to do the work the easier it is, and the surer that it will be done; the poultry plant should be "get-at-able" for the manager or feeder.

Put the poultry house where it can be got to readily, and also make it possible to feed the poultry without having to run to the granary or stable for grain.

In the gate, the door, the driveway, and everything connected with the poultry, convenience should be studied.

Often this one item determines the difference between pleasure and drudgery, and the one is as easy to have as the other. Not only should the house be accessible, but the internal arrangements ought to be such that the necessary work may be done with the least amount of labor.

If the man can do the work in the hen house with the ease with which it is done in the horse stable, there will be fewer filthy poultry houses and much better returns.

## Buckwheat Favored for Feeding During Winter

Buckwheat has some qualities to be recommended. It is oily and, therefore, supplies heat to the birds and is particularly adapted to winter feeding. It is fattening. Because it has so much woody fiber, however, it is only worth about one-half as much pound for pound as wheat for poultry feed. Ground and mixed with skim milk and buttermilk it makes a very good fattening mash. In scratch feeds for laying flocks it is generally used in no greater quantities than 10 per cent for the above reason: too much fiber.

## Light Important

Light is very important in the poultry house in winter, because the days are short at best. If the hens do not have sufficient light to take full advantage of their opportunities to eat, they will not be able to lay many eggs. Artificial lights are considered profitable in increasing winter production, and it certainly is worth while to provide for the maximum benefits from natural daylight. Nothing contributes more to contentment and well-being of the flock than clean litter.

## Save for Chicks

Do not too early to plan on saving some of the winter egg money to buy early chicks for the replenishment of the farm flock. Money is frequently saved by placing the order early, and the farmer is sure of obtaining the chicks at the right time. Installation buying helps many a man to obtain useful things. A hundred dollars for chicks may be hard to scrape up next spring. But if \$20 can be placed in the chick fund every month it is a great help.

# POULTRY

SMALL EGGS ARE  
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Best Plan to Cull Hens Laying  
Under-sized Product.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)  
Poultry growers usually believe that any hen laying 250 eggs a year is a good one, and a record of 300 eggs in a year is unusual except in a relatively small number of highly bred flocks which are fed and cared for by skillful poultry specialists.

At the Beltsville experiment farm of the United States Department of Agriculture last year one hen made a record of 306 eggs laid in 365 days. But she went to the butcher. The poultry experts of the bureau of animal industry made no apology for what would seem a sacrifice to many. This hen laid eggs that were under-sized, poorly shaped, and below standard weight. They would have culled her before the year ended but for the fact that her record was needed for comparison with her sisters in a study of inheritance.

Her eggs were numerous, but her 25 1/2 dozen eggs did not weigh more, or have more food value, than 18 to 20 dozen standard eggs. She did in fact lay a greater weight of eggs than the average of many high-producing flocks. But even so she was not considered a desirable breeder. The department's studies of inheritance show it is much more difficult to breed into a flock of chickens the factors responsible for size and quality of eggs than it is to breed merely for numerical production. In the interest of the industry, which should endeavor to meet the demand for quality products, the department has set a minimum standard for the hens it will use in breeding experiments. They must produce eggs weighing not less than two ounces each, or a pound and a half to the dozen. They recommend this standard to poultry growers.

## Free Open Water for Poultry Pays Profit

Free open water, neither too warm nor too cold, certainly not in the form of ice or frozen milk, should be supplied. If plenty of skim milk or butter milk is available, they may often be used as the sole liquid, particularly in summer; they carry some 90 to 93 per cent of water.

The other nutrients accompanying the water in these milk by-products are of very high class from the feeding standpoint.

As the common drinking vessel is apt to be a good medium for disease transference and flock contamination, all drinking vessels should be kept sanitary.

## Number of Females to Male Quite Variable

The number of females to be mated with one male varies with the class of stock.

For the Asiatics it should be eight to ten.

For the American and English classes it should be ten to fifteen, and the Mediterraneans may be fifteen to twenty.

The hens to be mated should be kept away from other males for at least three weeks prior to the saving of the first eggs for hatching, and should have associated with the males it is desired to breed from, for at least ten days, while two weeks is better.

## Selling Stock Source of Big Poultry Profit

While it has been proven that a poor-laying mongrel flock containing several types and colors may be made over into a high-producing flock of uniform color that is just as desirable from the market standpoint as pure-breds, within the space of three years, the fact should not be overlooked that a considerable source of profit may come from selling breeding stock.

This can only be done satisfactorily where one keeps pure-bred stock.

It costs no more to house and feed a pure-bred flock than it does a bunch of mongrels or grades.

## Shell Materials

The average hen eats three cents worth of oyster shell a year, and when it is available she will lay about 30 more eggs a year than though it is not provided. The hen needs calcium carbonate for the egg shells. It is difficult for her to secure an ample supply of this from water and feed alone. Poultrymen long ago learned that oyster shell was about 99 per cent pure calcium carbonate and when crushed was readily available for the hens.

## Save Manure

Poultry manure ferments very quickly, losing, if left exposed, a large proportion of its nitrogen, as ammonia. This fact emphasizes the desirability of systematically and frequently cleaning off the boards beneath the roosts—a plan that also conduces to the general good health and thrift of the fowl. In summer the manure previously mixed with loam to destroy stickiness and facilitate distribution, may be applied directly to the land.

## Roy Riegels Lives Down Grid Boner

San Francisco, Cal. Feb. 20.—Roy Riegels, center of the University of California football team last fall, has been signed to assist Head Coach "Nibs" Price in developing the institution's eleven next fall, it has been announced by athletics officials. Riegels is the chap who ran the wrong way to give Georgia Tech the touchdown which beat the Golden Bears out of the 1928 national gridiron title.

## Modern Pastor Treads Not Upon Rosy Paths

Dallas, Feb. 20.—While the way of the transgressor may be hard, the path trod by the modern minister is no bed of roses, Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, moderator of the Presbyterian church of the United States and professor of theology at Chicago seminary, said here.

Three problems—prohibition, marriage and divorce and the trend of higher education away from religion—face the modern minister and his church, Doctor McAfee declared.

Harris with 70,226 scholastics leads Texas counties in school children. Loving with 13 is at the other end of the list.

## Barbed Wire Saves Child From Injury

Ballinger, Feb. 20.—A barbed wire fence, similar to that which stretches for hundreds of miles over the Panhandle country, is credited with saving the life of 3-year old Carl Nance. Carl was pitched 40 feet through the air when his father's automobile turned over, the little boy's clothing catching in the fence. His mother, riding in the machine with him, picked him off the fence unhurt, but badly frightened by a curious steer that rushed up to stare.

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# CHURCHES

## CONGREGATIONS TO UNITE IN FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO REV. IRA L. PARRACK AT SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Sunday will be the closing day of our B. Y. P. U. revival and the closing Sunday of the ministry of the present pastor in Merkel. We are counting on a full attendance of the church membership and will welcome friends from over the community and from nearby communities.

The Sunday evening service will be in the nature of a farewell service. On last Sunday the pastor brought a message to the church but will bring this other farewell message to all those in the community who care to come for this service. Some of the pastors have kindly volunteered to come to this service bringing as many of their congregation as care to come. The retiring pastor appreciates this spirit as he has appreciated the many kind things that not only the other pastors, but the members as well, have said and done for us during the happy years we have spent here.

All regular services with the association-wide meeting of the B. Y. P. U. training school, coming at 2:30 p. m. At this service all awards for work done in the training school will be handed out and a beautiful banner will be given to the church that has made the best record this week and that has the best attendance at the special meeting. Merkel ought to win this banner.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With an attendance of 274, it was the Baptist Sunday School that led in number present last Sunday. The total attendance at all the Sunday Schools in Merkel was 762. It is estimated that about twenty-five from the Methodist Sunday School were in Anson in attendance at the district meeting of Epworth leagues. Besides the Baptist Sunday School, mentioned above, attendance at the other Sunday Schools was as follows: Methodist, 267; Church of Christ, 94; Presbyterian, 91, and Nazarene, 36.

## MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

With Thos. A. Bearden as leader, there was another large crowd in attendance at the men's prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon. As a special feature, a quartet consisting of Charles Jones, A. J. Tucker, Clesby Patterson and Ralph Duke, sang "The Wayside Cross," with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist. Herbert Patterson is to be the leader at next Sunday's service to be held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. The subject will be the third chapter of Jonah.

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

All the regular services will be conducted as usual. We were glad to see the new ones in our services last week. Come again. Let each one try to be present next Sunday and bring some one else with you.

Our lesson for Bible study next Wednesday night will be the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

The subject for Sunday morning will be "A Figurative Lesson on Holiness." If you want to get the Scripture foundation for this message read Genesis 16-25 chapters. The message for the evening hour will be "The Opener and the Closer." Text Rev. 3:7, "He openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth."

This week's slogan: "Absenteeism is a vote against the success of the church and her work. Vote right by going to church."

A hearty welcome for all.  
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Starters and stoppers are very important to safe traveling; without the one we would get no where, without the other our lives would be endangered. So it is with church service. The preacher is so thankful for those who are on hand to help begin the services. Could he have a service without them? No, for those who are habitually late are of little worth to a big interest of the church. When our services hold too long, the interest of the church is endangered. So let all help the preachers to start and perhaps they will be ready to stop at the right time. (1 Cor. 14:40.)

All our regular services for Lord's day and the week at usual time. We are glad to see many visitors at our services.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. We had a good day last Sunday, interest fine in all the classes. The quartet by the men at the morning service was very much appreciated by all. Preaching at 11 a. m. We will suspend the even-

ing service that the pastor and congregation may attend the farewell service at the Baptist church by Rev. Ira L. Parrack. We feel that not only the Baptist church is losing a good pastor but the other churches of the town and the community will feel the loss of Brother Parrack, who has endeared himself to the entire citizenship. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week as usual, except the Sunday evening service. At that hour we will visit our Baptist friends and hear Brother Parrack in the closing message of his work among us.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

## HI LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.  
Prayer.  
Roll call.  
Business affairs.  
Song.  
Bible story, by Imogene Middleton.  
Piano solo, by Lois Whiteley.  
At this service, Mildred Richardson. Xylophone solo, Duncan Briggs.  
Benediction.

## Methodist Leaguers Attend Anson Meet

The Merkel Methodist church was well represented by her High and Senior leaguers and orchestra at the district league meeting at Anson last week-end. Five High leaguers, sixteen Senior leaguers, four chaperones and an orchestra of four gave Merkel a total of twenty-nine.

The program, so effectively carried out under the supervision of Miss Mildred White, was one not soon to be forgotten. Every guest present enjoyed the interesting services.

Beginning at four o'clock Saturday afternoon with registration, the guests enjoyed a series of events following each other closely. From four o'clock Saturday afternoon until six-thirty a helpful program of good advice on league work was given. Another service was held in the evening from seven-thirty to nine-thirty.

Sunday morning the services began at seven and lasted until noon. At eleven o'clock, Mrs. J. Frank Potts of Abilene spoke interestingly on missionary work. She gave two splendid examples of faithful work carried on in Korea by two orphan girls. The service closed with a duet by two of our local singers: Mrs. Pet Touchstone and Miss Orpha Patterson.

A delicious plate of dinner was served by the missionary ladies of the Torchbearers union to the visiting leaguers.

At one-thirty all leaguers met to see the banner presented to the western union and to hear and accept an invitation from St. Paul's Methodist church at Abilene for the next league meeting.

Rev. E. E. White spoke in the consecration service to an appreciative audience. Volunteers for life service were called and two new volunteers were received.

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# SOCIETY

## SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY AND GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PROVIDE INSPIRATION FOR COLORFUL AFFAIRS LAST WEEK.

### George Washington Luncheon.

The hospitable home of Mrs. T. E. Collins was opened Tuesday in an all-day meeting to members of the local W. M. S. with visiting members from the Trent society. The house was beautiful in patriotic colors, flags and decorations in profusion. Mrs. Boyd from Trent brought the devotional. After prayer by Mrs. Ensminger, Mrs. A. R. Booth, the mission study chairman, led the discussion of "Things we should know," with local and visiting chairman bringing a discussion on duties of committees.

At the noon hour a delicious two course dinner was served in the dining room and on four-course tables.

The afternoon session began at two o'clock, with prayer by Mrs. Terry of Trent. One of the main objects of the afternoon was the discussion of the silver anniversary for Simmons University.

Mrs. P. B. Causseaux, a local member, is a charter member of the Woman's Missionary auxiliary to the Sweetwater Baptist association.

Visitors were Mesdames Ernest Massey, Beuna McLeod, Terry, Boyd and Alex Williamson from Trent. Members were Mesdames L. B. Howard, Bob Condor, Ensminger, P. B. Causseaux, Meeks, Edwards, Carson, C. M. Largent, A. R. Booth, G. J. Jones, W. J. Largent, Sam Swann, Judd Sheppard, Earl Lassiter and the hostess.

### VALENTINE PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. class were delightfully entertained by Mesdames E. W. King, W. I. Crane and R. W. Conder on Wednesday afternoon of last week in the parlors of the Baptist church. A Valentine motif predominated in all party decorations and an enjoyable social hour followed the business meeting. A delicious salad plate and punch was served to Mesdames John Toombs, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, M. D. Angus, W. J. Largent, Yates Brown, Thomas Bearden, Booth Warren, Lake Renfro, Sid Coats, John Slater, A. R. Booth, Dent Gibson, one guest, Mrs. Dee Bland, and the hostesses.

### JUNIOR CLASS PARTY.

On last Friday evening, Feb. 14, at 7:30 the Junior girls were entertained at the home of Miss Vera Baker with a Valentine party.

The girls were dressed in their class dresses of red and white which harmonized with the Valentine colors so very much in evidence in all party appointments. Miss Lucy Tracy opened the evening's entertainment with two delightful readings followed by a short play, "A Fan and Two Candlesticks," by Misses Odell Hunter, Beryl Hunter and Pauline Toombs. Games of "42," "Touring" and "Pollyanna" were enjoyed during the evening. Refreshments were red ice cream, angel food and olives. The guests were Mesdames Julia Martin, and Dona Loyless, Mrs. McKensie, Misses Audrey Farris, Ola Smith, Himalaya Swafford, Vera Richie, Mattie Lou Largent, Thelma McAninch, Margaret Turner, Beth Hamm, Elsie Lasater, Lona Bryan, Jess Higgins, Messrs. J. T. Darsey, E. L. Turner, Horace Edwards, E. M. Ross, Tracey Campbell, Ford Smith, Byron Patterson, H. H. Copeland, Pete Patterson and Lowell Vickers.

### APRON AND OVERALL PARTY.

Members of the younger set were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz when Misses Mary Collins and Fannie Belle Boaz enter-

tained friends at an apron and overall party on last Saturday evening.

A delightful evening of games and dancing was enjoyed and augmenting the spirit of the party, picnic lunches were served at the refreshment hour to Misses Thelma Leach, Lola Shelton, Missie Dye, Margaret Canon, Euna Lee Gilmore, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Bessie Westenhover, Vivian Berger, Mattie Lou Largent, Verna Tee Beasley, Ida Maye Derstine, Messrs. William Sheppard, J. D. Ashby, Fred Guitar, Elmo Collins, E. M. Ross, Orion Tittle, Gerald Derrick, Max Swafford and the hostesses.

### MARIE STANFORD VALENTINE HOSTESS.

Miss Marie Stanford, assisted by her mother, Mrs. W. E. Stanford, entertained with a Valentine "42" party Thursday evening at her home.

Valentine colors were used in the decorations and refreshments. B. P. Middleton and Ola Mae Hartman won prizes in the games.

Others present were Misses Odell Hunter, Imogene Middleton, Ola Mae Hartman, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Joyce Wheeler, Billie Bernice Gambill, Opal Buzbee, Milton Shannon, Cecil Clark, Tracy Campbell, Ford Smith, Walter Hartman and Jack Stanford.

### All Day Zone Meeting.

At the all day meeting of the west zone of the Woman's Missionary society at Capps last Thursday, of which Mrs. T. V. Touchstone is the zone leader, the following ladies from Merkel were present: Mesdames Sam Butman, Bartman, Berryman, Reese Hall, and Miss Mossie Sears, besides Mrs. Touchstone. The program proved most interesting.

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## MATTERS MUSICAL

### MEN'S GLEE CLUB.

Merkel's newest musical organization is a Men's Chorus with Miss Christine Collins director. Rehearsals have been underway for some weeks on numbers both classical and popular, in four part arrangement, and much can be expected from this talented group. The club plans to make its first public appearance over KFYO, radio broadcasting station, Abilene, in the very near future.

Members are Olan Lsby, A. J. Tucker, Charlie Largent, Ralph Duke, Edward Lancaster, Byron Curb, Orion Tittle, William Sheppard, Castle Ellis, Byron Patterson, Baylor Amason and Clesby Patterson.

### IMOGENE ANDERSON CHOSEN FOR RUSSIAN BALLET.

Theodore Kosloff, famous dancing master, has invited Imogene Anderson to be a member of his Russian ballet for film and stage work in California this summer.

The invitation was extended Miss Anderson when she appeared before Kosloff in Dallas where the Russian master has his winter school. Every year Kosloff selects the best of the talent from his school and fills contracts he holds with film and stage producers. This year more than 2,000 were in attendance.

Miss Imogene is the daughter of E. H. Anderson, who is employed in the composing room of the Merkel Mail, and is a dancing teacher in Abilene but also has many friends and admirers in Merkel who predict a very brilliant future for this beautiful and talented young artist.

### WILL ATTEND BANDMASTERS MEETING.

G. A. Hartman, director of the Merkel Booster band, will leave this Friday for Plainview to attend the meeting of the western division of the State Bandmasters' association, which convenes there Saturday, Feb. 22. At this meeting it is proposed to discuss details of the plans for the next state band contest during the convention of the West Texas Chamber of Com-

merce in Abilene in May. Mr. Hartman expects to be away for about three days.

## Successful Meeting of B. Y. P. U.'s at Tye

The first B. Y. P. U. associational meeting of district three was held in the Tye Baptist church Sunday afternoon at two-forty o'clock, with President Lowell Sharbut in charge.

One hundred and twenty-five representatives from the Caps, Tye, Merkel, Salt Branch, and View Baptist churches enthusiastically responded to roll call and entered wholeheartedly into the plans of the new district. The theme for the afternoon was: "Growing through daily Bible reading and prayer." By their strong appeals, messages brought through the devotional, led by Mr. Austin Robertson, and the special music, given by members of the Tye, Salt Branch, and Caps churches, greatly strengthened the study of the afternoon. L. H. Hollowell, I. L. Crane, and Ira L. Parrack brought soul-stirring messages as they pleaded for more zealous workers.

The next meeting will be held at Salt Branch on the third Sunday in March. Committees are working on new plans to be adopted at this time.

### Singing at Blair.

There will be singing at Blair the first Sunday in March, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All singers are cordially invited. The four-cornered singing classes are coming—Stith, Hodges, Compere and Salt Branch—and we are asking Trent, Noodle, Shilo and Merkel, and yes, there is Mt. Pleasant and Nubia, we want you, too. We are also looking for the Jones, Shaws and Haileys from Abilene. Well, all of you come, doesn't matter where you live. Bring your books and be on time.

Tom Spears.

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