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## LOCAL PASTOR TO SERVE AS PRELATE L.A. STATE SENATE

Rev. J. T. King, Boyhood Friend of Governor-Elect Allen of Louisiana, to be Guest of Honor at Inaugural.

When Oscar K. Allen, governor-elect of Louisiana, is inaugurated on May 16, one of the guests of honor for the occasion will be a boyhood friend, Dr. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel. The Merkel pastor has also been invited to remain following the ceremony for several days as the guest of the governor-elect of Louisiana and to serve one day as prelate for the senate of that state. Dr. King has accepted the invitation.

The Louisiana governor-elect and Dr. King, who is a native of Louisiana, attended school together in Winfield, La., took examinations at the same time to teach in the public schools of that state and both Mr. Allen and his father were converted under the ministry of Dr. King, who baptized them the same day.

Mrs. King, wife of the Merkel pastor, is a first cousin of Senator Huey F. Long, former governor of Louisiana, and the latter with Mr. Allen and Dr. King were friends in their youth at Winfield, La.

The two boyhood friends renewed their acquaintance Thursday of last week when Dr. King, in response to a telephone invitation from Mr. Allen, drove to Mineral Wells to visit the governor-elect, who, with his wife, is there for rest after the state political campaign.

"Mr. Allen is a man of very keen intellect, one of the most brilliant men in Louisiana," said Dr. King. "In school, he was regarded as the best mathematician ever enrolled in Winfield. I admire him a great deal."

### Presents Check for \$10.

In behalf of members of the Merkel fire department Chief N. A. Dowell has advised The Mail that check for \$10.00 had been received from Brooks Patterson in appreciation of their valiant services in trying to save his house destroyed by fire last Sunday night.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner, residing north of town, Friday, January 29, 1932.

### Last Lincoln Guard Dies.

Burlington, Iowa, Feb. 11.—Chilon Eads, 87, Civil War veteran, said to have been the last surviving member of the guard at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln, died at his home Sunday.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 9, 1912.)

George McDonald of Stith was operated on for appendicitis Friday afternoon at the Alexander sanitarium. He was accompanied by Dr. Armstrong and was taken across the country by Will Evans in his car.

Dr. Armstrong reports the operation a very successful one and exhibits the appendix as one infected with puss but the operation was performed in time to prevent a rupture of the appendix.

Owing to the crowded condition of the car F. G. Bradley, J. H. Wills and his brother, J. W. McDonald, went down on the noon train to witness the operation.

Free air for tires.

—Merkel Garage

W. W. Wheeler was a lonesome visitor of the capitol city Tuesday.

White Wyandotte eggs for hatching, \$1.00 per 15.

—H. M. Rose, Merkel.

Arthur Browning, a traveling man of Dallas, who has been here visiting relatives spent last Saturday in Abilene.

John King has returned from Paris where he has been employed by Duke & Ayers.

## NEW FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT ARRIVE PLACED IN STORAGE

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No definite date has been set for breaking dirt for the new post-office building, which is to be erected on a lot secured from Mrs. E. L. Ash by the A. J. Rife Construction company of Dallas, successful bidders on a ten-year lease for housing the local postal headquarters, but preliminary work is expected to start next week.

By the terms of the lease, the Dallas company will erect a building and install the heating and lighting fixtures, all other fixtures and equipment to be supplied by the government.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock has already received shipments including sections of boxes for patrons, cabinets and tables for office use and practically all other fixtures and equipment, except the safe and a few small items. These are being stored in the Sharp building, pending completion and occupancy of the new building.

## Local Merchants Begin Six O'Clock Closing

We, the undersigned merchants of Merkel, agree to close our places of business at 6 o'clock in the afternoon beginning Monday, February 15, and continuing until September 1, 1932:

J. T. Dennis, Bob Martin, West Co., McDonald Grocery, Wood Grocery, A. R. Booth, "M" System, Case Grocery, Barrow Furniture Company, L. D. Boyd, Max Mellinger, Bragg Dry Goods Company, Brown's Bargain Store, W. J. Sheppard, Darsey Furniture Company, Merkel Lumber Company, Clay Lumber Company, Burton-Lingo Company.

## Fire Destroys Home Of Brooks Patterson

The residence of Brooks Patterson, together with all contents, was practically a total loss from fire which broke out shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday night. Insurance in the sum of \$3,500 was carried; \$1,800 on the house and \$1,750 on the contents.

The fire-fighters worked valiantly and protected all surrounding property from any damage, but the blaze in the Patterson home had gained too much headway for them to save it.

Mrs. Patterson and Byron had gone to east Texas to visit a daughter, Mrs. Earl Beech, and Mr. Patterson was the only one at home at the time of the fire, the origin of which is undetermined unless it was traceable to the wiring.

In fighting the fire, one of the boys, Woodrow Wozencraft, sustained severe burns on his right hand, necessitating medical treatment. He was assisting in handling the line of hose and with his associates carried the water so close to the blaze that he was painfully burned.

Last Friday Mrs. A. L. Stevens of Trent received a message from Paris stating that her brother was in a dying condition. Owing to the fact that the trains do not stop at Trent she came here to take the train.

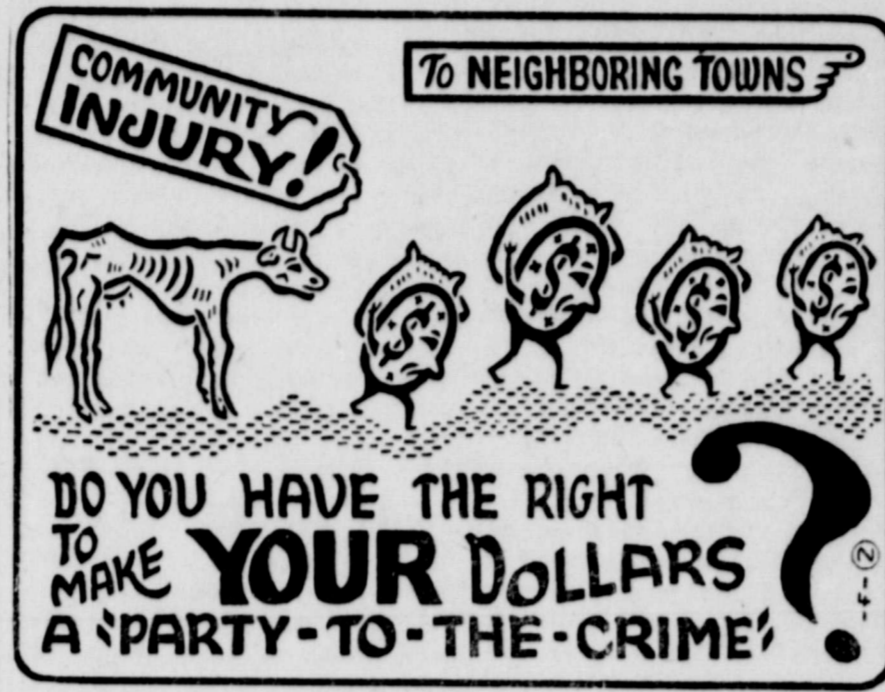
Claude Comegys and Arthur Thornton went to Abilene Tuesday, making the trip in the Comegys' auto.

Monday morning the people of Merkel awoke to learn that one of our most loved young ladies of the town, Miss Dethal Jenkins had died, having passed into the great beyond just before sunrise.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs are the proud parents of a ten pound boy, making his arrival Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

An automobile party went to Anson last week. A delightful day was reported, for a tempting lunch had been prepared and was served picnic fashion to Misses Willie Bigham, Annie T. Daniel, Olga Sheppard, Mrs. J. W. Daniel and John R. Daniel.

Harvey M. Warren was in Abilene Wednesday, looking after the betterment of our laundry work.



## ORIGIN OF NAME OF CASTLE PEAK TRACED TO LEGEND OF ZUNIS

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

(By Edith Hale, of Trent High School.)

Mrs. Ernest C. Leo, age 58, a poor widow living at Dallas, has inherited a third share in a German estate reported worth \$2,000,000.

While working with his father on the rig, James Blasingin, 15, was killed instantly Sunday afternoon when caught in a cable of the Damac oil well near Pettus, Bee county.

At the close of January there were 5,407 Texas state convicts, distributed as follows: 959 behind the walls at Huntsville, 4,415 on the state farms and 32 inmates of the prison insane asylum.

Mrs. Aline Wenzel, 49, who was burned to death when she was trapped after staggering blindly about in her burning home at 2 a. m. Sunday, is the eighth victim of fires in Dallas this year.

At the hearing of charges brought by a Baptist preacher that atheism and infidelity are taught in the school's classrooms, students and faculty members of Texas Technological college will testify behind closed doors.

Judge William Pierson, associate judge of the Texas supreme court, has announced his candidacy for re-election to that tribunal for a term of six years. He is the only member of the court whose term expires with this election.

A piece of peanut shell half an inch long was removed from the lung of 11-year-old Ruby Thiebaud of Dublin by a Fort Worth specialist after the child had inhaled the piece of shell two weeks ago while suffering with whooping cough.

Holding six Pilot Point citizens captive while their operations were in progress, three masked men early Saturday robbed the Pilot Point National bank of \$8,000 in cash and \$11,000 in Liberty bonds, no clue being left as to their whereabouts.

Sam F. Aiken, convicted double slayer, who escaped 18 months ago from an Atlanta cell just 12 days before he was to have been executed, is now being returned to Atlanta on a trip that may take him to his death, his apprehension in Houston occurring when a citizen recognized his picture in a detective magazine.

Petition in bankruptcy has been filed by the Cisco Hotel company, operator of the Laguna hotel in Cisco.

The Pace Petroleum Corporation's Crim No. 1, known better as Mayor J. M. Grim's backyard well, in the center of Kilgore's downtown business district, came in for an estimated flow between 25,000 and 30,000 barrels daily.

### Writes Own Suicide Story.

Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 11.—Paul Ellis, city editor of the Daytona Beach News-Journal, wrote a story of his own suicide with meticulous care, left a note saying where his body would be found and then shot himself to death amid the lonely dunes near here Monday. He attributed his suicide to ill health and "the fatality of life" and asked that his body be cremated.

Many, many years ago before Columbus discovered America a tribe of Indians, known as the Zuni Indians, settled eight miles south of Merkel and had their stronghold at the foot of, and built on the now well known hill, called Castle Peak.

For years and years, we have wondered what caused this to be known as Castle Peak, but this mystery has now been solved. Recently, we received this information from the archives of the Republic of Mexico.

The first white man to pass around the country that today bears the legendary name of Castle Peak was Marcos de Niza, a Franciscan friar who passed through here in 1539. He found a wonderful Zuni village built at the foot of this peak and one commanding castle perched high on the wall of the peak looking south. This castle was very beautiful. The furniture and rugs were magnificent. Beautiful paintings were to be found on the walls and there were also many animal skins stored away in this lovely building which belonged to a very old Indian. The ceilings were crowned in gold, and silver tapestries guarded the entrance to the door ways.

The last to be heard of these Indians was when Coronado and some men came through in 1559 and drove them out of the country.

All of the Indians reckoned their position by this outstanding peak and called it in their language "Father's Haven." When the first white explorers began to wander through, guided by the old dim Indian trails, they found the ruins and called this peak Castle Peak from the ruins that were still to be found there. As time and men have passed this old one-time stronghold of the Zunis, all signs of civilization have been erased. The ever persistent forces of nature and man have reduced this village to the dust from which it was made. Today no sign has been left to tell of the glory that was hers of other days. No columns, no sculptured stones—not even a terrace has been left to tell the modern wanderer that once was here a mighty fortress of the Zunis.

In 1854 Robert E. Lee reported that no trace any longer could be found of the Zuni settlement that was known to have existed around Castle Peak. But today Castle Peak still is a wonderful spot to visit especially by those who are interested in ancient life that thrived in this country some 100,000,000 years ago. There in the clay and slate is found the many little tracks made by worms, lizards, beetles and other animals that have left their tell-tale evidences both by track and fossil remains which today are to be found in the strata at the base of this old romantic peak.

### Barney Dreyfuss Buried.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 11.—The baseball world—clubowners, managers, players and just fans—mingled in grief as Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates and for three decades an outstanding figure in the sports world, was buried Monday.

### From Prague to Rosario.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Foreign service changes announced by the state department include: John W. Bailey, Austin, Texas, consul at Prague, Czechoslovakia, assigned consul at Rosario, Argentina.

## PENALTY, INTEREST PASSED TILL APRIL ON 1931 CITY TAXES

In addition to the concession offered tax payers by the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district in waiving the penalty on all back taxes, 1931 as well as previous years, charging only the usual interest, if paid before April 1, 1932, the board of aldermen at their monthly meeting last week voted to cancel both penalty and interest charges on 1931 taxes, if paid before April 1st.

This means that Merkel tax payers are allowed sixty more days in which to pay their 1931 city taxes without penalty or interest and their school taxes for any year, 1931 or otherwise, without paying any penalty and having to take care of the interest charge only.

After April 1st, the usual penalties and interest charges will accrue in each case, both city and school district.

## Assistant Attorney General Visits in His Sister's Home

T. S. Christopher, assistant attorney general, from Austin, accompanied by J. A. Stanford of the attorney general's office, spent Tuesday night with Mr. Christopher's sister, Mrs. Len Sublett. Mr. Christopher and Mr. Stanford were on their way to Lubbock where they will participate in a suit involving a controversy over re-routing state highway 4. The case was sent to Lubbock on a change of venue from Childress.

Mr. Christopher will leave the last of the week for Washington to appear before the interstate commerce commission in the interest of applications for construction of 330 miles of new railroad in the Panhandle of Texas.

## Floral Shop Holds Open House Sunday

Those who have already had the privilege of visiting Missie's Floral Shop at the Woodrum hotel are enthusiastic in their expressions of approval of the beauty of arrangement and the completeness of the display of cut flowers and pot plants.

An invitation is extended the public to attend the open house of Missie's Floral shop, Merkel's newest enterprise, Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 8 o'clock and those who avail themselves of the opportunity will find an agreeable surprise in store.



### WHEN TO BE BLIND.

A young mother who is a friend of our family entered her daughter in a girl's school. She said to the head-mistress: "Mary is not much of a student. She likes history and does fairly well in French, but in arithmetic I think she is almost a total loss."

Amazement appeared on the face of the head-mistress. "Do you mean to tell me," she exclaimed, "that you have brought us a child who has faults! After sitting here for years and listening to mothers whose daughters were paragons of virtue and intelligence, this is needed a novel experience!"

Most of us are constitutionally unable to see any defect in those we love. It might be better sometimes if we could. Perhaps if we could analyze our children cold-bloodedly we might be able to bolster them with added strength.

On the other hand, what a blessing it is that we do not always see too well.

In cleaning out my desk one day I ran across a photograph of our first baby, taken when he was about six weeks old. I remember how proudly we sent it to all our relatives at Christmas time; how positive we were that there had never been in all history so beautiful a child.

Today the picture gives me a fit. It must be my youngster, for my wife is holding it. But instead of the beautiful cherub I remember, what is she holding? Something that looks exactly like a summer squash.

Without the blessed blindness of women it is difficult to see how any marriage could be a sustained success. We men know each other—that no one of us is very good. Yet our wives have the silly notion that we are great stuff. And by their faith they keep us going.

Centuries ago a city was attacked by the armies of Syria. A prophet lived in that city. A messenger rushed to him in great alarm: "Alas, my master! how shall we do?"

To which the prophet replied calmly: "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." . . . "And the eyes of the young man were opened, and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots round about Elisha."

There are forces of goodness in people that are visible only

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## SMITH'S ENTRY CALLED BOOST FOR TEXAS MAN

Al Ready to Run If Party Calls; Says He Will Make No-Pre-Convention Race; A Thrust at Roosevelt.

New York, Feb. 11.—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith is an avowed candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. Emerging from his long silence, the standard bearer of his party in 1928 Saturday issued a carefully phrased statement, which was in effect an invitation for the boys to get out and go to work. Smith expressed a wholehearted willingness to "make the fight," but declared he would not make "a pre-convention campaign."

"I don't know how I can stop anybody who wants to do anything for me," said Al Smith as he leaned back in his easy chair in his office high up in the Empire State building and chewed on an unlighted cigar. "No, I won't stop them. That would be biting off more than I could chew. I won't do it. I told you boys that when I had anything to say I would say it to you here. Well, here it is."

Smith, looking very spick and span in a light gray suit and a dotted red necktie, grabbed up a handful of mimeographed sheets and began to pass them around.

His statement read: "So many inquiries have come to me from friends throughout the country who worked for and believe in me, as to my attitude in the present political situation, that I feel that I owe it to my friends and to the millions of men and women who supported me so loyally in 1928 to make my position clear.

"If the Democratic National convention after careful consideration should decide that it wants me to lead, I will make the fight, but I will not make a pre-convention campaign to secure the support of delegates.

"By action of the Democratic National convention in 1928 I am the leader of my party in the nation. With a full sense of the responsibility thereby imposed, I shall not in advance of the convention either support or oppose the candidacy of any aspirant for the nomination."

The declaration of the Happy Warrior was accepted almost universally as a call to battle. Both friend and

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**JAPAN FACES WESTERN UNITY.**  
(From the Houston Post-Dispatch)

The encirclement of Japan diplomacy is steadily becoming more complete, now that Italy has added its voice to the protest of the Western nations to the Japanese course at Shanghai. As the matter now stands, the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy are united in their disapproval of the treaty guaranteeing the immunity of the international settlement, and Russia has notified Japan that it will protest Japanese occupation of Harbin in Manchuria.

Tokio has been made aware that the rest of the civilized world stands for the observance of the treaty obligations. If she continues to disregard the rights of Western nationals in China she will do so at her peril.

It should be clearly understood that the Western powers which are sending naval forces and armed regiments to China are doing so for the protection of their nationals. They are not taking sides in the dispute between China and Japan and they are not contemplating entering any war to save China from Japanese aggression.

If such aggression continues and Japan forces China to sign treaties regarding the open door and the respecting of territorial integrity of China, probably no Western nation will recognize the new treaties.

The diplomatic position of Japan at present is unenviable. Under normal conditions she would recede. The danger lies in the seeming fact that the militarists have gotten in the saddle at Tokio, and are doing what militarists always do when they get into power. The opinion of the world means nothing to them. Their creed is might makes right, and that seems to be the creed official Japan is subscribing to today.

**THE WAY OF LIFE**

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to the eyes of love. There are forces of power that can be estimated only by the eyes of faith.

The important thing is to be intelligently blind to the surface defects, and to be able to see and appreciate the things that can not be seen.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

To the volunteer fireboys for their fine work, to all who assisted in the efforts to save my home and furniture from loss in Sunday night's fire and to the many friends and neighbors who have extended aid in thought and deed. I am deeply grateful. I appreciate your efforts and assistance more than words can tell.

Brooks Patterson and Family.

Men's and Boys' \$2.25 Corduroy Pants are priced for Friday and Saturday ONLY \$1.95 at Bragg Dry Goods Co.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**Samuel C. Price, 48,  
Passes Away at Blair**

Funeral services were held Friday, January 29, at the Blair Methodist church with Rev. Marvin Williams, the pastor, officiating, for Samuel Curtis Price, age 48, who passed away January 28 at the home of his brothers near Blair. He had been in ill health for more than two years. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Mr. Price was born Nov. 1 1883, in Chickasaw county, Miss., coming to Texas at the age of 7, when his family settled in Hill county. He had lived in or near Blair for the past 15 or 20 years. A member of the Methodist church at Trent, he was a staunch Christian, always ready to help his fellowman, and he practiced to the fullest the teachings of the Master.

His two children, Bill Price of Caddo, Okla., and Mrs. Harvey Thornton, both of Caddo, Okla., came for the last sad rites for their loved one. Besides these children, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Price of Blair; four sisters, Mrs. Viola Lewis of Sweetwater, Mrs. O. H. McSpadden of Meadow, Mrs. W. M. Wilkerson of Fluvanna and Mrs. J. H. Maddera of Blair, and three brothers, C. A. Price, Clyde, J. H. Price, Blair, and W. W. Price, Estancia, N. M.

The sister from Sweetwater and the brother from Clyde also came for the funeral.

**Fitts Promises Same  
Fidelity as in Past**

To the People of Taylor County:  
I am asking for re-election to the office of County Treasurer. I promise you, if elected, the same devotion to the office as in the past.

Most of the people know something of the service I have rendered this county, and the time I have worked each day.

This office belongs to the people and they have the right to name the one who shall serve them.

I am asking you to consider my claim as an officer. I only promise you the same fidelity to duty in the future, as in the past.

Austin Fitts.

**IN BUSINESS AGAIN.**

I have re-opened my blacksmith shop in same old stand on Kent street. Your patronage will be appreciated. Solid sweeps and buster points .25c  
Cultivators, per inch .1c

All work guaranteed.

J. T. King.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.



"Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition. Whether it be true or not, I can say, for one, that I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow-men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem."  
Abraham Lincoln.

This bank will observe Friday, February 12th, 1932 (Abraham Lincoln's Birthday) as a legal holiday, and will not be open for business.

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FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
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**Spinach** fresh home grown, lb. **5c**

SPUDS, 10 pounds 18c

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c

**Strawberries** fresh Texas pint **17c**

APPLES, Winesap, 2 doz. 25c

ORANGES, medium size, Texas, doz. 24c

**SUGAR** 10 lbs cloth bag **47c**

PEACHES, No. 1 Gold Bar 10c

PINEAPPLE, No. 2, sliced or crushed 15c

BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

BLACKBERRIES, No. 10 can 50c

SALMON, Nile Brand, 2 for 25c

HOMINY, medium can, 2 for 15c

RICE FLAKES, package 10c

OATS, R & W, 55 oz. package 19c

COFFEE, 1 lb. package 23c

RICE, 2 lbs., R & W 19c

CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafers 25c

MACARONI, R & W, 2 packages 15c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 60c, 48 lbs. \$1.05

OYSTERS, 4 oz. can 10c

**Compound** Swift Jewel 8 lb. pail **63c**

JOWLS, pound 7 1-2c

CHEESE, full cream, lb. 19c

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**ALWAYS  
GOING DOWN**

YOUR electric rate has been going down—never up! Commodity prices go down, then up . . . and even yet have not reached the level of 1913 prices. On the other hand, the unit cost of electric service has declined steadily, and on the West Texas Utilities Company properties has been LOWERED SIXTY PER CENT during the last nine years, with the average rate to residential service alone showing a REDUCTION OF FIFTY-FOUR PER CENT! Commodity prices must decrease more than sixty per cent even below present low prices—a long, long way to go—before they approach the path blazed by electric rate reductions.

The cost of electric service today is determined more by the customers who use it than by the company which produces it. As more power is used, over more hours of the day, its unit cost becomes less. Thus, the modern rate schedule is designed to share with you immediately the benefit of the economies resulting from a greater use of electricity.

The rate per kilowatt-hour declines as more kilowatt-hours of electricity are used. Additional uses of service reduce the average price per unit, to where now it is possible to cook with it economically. That is, the average customer, using fifty kilowatt-hours per month, now can increase his use of service to THREE TIMES that amount for only 10 cents a day additional cost on his electric service bill—or for the cost of only one medium-priced cigar a day!

Today's customer in the larger towns, living in the average-sized home and using fifty kilowatt-hours a month, pays a rate of only 7.8 cents per kilowatt-hour. Smaller towns cost more to serve, yet the highest rate for this same amount of service, in any town served by the West Texas Utilities Company, amounts to only 1.3 cents more.

Customers having major appliances (ranges and refrigerators) earn a rate of approximately one-half that amount for all service used in the home—which includes lighting. The average rate for all residential service sold at this time is only 6.3 cents per kilowatt hour, as compared with 13.7 cents in 1922.

Thus, automatically and instantly, electricity becomes cheaper every time you increase its use. Think of the many advantageous services by which you can benefit—without a material increase in your electric bill—through a more active use of your lighting and your appliances, or through the addition of major appliances!

**West Texas Utilities  
Company**

# RAPTURE BEYOND

by KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT



SEVENTH 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 trifle.

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.

Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused him to be sent to jail unjustly by fixing up his report on a mine. Lynda says she doesn't believe his story. She pays another visit to her father and goes to a cabaret with him and dances with Jock, who suddenly stops and tells her he is going to take her right home. He had seen Felix dancing with another woman.

Nick discovers Jock making love to Lynda when he returns home immediately after the others get there and reviles him for being a convict. Returning home Jocelyn finds her mother handling some immensely valuable jewels, hidden behind her prie dieu.

Felix tells Jocelyn that Jock is a worthless scamp. Later Lynda tells Jock she does not believe in his innocence but will try and find through Felix, some letters Jock claims will clear his name.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—  
"And you were going to leave without a word to me? Nick was going too."

"It was my plan."  
"I'm sure of that. From the beginning you've tried to separate us. Can't you see how wicked that is! And how selfish. I can help him, save him."

Jock who was now on his feet stood looking down at her. "Save him—from what?"  
She flushed but went on bravely. "From you, Jock Ayleward. From this life of his with—you."

Jock began to move up and down the littered room. With rough hair and in his shirt sleeves he looked younger than she remembered him. . . . so many years younger than Felix Kent. Scared, yes, by life; but so much younger and more flexible. . . .

The eyes in his spent face began unwillingly to flare, to widen, as she told him of her ride with Felix.

"Ask Kent about your father now. Tomorrow. Tell him about me. Put him to the test."

"I will." Her heart labored. "Yes, I will. I've already asked him about you."

The young man turned to stone. Gray stone. He wet his lips and asked slowly, not looking at her, "Did you ask him to prove his case?"

"Why should I? To me its proved by his word."  
"Then ask him to give you his correspondence with Algernon Tally during the summer of 1920."

"He would be none."  
"And if you find the letters?"

"If I find even a scrap of paper that has anything to do with your case, I promise you that you shall have it. I am going now. I won't wait for Nick. I don't believe you will be cruel enough now to take him away from me. Let me go, Jock." He had seized her hands in a firm grip.

She fled from him. She heard herself laughing breathlessly as she ran down the stairs.  
That night after she had finally fallen asleep with her last memory of Jock on her mind she was awakened early by Marcella.

"The jewels—the jewels are gone. Get up and help me. Tell me where you've hidden them."

Her mother's hands tore her dreams to pieces, hurting her. They were trying to wring something out of her.

"Mother, Mother, please. What is the matter? What have I done?"

"My jewels," Marcella faltered close to Jocelyn's ear. "They're not where they should be. You've taken them?"

It was spoken, Jocelyn now realized, in hope.

"I don't know anything about them. Mother."

But she was remembering her father's silent visits—the visits she had called fruitless.

She loved Nick. Even now she loved him; this knowing climber-in at bedroom windows, this beaten man whose friends had hard faces and quick eyes. . . . Here pain took her heart in both its hands and squeezed it. "Jock-in-the-box, Boxy." What creatures went about under such sobriquets? A hideous clamor came to her mind whose ears she tried in vain to close. "Thief! Stop, thief!"

She had herself admitted these men into her mother's house with her own hands.

He had not come himself that other night. He had sent Jock. She had admitted Jock herself. He had stayed a long time. He had not been watching her while she played. He had busied his eyes elsewhere. He had quick eyes. . . . Her wrist watch was gone. . . . He had light-fingered hands. . . . they had held her own—Kent's diamond upon them—against his face.

Now she knew what name her father and Jock Ayleward carried on the shrewd implacable tongue of the law. She knew the secret of their quick wealth, their sudden poverty. Of their hidden and sordid homes that changed and changed.

The next morning Marcella had recovered her self-possession. She came to Jocelyn's room early.

"I will take steps to discover the thief, Jocelyn, very quiet and private steps. There are reasons which you can't know. . . . ah, she did know, too many reasons. . . . why I must move very carefully. I will engage the services of a private detective. Meanwhile I entreat you, I command you—to say not a word, not so much as a breath about the jewels and my loss of them."

"I promise you, Mother. On my honor."

"Not a word to anyone, not even to Felix Kent."

Felix Kent; the name flourished in her ears with the sound of salvation. He rode life proudly with quiet and spur, knight errant. A warm current of reassurance flooded her chilled heart.

She would marry Felix Kent. At once.

She controlled her nervous sobbing and went to summon him.

Felix Kent had already left his Park Avenue apartment. She rang his office, Miss Deal's voice came with a brisk authoritative clicking.

"Mr. Kent's office, yes. . . . Yes, indeed, Miss Harlowe. . . . No, he's not here. . . . He will be back. . . . Yes, Miss Harlowe, he said positively that he would be back about noon. . . . Why, yes, Miss Harlowe, of course you may come here and wait for him. . . . Why, naturally, that's entirely up to you."

After a time the two women heard Kent enter the outer office.

Kent was speaking in a low hard tone and the clerk's own young voice lifted in reply piped such a tune of abject cringing contrition that Jocelyn's blood came to her face in sympathy.

"What do you suppose he has done?" she whispered.

Miss Deal, unsmiling, balefully replied, "He forgot the scrapbasket."

Jocelyn threw back her head and laughed.

At that raining of golden careless laughter, Felix became aware of her presence in the inner office, cut short his tongue-lashing and hurried to greet her.

"Jocelyn, darling, you here?"

"Yes. I tried to get you on the telephone at your apartment and then here. Miss Deal said you'd be in. I want to lunch with you."

"Splendid."

"Some quiet place, Felix."

On their way, in the back seat of the limousine, Jocelyn spoke quickly. "I want to marry you sooner, Felix. How soon can we arrange it?"

He sat straight, visibly excited. "Dearest—my darling—this goes through me like lightning. How soon? Today!"

"Next week, Felix? If Mother can manage it? That's not too soon?"

He smothered her—the people on the sidewalk notwithstanding—

and let her go.

"I am married to him now," thought Jocelyn, "now I am really married safely to him," and she sat there as still as a trapped mouse in her gray fur with her chin bent but with that look of somber June thunder in her eyes.

When she returned home she found a small thin man with horn rimmed spectacles, his hair very closely cut, leaning forward from the sofa toward Marcella, who, rigid and white, looked an apparition in her carved high-backed chair. The man was in the middle of a long speech. His voice lifted itself for an instant into her hearing: "It can hardly be a mistake. I think, Mrs. Harlowe, she has been seen twice by two different people."

"Going in by the alley entrance?"

"Once, ma'am, yes. And once again just leaving a taxi at the corner of this block: a conspicuous-looking young woman with a big bush of hair under a tam and a full pleated skirt with a tight jacket."

Miss Jocelyn Harlowe, turning to the mirror, sleeked her hair and fitted down upon it her small felt hat. No nun had ever looked paler. She came into that room quickly with her proudest grace.

Marcella said, "This is my daughter, Mr. Catring. She has been told—my loss."

The horn-rimmed spectacles were turned and rested, shining, upon her face.

"May I search your bedroom?" he asked her.

"Why certainly, if mother wishes you to."

Jocelyn went along the hall. For a merciful twenty minutes the inspection of her own room was delayed. Catring stayed first to examine Mary's quarters.

During that twenty minutes Jocelyn took down her skirt and tam-o'-shanter and jacket from the closet hanger and hook, folded them as flatly as she could and hid them between her mattress and the springs.

Mr. Catring came in at his leisure and made a quick and sharp examination of her closet, her bathroom, her window and her fire escape. He looked down for some time at the

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court below with its opening into the alley.

An hour later she breathed easier when she heard the detective take his leave.

Jocelyn thereupon studied coldly and fiercely what must now be done before her wedding day.

She said to Lynda Sandal, "You must find Nick, if he is to be found, and persuade him to return the jewels."

She said to Jocelyn Harlowe, "Before you marry Felix Kent you must prove to Ayleward and to yourself that you do not fear the contents of that safe."

And speaking in the character of Mrs. Felix Kent she said to both these girls, "You must be very careful and you must not be afraid."

A small number of church invitations had been sent out, an even smaller number of invitations to a breakfast afterward, a larger number of announcements went through the mails and the papers had their information and their photographs.

To these matters Marcella, with the speech and movements of a marionette, had carefully attended. Jocelyn had stood for the first and second fitting of her wedding gown and the apartment began, surprisingly to her, to fill itself with gifts.

"You're giving me everything Felix," she murmured late one evening, the wedding day just sixty-two hours ahead. "except one thing and that is what I want most."

He had been about to say good night, one of those lingering good nights that taxed her patience and tormented all her nerves. They were seated together on the small brocade sofa. Felix sat back in the sofa corner and held Jocelyn close against him.

"It's just—" the pale girl faltered, lifting her eyes to him and letting them fall again with a convent child's timidity or shame, "your confidence."

Felix stiffened, then drew her even closer.

"All right. You shall have it. What do you want to know? Ask me for a secret."

There fell a silence which Felix pleasantly employed, stroking her hair, touching her warm cheek. Jocelyn whispered, "I wish — you

will think I'm worse than a baby! —but I do wish I could tell Miss Deal that I knew the combination of your private safe."

Felix threw back his head and laughed heartily and tenderly, the laughter of an indulgent elder.

"Little goose! What good would that do you?"  
"No good of course; No practical good. But—spiritually—"

(Continued Next Week.)  
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# Rural Community Correspondence

## Public Weigher at Trent Announces for Re-Election to Office

To the Voters of Precinct No. 21:  
In announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of public weigher of the Trent precinct, No. 21, I wish, first, to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who assisted in my election, as well as for the fine cooperation extended me in my work as weigher.  
In asking for re-election it shall be my policy and intention to extend to every one the same fair and impartial service and treatment, if re-elected, I feel that with my past experience I am even better qualified and fitted to give you better and more efficient service, and to those who may not have had occasion to know my qualifications, I will appreciate and invite your careful investigation of my past record in this position.  
I would also say that, in making my canvass, should I by chance not be able to meet you personally and solicit your vote, that the same will be highly appreciated; however, we hope to personally meet every voter, both men and women, before election day. Thanking you in advance for your vote and influence, I am  
Your Respectfully,  
W. R. McLeod,  
Candidate for Re-Election Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21.

## BLAIR ITEMS

This item will be an unusual one in that no rain fell the past two weeks. Several days the past week have been springlike in their balminess, causing a number to get out spading forks and dig up the garden plot, while the farmers are turning their land for planting seed.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Reyr of Elm-dale have been spending an indefinite time in the home of their mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield spent the day with their daughter, Miss Marijo Farrier of Aspermont, one day recently, Miss Marijo is teacher at that place.  
Miss Lena Lee Demere of White Church spent a pleasant afternoon with Misses Vera and Maimie Walker recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family spent the past week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton of Trent.  
Messrs. Lee Cargill, Barney Reynolds, Clyde Latimer and Dewel McLean from Nubia attended Sunday services at the M. E. church.  
Howard Brown and Jim Cavette made a business trip to Roby Tuesday.  
Mesdames Susie Doan, Herman Doan and Maggie Hunter visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer Sunday afternoon.  
J. B. Boden and Etsel Farmer of Nubia were seen in our midst Saturday.  
Miss Lucy Moore visited her sister, Mrs. Elgin Mayberry, of Abilene one day recently.  
Elder Cypert of Merkel preached at the Christian church Sunday.

## DORA DOINGS

Warm, fair weather has dried off the ground till the farmers are busy putting up land now for a crop.  
Dorothy, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Verdens, is doing nicely after an attack of scarlet fever.  
We regret to report Mrs. Rape very sick with rheumatism. She was removed to Merkel one day last week to be near a doctor for treatment.  
Miss Lottie Butman of the Canyon was calling on Mrs. Ruth Jones Monday evening.  
"Atta boy," we are Nolan county's champion basketball players. We defeated Roscoe in two straights Thursday and Friday nights. So on to the district we go.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott made a business trip to Merkel Monday.  
Mrs. Myrtle Phillips has returned to her home in Sweetwater after several days visit here with home folks.  
A big shipment of New Spring Hats on sale Friday and Saturday for \$1.49 at Bragg Dry Goods Co.  
Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.  
Send Merkel Mail Want Ads.

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. V. Vessels and little son were guests several days the first of the week of her mother, Mrs. Russell, and other relatives at Slaton.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart and daughter, Marjory, spent the week-end visiting at Sylvester.  
Miss Marjory Adrian was home for the week-end. She had as her guest Miss Blanche Banansky of Abilene.  
Radford Jennings of Dallas was guest Thursday in the home of his sister, Mrs. O. A. Smith.  
Mrs. Will Jordan and little daughter of New Mexico are visiting in the J. B. Winn home.  
Mrs. T. E. McReynolds of Lamesa was a recent guest of her brother, Lon Martin, and her mother, Mrs. Annie Martin.  
Mrs. Albert Craig of Overton and Mrs. Evelyn Stephenson of Cisco were passing visitors here Monday. They were en route to Big Spring to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stagner.  
Mrs. Ozro Steen and baby son spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holbrook.  
John Brunson of Sylvester was attending to business here Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and sons, Gene and T. G., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock of Hermleigh.  
Mrs. G. B. Tittle of Abilene is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester, this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of Brownfield were recent guests of Mr. McLeod's parents here. On their return home they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod for a short visit.  
Donald Thomason visited in Sweetwater Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee and children, Mrs. R. B. McRee and son, Louie, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chiles of Abilene.  
Mrs. T. L. Stevens left Tuesday morning for a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Lula Duckett, of Fabens.  
Mrs. H. N. Smith had the misfortune of falling one day last week and injuring herself, but she is reported to be improved at this writing.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and sons, Aubrey and Leda, of Abilene were here Monday. Mr. Dowdy's many friends here are glad to see him able to be up and about after a serious illness of several weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman left Tuesday morning for Tucson, Ariz., where Mr. Bowman will take part in the rodeo to be held there beginning the 12th.  
Mesdames Arena Trevathan, L. M. Tittle and John Bland of Wichita Falls were guests Monday and Tuesday in the C. T. Beckham home.  
Rev. Joseph Massengill of Sweetwater will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church here next Sunday.

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## GOODMAN NEWS

The Junior class entertained the Seniors with a "Hobo" party Wednesday evening, sponsored by Mrs. Waters. Going from house to house begging, when enough food was collected, the journey ended on Sweetwater creek where Irish stew was enjoyed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Waters and son, Billie, Misses Aleta Elliott, Ethel Cooke, Nina Skidmore, Bill Kennedy, Aubre Phillips, Ora Hail, Ruth Williams, Audre Phillips, Opal Williams, Bessie Jones, Daisy Brown, Odell Cox, Mary Bell Washburn, Jewell Cox, Ethel Davis, Messrs. Raymond McAdams, Lenord McCoy, John Frazier, Carvel Clarke, Doris Winters, James McAdams, Lindsey Cox, Morris Phillips, Gerald Tiner, Dick Bailey and Clyde Brown.  
Mrs. Bernice Simpson of California is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Callahan of Lamesa have been visiting in the homes of R. D. Williams, J. W. Tiner and W. N. Williams.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jud Kirk of Ackery have moved in our community. We are all glad to have them.  
Remember the Demonstration club is to meet at the schoolhouse Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.  
Miss Aleta Elliott visited homefolks at Moran this past week-end.  
Roy Williams and wife spent Sunday with folks in Merkel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Uchert of Breckenridge have been visiting homefolks.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes of Eskota.  
Miss Ethel Cook spent the week-end with her parents at Winters.  
Mildred Clarke visited in our community Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams had a few relatives and friends out Saturday evening. Games of "42" and dominoes were played. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Williams and Miss May Altmon of Post and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt entertained the young folks with a party Saturday evening. Games of "42" and bridge were played and string music was enjoyed.  
Miss Bill Kennedy spent the week-end with her parents at Golan.  
W. N. Williams and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey near Merkel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jud Kirk.  
Monday evening the Senior boys invited Eskota's team over to play ball, Goodman winning by one point. The score was Goodman 19, Eskota 18.  
Goodman Senior boys and girls went to Union Tuesday afternoon to play. The Senior boys won 23 to 15; the Senior girls 21 to 10. Tuesday evening Union's team came to Goodman. The Senior boys won again 26 to 23, Senior girls 44 to 18.  
Thursday afternoon Noodle Junior girls came over and were defeated 14 to 7 by our Junior girls.

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## RURAL SOCIETY

### STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Stith Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. W. C. Church Friday afternoon. There were twenty-four members present and two visitors, Mrs. Nowlin and Miss Mattie Church.  
During the business session a committee was named to secure an exhibit for the livestock show to be held in Hamlin February 27.  
The subject for the afternoon was "4-H Pantries." Mrs. Edgar Bradley and Mrs. Guy Glenn were on program and Miss Bonner gave an interesting talk on "The Organized 4-H Pantries."  
Following the program the hostess served hot chocolate and cake.  
The next meeting will be with Mrs. Walter Ford on February 19.  
—Reporter.

### MARTIN-MILLER

Wedding bells rang again in Noodle on Saturday, February 6, when Miss Evelyn Miller became the bride of Mr. Henry Martin. Both are prominent young people of this community—the bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Miller, and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin—both families resident in this community. They will make their home in Noodle. Best wishes of a host of friends are being extended.

### DEBATE AT I. X. L. SCHOOL

At the meeting of the I. X. L. P. T. A. at the school house this Friday night the following question will be debated: "Resolved, that we should have the cotton acreage law." Affirmative speakers will be Dewel McLean and Lee Cargill; negative, W. C. Neill and Sam Butman, Jr.  
(The date had previously been announced as Friday, February 19th, but this was an error.)

### SLUMBER PARTY

Mrs. W. C. Lee entertained with a slumber party at her home Saturday night.  
Games of "42" were played until a late hour, when popcorn, taffy candy and cookies were served to Misses Maude Cook, Pauline and Ruth Pinckley, Norah Foster, Marcella and Marie Finckley and Mrs. Wilma Robertson.

### MEET WITH MERKEL HOSTESS

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met in regular session last Friday with Mrs. Fred A. Baker of Merkel.  
After the program and business a social hour was enjoyed by fifteen members and three visitors.  
Mrs. Baker was assisted by her daughter, Miss Edith, in serving cake and coffee.  
The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. H. Ely.

### KING-REED

On Sunday evening, February seventh, at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed, Miss Alice Reed and Mr. Allen D. King were united in marriage.  
The bride was becomingly dressed in blue crepe, with old gold trim and accessories to match. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed and admired and loved by all who know her. She graduated from Merkel High school in 1928 and later attended John Tarleton college. She taught school for two terms at Weaver Springs where she first attended school at 5 years of age. She is president of the Epworth League and teacher of the beginners Sunday School class.  
Mr. King is the youngest son of Mrs. Hugh King, 48 Warren street, Bloomfield, New Jersey. He moved into our midst some three years ago from the San Angelo country, where he had been engaged in the ranching business.  
They were accompanied to the altar by a cousin of the bride, Miss Lena Lee Demere, and Mr. Joe Weston. Those, beside the family, who were present were the bride's grandmother and auntie, Mrs. T. R. Demere, Miss Pauline Demere, Mrs. John R. Cooner from Trent and Brother Marvin Williams and wife from McMurry, Abilene. Rev. Mr. Williams officiated and following the ceremony a bountiful dinner was served.

nuts grow on trees."  
John: "Well monkeys ought to know."  
Mr. C: "John get out on this court; we're ready to start playing."  
John (running and singing: "Taint no crow-dad's in that lake, honey."  
Men's Winter Unionsuits can be bought Friday and Saturday for 69c at Bragg Dry Goods Co.

## White Church News

Everyone is enjoying the pretty weather and the farmers are making use of it to break their land.

Our teachers, Misses Baucum and Chaney spent the week-end with home folks.

Messrs. Clyde Latimer, B. B. Reynolds and Lee Cargile of Nubia, visited our Sunday School Sunday. Mr. Reynolds made a very interesting talk which was enjoyed by everyone.

The quartette from Salt Branch visited our prayer meeting Sunday night and rendered a fine musical program. We were indeed glad to have these fine people in our community and we want to extend to all the visitors a hearty welcome to come back in the near future. The quartette was composed of Aaron and Buster Horton, Houston Robertson and Mrs. Ollie Higgins and Mrs. Hobbs Robertson played the accompaniment. Mrs. Houston Robertson and son, Mr. Ollie Higgins and daughters and several others whose names we failed to get were also in the party.

Woodrow and Doyal Barnes spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, near Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee visited Mrs. Henslee's sister, Mrs. Beal, near Buffalo Gap Saturday.

Mrs. Cleo Hunter and children and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and children of Blair visited in the A. L. Tanner home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Comer of Eskota were visitors in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dennis are leaving soon for South Texas.

The ladies met at the church one day recently to organize a 4-H club. Mrs. O. W. Reed was elected president; Mrs. B. D. Pressly, vice-president; Mrs. A. D. King, secretary, and Mrs. Wade Ensminger, council member.

### SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES

Buster pointing	50c
Buster points sharpened	25c
Sweeps	25c
Cultivator sweeps sharpened, per inch	1c

F. A. Polley.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

## CANYON NEWS

Well, well, we have been absent quite a while but we have decided to "venture" out again, as it seems like springtime is here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Toombs and son, R. G., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and daughters, Misses Evelyn and Jimmie Dell, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and little daughter, Willie Pearl, and little niece, Elizabeth Cathcart, took dinner Sunday with "Granny" and M. E. Perry of Nubia.

Messrs. Ben Stenson and Roy Smith of Alabama visited in the B. H. Riney home Saturday, en route to Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and little son, Carlton Floyd, spent Saturday night with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson.

Misses Loneta Blackburn and Jimmie Dell Perry are on the sick list at this writing.

Misses Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reynolds of Abilene, attending the basketball games at the Simmons Corral Thursday, and Friday. I. X. L. boys were defeated by the Rogers boys, several points.

Others from here who attended the games were: Messrs. G. B. and W. C. Neill, K. Blackburn, Mrs. B. H. Riney and children, Nelma Paul and Willie Jo, Henry Satterwhite, Clayton Reynolds and the players: William and George W. Neill, Loyd Matthews, R. G. Toombs, Hiram Satterwhite and T. J. Neill who also spent Thursday night in Abilene: R. G., Hiram and George with their teacher, Mr. Howell, and Loyd, William and T. J. with a friend, David Posey.

Members of the P. T. A. of I. X. L. will render a program at the schoolhouse Friday night, February 12. There will also be a debate on the cotton acreage law. Everyone is invited to attend.

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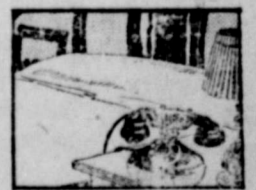


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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '32—Mrs. E. 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.

## VACCINATIONS.

Last Friday morning at eight-thirty the first of the number of vaccinations was given. These vaccinations were given by Dr. Sadler and Mrs. Clyde Foster in the Grammar school office. Miss Catherine Vavra, the United States health nurse, was also present to help Dr. Sadler and Mrs. Foster.

Two hundred and ninety-one pupils were vaccinated. Out of the two hundred ninety-one, thirty of these came from the Union Ridge school and thirty-five were children under school age.

Three shots of the typhoid vaccine will be given and one more shot of diphtheria and also the smallpox vaccine. The first shot of typhoid will be given Feb. 12; the second, Feb. 19; the third, Feb. 26; and the last shot of diphtheria will be given March 4.

## M. H. S. CHORUS.

The chorus of Merkel High is working on several numbers which it intends to give sometime in the near future.

The boys are working on the following songs: "If There's Joy in Your Heart," and "Dear Old Southern Songs." The girls have "Gypsy Love Song" and "My Wild Irish Rose."

The school has received new song books and the chorus has planned to sing a number of the songs in these books.

## QUEEN OF HIGH SCHOOL ELECTED.

On last Wednesday morning the primary election for the queen of Merkel High school was held. Four candidates, one from each class, were presented before the student body. The Sophomore and Junior candidates were eliminated in this election. The Senior and Freshman candidates were to be decided on in the last election. The last election was held Friday morning at chapel period. The race was a good one and very close. The underclassmen were against the Seniors, so the Seniors worked by themselves. The Seniors won the contest by less than fifty votes but their beauty is queen of Merkel High school.

The four candidates to enter the race were: Senior, Margaret Canon; Junior, Frances Marie Church; Sophomore, Rogene Dye; and Freshman, Louise Tarleton.

## SENIOR GIRLS' CLUB.

The Senior girls met, with their sponsor, last Monday to organize a club. Ruth Calaway, who had been elected sometime previously, is president. A more competent person could not have been found. Ruth is one of our "new-comers," but her popularity is not surpassed as has been proved by her election to this office. Avis Deavers is the capable secretary-treasurer of the club. Lona Bryan, who was secretary-treasurer of the girls' club last year, is reporter.

Various committees were appointed to select a name, a motto, colors and uniforms. Plans are being made to form a squad to yell for the Senior boys' basketball team.

## THE T. A. C. CLUB.

Woodrow Wilson. Everyone is familiar with the name of Woodrow Wilson. Some are familiar with the name as being the name of our former great war president. Others are familiar with the name as being the name of one of M. H. S.'s shining lights of 1931-'32. "Woody," as he is known by his friends, is to his school what Woodrow Wilson was to his nation. Woodrow was a letterman in football in 1930-'31 and captain and star performer in 1931-'32. Woodrow, besides being a football performer, is a winning baseball pitcher. Our football captain is a member of our T. A. C. club and he is the author of the club's name. "Woody," besides being a football and baseball chaser, is a good student and we would say speaker.

## Monta J. Moore.

Monta J., the industrious young man, is from our neighboring town, Blair. When Monta came to M. H. S., he came to succeed. He received what he came after. Monta is an ideal athlete. He came out for football, but a broken collarbone caused him to leave the practice field. The accident occurred in the first game Monta played in. After giving his broken bone time to mend, Monta came out for basketball. This boy was one of the

causes for the Badger's going so far in competition basketball games.

## STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

"Marrige," says Mr. Riddie, "is like a railroad sign: when you see a pretty girl, you stop; then you look; and after you're married, you listen."

Duncan: "I think Cullen's girl is as pretty as a picture."

Jack P.: "Yes, but what a frame!"

Margaret Dean: "My mother raises the loveliest white poultry!"

Pauline Wiman: "My mother planted two rows of that last year but it never did do any good."

The other morning at chapel, the speaker was asked to give his definition of woman. After clearing his throat, he began in a leisurely way: "Woman is, generally speaking—"

"Stop right there, professor," interrupted Mr. Irvin, "you'll never get any nearer to it than that."

Foreign Official: "You cannot stay in this country."

Traveler: "Then I'll leave it."

F. O.: "Have you a permit to leave?"

T: "No, sir."

F. O.: "Then you cannot leave. I give you just six hours to make up your mind as to what you will do."

Judge: "Don't you know you should always give half the road to a woman driver?"

Kenneth: "I always do when I find out which half she wants, but this one took her half in the center and left a fourth on each side."

"What would you do if the captain fainted on the bridge?" asked the examiner.

"Bring him to," answered the candidate for a sailor's license.

"Then what?"

"Bring him two more."

Census taker: "What is your husband's name?"

Mrs. Murphy: "Pat."

C. T.: "I want his full name."

Mrs. M.: "Well, when he's full he thinks he's Gene Tunney."

Do you like detective stories? Well, here's one:

Sherlock: "Ah, Watson! I see you have put on your winter underwear."

Watson: "Marvelous, Holmes! How did you deduce that?"

Sherlock: "Well, you have forgotten to put on your trousers."

## OUR STAR.

Did you know the Freshmen had a basketball star? Cullen Tittle is "It." You should see Tittle make a goal the first few minutes of the game; then you would agree with us that he is a star. Come and watch our Freshman perform!

## BIG BASEBALL GAME.

The baseball girls met last Friday and elected a captain, Caribel Mansfield. Our reporter is Annie Lee Owen and our much needed "bat boy" is Pauline Wiman.

Under the leadership of our new captain we played Grammar school Tuesday evening and beat them by a score of 17 to 7. Three home runs were hit—all by High School players, one by Caribel Mansfield, Lena Mae Moore, and Vivian Davis each. Caribel Mansfield ran in the highest number of scores by any High School player. Frances Tarleton made two home runs for Grammar school.

We've set out to win county championship, so just watch our smoke.

## WE JUNIORS HEAR.

The Freshmen are going to have a Valentine box.

Some Sophomores would like to have one.

The Seniors are entirely too dignified to play such a childish stunt.

Someone found a man in Miss Tracy's studio.

Imogene fell down the stairs and bit her lip.

There is going to be a popularity contest Wednesday.

That there are going to be some Junior candidates.

That the new football sweaters are on their way.

That the basketball captain was from the Junior class.

That some people like to study.

That some teachers like to give tests.

That Van Roberts thinks the day

of chivalry is not past.

That Gerald and Cullen were peevish because they didn't get enough publicity last week.

That Nell Hughes had a birthday.

That Frances Marie can't see through muddy water.

That there are several courtships in the Sophomore class.

That Opal H. says she adores red hair.

That the Fish think "Spring has come and winter has went and it wasn't did by accident."

That Sandifer has been sick.

That the Seniors planned to put something over in a big way Monday night.

That a certain Junior girl wishes her hair would turn up on the ends like Mr. Riddle's.

That a certain Senior does not believe the girls can be vaccinated on their legs.

That the Senior and Junior classes got an honorable mention in the Abilene Reporter for having the highest percent on the honor roll.

## THE SOPH'S CHATTERBOX.

Kit Carson has been writing notes to—

A number of the Sophs joined the tennis club.

Rogene was elected Sophomore beauty.

Kenneth went to Abilene to see all the games that Merkel played.

Caribel likes to wear red.

Lois is Julia's "buddie."

Pauline is interested in a certain boy that sits in front of her.

Floy Wells is on the sick list.

Mary Olive likes pretty pictures with cute verses on them.

Wanda and Billie like candy—when it is cooked at a proper hour.

Duncan is still interested in blondes.

Billy likes to play the piano.

## LAWN EKES OUT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP OVER MERKEL EIGHTEEN TO SIXTEEN.

Merkel, who played in the county meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday, lost the championship game Saturday night to Lawn 18-16.

Merkel won her first game from Buffalo Gap by the score of 25 to 24, although the Badgers played a better game than the score would indicate.

The second victory for Merkel was an easy win from Ovalo 18-9.

In the semi-finals Friday night, Merkel easily defeated Rogers by the score of 23 to 7. Merkel used two full teams in this game.

The final game Saturday night was played in Abilene High School's gymnasium. Lawn got away to a 5 point lead before the Badgers got started. Merkel was never able to overcome this lead, although they were within one point of Lawn several times.

Chastain, Lawn center, was high point man of the game with 10 points; but Williams, Merkel forward, was close behind. Williams was high point man for the entire meet with 47 points in 4 games. Derrick, the other Merkel forward, scored most of the Badgers' remaining 35 points.

## Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 11.—Cattle—Receipts 2,000 head, including 400 calves; receipts mostly slaughter steers and yearlings; trade as a whole rather quiet, but mostly steady; two loads good fed yearlings on heavy calf order \$5.50; other slaughter yearlings round and under \$5.00; slaughter steers \$3.75 and 5.75; fat cows very scarce, some butcher grades around \$2.50; low cutter sorts \$1.00 and \$1.50; few bulls \$2.00 and 2.50; good stock cows \$3.00; quotably steady; slaughter calves fully steady, but trade poorly tested; few good heavies \$4.50 and 4.75; plainer grades \$4.00 down; cull sorts \$2.00 and 2.50.

Hogs—Receipts 1,100 head, including 807 direct; truck hogs 5c up to 15c higher; no rail hogs offered; truck top \$4.25; bulk better grades 180-200-pound truck hogs \$4.20 to 4.25; feeder pigs mostly \$2.75, or 25c lower; packing sows \$3.25, or steady.

Sheep—Receipts 3,000 head; forenoon sales fat lambs steady to 15c higher; strictly good woolled fat lambs \$5.50; other sales medium to good woolled fat lambs \$4.50 and 5.25; shorn lambs \$4.50 and \$4.65; few decks shorn fat wethers \$3.25, or steady; few decks unsold late.

Boys' Blue Chambray Shirts are 29c each Friday and Saturday at Bragg Dry Goods Co.

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-election.)

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21: W. R. McLEOD, (Re-election.)

For County Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

For County Judge: JOHN CAMP.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

A. J. CANON.

L. L. MURRAY.

For County Tax Assessor: C. W. BOYCE.

For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)



## FOR SALE

S. C. RHODE ISLAND RED eggs, cockrels and pullets. See Bob Mayfield.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTE setting eggs, 15 for \$1.25; 30 eggs \$2.25; 50 eggs, \$3.50; 100 eggs for \$5.50. Joe E. Davis, Blackwell, Texas

WHIPPET SEDAN for sale \$125.00 Dr. Curley's Repair Shop.

## WANTED

WANTED—Clean rags at Dr. Curley's Repair Shop.

WANTED TO TRADE—Graphophone and 60 records for milk cow. O. R. Dye.

## Personal Mention

A. J. Tucker went to Fort Worth the early part of the week.

Estelle Clement of Moran is the guest of Miss Iris Garrett.

Thos. E. Blair of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his mother here.

Mrs. Felice Barnes of San Antonio is visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and children of Owens were week-end guests of relatives here.

Miss Ruby Patton spent the weekend with her sister, Miss Wynona Patton, in Abilene.

Miss Pug Russell visited her sister, Mrs. Sam Nunnally, in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones of Abilene attended services at the Church of Nazarene last Sunday.

Messrs. A. J. Canon, Cyrus Pee, J. M. Collins and Elmo Collins went to Fort Worth Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard were out from Dallas to spend the weekend with his mother and other relatives.

With the first of February Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer and family removed to Abilene and are at home at 914 Mulberry.

Mrs. R. M. Robins, a former resident of Merkel now living at Odessa, is visiting Mrs. Earl Teague and other friends.

Mrs. T. D. Compton and little son, T. D., Jr., have returned from Amarillo where they visited her daughter, Mrs. B. R. Turner.

Ray Smith and Ben Stinson of Gadsden, Ala., were passing visitors Monday with Miss Dixie Blair on their way to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham arrived Tuesday from Dallas to spend several days with Mr. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham.

Mesdames Fred Baker and E. L. Berry have gone to Thalia to be at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. John Sims, who is reported very sick.

Jess Pribble and son, Earl, of Portales, N. M., returned to their home Wednesday, after spending several days here and at Clyde on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston returned to their home at Hereford Wednesday after a visit of several days with Mrs. Alston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Returning from a business trip to Dimmitt, John G. Key and daughter, Miss Towner, were guests of another daughter here, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, one day this week.

Rev. Miss Leona Forbes, former pastor here, and Miss Bledsoe of Buffalo Gap attended services at the Naz-

arene church Sunday and visited with friends in the afternoon.

Miss Ruth Copeland, who underwent a major operation at an Abilene sanitarium some three weeks ago, returned home this week and was able to be up town Wednesday.

Within the last few days Mrs. J. D. Bell and daughter, Miss Venice, have returned to Merkel, the former from a visit in Abilene and the latter from an extended visit with friends in Eastland.

Mrs. S. G. Russell spent last weekend in Abilene with her daughters,

Mesdames Sam Redwine, Sam Nunnally and Selma Lee Russell, who is in training at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium.

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Baking Powder	K. C., 5 lbs.	59c
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## ERROR MADE IN TAX COMPARISON

Sufficient Collected to Insure Nine Months' School, But Total Less Than Last Year.

Information furnished The Mail last week concerning the amount of school taxes collected for the year ending January 31, 1932, was correct in every way except in making a comparison with last year's collections. The tax collector has collected enough school tax to insure a nine months' school for this year, and this on a cash basis. Where the error was made was in saying that this year's collections practically doubled those of last year, when in fact this year's collections for school purposes are about 33 per cent less than for the year ending January 31, 1931. In some way in securing the information from the tax collector's office, figures for 1930-31 did not include the month of January, 1931. When January collections are included for last year (as they should be just as for this year), this year's collections are about one-third less than for last year.

Though local tax collections are less than for last year, the schools will be enabled to run for nine months due to four reasons:

1. Salaries of all employees from janitor to superintendent were cut at the beginning of this year (last September 1st).
  2. The state apportionment of \$17.50 per scholastic was not cut any.
  3. All other expenses have been kept to a minimum.
  4. This school year was begun with enough cash on hand to keep the schools running upon a cash basis until this year's taxes began coming in.
- The board faces a prospect of beginning the school year 1932-33 with a much smaller cash surplus than at the beginning of this school year. Unless school taxes are paid in larger amount next year than for this year, the board will face a very serious situation so far as a nine months' school is concerned. Expenses now are at about the minimum if the Merkel Independent School district is to remain a classified and affiliated school. Salaries of grade teachers and of high school teachers are now as low as the law permits if classification is to be retained. The board last spring reduced these salaries to this minimum. There seems to be only one way out if Merkel is to keep its affiliation and remain an accredited high school: that is, school taxes must be paid for another year.

### Ed Lancaster Local Dealer for Philcos

Ed Lancaster, who has been local manager for the Clay Lumber company for the past several months, resigned the first of February to enter the radio business. Ed is now local dealer for Philco radios and wants all his friends to know it.

If you do not have a radio, Ed will see that one is placed in your home on easy terms and, if you already have one, he may try to replace it with one of his Philcos.

### New Manager Comes For Clay Lumber Co.

Effective February 1, H. M. Howell, for the past seven months connected with the Breckenridge yard of the Clay Lumber company, became manager of the local office of this concern, succeeding Ed Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell have removed to Merkel and are being cordially welcomed as new citizens.

### Leave for Central America.

After spending some two or three weeks here, H. L. Vaughn and T. E. Clark of South Gate, California, left Thursday for Central America, expecting to sail from Houston the latter part of the week. They were accompanied as far as Coleman by Mrs. Vaughn and Miss Lottie Butman, who remained there while Sam Butman, Jr., drove the others on to Houston and brought the car back.

### With Federated Managers.

E. Yates Brown, owner of the Brown's Bargain store, returned late Wednesday from Dallas where he had been to attend the semi-annual conference of Federated Store managers.

See the rack of Silk Dresses priced so cheap for Friday and Saturday at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

Buenos Aires is said to have the largest electric sign in the world. It is 188 feet by 30 feet, and contains 15,000 bulbs. It was made in the United States.

# CHURCHES

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Passing the 800 mark for the first time this year, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 846. This compares with 714 on the previous Sunday and with 503 on the same Sunday a year ago, the latter number was smaller than usual because of a rainy Sabbath.

## MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The scripture lesson for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service next Sunday will be found in the third chapter of Romans, read by L. W. Cox. There will be a fifteen minute address on "What is Most Needed in Merkel," by Rev. J. T. King of the First Baptist church and a thirty minute song service by singers from the different churches.

Last Sunday's service was well attended thanks to the singers who made the song service so enjoyable and to Brother Yeats, whose talk was very much enjoyed. Don't forget the time and place, 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Grace Presbyterian church. —Reporter.

## PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. There were 80 present at this service last Sunday. Let's keep the good work going and growing.

There will be no preaching service as the pastor will be at Baird.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

It is my humble desire and sincere purpose to try to be as helpful to the church and to the citizenship whom I serve as it is possible for me to do.

Business and pleasure has gripped the mind and heart of both men and women and many are on the road to hell. By God's help I expect to draw back the curtain Sunday and Sunday night and give my people a peep into "The Great Beyond." At 11 a. m. my subject will be "The Two Destinies of Man." At 7:30 p. m., "The Sorrowing and Suffering of a Misspent Life."

Answer the call of duty to God and be in Sunday School at 9:45 and the B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. You will be warmly welcomed.

J. T. King, Pastor.

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

The following is the program for Sunday, February 14, at 10 o'clock: Program theme, "Spiritual Blindness."

Song, "There is a Fountain." Prayer. Records and reports. Song, Young people's quartette. Talk, Mrs. Sam Swann.

All young people who are not in Sunday School elsewhere have a special invitation to come to the young people's department at 10 o'clock. —Reporter.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "Defender of the People's Rights."

"The Prophet of Fire," Mary King. "In a Widow's Home," Ida Derstine. "Leads the People Back to Jehovah," Lucy Tracy.

"Runs from an Angry Queen," Ted McGehee.

"In the Garden Gate," Benny Sheppard.

"Elijah in the New Testament," Carol King.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Our Bible school is growing from week to week. There were 66 daily Bible readers among the number present last Sunday. Our school read the entire Bible through last week and enough general reading of the Bible to have about read the Bible through two and one-half times—nearly 3,000 chapters. Come and bring your children to enjoy this fine Bible study with us.

Preaching and worship 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Training services for young folks at 6:30 p. m. Ladies Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. "The Holy Spirit" is our subject for study. L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Your presence was greatly missed last Sunday. It was a great day for us. Our crowd was greatly increased at both Sunday School and preaching.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Ladies cottage prayer meeting each Tuesday 3 p. m. Prayer meeting at church each Thursday 7:30 p. m. Special singing each Sunday at evening service.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.  
Mrs. Ola Bolis, Pastor.

## SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "How Does One Become an Influential Person?"

Leader, Marie Pinckley. Scripture—Mark 1:6-8.

Biographical, Tracy Campbell. Analytical, Mardell Shouse.

"The Cause and the Man," Frances Marie Church.

"Preparing for the Call," Elon Harold.

"Championing the Call," Mike Vickers.

—Reporter.

## FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

If you want a church home, we welcome you to our church. We are regular Missionary Baptists, believing in the old time religion. We have a Bible school each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Services each Saturday night and Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday night at 7:30.

The Lord is marvelously blessing our work.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

## Smith Willing

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for now see him definitely a candidate. An organized attempt to marshal delegates for him will begin at once, with New England and the East as its chief stamping ground.

The challenge naturally falls most directly on the hitherto dominant forces of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, long Mr. Smith's own close political ally. It strengthens the possibility of another deadlocked convention pointing for the moment to Speaker John N. Garner of Texas rather than Mr. Smith as a likely nominee by compromise.

## Inspiring Sermon By Presiding Elder

Rev. C. A. Bickley, presiding elder of the Lubbock district, filled the pulpit at the Methodist church last Sunday evening, delighting his hearers with a wonderfully inspiring spiritual message. He was here with his wife to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. J. S. Bickley, who continues seriously ill, returning to their home Monday afternoon.

Miss Annie Bickley, who is teaching school at Moro, remained at home from her school duties this week in order to be with her mother.

## U. S. Debt is Gigantic.

Washington, Feb. 11.—An increase of \$1,652,592,800 in the gross public debt during the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 1932, was shown Tuesday in the monthly statement of the treasury. The total debt is now \$17,815,861,111.

Substitution of cotton sacks for all burlap bags in its bulk coffees has been ordered by Universal Manufacturing Co., Abilene, to create additional need for cotton.

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## SOCIETY

### FIDELIS MATRONS.

The members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class held a delightful social in the home of Mrs. Claude Perry on Monday afternoon of this week. An inspiring devotional was led by Mrs. Byers Petty and Mrs. Sam Swann led in prayer.

After a brief business session Mrs. Perry took charge of the social hour at which time a Bible contest, style show, Valentine contest and the revealing of the For-Get-Me-Nots were all highly enjoyable features. A delicious salad, cake and coffee were passed to Mesdames Tom Riddle, Virgil Hassey, Byers Petty, Clarence Perry, Ted McGehee, W. S. Sladen, Jessie Davis, Alvin Bird, Warren Higgins, Bill Haynes, Perry Dickinson, Sam Swann, Warren Smith, Charlie Higgins, Dent Gibson and Claude Perry.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither most graciously entertained in honor of Rev. E. L. Yeats' birthday on Monday evening of the eighth. Games of "42" progressed happily until the refreshment hour when a huge cake bearing birthday greetings was presented the honor guest. Many happy returns of the day were expressed to him as he cut the cake which was served with fruit, whipped cream and punch, to Messrs. and Mesdames E. L. Yeats, C. H. Jones, R. A. Burgess, Dee Grimes, T. G. Bragg, Asa Sheppard, Lee Cox and F. Y. Gaither.

## Goes to Dallas for Laymen's Meeting

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, is in Dallas this week attending the annual conference of Texas and Louisiana laymen of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., which convened Wednesday morning in the City Temple, which claims to be the oldest Presbyterian church in Dallas.

He left Tuesday so as to be present for a meeting that afternoon of the board of national missions, of which he is a member.

Hon. W. W. Hair, prominent Abilene attorney, delivered an address Wednesday morning to the conference on the subject: "Why We Should Study the Bible."

### Attends Dealers' Meeting.

Merkel was represented at the meeting of Chevrolet dealers and salesmen at Amarillo on Thursday of last week by Fred Hughes, owner of the Hughes Chevrolet company. After the meeting, which lasted one day, he joined other dealers in a trip through parts of New Mexico.

79c will buy one pair Ladies' \$1.00 Silk Hose Friday and Saturday at Bragg Dry Goods Co.

During 1931 there were repatriated 175,000 Mexicans from the United States, the overwhelming majority of them from Texas.

Vina Delmar is back in Hollywood to write a story to serve as Joan Crawford's next vehicle.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

## Seeks Re-Election to County Clerk's Office

In the announcement column of The Mail this week appears the name of W. P. Bounds, candidate for re-election to the office of county clerk. Mr. Bounds is well known to the people of this section and has served the county well during his tenure of office. On the strength of this record, he is seeking re-election at the hands of the voters in the following statement:

"In offering for re-election as County Clerk of Taylor County, I want to thank my friends and loyal supporters for their confidence in me. It has been my constant desire to serve the people of this County efficiently and courteously.

My record as your County Clerk is before you and I trust that my services merit the confidence reposed in me.

"The County Clerk's office, as all other public offices, belongs to the people. You have honored me with this position of trust in the past, and if I have made you an efficient officer, I earnestly solicit your vote and influence for re-election. If elected, I shall do my best to render you every possible service."

A scientist has succeeded in measuring a 600 millionth of a second.

Scotland is having one of the largest invasions of winter tourists ever known there.

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# SPECIALS

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, Extra High Patent, 48 pounds, every sack guaranteed	95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	25c
SALMONS, pinks, 2 cans for	23c
CATSUP, full 14 oz. bottle	16c
RICE, 4 pounds	21c
BEANS, cut stringless, No. 2 size	10c
PORK & BEANS, 3 for	21c
BLACKEYED PEAS, 2 for	15c
SYRUP, Dreamland, gal size	55c
MACARONI, 3 boxes	20c
DRIED APRICOTS, 2 lbs. for	23c

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