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SENIORS LEAD WITH 61 PER CENT ON ROLL

Total of 169 Pupils in Merkel Public Schools Make the Roll For Period; Fifty-Seven in High School.

One hundred sixty-nine pupils in the Merkel Public schools made the honor roll for the third six-weeks period. Fifty-seven of these were in High school; one hundred twelve were in Grammar school. Thirty-three per cent of the High School students made the honor roll, while twenty-nine per cent made it in Grammar school. In the schools as a whole, about one in every three in school made the honor roll.

The Seniors led with the greatest percentage of their enrollment who made the honor roll. The per cent of each class who made the roll follows:

Ninth grade, 16 per cent.
Eighth grade, 27 per cent.
Tenth grade, 44 per cent.
Seniors, 61 per cent.

Nineteen of the thirty-one Seniors met the requirements for this roll, while the Juniors came a close second with fifteen out of an enrollment of thirty-four.

Following is the complete list of pupils on the honor roll for the third six-weeks period:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

Ethelda Tucker, 97; Robbie Walker, 96; Burneal Scott, 94; Alvine McAninch, 94; Marjorie West, 94; Truett Patterson, 93; Jesse Margaret Berry, 93; Billie Bernice Gambill, 93; Lena Faye Harrell, 93; Lois Perkins, 93; J. V. Patterson, 92; Irene Salter, 92; Neal Durham, 91; Helen Louise Tarlton, 91; Clyde Foster, 90.

Ninth Grade.

Waldeline Huskey, 97; Fay Pinckley, 95; Vivian Lasater, 93; Caribel Mansfield, 93; Rogene Dye, 92; Annie Lee Owen, 92; Frances Adcock, 90; Duncan Briggs, 90.

Junior Class.

Lucile Campbell, 97; Van Roberts, 95; Nell Hughes, 95; Florene Rider, 94; Mildred Richardson, 94; Imogene Middleton, 92; Opal Maskey, 92; Melba Taylor, 92; Ouida Mae Hulsey, 91; Mardell Shouse, 91; Selma Jones, 90; Meyer Mellinger, 90; Jim Patterson, 90; Howard Stanley, 90; Joyce Wheeler, 90.

Senior Class.

Ross Ferrier, 95; Cephas Wozencraft, 95; Lela Patterson, 95; Isadore Mellinger, 94; Margaret Canoa, 94; Mary E. Grimes, 94; Woodrow Wilson, 93; Lona Bryan, 93; Ida Mae Derstine, 93; Zada Bell, 92; B. P. Middleton, Jr., 92; R. D. Ely, 92; Willie Evelyn Boaz, 91; Nelle Durham, 91; Elleta Foster, 91; Marshall Stalls, 90; W. M. Taylor, 90; Paul Collins, 90; Elmer Adcock, 90.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.

Vera Louise Miller, 95; Clarence

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TWO DAYS REMAIN TO QUALIFY FOR RIGHT AS VOTER

Only two more days remain for payment of 1931 poll taxes and registration of automobiles—as well as payment of current and delinquent taxes without penalty and interest.

County Tax Collector Earl Hughes has arranged a sub-station in Merkel for the benefit of tax payers in this section of the county, with Byron Patterson in charge. He is to be found at Patterson's market and will receive payments for poll taxes and auto registrations until closing time Saturday, Jan. 30.

County officials have called special attention to provisions of the state auto license law whereby those who drive their cars during January and fail to pay the license fee by February 1 must pay 20 per cent penalty after that date.

Those who appear after February 1 to pay the fee must either make affidavit to the fact that they did not drive their cars during January or pay the fee for the entire year plus 20 per cent.

STREET TAX ALSO DUE.

City Marshal Dickinson again calls attention to the fact that the street tax of \$3, required by the city of Merkel, must be paid before February 1, or else \$5.00 will be required, or work on the streets.

Taylor Co. Ginnings More Than Double Last Year's Mark

Cotton ginnings in Taylor county, up to Jan. 16, were approximately two and one-half times the record for last year, a report of Tobias Watson, government statistician, shows.

Counting round bales at half bales, there were 36,130 bales cotton from the 1931 crop ginned to January 16, while during the previous year the number was 14,629 bales.

Case Against Banker Ends in Hung Jury

Abilene, Jan. 28.—Fifty hours after beginning its deliberations, a jury in 42nd district court Monday reported itself unable to reach a verdict in the case of R. O. Anderson, former Merkel banker charged with embezzlement and misapplication of bank funds, and Judge M. S. Long at 3:20 p. m. declared a mistrial in the case.

The court was told the jury was divided 10 to two. It was learned the body stood 10 for acquittal, the vote having changed from nine to three some time Sunday morning.

Anderson, former vice-president of the Farmers State bank in Merkel, was tried on a three-count indictment charging embezzlement and misapplication of funds placed in his custody, amount named in the indictment being \$4,050. His plea was not guilty.



JONES IN RACE FOR CONGRESS

Prosecutor of Noted Cases at Eastland Began Career as Shiner of Shoes.

From shining shoes to making laws in the halls of Congress will be, in brief, the career of District Attorney Joe Jones of Eastland, Texas, if he is able to realize his ambition announced Thursday to represent the 17th District in Congress.

Jones, whose spectacular life has included prosecution of some of the most famous cases in West Texas in recent years, earned his first money as a shine boy on the streets of Gorman, Texas. After completing high school and working his way through law college he has advanced by rapid stages from city attorney to county attorney, to county judge and now at the age of 35 is serving as district attorney of the 88th and 91st judicial districts of Texas.

Born and reared in Eastland county, Jones comes from a pioneer family. He is a nephew of the late Tom A. Jones, deputy sheriff who was shot to death by Marshall Ratliff, the Santa Claus bandit.

"The farmers of America by hard work and the blessings of Providence have produced bountiful crops and are unable to sell them, while millions of men are walking the streets without employment and unable to purchase food and the other necessities of life," Jones declared. "The livestock man finds his product selling at the lowest price in history. The oil man can sell only a small fraction of his output and that fraction at a ridiculously low price, while he sees daily thousands of barrels of crude oil produced by pauper labor in foreign countries brought into this country by the billionaire secretary of the treasury, Andy Mellon, and other plutocrats, in unfair competition with the American oil man and American labor.

"Business men have lost their holdings, thousands have had their homes taken from them, the savings of many have been swept away and this government grants a moratorium to foreign countries on the money they owe Uncle Sam, while there is no moratorium for the suffering taxpayer who has seen his burden increased." (Continued on Page Five)

Taylor County Singers Meet Next at Wylie

A crowd that filled the Methodist church at Tye attended a session of the Taylor County Singing convention Sunday afternoon. S. E. Clark, president, was in charge, and announced the next meeting will be held the fourth Sunday in February at Wylie.

The program featured specialties by V. O. Stamps and Freddie Martin. Other singers included Dink Saffle, Buster Horton, M. Shaw, S. W. Jones, Hendrix Sibley, Ledo Dowdy, O. L. Francis Thurston Marshall, M. McWilliams and Doc Osburn.

Debate on Cotton Acreage Law.

The regular monthly meeting of the P. T. A. of the IXL school scheduled for Friday night, Feb. 19, will be enlivened by a debate on the subject: "Resolved, that we should have the present acreage law." The affirmative is to be taken by Dewell McLean and W. C. Cargill, while W. C. Neill and Sam Butman, Jr., will champion the negative. Everyone is invited. The session will start at 7:30.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Noble Stewart, taxicab driver, age 20, was killed when a freight train struck his vehicle at a railroad crossing at Midland.

Lewis Fisher, Houston attorney, has accepted the chairmanship of Texas in the "victory campaign" of the democratic party.

Mrs. E. P. Lindsey, aged Cisco resident, died Monday as she was seated in a chair at the home of Mrs. Sarah Ellis, with whom she had spent the night.

Turkey shipments from Texas during December amounted to 547 cars, compared with 431 cars during December, 1930, according to the figures of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Two persons, Mrs. Mattie Sechrist, 41, and her brother-in-law, L. O. Sechrist, 39, of Stephenville, lost their lives in a rooming house fire at Fort Worth, while two others are recovering from burns.

The club house at the Amarillo Country club, with more than 200 sets of golf clubs and other equipment and clothing belonging to members of the club, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday with a loss of \$50,000.

Sawing out the bars to his death cell, Pete McKenzie, slayer of two police officers, who escaped death in the electric chair when friends were successful in having him adjudged insane, escaped Tuesday night from the Bexar county jail.

The state law limiting women's hours of employment to nine hours a day and 54 hours a week was upheld by the state court of criminal appeals at Austin Wednesday in proceedings brought by E. B. Butcher, Houston laundryman.

Senator Tom Connally has announced himself squarely opposed to the proposed abandonment of four Mexican border military establishments, namely, Forts Brown, McIntosh, Clark and D. A. Russell in accordance with plans of the war department.

Texas' highway law providing that not more than ten bales of cotton could be hauled by truck on state roads unless the bales were pressed was held invalid by the supreme court of the United States, which affirmed the order of a federal court in Texas.

During his first year as chief executive of Texas, Governor Ross S. Sterling issued 509 general paroles and 16 full pardons, commuted two death sentences to life imprisonment and extended clemencies in the way of furloughs and furlough extensions to several hundred prisoners.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moran, residing on Beasley ranch about 15 miles north of town, Sunday, January 24, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Noodle, Tuesday, January 26, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Carr, Horn, Tuesday, January 26, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reynolds, Wednesday, January 27, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds, residing at Blair, Wednesday, January 27, 1932.

Makes Flight in Autogyro. Havana, Cuba, Jan. 28.—Capt. Lewis A. Yancey, trans-Atlantic flyer, landed here Sunday on a flight from Key West, Fla., in the first autogyro ever to land on Cuban soil.

MERKEL VISITED BY DR. MERKEL, WHO LIKES CITY

Intrigued by the name of this town, which is the same as his family name, Dr. C. W. Merkel, retired physician of Ann Arbor, Mich., accompanied by his wife, paid a short visit Friday of last week to this thriving little West Texas city. They had been in Florida since October and were en route to California.

Merkel became a point of special interest to the tourists just as soon as they saw its name on their itinerary on the highway map and, as a matter of coincidence of names, was marked for a definite stop on their transcontinental journey.

The name "Merkel" was given to this city in honor of the daughter of one of the leading early officials of the Texas and Pacific railway, the daughter's first name having been Merkel, according to the best accounts of the early settlers.

Further accenting their visit here, Dr. and Mrs. Merkel mailed letters postmarked Merkel, Texas, to their son, Dr. Chas. C. Merkel, of Detroit, Mich., and to their daughter, Mrs. J. S. Perrin, Louisville, Ky.

Two Are Injured in Car Crash Near City

Mrs. L. L. Prichard of Abilene received severe injuries, and her husband was less seriously hurt, in an automobile crash on highway 1 a mile west of here early Wednesday afternoon.

A large sedan occupied by residents of New York whose names were not learned here careened into the path of the west bound Prichard car after the former machine ran into the back of a wagon. Both the wagon, driven by H. R. Bohannon of Merkel, and the New Yorker's car were headed east, Mr. Bohannon driving with his wagon partially off the pavement on the right side of the road.

Occupants of the two cars were given emergency treatment by Highway Patrol Captain Martin Koonsman who passed immediately after the wreck occurred; and were brought to a physicians office here. Dr. Gardner said Mrs. Prichard received a broken rib and possible internal injuries. Mr. Prichard suffered several lacerations, and occupants—a woman, her son and small daughter—of the sedan received minor hurts. Mrs. Prichard later was taken to Abilene.

Both cars were badly damaged.

2 SOUTHERNERS NAMED MEMBERS FINANCE BOARD

Jesse H. Jones, One of Texas' Most Prominent Sons, and Harvey C. Couch of Arkansas Selected by Hoover.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Two Southerners were named Monday to the board that will direct a two billion dollar injection to quicken the pulse of business.

Harvey C. Couch of Arkansas and Jesse H. Jones of Texas were appointed by President Hoover as two of the three democratic directors of the reconstruction finance corporation. A third probably will be named in a very short time.

The appropriation bill giving the agency \$500,000,000 to lend to railroads, agriculture and financial institutions was signed Wednesday by the president and formal senate confirmation of the men who will guide its activities was due Thursday.

The other directors are Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board; Paul Bestor, farm loan commissioner, and Secretary Mellon.

Couch, a prominent financier living in Pine Bluff, is well known in the capital through his connection with various industrial and other activities.

Jones was especially active in connection with the last democratic national convention held in his home city—Houston.

Mr. Jones is identified with several banking interests and is owner the publisher of the Houston Chronicle. He is the owner of five hotels in Houston and also the tallest office building in the south, built in the same city.

He is the owner also of big buildings not only in other Texas cities but also in New York. During the war, Jones was designated by President Wilson to aid in Red Cross work and assumed a prominent role in those activities.

The recommendations of democratic congressional leaders had a large part in guiding the selections. Speaker Garner is a Texan and Senator Robinson, party floor leader, hails from Arkansas.

White House officials said shortly after the president named Couch and Jones the chief executive now is inter-

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 26, 1932.)

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz Friday evening Jan. 19, Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton's class entertained Miss Bertie Diltz's class, with Miss Diltz hostess assisted by Miss Beulah Haynes. Music and games were the diversions for Misses Roxie Moon, Elna Daniels, Mamie Ellis, Faye Douglass, Vesta Barnett, Neva Warnick, Grace Diltz and Gladys Haynes; Messrs. Roger Haynes, Con Warnick, Owen Ellis, John Berry, Robert Tally, Horace Leeper, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Misses Diltz, Haynes and Barnett, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz. A two course luncheon was served, fried oysters, cake and gelatine.

Friday evening Misses Isla McDonald and Tommie Lou Coggin entertained a few of their friends at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Those present who were engaged in the games of "Stock Exchange," "Flinch," fortune telling, etc., were Misses Bessie Touchstone, Faye Allen, Zora West, Hattie Bell, Tommie Louise Coggin and Isla McDonald; Messrs. Ennis and Emmett Grimes, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Comma Adams, Dillard Coggin and Raymond Touchstone.

Miss Evelyn Williams is at home from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Tully Pence, in Marshall, Mo.

The Nickel store is the place to buy goods cheap.

Earl Lassiter has returned from Fulbright where he has been employed for the past year and a half.

H. C. Floyd, D. O. Huddleston, J. H. McDonald, H. C. Burroughs and G. M. Cauthern were among the tax payer in Abilene Wednesday.

J. E. Fitzer of Sweetwater was among the business visitors in our little city Tuesday.

Mrs. G. F. West spent Saturday in Abilene, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Cox.

Mrs. Victor Harris and little daughter, Ruby, have returned from Dallas where they visited relatives.

All towns along T. & P. west of Sweetwater but Midland and Big Spring as far as Toyah are under quarantine for meningitis, with dreaded disease still spreading badly.



TREMBLING ON THE VERGE.

The United States is a famous trembler. There has never been a time in its history when some one was not ready to announce that it was "trembling on the verge."

Washington despaired of it. Lincoln despaired of it. Many present-day prophets assure us that it passed over the peak in 1929, and is now definitely on the way down.

Yet within the past few months I have enjoyed some interesting experiences. I have attended the annual sales conventions of a number of major industries. Their business, when I visited them, was terrible. But what took place at the conventions?

In one of them, an electrical industry, the head of the research department revealed plans for a new household utility which promises to banish one disagreeable feature of housework. It is certain to have a tremendous sale.

In a furniture company, the "planning department" displayed a whole new line of improved floor coverings.

In a third, an optical concern, the scientists told us of work now going on which may give all of us better eyesight.

Everywhere I found men's backs turned upon present discouragements, and minds busy with better goods, better methods, better ideas, better living.

I spoke to the head of one company about it. He said he had recently been holding a meeting of their English representatives. He told them casually that the company had hired an engineer and assigned him the task of making a world survey of their sources of raw materials for the next twenty-five years.

One of the Englishmen exclaimed: "Confound you Yankees! What English company would ever think of hiring a man to look ahead twenty-five years?"

Coming to the end of all these meetings, I concluded that it is a waste of time to worry about the future of American business.

We have an asset more fundamental than gold supply, or raw materials, or electric power, or climate. That asset is a restless dissatisfaction with the past, a spirit of continuous improvement.

As long as we are inspired by that spirit I believe that our future is secure. We shall not go down to destruction. No matter how often we may tremble on the verge.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

An Amarillo Hereford bull won first in its class at the Wichita Fat stock show, Wichita, Kansas, recently.

A half million tin cans were used in home canning of foods in Denton county this year.

A radio broadcast by the Mineral Wells chamber of commerce offering a tire cover to the first person responding from each state in the Union brought two hundred fifty letters.

Curry county, New Mexico, farmers are marketing a breakfast cereal made from wheat.

Eddy county, New Mexico, has sufficient proven potash area to supply the domestic needs of the United States for many years with an increased demand.

The Bowie Blade, Bowie's newspaper, celebrated its fortieth anniversary recently.

A Weatherford farmer produced a sweet potato weighing twelve pounds this season.

A Fort Worth packing house official is the authority for the statement that Texas imports seventy per cent of the pork products consumed in the state.

A scenic highway through Davis mountains is to be built soon, seventy-five miles long and declared to be the most scenic in the Southwest.

Waterworks extensions costing twenty-five thousand dollars are to be built at Alpine.

Twenty-seven cowboys drove twelve hundred head of cattle to a market at Marfa recently.

The Panhandle of Texas has a road building program aggregating \$3,600,000.00 for the present year.

United States navy officials are being asked to name the next dirigible to be constructed "Amarillo," for the Panhandle city of that name.

Amarillo's building permits for ten months of 1931 total over two and a half million dollars.

Six hundred thirty-three tourists visited Palo Duro Park during one Sunday in October.

Twenty million dollars for new buildings and public improvements have been spent in Fort Worth during the past two years.

One hundred fifty rare books from the J. C. Ingram collection, Galveston, have been added to the College of Industrial Arts library, Denton.

Denton county has forty thousand head of cattle. This was revealed during recent tuberculin test work among cattle herds.

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A Dangerous Criminal

By Albert T. Reid



\$7.50 Per Capita in Food on Shelves of San Saba County

San Saba, Jan. 28.—If it were divided equally, enough food has been put on pantry shelves in San Saba county in 1931 to furnish every man, woman and child in the county with \$7.50 worth, according to report of Miss Lorena Dry, home demonstration agent. Following in the lead of 14 pantry demonstrators and 175 cooperators, farm families filled 260,000 cans with food valued at \$75,098.18.

Senator Asks Probe Of Radio Advertising

Washington, Jan. 28.—A resolution calling for a survey by the radio commission of the extent of commercial advertising programs over the radio has been introduced by Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan.

Six major points for the commission to report on to the senate were proposed:

What information is available on the feasibility of government ownership or operation of radio stations.

To what extent broadcasting facilities are used for commercial advertising purposes.

How the stations are divided by power.

What can be done to control or perhaps eliminate commercial radio advertising.

What is done by other countries.

Whether it would be possible to announce only the names of sponsors of program.

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Big Funeral.

Cincinnati.—"Tillie," the elephant, was buried yesterday. Three of her companions in a circus military act fired a canon over her grave. A floral tribute was dropped from an airplane. "Tillie" was 120 years old and ranked the world's oldest performing elephant. She weighed 7000 pounds.

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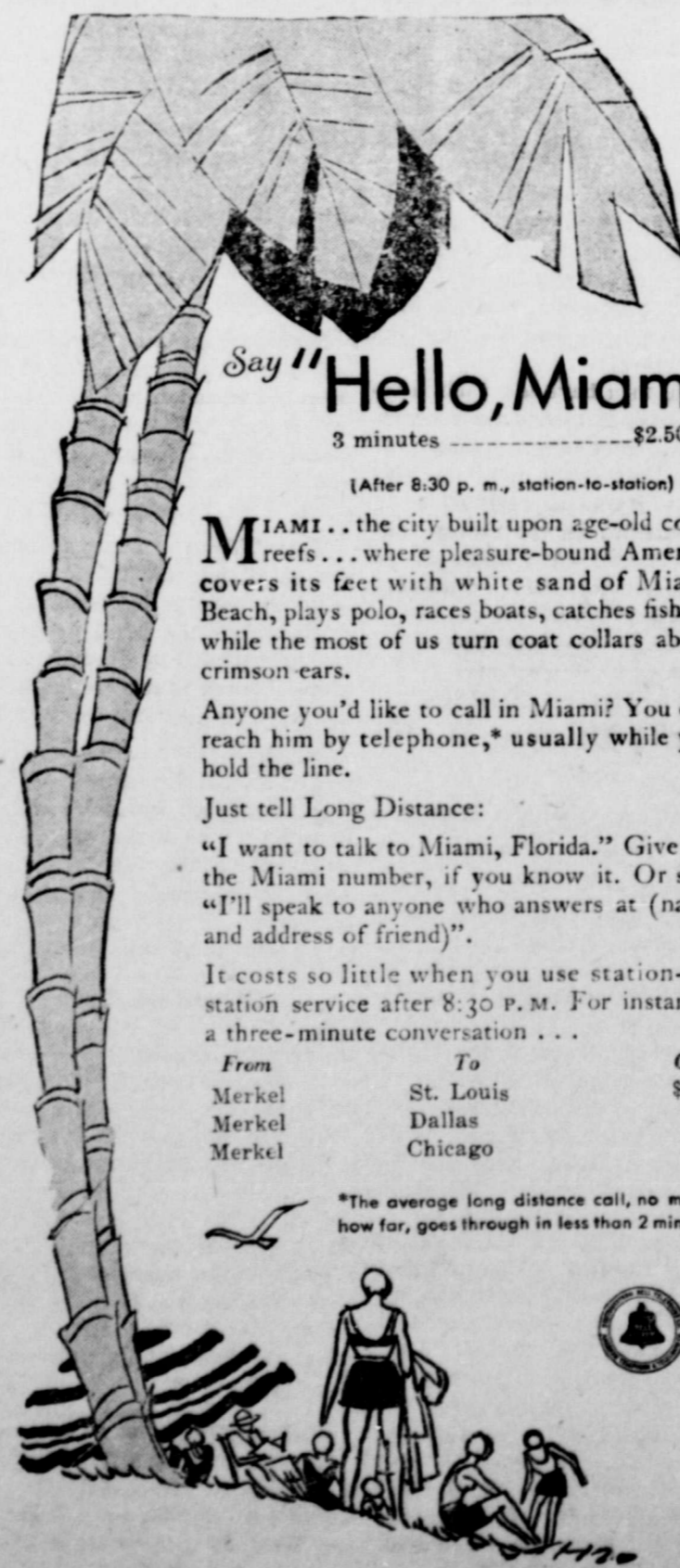
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Marshall, Wis., Jan. 28.—After carrying a mail a distance equal to nine times around the world in the past 30 years, Thomas T. Pyburn, rural mail carrier, has been retired on a pension here. A conservative estimate of the distance covered by Pyburn is said to be 235,000 miles.

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Merkel	Dallas	.60
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PHONE 61

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

RAPTURE BEYOND

by KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

Fresh from a French convent, Jocelyn Harlowe returns to New York to her socially-elect mother, a religious, ambitious woman. The girl is hurried into an engagement with the wealthy Felix Kent. Her father, Nick Sandal, surreptitiously enters the girl's home one night. He tells her he used to call her Lynda Sandal. The girl is torn by her desire to see life in the raw and to become part of her mother's society. Her father studies her surroundings.

Lynda visits her father in his dingy quarters. She finds four men playing cards when she arrives. One of them, Jock Ayleward, her father tells her, is like a son to him, but warns the girl he is a trifter.

Lynda pays a second visit to her father and Jock takes her home, on the way stopping with her at an underworld cabaret.

Jock gets into a fight with a gangster who insists on dancing with Lynda. He then takes Lynda home. Later she mentions Felix's name to Jock and Ayleward's face displays his demonic hatred of the millionaire.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
"How terribly you hate that man," said Jocelyn. She spoke as easily, as lightly as she could, "I wish you'd tell me why."

"Kent came from my town—Rappel. In Illinois. My father was a clergyman there. Kent was ten years older than I. When I got out of the school of mines—mining engineer was my original profession—he got me my first job.

"Kent had me sent down to inspect a zinc mine. I went over the mine with its owner, a man named Talley. Came back to Rappel with my report. It was a first-rate mine. A sure-fire investment. Everything the owner had showed me was O. K. I was optimistic and cocksure. Had no reason that I knew of not to be. I had made a straight report on a good mine. I believe, Miss Sandal, that any other engineer would have handed in just such a report as that was. Kent was forming a corporation to take over this mine. Capitalized it at two million dollars.

"He proposed to sell this mine to his townspeople — my townspeople too—at par, that is, two million dollars for the entire issue. I know now that Algernon Talley was willing to sell the mine to Kent for one million dollars. My report—you see my name, my father's name, was good—was printed and circulated. I was elected secretary of the corporation and consulting engineer. They gave me a small block of stock. I fancied myself suddenly rather a big man.

"It is necessary before a stock is actually sold, Miss Sandal, for an officer of such a corporation to make an affidavit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth based on his personal knowledge and setting forth the exact value of the assets upon which the stock is issued. Kent got me to make this affidavit.

"Now, listen closely. The making of such an affidavit, falsely or heedlessly, subjects the maker to fine and to imprisonment."

There was a gray shadow on this young man. Lynda drew back a little in her chair. Something that had been mysterious in his aspect was explained to her.

"That mine turned out to be no good, Miss Harlowe. The stockholders—my townspeople, my father's friends, my friends—lost their investment. I was prosecuted, found guilty and sentenced to three years in state's prison."

Lynda spoke with a certain diffidence:
"I understand that you would naturally be tempted to find some such explanation for your own terrible mistake. But, since I know Mr. Kent very well, I find the whole story—as you tell it—perfectly preposterous."

Jock was looking at her carefully and coolly. He bowed.
"I didn't suppose you would believe me. I merely wanted to explain to you my hatred of Felix Kent. I hoped that it might damage him with you."

As he turned to leave he handed her a slip of paper.
"Herc's Nick's new address. He didn't like your coming to that other place. You'll come to see him?"
"Yes."

Marcella and Felix both returned to town. On his first evening with Jocelyn, Felix proved a very entertaining lover. Jocelyn in a green

gown had so shining a loveliness, so proud a grace that the man's glory in possession induced him to take her out, to let the world of other men gloat enviously at what he had so quickly, so easily, won.

In his great smooth-running limousine he carried her off, unchaperoned, to the theatre, to supper danced with her. And Jocelyn rewarded his open and most gentle seeming worship once with a look so deep, so loyal and so lovely that for an instant the soul that was torpid in him came to painful life and he dropped his eyes, feeling a warmth that was not possessive, not even passionate, cross his face.

Jocelyn came back that night happier than she had been since the first days of her engagement and profoundly reassured.

In a mood of calm, of almost cold self-possession, she went two or three evenings later to bid her father farewell. She had freed herself of any sentimentality toward Jock Ayleward, even of that sentimentality of an over emphasized dislike. She had freed herself too from sentimentality toward Nick; but not of her affection. The first deed of her release and her enrichment would be Nick's rescue.

In this mood of fiery deliverance did Jocelyn Harlowe in one of her own gowns—for Lynda Sandal had been condemned to death—approach her father's new abiding place.

Nick was obviously ill at ease in its stiff ugliness but also just as obviously proud to receive her in a room of respectable cleanness, newness and unadorned past. There was no sign of Ayleward's presence. No cards anywhere. There wasn't in fact so much as an ash tray or a magazine on the shiny central table with its pink-parchment shaded lamp.

"Are you well again? Jock told me you'd been sick with pain and fever," she asked him.

"I'm all right again. In fact, I've planned a surprise for you. Let's go out," Nick said.

In a taxicab which it cost Nick some torturing moments to enter Lynda forced herself to ask, "Will Ayleward be there?"

"I dare say."
"I wish," she said with coolness, almost with nonchalance, "that you'd get rid of Ayleward, pay him off and start again."

Nick, crouching painfully in his corner over a cane, squinted up sidelong, mockingly.

"Why so, gracious and gentle lady?"
"He has been in prison. He is a professional gambler. I hate to think that you are dependent upon his charity, that you live by what he steals."

"A gambler doesn't steal, Saint Lynda. He eases people from their money only by their own consent. In other words, you are ashamed of me, my friends and my condition?"
"No."

"Then why try to change them? I've no intention of changing anything for the sake of Mrs. Felix Kent."

"You make me angry. You hurt me, Nick."
"Exactly. I have felt the same symptoms toward you."

In dismay the girl turned her tilted eyes upon him beseechingly.
"We mustn't quarrel."
"Ah, so you do love me a little! I'm not angry now, nor hurt. Only Lynda, don't try to change me. I'm bent into this shape; not a pretty one, I grant you. My life is bent. It took much pain of fire and hammer and great pincers to get me here. To get me back would be not only torture but death by torture. You see, I give myself away to you. As to young Ayleward, if you fell in love with him—"

"In love—with him!"
He went on evenly, "—then I should be forced to free myself of you. Never of him. Never of him. Now listen the boy is gold."

"You did not say that before, Nick. You said that he was not the man that Felix is. You said that he had a poor outlook on life and a character that might be called unstable."

"You have an excellent memory." "It's one of the things they teach you in a convent."
"Well, all that is true. And of all possible husbands—"

"But I should never dream—"

"Of all possible husbands for Miss Jocelyn Harlowe I can imagine

none worse. A man with a grudge against life is not a happy partner for any woman. Better for a man who has given life a grudge against him."

"What does that mean?"
"A man who has put his foot on the neck of life and thrashed the hide off it!"

"You think that Felix Kent is such a man?"
"From what I know of him, Felix Kent is such a man?"

"It's a cruel picture."
"Perhaps. But a woman will and must follow such a master."

"You told me if I was afraid . . ."
"Oh that! How little you know! A woman is never afraid of these big solid masters of life or of herself. She fears shadows and failures, uncertainties and broken men."

The "swell joint" was really rather pretentious though Jocelyn suspected it to be rarely frequented by people known to her mother or to Felix Kent.

Lynda was of course enchanted. She wished for her green frock or her red one and her eyes began to glow. To one of the retired tables Nick led her. Here were already Jock Ayleward with two of the men Lynda had met on her first visit: James Drury and Gustav Lowe, looking extraordinary sleek and solid and greeting her with a good deal of startled gallantry. Jock rose, looked her in the eyes, smiled with his lips only and sat down again.

Almost immediately two other men joined them, young fellows in well-cut evening clothes, very slightly the worse for liquor, with the grace and the tang of gentlefolk and the flexible frank faces of youth at revelry, predestined victims of the ancient game of Fox and Geese. Lynda was the only woman at the table and these newcomers visibly rejoiced.

Jock rose and asked her to dance. His expression dared her to refuse him. She hesitated, color deepening in her face, then she stood up and moved out into the room with him. They danced together smoothly and in silence.

"You've learned," said Jock presently, speaking close to her ear, "you've learned to bear the touch of a jailbird. You can even let one hold you in his arms."

"I've come here. I must go through with it. I do not enjoy this dance."

"I think you do."
"Really?" She looked straight up into his eyes. They were filled with a pained gamine laughter.

"Some of you enjoys it," he went

on in spite of her icy look. "We dance well together. We both love music. If you could forget everything you think you know about me, if you weren't jealous of me—" she half stopped, "with Nick—" they went on, "and if you weren't a little bit afraid—"

As he spoke her very expert partner made a misstep, glanced doubtfully down at her, recovered himself and almost with violence drove her, doubling the time of their rhythm and dancing like a dervish, away from that part of the room and before she knew it he had taken her out through one of the glass doors of the entrance. There she stopped above the semicircular stairs, disengaged herself and saw that he was white and breathing hard.

"What is the matter? Take me back to Nick."
"I'm going to be fool enough to take you home."

"Mr. Ayleward!"
"Miss Sandal, you are not to go back into that room. Not if I have to carry you down the stairs. I have a good reason. Go down and get your wrap. I'll try to signal to Nick. It'll be all right. You must trust me."

"I can't possibly trust you."
"Miss Sandal, if you force me to make a scene you will regret it more than anyone. Have you forgotten how angry you were with me once when I involved you in a scene?"

She had not forgotten. She flushed at the memory; looking up at him she read in his eyes a desperate and curiously gentle determination and found herself obediently going down the stairs. Ayleward stood above to block her view of the glass doors; so she missed the rhythmic passing of Toni Padrona's woman clenched in the arms of Felix Kent, her eyes blazing into his with something that looked like hunger and reproach.

(Continued Next Week.)

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Obituary

Mildred Elizabeth Presley, who passed to her heavenly home Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1932, was born October 2, 1906. She was married to Elmer Harrison August 19, 1928.

She is survived by her husband, three children, Betty Joe, Elmer Donnel, Jr., and an infant son, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Presley, three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Oran Ray of Chickasha, Okla., Mrs. Marvin Lindsey of Colorado City, Texas, Imogene and Maurine Presley of Merkel, and a number of close relatives.

It is so sad to see Mildred go, for we know she will be missed by everyone that knew her, for to know her was to love her. She was such a kind and sweet girl; not only that, but she was a kind and loving wife and mother. But we should not grieve for she is so much better off than we. She lived a good Christian life and she has paid her debt that we all have to pay. We would not for this world call her back to her pains and troubles. We could not, though we would, but we can so live that we can go to her. She was a good neighbor and wanted to do the right thing at all times.

Weep not, dear loved ones, for Mildred is at rest. Just live that you may meet her in years to come. We know that heaven is brighter today than it was before God called our loved one from her earthly home.

Her heart's been cleansed by Jesus' blood
And for her cause she firmly stood,
So now it's all well with her soul
While the tempests rage and the billows roll.

The children may say:
Mother dear, we are so lonesome here,
You left us all to remember,
How we miss your loving face,
None on earth can take your place.

Sleep on, dear mother, your work is o'er
Your willing hands will toil no more.

On earth there's grief; in Heaven there's rest
We miss you most who loved you best.

Brother Marvin Williams conducted the funeral services Friday afternoon at White Church and the large gathering of friends was a tribute to her life.

May God bless each one of the bereaved, for He is able to help all who call on Him.

Relatives and friends from other places were: Mr. and Mrs. Dee Wilson and daughter, Beryl, and Mrs. Alice Brown, all of Levelland; Mrs. Geo. Shuff and two children, Charlie and Belle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and children and Charlie Brown, all of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Emory Turch and family, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sayles, all of Tuscola, and Miss Martin of Trent.

Pall bearers were: Ted White, Emory Touch, Elmer Patterson, Walter Hunter, H. E. Farmer, Jr., and Roy Hunter.

Flower girls were Misses Mildred Young and Alice Reed.

—A Friend.

C. L. Whitescarver.

Mr. C. L. Whitescarver was born April 3rd, 1850, near Bowling Green, Kentucky. He moved to Eusk county, Texas, in 1852. In December of 1875, he was married to Miss Lucinda Yarbrough at Grapeland, Texas. To this union were born seven children, of whom six survive. His wife preceded him in death by ten years.

Mr. Whitescarver was living with his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hart, at Reinhardt, Texas, at the time of his death. The end came January 19.

Mr. Whitescarver obeyed the gospel about 20 years ago, and he has been a faithful member of the Church of Christ since.

He came to Merkel in October of 1906, and lived here continuously until last September, at which time he went to Dallas with a daughter.

Active pall bearers were the following men, all of Reinhardt: Arthur Daniels, Robert Eukert, Jess Hart, Elbert Spurlock, Chas. Hart and Nick

CHURCHES

Old Church Organ To Be Used Again

For next Sunday evening we have planned an organ hymn service rendered by the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations. Program will consist of hymns, history of hymns, readings, solos, quartettes, and a twenty minute message by Rev. R. A. Walker.

One of the interesting features of the program will be the use of an organ such as was commonly used twenty-five years ago. You will enjoy the unique program and will find joy hearing again the old church organ. Other services of the day are regular.

E. L. Yeats, Pastor.

HI LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song, No. 206.
Prayer, Wanda Hunter.
Song, No. 155.
Roll call.

Leader, Mary Helen Lancaster.
"The Meaning of Friendship," Mildred Richardson.

"Jesus' Description of Friendship," Kennedy Whiteley.

"The Good Samaritan," Fay Pinckley.

"Appreciation of Other Races," Milton Shannon.

"World Friendship," Billie Gambill.
Sentence prayer.
Song, No. 190.
League benediction.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Herbert Patterson will be in charge of the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service. The lesson will be found in the 1st chapter of Romans and will be read by W. M. Haynes. Will Elliott will give a short on "Is a Revival Worth While?"

The meeting last Sunday was well attended and one of the best we have had. The song service adds much to its interest, thanks to those who had apart in it.

The song service for next Sunday will be still better, as we voted to make the Grace Presbyterian church our permanent meeting place. If you like good singing, don't forget the time and place.

There are many things to think of, as we plan for one of the best meetings ever held by the men in Merkel for all who will take part in it. Men, we must have your support.

—Reporter.

Tresp. interment was in Cox cemetery, near where he lived for 40 years. He rests now with his old friends, and his last resting place was literally covered with beautiful floral offerings.

Surviving children are: Mrs. J. E. Hart, Reinhardt; Mrs. H. C. Bartlett, Mabank; C. L. Whitescarver, Chicago; Miss Maggie Whitescarver, Reinhardt; J. L. Whitescarver, Reinhardt; Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Merkel.

—W. G. Cypert.

Mrs. J. K. P. Winn.

1:30 a. m. January 15, 1932, marked the passing of one of our most faithful members, Mrs. J. K. P. Winn. None from our little town and community could be more missed than is she. Everybody knew and loved Sister Winn. She went about always doing good. Though seventy years of age, and living quite a distance from her church, she seldom missed services in any kind of weather. Hers was not the life that commands the headlines, but rather the plain, simple, constant, steady, consistent and faithful life. Again the Master has doubtless said those welcoming words in heaven, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and she has been made ruler over many things.

Mrs. Winn was born in Mississippi December 24, 1861, a daughter of Uncle Billie and Aunt Jane Tolson. She came to Mills county, Texas, with her parents when just a child. At the age of sixteen she was married to Valentine Fulcher. She was widowed within a year. To her was born a baby girl who preceded her in death a few years ago. At about the age of forty she was converted, and joined the Methodist church, and her Christian life was beautiful. She came to Trent in 1915, and in 1917 was married to J. K. P. Winn, a faithful servant of God and the church, who died in 1925.

Sister Winn is survived by a brother and sister, Tom Tolson and Mrs. Lizzie Weems of Hermleigh, and three grandchildren, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wesley Harris, of Abernathy and Dale Estep.

Her pastor,
Ural S. Sherrill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With an attendance of 734 at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, it was the fourth Sunday that the total has exceeded the 700 mark. For the other three Sundays in January the attendance was 733, 741 and 710, respectively.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

A fine spirit of fellowship prevails among the membership and the friends of the Baptist church. The large attendance upon all our services is very gratifying.

Services at regular hours Sunday. Our special music is very inspiring. Don't forget that our young people have charge of the services Sunday night. This is young people's night, but we are expecting the older ones also.

Be sure to come to Sunday School Sunday. Let's close the month with 300 present in Sunday School. A cordial welcome to all.

J. T. King, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Do we always have a reason or just an excuse when we are not in our classes in Sunday School and at church services? Preaching at 11 a. m.

A service is being arranged at the Methodist church to which our congregation is invited to have a part at the evening hour.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Training services 6:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Don't forget our week-end revival, beginning Jan. 28th at 7 p. m. Rev. E. Homer Land of Abilene is the evangelist. A welcome to everyone. Brother Land will bring an Abilene quartette and other special singers each night.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Sister Forbes of Buffalo Gap will bring the message Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Lord has almost doubled the membership of our church since its organization. Critics may criticize and foes may try to hinder, but the church will go forward.

The pastor will move on the field soon and everybody in our church will be put to work, visiting the sick, winning the lost, teaching the word of God and giving themselves into all the services of our Lord.

Revival continues each night at 7:30. Bible School every Lord's day at 10 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Kemper Zercher returned to Dallas Monday where she is employed by the Blue Bonnet Wholesale company.

Miss Addie Holler had as her week-end guest her niece, Miss Eula Mae Parker, of O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner returned home last Friday after an absence of several months in Houston.

Miss Velma Walker returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks with her brother and family in Paris. R. G. McElyea and daughter, Miss Lorena, of Fort Worth are guests of his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. Wilbur Thomas returned home Tuesday after spending several days with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beene, in Sweetwater.

M. S. French of Newport, Ark., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family, left Wednesday for Dallas to visit his brother, C. E. French.

George Groene, who has been employed in Torreco, Coahuila, Mexico for the past two years, returned home the early part of the week to spend sometime with his parents here.

Miss Laura Barnett, graduate of McKinney High school and a former student of Simmons university, has accepted the position of office assistant for Dr. C. B. Gardner.

Members of the Collins family, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins, John and Miss Christine Collins are entertaining their uncle, Sam Collins, from Louisville, Ky., who arrived Wednesday.

Friends of Miss Ruth Copeland, who underwent a major operation at

SOCIETY

CHOIR SOCIAL.

Members of the Presbyterian choir were most graciously entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John West on Thursday evening of last week. Various games proved happy diversion during the forepart of the evening after which Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott sang "Love's Old Sweet Song" and Mrs. Scott with Miss Christine Collins sang "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" in duet arrangement. "Sweet and Low" was followed by an encore number, "Old Farmer Slow," sung by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Christine Collins and Charlie Jones.

A short choir rehearsal was participated in by all. In a business meeting Mrs. Bob Mayfield was elected president of the choir. "The Bull Dog On The Bank" was rendered by the men of the choir.

Delicious date-nut pudding and coffee was served to Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Jones, W. L. Diltz, L. B. Scott, C. W. Delmer, Henry West, John West, Bob Mayfield, R. A. Walker, Mrs. Bob Johnson and Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent, Christine Collins and Messrs. A. J. Tucker and Ralph Duke.

CHILI SUPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins, formerly of Merkel but now residing in the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Pickard, Lytle Beach, Abilene, were at home to a number of their friends from Merkel on Wednesday evening, entertaining with a chili supper with bridge games as the diversion of the evening. The guest list included: Messrs. and Mesdames Ted Nichols, Geo. Caple, Bob Mayfield, L. C. Zehn-pfennig, Charlie Jones, Misses Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Messrs. Wren Durham and C. J. Glover, the host and hostess.

LUNCHEON.

Mrs. Twyman Collins extended hospitality to a number of friends on Thursday of last week with an all-day affair.

A delectable chicken menu, replete with accessories, was served at high noon to Mesdames Luke Huddleston and daughter, Geneva, of Abilene, Booth Warren, L. B. Scott, A. R. Booth, Everett King, Yates Brown, Earl Lester, W. J. Lester, Sam Swan, Frank McFarland and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

The birthday of Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz, Paul Collins and Gerald Derrick furnished inspiration for a lovely birthday dinner in the home of Miss Mary Collins with Margaret Canon co-hostess or Sunday.

A delicious turkey dinner was served at twelve o'clock to Misses Fannie Belle Boaz, Mary King, Christine Boyd, Ida Mae Derstine, Missie Dye, Messrs. Bussy Boaz, Leonard Reeves, the honorees and hostesses.

FAMILY REUNION.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens was made happy Sunday by the arrival of many guests to celebrate the birthdays of this fine old couple. Mrs. Costephens celebrated her seventieth birthday on January sixth and Mr. Costephens will be eighty-one on Feb. 10th.

A sumptuous dinner was served family-style to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson and daughter, Miss Eva Maye Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Smith and sons, Malcolm and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Costephens and daughter, Dorothy, all of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Costephens, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Costephens and Miss Noma Gray of Roscoe, Mrs. M. J. Costephens, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Buie, Jr., and son, William, of Stamford and the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

The West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, last Thursday, will be glad to know that she is well enough to sit up in a wheel chair and her condition is most satisfactory.

Rockne Estate, \$26,608. South Bend, Ind., Jan. 28.—According to an inventory filed in superior court here, the net value of the personal estate of the late Knute K. Rockne, Notre Dame football coach, who was killed in an airplane crash last March, is \$26,608.

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HEALTH NURSE IN MERKEL SCHOOLS

At Mother's Meeting Last Friday Immunization Program Is Planned.

More than a hundred mothers braved the bad weather last Friday afternoon to come to the Grammar school and hear Miss Catherine Vavra, U. S. Health nurse, discuss the immunization program now being sponsored by the United States government. The immunization of children against diphtheria, typhoid and small pox was explained. Many indicated their willingness to avail themselves of the opportunity to secure protection from these three diseases at such a nominal cost.

SPENDS DAY IN SCHOOLS.

Miss Vavra spent the entire day inspecting the children, most of the day being spent at Grammar school. Many defects were found which are very likely causing the retardation of children. Parents should have these defects remedied as soon as possible. The child's health is at stake, as well as his progress in school. A child with very bad tonsils has very little chance to make good in school.

PHYSICIANS MEET.

During the noon hour, the physicians of the city, together with Miss Vavra, met at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Burgess where, after lunch, the program was discussed and the schedule outlined. The physicians of Merkel have volunteered their time and services to come to the school building and give these serums and vaccines. The people of Merkel should appreciate this gratis work on the part of the physicians. It shows that the medical profession can always be counted upon in any problem of disease prevention. Disease prevention means fewer dollars and cents to the doctors, yet they are always ready to help in any move of this kind.

Through the co-operation of the U. S. Public Health service, the Texas state health department and the local health officer, Dr. W. T. Sadler, patrons are enabled to secure the vaccines and serums at practically no cost. There will be some little expense in giving the serums. To care for this, a flat fee of 25 cents will be charged each child who takes any or all of the treatments—25 cents will be the total cost to the child, whether he takes one or all of the treatments.

It is planned to give protection treatments for these three diseases: diphtheria, typhoid and small pox. There is no longer any reason why any child should have any of these diseases when such preventive measures of proven worth may be taken. The fact that these do prevent has been established beyond a doubt. Parents should avail themselves of this opportunity to secure all three of these immunities for the nominal charge of 25 cents. The treatments for these diseases will be spread over a period of about six weeks, the small pox vaccination being given last. So far as possible the treatments will be given on Friday so that, should there

be any reaction, the student will have no ill effects when he is ready to return to school the following Monday. OPTIONAL WITH PARENTS. During the week, questionnaires are being sent out to the parents. In this the program is explained, and the parent asked to indicate what treatments, if any, he wants his child to have. Whether or not the treatment is given to any child is a matter left up entirely to the parent of the child. There will be no compulsion in the matter. These are to be returned to the teacher by January 29th. The treatments will begin on Friday, February 5th.

"The House Beautiful" In Road Showing at Sweetwater Feb. 4th

For the first time in two years, a theatrical road show will be seen in Sweetwater on Thursday, Feb. 4th. Arrangements have been completed by H. M. Rogers of the R & R Theatres whereby Channing Pollock's latest play, "The House Beautiful," will be seen at the City Auditorium. This is a play which was originally presented at the Apollo Theatre, New York, last spring and ran well into the summer. Its success was regarded so highly that two companies are offering it throughout the United States this season and, despite the general condition of theatricals, they have been highly successful.

Probably one of the great reasons for their success is the fact that "The House Beautiful" is not only good entertainment but it suits the times and is a play that not only thrills its audiences but it sends them away in a comforted mood. It deals with a couple, Archie and Jeffer Davis, who, as newlyweds, buy a lot on which they build a house. The play carries them through their thirty years of married life during which time they suffer the misfortunes that come to most people and enjoy the happiness that meets the average couple. In fact, this play "has knighted Mr. Average Man" according to Cosmo Hamilton, the author who is among the many thousands who have approved it.

Mr. Pollock, the author, is recognized as the leading proponent of clean plays among America's playwrights. His plays, "The Fool" and "The Enemy," stamped him among the first six of native playwrights. He personally selected the company which will be seen in Sweetwater, headed by Ethel Intropidi and John Griggs. The date is just one day ahead of the Dallas engagement of the same company at the State Fair Auditorium.

Some twenty scenes are shown during the action of the play and, by a new form of stagecraft, they are projected without lowering the curtain excepting at the regular act intermissions. An apparently solid living room apparently fades from sight, to reappear after a different scene has been offered.

Especially low prices are in force— from 50c to \$1.50 and mail orders are being received at the Palace Theatre, Sweetwater, Texas.

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PORK & BEANS, 3 cans for	21c
APPLE BUTTER, pure, quart jar	23c
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SYRUP, Pan Cake, gal.	55c
SOAP, Palmolive, 4 bars for	25c

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL**

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)
For County Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
GRADY PARMELLY.
For County Judge:
JOHN CAMP.
JOE E. CHILDERS.
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
A. J. CANON.
For County Tax Assessor:
C. W. BOYCE.

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PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES, the kind that wins and pays; hen pullets and cockrels, \$1.50 to \$3.00; just a few to offer. Joe E. Davis, Blackwell, Texas.

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WISH TO BUY six turkey hens and one Jersey milk cow. See me at my store, 12 miles northeast of Merkel, or write A. J. Newman, Merkel, Texas.

"A Brood Sow on Every Farm," Is Aim of "Pig Club"

Encouraged by a "baby chick campaign" which last year distributed in excess of 62,000 baby chicks to southwestern farmers, Sam Swann, local ginnee, cooperating with Anderson, Clayton & Co., has announced a new plan to encourage "Live-at-Home" diversified farming. The Sam Swann now contemplates the organization of a "Live-at-Home" Pig Club. This movement will be sponsored by local people cooperating with the gin and Anderson, Clayton & Co. to the end that there shall be at least one brood sow on every farm.

Organization of the Pig Clubs was planned because of attention having been called to the fact that many farmers who are without hogs are financially unable to purchase them. Accordingly, Anderson, Clayton & Co. has offered to cooperate with the Sam Swann gin and other local sponsors in promoting a pig club which will place ten sow pigs on ten different farms in this community where there are no hogs and the farmers are unable to arrange to finance the purchase of a sow. This to be done without cost to the farmer, but with the agreement in each case that out of the first litter of each sow so placed, a representative sow pig will be delivered back to the sponsors of the pig club, this pig to be placed under the same agreement with another farmer who is without hogs, and thus the same plan, followed indefinitely, with the progeny of the original sow will have an increasing influence throughout the coming years toward the accomplishment of "A Brood Sow on Every Farm."

Commenting on the plan, Sam Swann said, "We are certainly going to organize a 'Live-at-Home' Pig Club in Merkel. I, personally, know of several farmers who would be glad to have sow pigs under the terms of the pig club agreement, and I believe that others whom I am going to ask to assist in sponsoring the club will know of more.

"Broadly speaking, however, this movement to stimulate hog raising on farms is not confined to the organization of a pig club. The ginneers who are cooperating in the campaign are strongly urging the farmers in their communities to provide at least meat for their own use with some left over to sell. I am requesting all farmers, or breeders who have pigs to sell to get in touch with me, and I have also requested all farmers who want to buy hogs to do the same. In this manner, I hope to bring buyer and seller together, and to be of assistance in arranging transportation on one trip for a number of hogs bought by different parties, thus lowering the cost per head to each buyer, and by extending such other cooperation as I can."

There is to be no profit derived

**Childers Enters Race
Taylor County Judge**



The Mail has been authorized to announce the candidacy of Joe E. Childers for the office of county judge of Taylor county, subject to the action of the democratic primary, July 23rd, 1932.

Mr. Childers was born about 20 miles east of Temple, Texas, and spent most of his childhood life on the farm in Bell county. He entered public school life in 1918 at which time he served as principal of a two-teacher rural school seven miles east of Temple. During his teaching career, he taught four years in rural communities and three years in city schools. The last position Mr. Childers held in school work was principal of Winters High school during the school year of 1926-1927.

Mr. Childers received much of his education by attending summer schools, having attended school six summers in succession. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with honor from Baylor University at Waco on the 27th day of August, 1924. He was licensed by the supreme court of Texas in 1924 to practice law in all courts, both state and federal, in the state of Texas. Mr. Childers came west as soon as he completed his education and served as coach of athletics of Winters High school during the school year of 1924-1925. In June of 1925 the law firm of Wilson & Childers, composed of Ernest W. Wilson and Joe E. Childers, was started in Abilene, which firm has become well known to the people of this part of West Texas. Mr. Childers has given all his time to the practice of law since June of 1927.

Mr. Childers has been active in church and civic circles since he moved to Abilene and his ability as a leader is well known.

Mr. Childers, believing that his training and experience qualify him to render satisfactory service as county judge, asks your most earnest consideration. He promises, if honored with the office, to give an economical administration, a reduction of taxes wherever possible and to faithfully devote his time to the solution of the manifold problems with which he will have to deal.

Mr. Childers believes that a tax dollar should not be spent unless it benefits the tax payers, and promises an economical distribution of the county funds through the commissioners court to the benefit of all alike.

Mr. Childers feels he is well qualified to serve as judge of the county court, and, if elected, promises to give every person who comes into his court a fair and impartial trial.

from this campaign by any of those who are sponsoring it.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Jan. 28.—Cattle: 3,100; 800 calves; steady; good fed steers to 5.50, other 3.50-4.75; good fat yearlings, 5.00-5.25; fat cows 3.00-3.25; butcher grades 2.75; butcher bulls to 3.50; practically no stockers; better heavy fat calves, mostly small lots, 4.75-5.00 on packer account, other weighty slaughter calves 4.50 down.

Hogs: 1,100; strong to 10 higher; top 4.35 paid by packers for good to choice 252 lb. butchers; truck top 4.25; light lights 4.00; packing sows 3.25-3.50, or steady.

Sheep: 2,300; receipts mostly fat lambs, market fully steady; top woolled fat lambs 5.10; good woolled fat lambs 5.00; fat woolled truck lambs 4.50-5.00; fat ewes 3.25; yearlings and wethers scarce.

Southerners Named

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ested primarily in legislation designed to relieve depositors in closed banks.

A Georgian's idea for attracting trade to his shoe store was to cut his door in the form of a shoe sole.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

**Brother of Late
S. W. Sheppard, Dies
At Age 80 at Waco**

Sam Sheppard, 80 years old, long known as one of the most picturesque peace officers in Central Texas, and a brother of the late S. W. Sheppard of Merkel, passed away at an early hour Friday morning of last week at his home in Waco. His health had shown signs of failing, but he was on active duty up to Christmas day. When here to attend his brother's funeral, he carried the erectness of stature that had always marked his personal appearance.

Most of the time since 1892—40 years ago—Sam Sheppard had devoted himself to the apprehension of law breakers. For more than a quarter of a century he was with the Waco police force and from 1923 to 1929 he was chief of detectives.

Besides his wife, he is survived by eight children, one of whom, Mrs. Sam Echols, resides at Ovalo.

Just as soon as word was received here of the death of Uncle Sam Sheppard, Mrs. Frank McFarland, a niece, joined by Mrs. Ida Chunn, also a niece, Bert Chambliss, a nephew, the sister, Mrs. Sam Echols, and a granddaughter, Miss Dollie Ben Sheppard, of Abilene left for Waco.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the Calvary Baptist church, Waco, with interment in Oakwood cemetery there.

Aspires to Congress

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year by year. Millions of young men my age answered the call of their country when Europe was ablaze with war; they faced shot and shell and even death to defend the flag of this country. Now thousands of these men, broken in body and shaken in mind, are jobless and are fighting a battle to survive. This government owes a sacred duty to these men who left their homes, their families, and their job to defend "old glory," at least to see, while issuing moratoriums, that no veteran, no veteran's widow, wife or child suffers for the want of food as long as the flag which they defended floats on the breezes of Heaven.

"With these conditions confronting us and the battle for existence being waged throughout this district, to send a fresh soldier to the forum at Washington, with new ideas and a chance for greater influence, might do some real good at this time. At any rate with all the empty purses and hungry stomachs in this district a change in Washington won't hurt."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each one who in thought, word or deed remembered us during the illness and death of our dear brother and uncle. We especially thank Mrs. Garvin for her many deeds of kindness, before and after his death.

We hope when sorrow comes to each of you, you'll find friends as true as we did. May God's blessings rest on each of you.

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Honor Roll

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Perry, 95; Wesley Owen, 94; Cheetham McFarland, 92; Jim Sublett, 92; Margaret Sharp, 92; Pearl Weaver, 92; Aubrey Shouse, 91; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 91; Noe Ander Wozencraft, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Marilyn Sue Gremes, 96; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 96; L. Marie Bland, 95; Billy Clyde Haynes, 95; Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., 95; Joy Bland, 94; Bob Jenkins, 93; Wayne Hughes, 92; Clara Belle Hawkins, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Dora Marie Gaitner, 91; David Gibson, 90; Maria Duran, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Swann.
Roy Owen, 95; Doris Clyde Miller, 93; C. C. Shouse, 93; Louise Patterson, 93; Billy Tittle, 92; Tillman Rutledge, 90; Fred Slayden, 90; Troy Slayden, 90; Earl Mashburn, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
Betty Jane Diltz, 96; Euvalda Fox, 95; Guy Manscill, 95; Billy Largent, 94; Helen Heeter, 93; Anna Lee Blake, 92; Harvey Davis, 92; Beatrice Bishop, 91.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.
Burt Reeves, 94; Doris Gay West, 93; Don Wood, 93; Geraldine Teague, 91; J. C. Thomas, 91; Sampie McGehee, 90; J. D. Witcher, 90; Joyce Renfro, 90; Billie Rose Scranton, 90; Joe Glyn Wells, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.
Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billie Wood, 95; Don Warren, 95; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Frances Owen, 92; Mary Love Tipton, 91; Edgar Tipton, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.
W. G. Dickinson, 95; Yvonne Hassey, 95; Comora Hughes, 95; Mildred Bird, 94; Pearl Mathews, 94; Lois Carpenter, 93; Verne Moore, 92; Ann Louise Lepard, 92; Joyce Hayes, 92; Ellie McGehee, 91; Wilma McAninch, 91; Leona Bell, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.
Charles Andy Shouse, 94; Jessie La Verne Simpson, 94; Hollis Perry, 93; Dick West, 93.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.
Janell Black, 96; Dortha Sue Bird, 94; Lynell Carpenter, 94; Preston Dickinson, 92; Juan Duran, 92; Marvin Hunter, 92; Dana Derstine, 92; Frank Dye, 91; Emogene Hulsey, 91; Billie George Gant, 90; Lola Foster, 90; Evelyn Johnston, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.
Junior Grimes, 94; Laverne Hughes, 94; Billie Dunning, 93; Murphy Dye, 93; Bud Gambill, 93; Betty Lou Grimes, 91; Ina Mae Berryman, 90; Alta Crayson, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.
Morris Wozencraft, 95; Lurline Tarlton, 94; Sylvan Mellinger, 94; De La Vergne Teague, 91; Pauline McAninch, 90; Eula Sumpter, 90; Marvin Perkins, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
Juanita Huskey, 98; Ora Derrick, 96; Cohrene Morrison, 92; R. T. Blair, 91; Opal Buzbee, 91; Horace Boney, 90; Ruth Kyle, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
Frances Tarlton, 97; Harold Morgan, 95; Ella Mae Rice, 94; Billie Woodrum, 94; Murray Toombs, 93; Holt Vaughn, 90.

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APPLES, large Delicious, doz.	35c
ORANGES, California, doz.	25c
BANANAS, pound	5c
PINTO BEANS, pound	3 1-2c
CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle	19c
CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for	27c
PINEAPPLE, R & W, No. 1 can	10c
PEAS, R & W, No. 2 can	19c
WHEAT-CEREAL, R & W, pkg.	18c
SOAP, R & W, 6 bars	19c
COFFEE, 1 lb. package	23c
MINCE MEAT, R & W, package	11c
MACARONI, R & W, 2 packages	13c
EGGS, fresh country, doz.	10c
PEACHES, dried, 2 lbs.	25c
APRICOTS, dried, 2 lbs.	25c
PEANUT BUTTER, full quart	25c
Compound Swift Jewel 8 lb. pail	65c
Sausage pure pork 2 lbs.	25c
JOWLS, dry salt, lb.	7 1-2c

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Pat Beauchamp of Los Angeles, Calif., was the guest Sunday of his uncle, J. E. Bowers, leaving in the afternoon to go to Rotan to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tinnin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers of Lamesa are moving here where he will farm next year.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers is confined to her bed this week with a severe cold.

Mrs. Bess Billings spent the weekend in Abilene with her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Rutherford.

Last Saturday a surprise birthday dinner was given Miss Sallie Freeman and Glen Reeves at the home of Grandmother Williamson. Two birthday cakes with lighted candles were the center of attraction and the honorees received a number of treasured gifts. Those enjoying this gala occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and Glen, Mrs. Pauline Freeman and Miss Opal Freeman and Mrs. Bess Billings.

Announcements have been received here by relatives telling of the marriage of Miss Kathryn Freeman and Mr. Harold Bowles, which occurred at Fort Worth Tuesday, Jan. 19th. They will make their home in Fort Worth where Mr. Bowles is in the employ of the American District Telegraph company.

Miss Taylor of Seminole was visiting friends here over the week-end.

Miss Estelle Terry, who is teaching school at Union Ridge, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry. She was accompanied by Miss Jean Scott of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lackey of Mountain View, Ark., were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Stanley Armour of Rankin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armour, here Sunday.

C. T. Beckham, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mrs. J. B. Winn visited this week with J. W. Dowdy of Abilene, who is rural sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roberts of Kilgore are visiting his brother, Mr. Roberts, and family this week.

The little two-year old girl of W. M. Cooper, who has been real sick, is reported better at this writing.

Miss Molly returned home Saturday from an extended visit with relatives in Lamesa.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.
Bible study 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 2 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Services Sunday as follows: Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. by Rev. W. B. Morton of Abilene. Dinner at the church at 12:15 p. m. Miscellaneous program 1:30 p. m. Junior Missionary society 5 p. m. Senior league 6 p. m. Preaching 7:15 p. m. by Rev. W. B. Morton. Preceding the evening preaching service the Epworth league will give a pageant. You will like it. So come to all the services of the day.

—Reporter.

High School News.

DEBATING CLUB ORGANIZED.

The Trent High school organized a debating club Friday, January 22. The club is to meet every Thursday night at the High school. The pupils seem much interested in the work. Mr. Ross B. Jenkins and Roy F. Elliott are at the head of the department. The club consists of Donald Thomson, Fanny Vessel, Jack Perkins, Edith Hale, Russell Owens, J. E. Jaynes, Veda Orand and Johnny Terry.

Officers, elected to serve for the term are: Edith Hale, president; Donald Thomson, vice-president; Fanny Vessel, secretary and reporter. Everyone is invited to visit the club at any of its meetings. The first meeting will be held Thursday evening after school. The subject is "Should Texas be Divided?" The negative side is sponsored by Fanny Vessel and J. E. Jaynes and on the affirmative are Donald Thomson and Russel Owens.

WOOD WORK GIRLS' DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED.

Supt. Ross B. Jenkins is teaching a class of practical wood work for girls. The course consists of painting, steps taken in painting and varnishing; coloring chickens, the different tools and how to mix paints. The class seems to be progressing. Those taking the course are: Edith Hale, Helen Hogue, Mildred Steadman, Helen Bright, Joella McLeod, Sarah Julia Johnson and Fanny Vessel.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN.

Last Wednesday morning Mrs.

Shaw, the painter and cartoonist, from Chicago used the Senior chapel hour to paint, draw and sing. The music was furnished by her daughter, Miss Glynn Shaw. The hour was spent in painting of pictures, houses and scenes. Miss Ida V. Estep and Louise Allyn were used as princess and gypsy; John Hamner and "Mack" McDonald as her school teachers. Mr. Franks, the "took-for" school boy, was used to imitate her school day sweetheart. The school seemed to enjoy the hour, as if it was the Seniors entertaining. The Seniors will bring several interesting numbers, at the same hour, from 9:45 to 10:30, soon.

HOME ECONOMICS.

Miss Fanny Vessel entertained the Home Economics club with a pretty celebrating Lee's birthday. She gave the following program:

Answer roll call with a joke.
"A Crystal Wedding," Mildred Steadman.

Jokes, Jo Ella McLeod.
"How to Give a Birthday Party," Helen Hogue.

"Don't Budge," Helen Bright.
"A Thrift-Built House," Victorine Bishop.

"Story of Thrift," Jo Ella McLeod.
Story of Lee's Life, Fannie Vessel.
Poem, Nona Burgess.

Refreshments were orangeade, cake and sandwiches.

COMPERE NEWS

Saturday night and Sunday services at the Baptist church were enjoyed by all. We were happy to welcome Brother Walker, of Abilene, in to our midst again.

Due to bad weather, our P. T. A. meeting was postponed until next Friday evening, Jan. 29th.

School attendance has been good despite the bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer of Truby attended church here Sunday morning and were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer.

Mrs. M. K. Miller had as her visitors Sunday Mrs. L. P. Parsley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown and son, Cadmus, Jr., all of Sylvester.

The Sunday afternoon singing was attended and enjoyed by a large crowd. A few visitors were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas of Noodle were Comperes visitors Sunday.

Misses Norma D. Wilburn, Ida Belle Terry and Edna Horton were guests in the home of Ruby Joe Tarpley Sunday.

Mrs. H. R. Chancey returned Saturday afternoon from Dallas where she attended the funeral of her father. The entire community extends sympathy.

Several families have taken advantage of the cold weather by canning beeves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor were Merkel shoppers Saturday afternoon.

Last week school visitors were as follows: Mesdames Adkins, Ramsey, Foster, Lucas, Sherrel and Misses Adkin, Terry and Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clmmer and family visited in Sylvester last week.

White Church News

This community has been made very sad since our last writing in the passing away of one of its most loved girls, Mrs. Elmer Harrison of Buffalo Gap. Mildred, as she was known to every one, was buried here last Friday, January 22.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson, and daughter, Miss Beryl, of Levelland have returned to their home after being here for the funeral of their niece. Also Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey, sister of Mrs. Harrison, have returned to their home in Colorado City.

Lillian Shaw of Pato, Okla., was a recent visitor in the A. D. Barnes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and children of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Demere is visiting her daughter Mr. and Mrs. John Coomer, of Eskota.

Miss Bell Shuff of Sweetwater was a recent guest of Miss Lena Lee Demere.

Mrs. O. W. Reed and daughter, Miss Alice, transacted business in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora visited her mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. West, last week. Friends of Mr. West will be very glad to know he is improving.

Because few people in Saigon, French Indo-China, are able to understand any language in which talkies are produced, the crowds go to the theatre merely to hear the musical numbers.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

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GOODMAN NEWS

Mrs. Burns Echert of Breckenridge has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell this week.

Miss Ada Dove Kennedy entertained the sixth and seventh grade pupils Tuesday evening.

Miss Ruth Williams has returned from Sweetwater where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt have gone to Lamesa to spend a few days with Mr. Truitt's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell spent the day with Mrs. Campbell's mother in Merkel last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Taylor of Sweetwater visited in the home of W. N. Williams this week.

Mrs. Jim Grayson is reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones are visiting Mrs. Jones' parents at Union Ridge this week.

Miss Agnes Williams entertained the Senior class with a "social" Saturday evening. Games of "42" and bridge were played. Hot chocolate and cake were served to Bessie Jones, Doris Winters, Esda Kyles, Clyde Brown, Erlena Davis, John Frazier, Ethel Davis, Lenord McCoy, Daizy Brown, Morris Phillips, Ruth Williams, Ted Washburn, Anna Williams, Ruby Johnson of Trent, Atwell Henderson, W. S. Cunningham, sponsor, Frank Ferrell and Opal Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams.

Miss Mildred Clark of Merkel Hi spent the week-end at Goodman.

Misses Aleta Elliott and Ethel Cook were in Merkel Saturday.

The Goodman Senior girls will go to the basketball tournament at Roby Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and they're planning on doing some real sportmanship too.

The Goodman Spudders invited Trent, Morris and White Flat basketball players over Tuesday night. The scores were:

Senior boys:
Goodman 14, Morris 2.
Goodman 21, Trent 5.

Senior girls:
Goodman 29, Trent 13.
Goodman 9, White Flat 7.

But Goodman's luck changed some when they went to Roby and Boys chapel Thursday night where they were defeated by both teams.

Remember the P. T. A. meets Wednesday evening.

The Home Demonstration agent will be with us this Friday, January 29, to organize a club in our community. She will demonstrate "How to Make Hot Beds." All the ladies of the community are invited to come and help Goodman come to front with a club in its community.

RURAL SOCIETY

DANIEL-WEAVER.

Announcements of the marriage of Miss Lois Weaver and Ernest Daniel, member of the state highway patrol, have been received by Stith and Merkel friends. The wedding took place January 18 in Comanche, and the couple are now making their home at 610 Plummer street in Eastland, where Mr. Daniel is stationed.

Mr. Daniel is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel of Stith. He formerly was a member of the Abilene police force, before his appointment late last year to the highway patrol.

Mrs. Daniel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver of Sidney. She was formerly employed in F. W. Woolworth at Abilene.

TO MEET WITH MRS. FRED BAKER.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet Friday, Feb. 5, at the home of Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Merkel. The following program will be given:

Subject, "The Bedroom."
"Bedroom Walls," Edith Baker.
"Finishing the Floors," Miss Selena Teaff.
"Refinishing the Furniture," Ruth Pinkley.
"Grouping the Furniture," Mrs. E. Neff.
"Demonstration of Fancy Stitches," Miss Caroline Chambers.
Each member is asked to bring a piece of cloth, needle and thread.
Round table discussion.

—Reporter.

The Borden plant at Waco is paying out nearly \$40,000 a month to farmers of McLennan and nearby counties for raw milk. Daily receipts are exceeding 100,000 pounds a day. Almost a half million dollars has been paid out for milk by the plant this year.

If you have any visitors. Phone 59 or 61.

BLAIR ITEMS

The past week has been more regular in that the country has received its usual weekly quota of rainfall. Monday morning the clouds drooped down and the moisture is still falling at this writing, although the rain has not been hard and not more than a quarter of an inch has fallen. But there is scarcely enough sunshine to dry even the surface of the ground and farm work is an impossibility.

Sam Price is a very sick man at this writing. Out-of-town relatives, who have been attending the bedside of Mr. Price, are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McSpadden of Meadows, Mrs. Bill Wilkerson and children of Fluvanna and Mrs. Andrew Lewis and son, Garland, of Nolan. All his friends are concerned over his condition.

Arthur Moore had a badly sprained ankle from an accident on the basketball court here Thursday. Arthur seems to be a victim of circumstances, as he was badly banged up last week on the Divide High campus.

Relatives from here who have been attending the bedside of Mrs. Tom Johnson of Merkel, who has been critically ill for several weeks, are Mesdames Bob and Mark Malone and families and Mrs. N. E. Harrison, a sister, remained several days with Mrs. Johnson.

B. M. Williams and son, Barney, and son-in-law, Kenneth Sharp, of Merkel were passing visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan Wednesday.

Mrs. Irene Barnes of White Church spent a pleasant day with Mrs. Blanch Campbell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and granddaughter, Jimmie Nell Horton, have returned from several days stay at Red Spring where Mr. Moore had been looking after his property at that place. Jimmie Nell visited her little cousins, Kenneth and Donald Moore and Jessie Earl Wilson, while there.

Fred Farmer of White Church visited Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and other relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Latimer and little son motored over from the Canyon one day recently to see their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer.

Emmitte Morris has returned home

after several months stay at Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moore and family and Charlie Moore of the Mt. Pleasant were guests in the J. W. Moore home Sunday.

Rev. Marvin Williams delivered an interesting discourse at the M. E. church Sunday.

The teachers, Misses Vera and Maimie Walker, Vernie Derrick, Mr. J. D. Rankins and wife and the trustees with their families enjoyed a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton Friday night. Besides those already mentioned Arthur Moore also enjoyed the hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family and Mrs. Sam Phillips attended the funeral services of Mrs. Elmer Harrison of White Church Friday.

Hayne Hughes and son, Harold, of Abilene were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes Thursday. They were also seen shaking hands with old friends in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family visited relatives on the Plains last week-end. Mrs. J. R. Meeks, mother of Mr. Meeks, is also a guest in this home. Mrs. Meeks will visit for an indefinite time in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes.

Blair School News

The basketball team is not so strong as last year, but don't forget they have taken from start to finish and have had many good snaps this year, defeating the Merkel Badgers twice, the first score being 14 to 4, Merkel failing to get a single field goal, and again on Merkel's court, 17 to 7. They have defeated White Church twice by a large score. They have won five games and lost four, but that's not half bad, boys, we will win yet.

The first string is: O. B. Walker, center; H. Windham, right forward; H. Addison, left forward; C. Melton, right guard; H. Moore, left guard; substitutes, H. Walker, Clinton and Malone Price. H. Windham has come out winner for high points scoring 62 points. Addison and Melton have tied with 20 points each. O. B. Walker, not starting at first of season, is kindly left out for high points. The Blair

boys have had little experience; this is the first year for our guards. They will play two more games before the tournament.

The honor roll for the third month, follows:

Primer—J. H. Price, 92; John Clinton, 90; Ludean Henslee, 92.

First grade—Lloyd Haire, 94; Billie Campbell, 93; Nina Osborn, 92; Madiyn Brown, 91.

Second grade—J. D. Rankin, 91; Mary Lou Hughes, 92; Mildred Maddera, 92; Frances Peterson, 91; Dessie Marie Baker, 90.

Third grade—Jewel Moore, 93; Madalene Addison, 92; Evelyn Latimer, 91; Noma Lee Clinton, 91.

Fourth grade—Ornie Windham, 93; Joy Doan, 92; Norman Windham, 90.

Fifth grade—Louise Addison, 94; J. L. Meeks, 90.

Sixth grade—Edith Akin, 92; Catherine Orsborn, 90; Mavis Peterson, 90; Algie Jones, 90.

Seventh grade—Odelle Latimer, 93; Mary Frances Harris, 91.

The High School honor roll includes: Clara Clinton, Zuma Spears, Hardy Moore, Anna Addison, Bessie Lou Windham, Reta Akin, Sarah Malone, Clara Lee Peterson, H. E. Addison, Neva Malone, Deween Clinton, Marcus Clinton.

CANYON NEWS

The people of this entire community were made very sad on learning of the death of Mrs. Elmer Harrison, who was buried at White Church cemetery last Friday. We extend our love and sympathy to the bereaved families of this well known and loved young woman. "To know her was to love her."

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick of Merkel spent last week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews of Butman.

The Butman school children entertained with a health program Tuesday night, which was very interesting.

The I. X. L. basketball boys played Divide Hi Saturday night; they were defeated, 17-16. White Church came over and played them Tuesday evening, I. X. L. winning 24-15.



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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '32—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine. Assistant Editor—Lela Patterson. Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz. Assistant Sports Editor—Ross Ferrer. Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

YEA, BADGERS!

We are proud of our Badgers. They are still winning the basketball games. The Badgers have played seven games this season and have not lost a game. Hurrah!

They went to Roscoe last week to tackle the Plowboys, and they tackled them in a big way. The score was 15 to 10. Williams, Moore and Derrick were outstanding players. Williams was high point man. Roscoe is the town where the boys grow tall; nevertheless, our boys managed to down them.

Ovalo came blowing over to see us last Wednesday, but they blew back to their home town without a victory. Merkel Badgers downed them 26 to 21. Derrick was the high point man. He made 15 points. Boaz and Williams did some good playing during the game also.

Ovalo did some outstanding playing in this game. They could pitch the ball from all angles to the basket and make the goal. They did well in passing also. They did better work in passing the ball than the Badgers.

The Merkel-Ovalo game was certainly worth watching. Both teams got into some close places sometime, but always managed to get out. This is the kind of game we enjoy seeing, one that creates excitement. The Badgers can create excitement. Believe it or not! Come out and back your home team!

Merkel Badgers met the basketball team of Tye Monday night at the McMurry gym. They came home with a great victory. The score was 55 to 32.

Coach Irvin gave three of the teams a little work out. He would play one string; then he would put in another string. Some of the inexperienced men got to play during the game.

Tye played a good game also. Their center and forward were the outstanding players for Tye.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshmen are gaining in num-

ber but losing in size. Milton Hokit has moved to Fort Worth and Marian Delmer to Abilene but are replaced by a smaller, but just as brilliant a pupil, Joyce Jones.

Two of the Freshmen girls, Doris Mae Barron and Mabel Butman, are playing dolls. Doris Mae brings her doll to school and Mabel sews for it. What will the Freshmen do next?

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

On Thursday of last week M. H. S. was transformed from a school to a clinic. Tests (physical) were given to all students in Grammar school and in High school. These tests were under the direction of Miss Vavra, the United States Health Department nurse.

Tests were given for weight, height, posture, vision and hearing.

T. A. C. CLUB.

B. P., besides being a member of the T. A. C. club, is a lady's man and the secretary of the club. B. P. is to his class and school what a bulb is to a flashlight—he is the shining part. B. P. is a regular on the undefeated cage team, was a member of the scrappy football team, and always will be a member of the meal table. After all, he is a standout in his work. Good luck to you, B. P.

Isadore Mellinger.

Being the reporter of the T. A. C. club and the writer of the character descriptions that appear in the Badger Weekly, I do not think I am qualified to write anything concerning myself. I leave this easy job for someone else.

NOT ENOUGH PUBLICITY.

There are two certain boys in M. H. S. that revealed the fact to one of the members of the Badger Weekly's staff that they were not getting enough publicity. These two boys were Gerald Derrick and Cullen Tittle. Of course, everyone knows that when a

boy gets to "that certain age," he wants everyone to notice him.

Gerald says he has fallen in love to see if this will not help him get his name in the paper, but he has discovered that it will not. He is desperate; he does not know from what angle to start now.

Cullen has proved himself to be one of the best "one man basketball teams" that was ever produced. "Lone Star Tittle" wants his name in the paper more often. Everyone wait and see if he doesn't get his wish.

The Badger Weekly promises to pay more attention to these two promising young men.

CHAPEL.

Merkel High school has purchased some new song books. Last Wednesday at chapel period the student body met and sang. Our new song books contain some very good songs, and we are very proud of them. We will enjoy using them very much.

WE KNOW HE WILL MAKE GOOD.

It is a well known fact that every time Terrell Mashburn misses a basketball goal, he snaps his fingers, but why he does it has been a mystery to all of us. As luck would have it, I overheard a conversation that explained everything.

I was sitting in one of the M. H. S. windows last Monday at noon when I heard Marshall ask Terrell why he always snapped his fingers when he missed a goal.

After a moment Terrell replied, "Well, several years ago I saw a good basketball game, and I kept my eye on the star player of the winning team. I noticed that he passed and dribbled the ball much better than anyone I had ever seen. I noticed also that he rarely ever missed a goal; but when he did, he always snapped his fingers. I liked the way he played so well that I resolved to hold him as my ideal; to try to do everything as he did it; to be like him in every way."

"And have you been successful?" asked Marshall.

Terrell studied for a moment and then said, "Well, I can snap my fingers about as good as he could. All I have to do now is to learn how to play basketball."

THE WHAT AND NOT OF THE SENIORS.

Can you feature—Leo's being born good-looking instead of so rich?

—B. P.'s having a new big little "blonde crush?"

—Marie's actually being in a little green Ford sedan?

—Cephas' turning down his position as a "hamburg keeper" and becoming a John Gilbert lover of the school?

—Nell's becoming very feminine and going platinum with curls?

—Little Cade with a derby hat and walking cane going down Broadway as a man about town?

—Madeline's being so naughty as to elope with a young farmer boy?

—Lela's making a face at Mr. Burgess?

—Mary E.'s weighing 190 lbs. with not enough energy to argue with Mr. Riddle in physics?

—"Red's" not having so many secret admirers?

—Paul's toe-dancing for a little tot's show?

—Elmer's running off with some little boy's bicycle?

—Sis' not having a new boy friend on her mind?

—R. D.'s being only four and a half feet tall and weighing 200 pounds.

—Ross on an old gray mule trying to catch Sis' Buick?

—Margaret's starting a new style by wearing high top button shoes?

—Zada with a boyish bob wearing flapper sandals?

—H. C.'s dying of solitude?

—Monte J's wearing a mustache so as to appear as a ladies' man?

—Avis' wearing little curls around her face?

—"Izzy" standing on his head letting his brain run down?

—Ida's not being interested in a little gray Ford?

—Ruth's going riding in a green Chrysler coupe?

—Helen's making eyes at "Izzy"?

—Ola's not being interested in Simons?

—W. M.'s being a ladies' man?

—Marshall's saying that it doesn't pay to be a woman hater?

—Lona's going to the picture show with Mr. J?

—Woodrow's not going to the library every day during study period?

—Robert's having a little curly head and a little red nose?

—Elleta's being a famous athlete?

NEW PUPILS.

Merkel High school is certainly fortunate this year in having the largest enrollment it has boasted of since 1925. There are now one hundred and ninety-five students enrolled in Merkel High school. In spite of the depres-

sion that now prevails, we have the largest enrollment that we have had in seven years.

New students are continually coming in. Three that have recently entered Merkel High school to take post-graduate courses are: Max Swafford, J. T. Darsey and Bernis Tucker.

The ninth grade is happy to have for its new member Johnnie Jacobs. The Freshman class also wishes to welcome Joyce Jones from Clarksville.

JOKES.

Hawthorne: "Your 'Old Clock on the Stairs' is rather an old one."
Longfellow: "So's your 'Old Manse'."

How sweet to wake up in the morn,
When daylight first begins to creep
Across the world, and then to turn
Righ over again—and go back to sleep.

Wilson: "Let's elope."
Lucile: "I cantaloupe."
Wilson: "Honey Dew."

Buzzy: "What are you going to be?"
Monte: "Oh, I'll be a writer."

Buzzy: "Fine! What are you going to write?"
Monte: "Insurance."

Cephas: "People don't always buy where they can get things for the smallest amount of money. I've known boys to go where a pretty girl works and pay more that they would somewhere else."
"Woody": "Yes, but they always get their money's worth."

Active Campaign to be Staged by Mrs. Warner

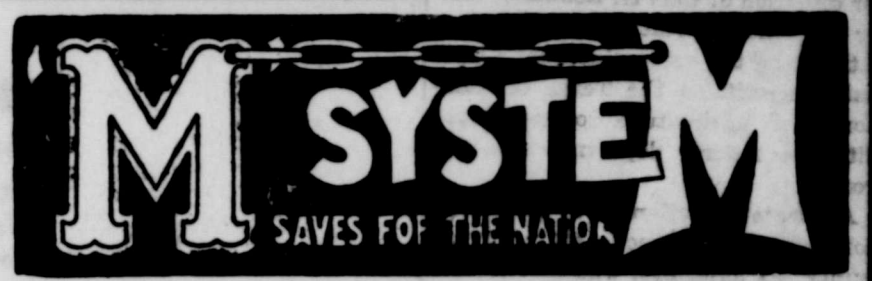
Fort Worth, Jan. 28.—Because she believes the 500,000 farmers of Texas and the other 6,000,000 rural workers over the nation are worthy of at least one representative in congress, Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner of Claude, known as "the little brown wren of the West," will travel the highways and byways of the state as soon as the roads are more passable to talk to her friends about her platform as candidate for congressman at large.

Mrs. Warner, attending the Texas Agricultural Writers' conference, of which she was formerly president, said her campaign will not be "fiery or radical" and that she intends fighting nobody. She and her daughter, Kerriek, will drive about encouraging Texas farmers to quit permitting themselves to be "subsidized and subdued," and realize their own importance.

"Our farmers have been doped with farm relief propaganda and loaded up with loans until they are stupefied," she declared. "Texas, as a whole, has everything to build an empire with, but it must work together as a state toward better and more prosperous conditions on the farm."

Mrs. Warner is a member of President Hoover's home building committee, and is chairman of the committee on rural homes and rural extension in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.



Specials for Friday and Saturday

Compound	8 pounds	62c
Sugar	25 pounds	\$1.25
Spuds	10 pounds	16c
Spuds	peek	25c
Bacon	smoked	15c
Bacon	dry salt	10c
Bacon	sliced, sugar cured, lb.	18c
Chili	brick, pound	19c
Gallon Fruit	plums and pears	35c
Gallon Fruit	pineapple	59c
Pineapple	No. 2, 2 for	25c
Corn	No. 2, 3 for	25c
Peanut Butter	5 pounds	55c
Peanut Butter	2 pounds	25c

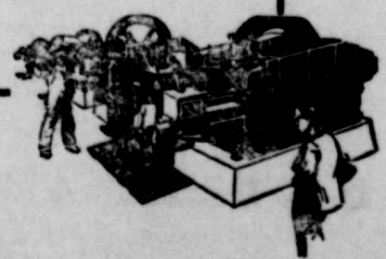
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TAKING OF FARM CENSUS STARTED

Tax Assessors are Working on Texas' First Farm Census; Farmers Urge to Cooperate.

Austin, Jan. 28.—Tax assessors have begun work on the compilation of Texas' first farm census, which is to be gathered annually and used for the benefit of farmers. The census was authorized by house bill 539, enacted at the regular session of the forty-second legislature. Its prime purpose is for the gathering and dissemination of facts regarding the operation of farms in Texas so that farmers may be aided in production and marketing of crops.

The farm census is independent of the two questions being asked by the tax assessors relative to the number of acres in cultivation and in cotton in 1930 and 1931 for the administration of Texas' cotton acreage reduction law, restricting the 1932 cotton acreage to thirty per cent of the cultivated land. J. E. McDonald, Texas commissioner of agriculture, pointed out. The farm census will include a survey of all farm products.

Through a joint arrangement of the United States department of agriculture and the Texas department of agriculture, the statistical information obtained by the census will be compiled by and used in the periodical crop reports of the federal-state crop and live-stock reporting service, under direction of Carl H. Robinson, senior agricultural statistician. The law authorizing the survey included a provision permitting the Texas commissioner of agriculture to co-operate with the federal department in the work.

Accurate collection of the information will depend upon the various county tax assessors, who are not being paid for the work, and upon the farmers in co-operating with the assessors.

For the reason that the assessors are not being compensated for their work, farmers are urged to co-operate with them fully, to give the desired information without reluctance, in order that the census may show a complete picture of Texas agricultural conditions.

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.

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Friends of Western Taylor County: On my principle and ability to render you honest, efficient and satisfactory service, I announce my candidacy for tax assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I have been employed in your tax

assessor's office as head deputy for the past twelve years and have thereby qualified myself to serve you in any and all details of your assessor's office.

My record as a citizen as well as a workman in your assessor's office is well known by all with whom I've come in contact and with whom I've dealt. Investigate my worthiness and fitness, try me in any and all details of the work of said office. Never fail to call for any service that I'm in a capacity to render.

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Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

Changes in Personnel Local Filling Stations

Changes will be noted in the management of several local filling stations, effective the first of February.

Virgil Hass will be joined by Buck Leach, the two to be in charge of the Magnolia station on the railroad right of way. J. D. Porter, present manager of this station, has not announced his plans as yet, but will probably continue in the oil and gas business.

The Highway Service station, which has been in charge of Buck Leach and has been heretofore a Magnolia station, has been leased by the Sinclair company, effective the first of February, and B. P. Middleton will be in charge.

Effective Wednesday of this week Mack Buzbee was placed in charge of the Sinclair station formerly operated by Odus Foster, Buzbee becoming local retail agent.

Kitchen ranges in a variety of bright hues are shown in London.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Has Faith in America.

Dallas, Jan. 28.—Faith that America will come back economically as she has before was expressed here by H. J. Klingler, vice president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor company.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Abilene Couple Marry Here.

With Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating, Miss Margaret Henson and Mr. Bruce Meador, both of Abilene, were united in marriage at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage.

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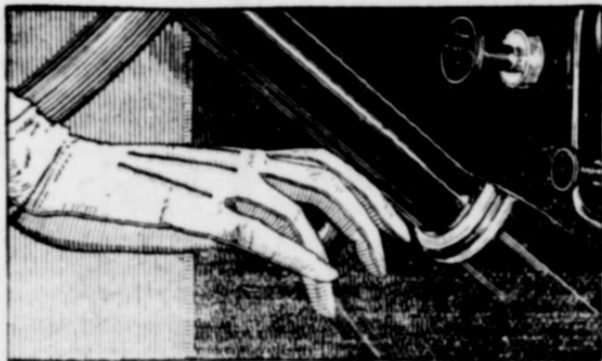
What's New in the New Chevrolet Six

When you read what's new in the new Chevrolet Six, you, too, will agree it's the Great American Value for 1932.

It is the only low-priced car to offer both Syncro-Mesh and Free Wheeling in combination. It has engine and chassis improvements that raise performance to new heights of power, speed and smoothness. It provides the finest Fisher

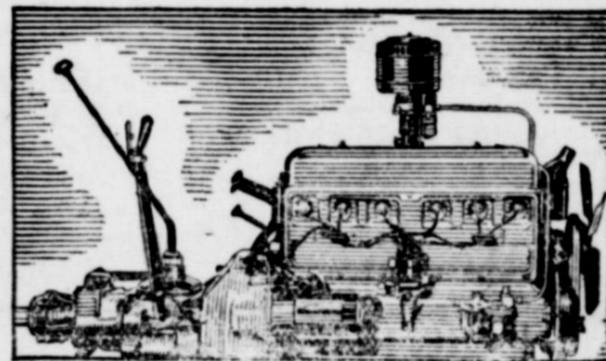
bodies Chevrolet has ever introduced. And it maintains the same factors of dependability and economy that have won the approval of millions of Chevrolet owners.

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This well-known feature of high-priced cars is the finest type of transmission ever developed. In the new Chevrolet Six, it brings a new type of handling ease and control to the low-price field. Syncro-Mesh permits you to shift gears with marvelous quickness, quietness and ease. As a safety factor, it is especially valuable. For it enables you to shift rapidly from high back into second, any time you want to use the engine as a brake.



A Smoother, Improved Six-Cylinder Engine

New experiences await you in the Chevrolet Six—new thrills in power, pick-up, smoothness and speed. For Chevrolet has introduced many new engine-features that increase power 20 per cent to 60 horsepower, and make Chevrolet's built-in six-cylinder smoothness even smoother. These features include down-draft carburetion, a new cylinder head, new manifolding, a counter-balanced crankshaft and rubber engine mountings.



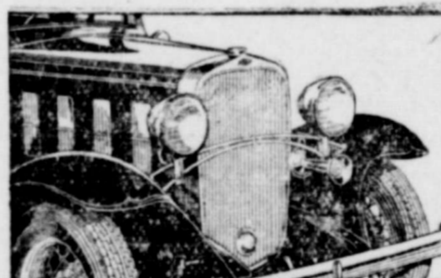
Simplified Free Wheeling

Chevrolet's Free Wheeling mechanism is a new and advanced type that is extremely simple in construction. You may take advantage of its thrills whenever you want to, by simply pressing a button on the dash. Thereafter, and until you pull the button out again you are "in" Free Wheeling. You coast along on momentum every time your foot is off the accelerator. And you can shift with magical simplicity and ease.



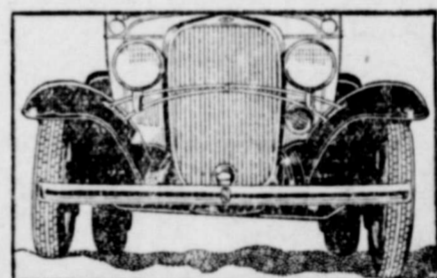
65 to 70 Miles an Hour with Faster Acceleration

Vital new features introduced into Chevrolet's six-cylinder engine enable it to develop 65 to 70 miles an hour with astonishing ease, stability and smoothness. And stop-watch tests show an acceleration from 0 to 35 miles in 6.7 seconds.



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The new chromium-plated elliptical radiator, built-in radiator grille, double tie-bar, trumpet-type horn, and bullet-type headlamps form a front-end ensemble of arresting beauty, enhanced by new rectangular, adjustable hood-ports.



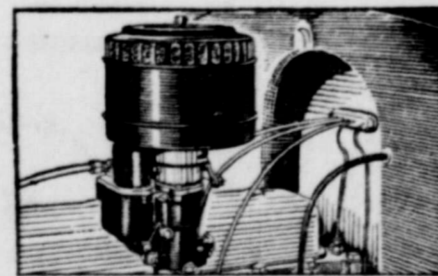
Stabilized Front-End Mounting

An ingenious method of mounting front fenders, lamps, double tie-bar and radiator securely to the frame—a method exclusive to Chevrolet—stabilizes the whole front-end assembly and insures steadiness when driving over rough roads.



Smart New Fisher Bodies

Chevrolet's new Fisher bodies are the smartest bodies ever to appear in the low-price field. Moreover, Fisher craftsmen have added many new elements of strength, quietness and solidity to the wood-and-steel construction. Greater vision is provided for all occupants.



Down-Draft Carburetion

The down-draft carburetor is a big factor in Chevrolet's greater power, speed and pick-up. An intake silencer combined with it assures greater quietness. A heat control device, operated from the dash, warms up the engine quickly and provides more efficient operation in cold weather.



Finger-Touch Front Seat

One of the most interesting conveniences in the new Fisher bodies is the new type of adjustable front seat. A touch of the finger on a lever at the left of the cushions, and you can move the seat to any desired position. This feature is exclusive to Chevrolet in the lowest-price field.

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