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THREE TEXAS SOLONS VOTE ON WET SIDE

First Definite Test on Wet-Dry Issue in Congress in Twelve Years Reveals Pro Leadership 227 to 187.

Washington, March 17.—The house of representatives voted 227 to 187 Monday against taking up legislation designed to turn back control of liquor to the states.

The vote, putting the members on record for the first time in 12 years on prohibition revision, was on whether to discharge the judiciary committee from jurisdiction over the Beck-Linthicum resolution for amendment of the 18th amendment.

Two of the foremost democrats, Representatives Rainey of Illinois and McDuffie of Alabama, the party floor leader and whip, respectively, voted in favor of the discharge motion.

The 187 votes commanded by the anti-prohibition forces was larger even than many of them expected. Early estimates of their strength ranged from 160 to 180.

Three of Texas' 18 representatives voted in favor of the anti-prohibition move to bring the Beck-Linthicum resolution before the house. They were: James P. Buchanan, Brenham; Richard Kleberg, Corpus Christi; J. J. Mansfield, Columbus.

Those recorded as against the move were: C. S. Briggs, Galveston; Thomas Blanton, Abilene; O. H. Cross, Waco; Martin Dies, Orange; Daniel Garrett, Houston; Luther Johnson, Corsicana; Marvin Jones, Valley View; Fritz Lanham, Fort Worth; Wright Patman, Texarkana; Morgan Sanders, Canton; Hatton Summers, Dallas; R. E. Thomason, El Paso.

Speaker John Garner of Uvalde, did not vote and his position was not announced. Two other Texas congressmen either did not vote or were absent—Sam Rayburn, of Bonham and Guinn Williams, of Decatur.

Believed Lindbergh Baby Is Still Alive

Hopewell, N. J., March 17.—Although police still are convinced the kidnaped Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., a solution of the strange case than Wednesday night, they are no nearer a solution of the strange case than they were two weeks ago.

The statements were made by one of the authorities directing the hunt for the famous flier's son, but he refused to allow the use of his name.

A general impression persisted in some circles that as soon as the frenzied search has quieted down further, new word may come from the child-stealers. This theory was based on a supposition that the curly-haired child is still alive and is being well cared for, but that those who made off with him are biding their time—waiting until they consider it safe to complete negotiations.

BAND ORGANIZED; TEN MEMBERS FOR OPENING PRACTICE

Organization of a high school band for Merkel was perfected the past week. First practice on Tuesday night was attended by ten members when two hours were spent in intensive rehearsal.

Sponsoring the movement are C. H. Rowe and A. F. Kooyman, of Abilene, with the co-operation of the local school system. Mr. Rowe earned his A. B. from Simmons last year and Mr. Kooyman is from Mississippi A. & M., insuring that the boys will have well guided leadership as well as competent direction.

While those coming out for practice at the present time are from the High school, it is stated that membership is open to anyone in Merkel. If you desire to join the band, be sure to come to practice Friday night at 7:30 at the Mellinger building.

It is the plan of the sponsors to have the Merkel band in shape for the contest in Abilene in May. Regular concerts will be held during the summer, providing both education and entertainment, as well as being a splendid advertisement for the city of Merkel.

Four School Trustees To be Elected April 2

Four trustees of the Merkel Independent School district are to be elected on Saturday, April 2. Those whose terms expire are O. J. Adcock, A. J. Canon and Eli Case, while a vacancy, caused by the removal of Rufe Tittle to Trent, makes the fourth.

As Mr. Case has preferred not to stand for re-election, the names of J. M. Collins and J. E. Richardson, representative business men who can be depended upon as real friends of the public school system, have been suggested as new members of the board, competing with Messrs. Adcock and Canon standing for re-election a proposed ticket of four to be voted on in the coming election.

Holdover trustees are: W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson and S. D. Gamble.

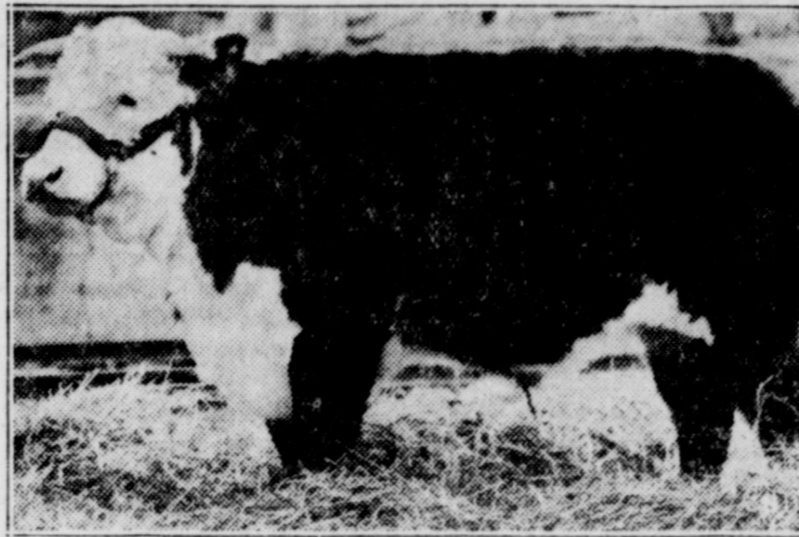
Sam Toombs Passes Away at Carrollton

The sad news was received here late Wednesday afternoon of the death at Carrollton, near Dallas, of Sam Toombs, age 52, a former resident of Merkel and whose mother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, and two brothers and two sisters reside here. Jim and Roland Toombs are the brothers and Mrs. Kenneth Fee and Mrs. Ed Gant are sisters, while another brother, Tom Toombs, lives at Ropesville.

Funeral services were to be held Thursday afternoon at Carrollton. Besides his mother and the brothers and sisters, mentioned above, Mr. Toombs is survived by a wife and eight children. He had been in bad health for a long time.

Going from here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gant and son, Mrs. Warren Higgins, Jim Toombs, Miss Emma and Jimmy Toombs, and they were joined by Tom Toombs from Ropesville, who also formerly lived here.

Sold! At \$1.53 Per Pound on the Hoof



Pictured above is Superior Mischief 42d, grand champion of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. Bred, fed and owned by C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel and consigned to the Texas Live Stock Marketing association, the famed Hereford was bought by the Blackstone hotel, Fort Worth, for \$1.53 a pound, the nation's record price for a year. Willie Joe Largent, the exhibitor, is president of the Texas Hereford Breeders association, having been re-elected for a second term last week during the show.

COTTON TRUCKS ARE RULED OFF

Railroad Commission Issues Formal Orders Denying Permits to Fleet to Haul Cotton.

Austin, March 17.—Chairman C. V. Terrell and Commissioner Lon A. Smith Friday filed their final ruling denying application of Galveston Truck Line, Inc., for permits to operate trucks under contract to haul cotton to the Galveston seaport.

The application was made for 18 trucks, but plans had been made to lease a large fleet of trucks for the truck movement of the Texas cotton crop to shipside. It was vigorously fought by railroads.

Announcement that the decision would be against the contract truck permits was made several weeks ago by the railroad commission. The majority findings were filed Friday morning and sent to the desk of former Governor Pat M. Neff, member of the commission, who differed with his colleagues and declined to sign it.

The commission majority found that the hauling of cotton and other commodities in the amounts proposed by the contract trucks would "seriously impair" the efficient service of common carriers already authorized.

Objection was made also that the equipment tendered for the service would create a safety menace. One objection at the hearing was that with a 7,000 pound cotton load traveling at the low rate of 20 miles an hour, it would be impossible to stop within 120 feet. Trailers, it was said, were not provided with brakes.

The condition of bridges on county roads, over which it was proposed to operate in part, was another factor of objection. The ruling, while applying specifically only to the thirteen permits asked and the equipment proposed, is taken as a general declaration of the commission decision to refuse permits that will impair common carrier efficiency.

Mother of Merkel Woman Dies at 82

Mrs. Tennessee Catherine Jarrell, 86, who had lived 52 years in Cook county, died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. McCormick, in Gainesville.

Mrs. E. O. Carson left Monday night for Gainesville upon receipt of word that her mother was in a critical condition. She was accompanied by Mrs. Artie Jarrell, another daughter of the deceased, and her son, O. R. Jarrell, member of the Abilene fire department.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Durant, Okla. Other children surviving are: J. R. Jarrell, Durant, Okla.; G. F. Jarrell, Mrs. Lona Westbrook, Whitesboro, Texas; Mrs. Lottie Stephens, Yantis, Texas, and A. P. Jarrell, Wichita, Kan.

Still Holding His Own.

B. P. Middleton, Jr., High School Senior, was reported Thursday morning as still holding his own in his fight against pneumonia and his recovery is sincerely hoped for by all friends of the family as well as in school circles.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

E. C. Bell, 30, Shelby county farmer, was crushed to death when a tractor with which he was plowing overturned and pinned him underneath.

Thirteen hundred and sixteen carloads of dressed turkeys (1,974,000 fowls) were shipped out of Texas in the 1931 movement, an increase of 21 per cent over the 1930 total.

During the current year, with 6,395 students registered, there have been 700 withdrawals, or 10.95 per cent, at the University of Texas, according to the registrar's figures.

Ben H. McLain, superintendent of the Sweetwater city schools, was named president of the Oil Belt Teachers association at the concluding session Saturday at Sweetwater of the spring meeting.

Heroine of the Rock Springs tornado which devastated that thriving little town in 1927, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, telephone operator who remained as her post during the storm, died in a San Antonio hospital Sunday.

Indictments charging arson were returned Wednesday by a grand jury at Eastland against Frank Bida and Sam Baskin in connection with the burning of Bida's auto shop and a vacant residence in Eastland early Saturday morning.

At 2:45 Tuesday afternoon two unmasked men robbed the First State bank of Stinnett of \$5,800, nearly \$5,000 of which was in cash, after locking seven persons in a vault of the bank, and made their escape without anyone seeing them leave.

John Hendrix, formerly secretary of the Sweetwater board of city development, who resigned last fall to accept a place as special representative of the Lone Star Gas company, has been reappointed secretary-manager of the organization, effective April 1.

A small pebble, which Norma Ruth Morrison, 14 months old, breathed into her lungs after falling down in a gravel pit, was successfully removed by use of a bronchoscope by Fort Worth physicians, after the pebble had been in her lungs since January 28.

William R. Edrington, financial backer of Earl Carroll, New York theatrical producer, was adjudged a bankrupt in federal court at Fort Worth Wednesday, his liabilities consisting chiefly in notes which he endorsed for the creator of the "Vanities."

In order to give his full time to private matters, General Jacob F. Walters, for the past six months in command of the Texas National guard troops occupying the east Texas oil field under martial law, has relinquished his military authority to Colonel S. Davidson of Dallas.

Gloria Robison of Houston, a granddaughter of the late J. T. Robison, commissioner of the Texas land office for more than 20 years, unveiled at Austin Tuesday the bust of her late grandfather, designed by Frank Teich of Llano and provided for by private subscriptions among Robison's friends.

Pastor's Condition Improved.

Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, who has been ill since Tuesday, was reported doing nicely at Thursday noon.

BUYERS FOR WEST COAST ENTER LOCAL CATTLE MARKET

Due to the advent of buyers representing California commission houses, Merkel cattlemen have sold more than 700 head within the past two weeks, destined for the west coast.

This total includes the two carlots purchased from W. H. Laney by Sam Rabin, reported last week, two lot sales by Sam Butman and delivery of 385 head by W. D. and Sam Swann last week to Sweetwater for consignment to California.

About ten days ago, Mr. Butman sold 108 two and three year old steers to the Sweetwater Oil Mill company and on Tuesday of this week he delivered 100 yearlings to the same people, negotiations having been made in the name of H. S. Jernagin of Los Angeles.

Early in the week J. A. Patterson trucked 15 steers to Fort Worth, which was the only movement to Fort Worth the past week.

Other livestock shipments include a car of mules shipped Monday to J. A. Riley, Drew, Miss.

TO START WORK SOON LEVELING PAVING SLABS

Stretches of Concrete that Resemble "Ocean Waves" to Be Remedied; 24 Fifty-Ton Jacks Are Bought for Purpose.

The greatly-to-be-desired leveling of the concrete pavement on highway 1 through Taylor county will get under way in ten days, it was said Wednesday from the office of W. A. French, division engineer at Abilene. Mr. French will have the assistance of E. C. Woodward, division engineer at Waco, who is pioneering in the plan to lift whole sections of concrete pavement. The method, it is stated, will later be applied wholesale throughout the state where soil action has caused buckling and sagging in concrete roads.

The sections of the highway on either side of Merkel, which resemble "ocean waves" to the auto rider and which have been the occasion of detrimental advertising of Texas highways to cross-country tourists, are probably the worst in this part of the state and relief and delight will be the autoist's portion when the proposed treatment is completed.

An appropriation of \$20,000 has been made for the purpose of smoothing out all of the 35-mile strip of concrete on No. 1 through the county. The work will get under way with the arrival of a shipment of 24 fifty-ton jacks.

The pavement was laid by the contractors in 40-foot slabs, each weighing about thirty tons. Those needing treatment will be raised bodily from their base, three slabs in one operation, and under them sand will be tamped to depths ranging from two inches, at the expansion joints to a maximum of four inches in the center.

The sand will be taken from a bed south of Merkel. The job will be completed in about three months, with 40 to 50 men constantly employed. Common labor will draw the 30 cents per hour scale made standard by the highway department.

Cardoza Takes His Oath. Washington, March 17.—Benjamin Nathan Cardoza Monday took the oath which made him an associate justice of the supreme court.

Former Resident Dies at Big Spring

Joseph Madison Johnson, age 72, a former resident of Merkel where he was connected for many years as pumper with the T. & P. railway, died at the home of his son, J. H. Johnson, 206 Johnson street, Big Spring at 8:15 Thursday morning. He suffered a stroke of paralysis on Friday night of last week, which added to a severe attack of pneumonia brought about his death.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Friday, March 18, from the Eberley Funeral Home, 610 Scurry street, Big Spring, with the Methodist minister officiating. Burial will follow at the Big Spring cemetery.

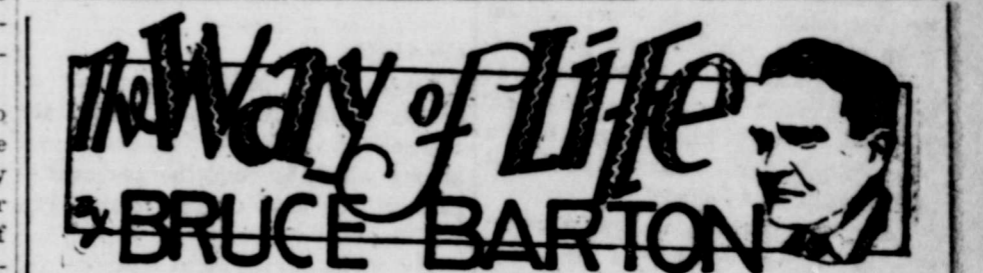
Mr. Johnson was born April 6, 1860. He is survived by his wife and eight children, to whom the sincere sympathy of a large number of Merkel friends and former neighbors goes out in their bereavement.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, residing west of town, Wednesday, March 9, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey, living four miles southwest of Trent, Tuesday, March 15, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holsey, Wednesday, March 16, 1932.



WANTED: TEACHERS OF HUMOR.

I once had some correspondence with the alumnae secretary of a woman's college, an estimable lady seeking to raise more money for her institution, which it well deserves.

Our letters developed quite an interesting exchange of ideas on education, until I made the mistake of sending this comment:

"I am a believer in women's colleges, and I think they receive much less than their rightful share of legacies and gifts. But I sometimes think they have pushed their scholastic standards too high, and are applying them too rigorously. Two of the most successful and attractive middle aged women of my acquaintance are college graduates. They have been a source of pride and service to their alma mater. Yet, if the present standards had been in force in their day, and had been as arbitrarily applied, both of them would have been thrown out of college at the end of their first semester. They were poor students, but they are great women."

I added rather facetiously: "After all, a majority of college girls are going to enter the profession of matrimony. My idea of a college program would be to teach them to look after their health, cultivate their sense of humor, and then add whatever amount of book learning they could absorb without spoiling their good looks."

This stopped the correspondence. The lady regarded me as lacking in seriousness, and wrote to me no more.

Yet I have temerity to publish the comment, and to add this firm conviction: that the world does not need more knowledge as much as it needs more humor.

Do you remember the famous session of the Cabinet at which Abraham Lincoln presented the Emancipation Proclamation? He preceded it by reading one of the humorous essays of Artemus Ward. He laughed until the tears came and then, looking around at his associates and finding them all solemn, he exclaimed:

"Gentlemen, why don't you laugh? With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die; and you need this medicine as much as I."

Do you recall the passage from Stevenson in which he points out that it is the little differences, not the big issues, on which marriages are wrecked? To look across the table and see a blank expression on your wife's face, when you are convulsed

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THE MAIL BEGINS ITS FORTY-THIRD YEAR

With more than four decades of service to Merkel and this section behind it, The Mail begins with this issue its forty-third year of uninterrupted chronicling of the events in the daily lives of its people, of the glorious growth of this West Texas section that we call ours, of the political and commercial developments that have made this section a big factor in the Lone Star state, of progress in education and culture and religion. Yes, the files of back issues of these forty-two years reveal many, many interesting news stories, much important history, some facts that are possibly forgotten even by the old timers.

Volume 1, Number 1, of the Merkel Mail was published March 20, 1890, by M. J. Cox, universally known as "Mary Jane" Cox. In this number the Merkel country is referred to as "the finest agricultural and grazing district in the state," "the best watered country in Western Texas," blessed with "beautiful scenery and a healthful climate." What was said

42 years ago is just as applicable now. History has but verified Editor Cox's vision.

Since "Mary Jane" Cox's time, editors have come and editors have gone. In succession, they might be named: J. C. Calvert, now deceased; Ed Lee-man, of Duncan, Okla.; J. M. Fryar, now a Methodist preacher in Arkansas; J. G. Jackson, editor twenty years ago, from whose files items "Twenty Years Ago" are now being selected and who was killed a few years ago in an accident in the oil fields; Homer Easterwood, now cashier of the First State bank at Taft, Texas; Walter A. Jackson, now educational director of the First Baptist church at Abilene, who was succeeded by Thos. Durham, well known and popular in all newspaper offices in West Texas; then J. J. Hutchison and the present publishers.

We can make no greater pledge than an assurance of our endeavor to carry on as their humble successors the efficient and inspiring leadership that marked their careers in the past.

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 Ferrier**. Joke Editor—**Cephas Wozencraft**.

TEACHERS' MEETING AT SWEETWATER.

The Oil Belt Teachers' association met at Sweetwater March 13th. The Merkel teachers were one hundred per cent in attendance.

At noon the Merkel teachers met in the coffee shop of the Blue Bonnet where reserved tables arranged in the form of a "T" awaited them. Every one enjoyed the luncheon as well as the meeting.

Two guests were present: Mrs. Irma Haynes, sister of Coach Irvin, and Miss Arnan Rhodes, both teachers from Oplin, Texas.

CHAPEL.

On Thursday morning March 10, the student body was entertained by two ex-members of the Simmons Cowboy band who are organizing a school band. The High school appears to be enthusiastic in its support of the band. So far ten boys have joined.

It would be a good thing if we had a band to play at our football games. Merkel High school used to have a band. Why not have one again? It would be a good thing for the school so let's help them put it over!

SENIOR NEWS.

We are hoping that B. P. will be back with us soon.

Work was begun on the Memory Book last week. The staff has worked out a plan by which each Senior can do his part on this book.

Mr. Burgess talked to us Monday afternoon about going to college. He gave us some comparisons of the wages of a high school graduate and a college graduate, and in this way proved that it pays to go to college. If one does not go to college, he will probably reach the maximum of about \$1200 at the age of thirty and about \$2200 at the age of forty. Figures show that sixty per cent out of one hundred, at the age of sixty, are dependent on someone else for their living.

Two things to consider before selecting the college that you shall attend are: the faculty and the course you wish to take. Then, select the college that is best fitted for the course that you have selected, regardless of its situation. He gave us figures on the cost of attending school at some of the principal colleges in Texas.

MORE CANDY!

Mr. Barnes opened his candy kitchen on Monday, March 14, and invited the High school to come over at noon and try some of his products.

Truett Patterson, a Freshman, was one of the first to arrive at the store. Mr. Barnes very kindly gave him a popcorn ball, and Truett thanked him and came back to school.

Later during the noon hour a group of boys were going over to the candy kitchen, and they asked Truett to join them. Truett, who is always ready to join any kind of party, went with them.

When Mr. Barnes had served all of the boys he said to Truett, "Did you like the popcorn, son?"

"I surely did," answered Truett, "and if I were at home I would ask for another popcorn ball."

GRAMMAR SCHOOL BASEBALL GAMES.

The Merkel Grammar school seems to have two very promising teams this year; teams that everyone is proud of. The ward school seems to be very enthusiastic over some of the results of the games this year.

One of the best games of the season was played by the boy's team with Mt. Pleasant on Monday. The score was sixteen to two in favor of the Merkel boys. That is playing baseball, isn't it??

Another interesting game was played by the girls' team with Mt. Pleasant. The score of this game was fourteen to eight in favor of Mt. Pleasant. Even though the girls lost, they played a good game of baseball. Home runs for Merkel were made by Nell Pruitt, Thelma Patterson and Frances Tarleton.

DREAMING OF JUNE.

Rain slowly drips from the eaves
Like a song the witches croon,
But while the rain comes slowly down
I love to think of June.
Rain falls on the now dead grass,
Beating a dreary, sad tattoo,
But soon all this will pass
Bringing again the sky of blue.
—Lons.

W. W. W. W. W. W. Club.

The club is very proud of its charming little vice president, Miss "Sis" Boaz. She has not only been an important factor in many of the worthwhile organizations of M. H. S., but she also is a good sport with a friendly way about her that makes her a favorite with everybody.

"Sis" was elected "cutest girl of school" her Sophomore year, and she ran in the finals last year for "most popular girl."

The secretary of the 7W's club is Miss Zada Bell. Too much cannot be said of the ability of Zada and she is due for greater things in the future. Her quiet smile, even temper, and friendly disposition have won the love and respect of every student and teacher of M. H. S.

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

Mr. Irvin was putting questions to the class, "What do we call a man," he asked, "who keeps on talking and talking when people are no longer interested?"

"A teacher," replied Cade.

Wilson: "Is that a Jersey cow over there?"

W. M.: "Couldn't tell you. I wasn't able to see its license."

Isadore: "I wonder why H. C. puts his savings under his pillow every night."

Monte: "Reckon he wants people to know that he has money enough to retire on."

Mr. Riddle: "Did you water the rubber plant?"

Cribly: "Why, no, sir. I thought it was waterproof."

WISE SAYINGS.

"We do not know the exact hour that Adam was created, but he was created a little before Eve."—Lona Bryan.

"The music of an accordion is sweetness long drawn out." Imogene.

"We may suppose that Noah had beer in the ark, because the kangaroo went in with hops, and the bear was always bruin."—Red Williams.

"A lady who faints in a public place is like a good intention; that is, she needs carrying out."—Marshall stalls.

"Adam was the fastest runner that the world has ever known, because he was the first in his race."—Kid Moore.

"Cold travels much slower than heat; or at least, cold is much easier to catch."—Milton Shannon.

CHAPEL.
The student body was called together Monday for a short chapel. Mr. Burgess made some announcements, among which he read the per cent of failures for each of the classes during the fourth six weeks period.

Mr. Irvin gave three reasons for these failures: (1) students do not have proper study schedule; (2) laziness; (3) students are at the "silly age," or else they are "love sick."

FORMER M. H. S. STUDENT MAKES A HIGH MARK IN TEXAS UNIVERSITY.

Elvis Richardson is a graduate from Merkel High school that everyone is proud of. He is attending the University of Texas this year and is making a splendid record.

There were fifteen hundred students that took an English test to see whether or not they had to take English over and not receive any credit for doing so in the University of Texas, and Elvis Richardson made next to the highest grade.

Of 972 Freshmen who were asked to take an examination in algebra and plane geometry, in the University of Texas, six per cent made ninety or more. Elvis Richardson was in the group that made ninety or more.

Other former M. H. S. students are making similar records in the various colleges. Twenty-four per cent are making A's; thirty per cent B's; twenty-eight per cent C's; ten per cent D's; and seven per cent F's. All of these failures have been made by three people.

John D. Coats, a former Merkel High School student, made the highest record by making three A pluses and one A.

CHAPEL.

Mr. Riddle's biology class gave an interesting and educational program to the student body last Wednesday morning.

The program was as follows:

"What Arbor Day Means." Ruth Davis; "Famous Trees," Mary Olive Simpson; "Woodman Spare That Tree," quartette; "How to Know Our Home Trees," R. D. Ely; "The Most Useful Texas Trees," Terrell Mashburn; "Trees," Frances Marie Church; "Swing Song," by M. H. S. chorus.

In the year 1914 the High School classes planted four trees on the Grammar School campus. Of these trees three are living.

Every High School student should do his best to take care of the trees on our campus.

THE SOPHS WONDER WHY—

Rogene likes "cherry top."
Wanda and Pauline are so quiet.
Caribel doesn't care about—
Kenneth was so popular this week-end.

Mr. Irvin thinks the Sophomores fail just because they are love-sick.

Kennedy likes short hair now.

The Juniors, Freshmen and even some of the Seniors are not in love.

The Freshmen would like to be Grammar School students since the opening of the new store.

Bud would like to be in the Junior room.

Mary Olive Simpson had a birthday party.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

On last Friday evening Misses Francis Marie Church, Opal Huskey, Melba Taylor, Maurine White, Fay Vantrees and Messrs. Robert Manscill, Ross Ferrier and Howard Stanley were hosts to the Dramatic club. The Saint Patrick motif was carried out throughout the evening. Irish games and jokes were enjoyed by everyone.

The program for the evening was as follows: two Irish poems, read by Lona Bryan; "My Wild Irish Rose," a duet sung by Margaret Stiller, Ida Derstine and the members of the M. H. S. chorus; an Irish story, told by Ola Ellen Smith, and an interesting talk on "Pals with Luck" was given by Monta J. Moore.

Two plays were also given and enjoyed by everyone. One act of the three act play, "Sound your Horn," was presented. If all the play is as good as the first act, the play will be worth seeing. "Mansions," the contest play, was also presented by Albert Cade, Opal Huskey, and Ida Derstine.

The meeting was then called to order by Paul Collins, who acted for the president, B. P. Middleton, who, because of illness, was unable to attend. A short business meeting was held.

The hosts served delicious refreshments which consisted of brick ice cream and angel food cake to the club members and two visitors: Verna Tee Beasley and Vernie Derrick.

M. H. S. SENIOR ILL.

B. P. Middleton, a Merkel High School Senior, has been ill for the past two weeks with pneumonia. He was reported to be holding his own Tuesday. B. P. is a student who is loved and respected by every student in Merkel High school, and everyone is hoping for his speedy recovery.

The student body wishes to express their kindest regards to B. P. and they hope to see him in his regular

place at school before very long.

M. H. S. CHORUS.

Our High School chorus is always glad to respond to the invitations from other organizations to assist in any way.

The girls have been working on a number called the "Swing Song," which was given in chapel Wednesday on Mr. Riddle's program. This is a very pretty two part number. There has also been a mixed quartet working on several numbers.

Miss Tracy, the director of the chorus, has worked with us patiently and we appreciate it very much.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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with laughter that, he says, is a test that few marriages can stand.


I was in Mexico with Ambassador Morrow when Will Rogers arrived. I saw how wonderfully his humor disarmed the suspicions of the Mexican officials and opened the way for all the good work that the Ambassador did later.

Having all this in mind, I offer two constructive suggestions:

1. That the President make the following appointments: Ambassador to England, Will Rogers; Ambassador to Germany, Bugs Baer; Ambassador to France, Irvin S. Cobb.


2. And that John D. Rockefeller or Edward Harkness establish and endow at each leading college a Professorship in Humor.

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FINAL INSTALLMENT.

"But You?"

"They thought that we had quarreled over the swag. Lord, how they tore my house to pieces looking for them. It's a wonder you weren't flayed in the search. Lord knows where 'Celia kept them. But the police couldn't pin anything on me. For lack of evidence I wasn't tried for theft as well as for murder."

"And she didn't tell? I mean at the trial she didn't try to help you by telling the truth?"

"She didn't speak at the trial or afterward," he said. "But you must remember that I had killed her lover."

"Since I met you again, I hated her afresh. And so, because I thought that it would tear away her mask and expose the background of her piety, I stole her jewels. I wanted you, Lynda, to see her in her true colors so that she'd not be able to influence you against me in the end."

"Oh, Nick, Nick, Nick!"

"Do you blame me so much?"

"I don't blame . . . only, why couldn't you have trusted me?"

"The house of cards has fallen, Nick, and in my silly clothes I have come back to you. Whom else have I now in the world to love and to trust?"

They looked at each other then with their wasted and faintly similar faces and their wet strained eyes and contrived for each other's sake a sort of shaken laughter.

"I am not going to marry Kent. I won't ever see him again," she told him.

She hurried to her own room, shut out the haunting faces and lay on her bed, tearless, until sleep came.

A wedding must be canceled, all its gifts returned, its guests dismissed. Cousin Sara Mullet, arriving from New Jersey, was invaluable for these unpleasant urgent matters. Marcella, holding in her lap a leather box filled with glittering five-and-ten-cent store jewels, had been taken away, smiling and pleased, to Steever's sanitarium.

It was not until several days thereafter that the papers began to blazon the story of a certain Felix Kent — his wealth, his possible crime, his treachery. The law court in Chicago was set for a scandalous trial, not the re-opening of an ancient indictment of one misfortunate engineer but a new trial to prove Kent's embezzlement of his fellow citizens' funds. Kent was very expensively and very ably represented. Jock's story in one form or another ran to columns.

Lynda meanwhile in her own fashion prowled the room. It was ten o'clock of a gay spring morning. Jocelyn was dressed again in her own ordinary clothes and wore her hair smooth about her face. But the face was Lynda's and it had noticeably thinned. She turned passionately upon Nick's silence as though it had been speech.

"I won't talk about Kent's—about Kent's trial, Nick. I don't want to see the papers. I want to go away until it's over, please."

"Well, I was about to suggest an adventure. Will you come with me to France?"

"What is—your intention, Nick?"

"To return to the Marquise de Montree her jewels."

"That's what I meant to do, some day."

Josiah's lawyer at Jocelyn's request took charge of her affairs. Of his own accord he furnished Marcella's daughter with ample funds. She would be the heiress of Josiah's fortune; no reason for her to suffer diminished luxury or pleasure now because of the unexpected tragedy of Marcella's mental breakdown.

In secret, the two conspirators made their preparations and set their date. Nick got the passports, bought the tickets.

Lynda, all dressed for travel and holding in her hands a leather case which contained her toilet articles, her money and the jewels, sat down beside her window to wait for Nick. He had been living in his old rooms and was to come for her at eight-thirty.

Startled she saw that it was already nine, that Nick was very late. She began to be alarmed. Passengers were supposed to be aboard by ten.

She phoned the desk but was told that there had been no call.

She had hardly hung up the receiver when shrilly the mechanism rang. She knew Fuji's queer little voice:

"This, Miss Har-lo?"

"Yes."

"Please. Lady come see Mistair Sandal. He say. Velly sud-den sick. No can come. No can get to 'phone. Please lady come his room now."

"Tell him I'll be there at once."

She hurried down and got herself and her bags into a cab and gave the address.

She got out quickly at the door told her driver to wait and, keeping the small case with its priceless contents in her hands, ran up the steps.

Fuji admitted her and pointed up the stairs. "Yes, lady. Same room. Mistair San-dal velly, velly sick."

She climbed up the three well-remembered flights and hurried in at Sandal's unlocked door. He was not in the stripped front room. The battered sofa, however, held the fresh imprint of a body. His suitcase, open, its contents all thrown about, stood on the floor. She called him and went through the bedroom door. That room was empty, its bed dismantled and unoccupied. She darted back from it into the outer room.

Quayle, a man she had seen with her father, stood against the entrance door. He was smiling stickily.

"Don't yell," he warned her. She saw that in his pocket a lump thrust upward, threatening her.

"Look a-here, girlie, I'm on to Nick and you. You got the lady's sparklers and you're going to beat it to foreign parts. A neat job too."

"Where is he?" Lynda whispered.

"Not far away. I found he didn't have the stuff so I got Fuji to call you. Don't yell. I got him in a closet outside there. It's not even locked but he's tied up. Just hand me over the sparklers. I'll cut off and you can find Nick in half a sec. If you make a row I'll put a hole in your pretty carcass and take the stuff. It's in your bag there?"

She shook her head. He took the case from her, opened it and quietly pocketed the gems. Then he began to back toward the door.

As he stepped from the door, Lynda's courage flared up. She darted after him so unexpectedly, so closely at his heels that she was through the door before he could lock it. As he fled down the stairs she drew in her breath to shout but Quayle stopped below her and with a hideous white grin leveled his gun. Before her voice had left her lips he fired.

There was, with her shortened wailing cry, a shock of sound, Quayle scuttled down and out past Fuji who had the front door open. Lynda lay crumpled near the banister over which she had leaned for her intended outcry. Below her on the stairs, on the very step where Quayle had paused to shoot, was the body of a man. She hardly knew when she first moved, that she was living, or what had saved her life.

Helping herself up by the railing and moving shakily down she found Nick Sandal, his hands still tied behind his back. His mouth was gagged. With some contortion, some hideous effort, he had burst free from his temporary prison, had thrown his body down in front of Lynda, knocking her over, taking her death to his own heart.

She sat there on the step and held his peaceful head upon her arm.

The police found them and took them away and next morning, the Harlowe family lawyer having been summoned, the police delivered them at Marcella's apartment. There Nick Sandal lay in a room sweet with flowers while springtime's hurdy-gurdy made incongruous melody beneath the sun-filled window and his pale young daughter wept.

The rank outsider was buried in the Harlowe burial lot and lay there untroubled by social distinctions or any sense of his inferiority. The lawyer, the clergyman, Cousin Sara Mullet, Jocelyn and one other stood beside the grave. This was Jock Ayleward. He did not speak to Nick's daughter during that ceremony.

There was a new bitterness, a bitterness of life rather than of death, in Jocelyn's tears when she found herself alone in her desolated dwelling place. Jock had not looked at her. He had looked down as though he could see, through earth and

ebony and the dust that would go to dust, some beloved spiritual body with happy, resurrected eyes. With his own wild-winged eyes he seemed to be following Nick into a light.

Lynda spent her dusks near the window. Alone in the broad saffron sunset light she would sit, remembering. And her sad and bitter love kindled in her slowly like the lights until it glittered up and up into a pillar of pain.

She could think of no one else presently, remember no one else. Every look of his noble face was hers; every turn of his strong and graceful body. The hands she had called a trickster's kept their touch upon her. A clean touch. Honorable hands. It was Jock's turn now to climb up out of the dust, to mount and to ride. But why must it be away from her?

She saw, turning, stiff with trouble and with weariness, that he was in the vestibule.

He came toward her, looking tall and grave and white. The saffron evening sky made him visible to her, but in his eyes she must have been a dark outline, silent and inexpressive. She could not speak.

"Have you read the papers, Lynda?"

Her "no" was inaudible. She had tried to read them. The names had made her feel faint. She had not been able to go on.

"I've got my verdict. I'm cleared. Don't try to speak, Lynda. I won't stay. I know what you must feel toward me. I've spoiled your life . . . or you think so. And I've dared to come here to thank you for giving me the power to do it. Since I last say you've been hurt horribly. And I went away and left you to go through with it alone. It's beastly. I'm ashamed. But," he held out his hands, "but no one will call them a thief's fingers again. Nor any mouth a convict's mouth. And . . . I love you, Jocelyn Harlowe. Life is ahead of us, although there has been so much pain behind, and I have a mania for hoping."

For an instant Nick's irony gleamed in Lynda's face, a happy resurrection.

"It's too bad we're not in sym-

pathy, Jock. I haven't any mania for hoping and very little patience at all with pain. Your talent will be wasted. And I think it was never Jocelyn Harlowe that you loved. I am Lynda Sandal. I'm tired of unhappiness. And I've been lonely. Can't you have a mania for being happy here and now?"

At that they were together and out of reach of fear. The little Master, completely conquered, vanished into thin air and it seemed to Lynda that in his place was the sure promise of splendid happiness.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Sarah Julia Johnson was the week-end guest of Miss Johnny Watson of Sweetwater.

Miss Magdalene Payne attended the teachers' meeting at Sweetwater last Saturday and visited with home folks before returning to Oplin where she is teaching.

Elmer McDonald had the misfortune of breaking his foot while playing at school Monday.

Sidney Pass of Abilene attended the teachers' meeting at Sweetwater last Saturday, while his wife and baby daughter spent the day here as guests of Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks were week-end guests of relatives at Sweetwater where Mr. Franks attended the teachers' meeting.

O. L. Howell of Abilene was the passing guest of relatives here Saturday.

Miss Ruby Johnson attended the Stock Show the latter part of the week and remained over in Fort Worth for a visit of several days.

Miss Virgie Strawn was the week-end guest of her mother at Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkheart and son, Kenneth Ray, attended the Stock Show the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Bob Moore of Farewell, who is visiting relatives in Merkel, spent a few hours here last Tuesday with old friends. She was accompanied by her father, W. I. Decker, and her brother, Jim Decker, both of Merkel.

Prof. Ross B. Jenkins and wife and little son, Bobby, were week-end guests of his parents at DeLeon and Mrs. Jenkins and Bobby remained over for a week's visit.

Miss Erma Dean Duncan of Sweetwater was the week-end guest of Miss Pete Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and little son, Joe Deverle, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens the latter part of last week and the first of this.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billy Joe and Mrs. Bess Billings visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Purser, a pioneer resident of this county, died at her home at White Flat last Thursday night, after an illness of many months. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Friday afternoon, Rev. U. S. Sherrill, officiating, and interment was at Trent cemetery.

HOWELL-OWENS.

Mr. Barnum Howell and Miss Juanita Owens were married last Saturday at Anson. These young people have many friends who wish them much happiness and success.

High School News.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

Joe Ella McLeod was hostess to our club on Wednesday afternoon, March 9. A very interesting and beneficial program, entitled "Looking One's Best," preceded a refreshment course of devil's food cake and hot chocolate.

The program was as follows:
Quotations from March.
"Rules for Happiness," Edith Hale.
"Rest, Relaxation, Sleep," Helen Bright.

"Emergency Nutrition," Gladys Rogers.

"Face Your World With Loveliness," Fannie Vessels.

"Care of Skin," Victorine Bishop.

Jokes, Sara Julia Johnson.

Poem, Miss Burgess.

"What is Elegance?" Helen Hogue.

"Message to Women," Mildred Steadman.

"Blackheads," Joe Ella McLeod.

(LAST WEEK NEWS.)

HOME EC. CLASS VISITS.

GRISSELL STYLE REVIEW.

Thursday afternoon the Home Economics class attended the Grissell Style review at the Paramount theatre in Abilene.

Those attending were: Misses Hogue, Bright, Steadman, McLeod, Johnson, Bishop, Shepherd, Burgess, and Meadames Jenkins, Burgess, Straver, Williamson and John Hammett.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

The public speaking class is practicing on a play for March 24!

That the girls are getting ready for their style review?

That the two primary rooms had an interesting chapel program?

The High School classes are secretly planning some kind of entertainment, but we can't find out what it is.

HOME EC. CLUB.

Victorine Bishop acted as hostess or 61.

to the Home Economics club on Wednesday afternoon, March 2nd.

The program, followed by a refreshment course of sandwiches, cakes, and lemonade, centered on the subject of "One's Appearance" and was as follows:

"Talk," Mildred Steadman.

"Comments," Miss Burgess.

"Letter Game."

"Jokes," Helen Bright.

"Longer Sleeves," Victorine Bishop.

"New Styles," Fannie Vessels.

"Texas," Gladys Rogers.

WHITE FLAT

Sunday School and singing were well attended Sunday.

The pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield's rooms enjoyed a picnic Friday afternoon. Sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served to Florence Kegans, Ella Lee Rogers, Mildred McElmurray, Velma, Dessa and Mattie Horton, Louise Purser, Thelma Quattlebaum, Lillian Pearl Sparks, Lee Jay and Alvy Statser, Elmer Freeman, Allen Kegans, Duncan and Leonard Stribling, Edd Freeman, Miss Daisy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield and Joy.

Grace Lindsey of Colorado City and Lora Price were guests of Mrs. Seth Nugent on last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Statser had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray and family and Dessa Horton.

Jerry Compton of Brady is visiting friends and relatives in our community.

Velma Horton and Helen McLeod were guests in the M. F. Hand home Sunday.

Ruth Statser, Fred Horton, Nolan Duncan and Bondie Vessel were dinner guests Sunday of Eddie and Eura Mae Graham.

Carrie Mae Hand, Velma and Mattie Horton and Louise Purser spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield.

Max McElmurray and Lee Jay Statser went hunting Saturday, (but didn't find anything.)

Beadie Pearl Hand visited Wilma and Wanda Stribling Sunday.

Brother Morton, who is conducting the Methodist revival in Trent, came here last Sunday afternoon and delivered an inspiring sermon to a large audience.

Grandmother Purser, who died of paralysis last Thursday, was laid to rest in the Trent cemetery Friday afternoon. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westbrook were among those from here to attend the 4-county singing convention in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. M. Sheffield and Joy accompanied by Mrs. Sheffield's sister, Thelma Casey, were Sunday afternoon guests in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd of Bitter creek.

Mrs. J. E. Lowry was hostess Sunday at a beautiful birthday dinner in her home given for Mrs. Etta Causeaux, Alvy and Margaret Statser and Mrs. Ross Young.

Carrie Mae Hand was a visitor in the Quattlebaum home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling were guests of the Alex Williamson's Sunday.

Mildred McElmurray spent last week-end with Margaret Statser.

Mitchell Cooper visited Claude Freeman Saturday night.

A large number from this community attended the Methodist revival services in Trent Sunday evening.

DORA DOINGS

After eight days of freezing weather the temperature has risen and farmers are plowing.

E. P. Perry and family and Mrs. Thos. McCoy and daughter, Mildred, were shopping in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Rape has returned home after several days visit in Merkel.

Miss Laura Wallis of Butman spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Slater and Mr. and Mrs. Sie Dennis canned beaves, turning out several good meals for the spring and summer. Several more will be canned in the next ten days.

O. S. Moore and Rev. McDonald attended the get-together meeting of the Methodist church at Sweetwater Tuesday.

The health of our community is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagin attended the four-corner singing in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton of Merkel were here visiting and looking after business interests last Friday.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Blair School News

The list of those on the Blair High School honor roll for the third six-weeks period follows:

Cecil Melton, Dora Meeks, Lyra Jones, Hardy Moore, Howard Windham, Dewene Clinton, Reta Akin, Sarah Malone, Clara Clinton, Oscar Walker, Neva Malone, Marcus Clinton Bess Lou Windham, H. E. Addison, Anna Addison, Clara Lee Peterson.

EIGHTH AND TENTH CLASS CLUB.

On Feb. 4 the eighth and tenth grades of Blair High school had a get-together, and organized two class clubs into one. The officers elected were:

president, Neta Spears; vice president, Clara Clinton; secretary, Bess Lou Windham; sponsor, Mamye Lou Walker. The class selected orchid and green for their colors, violet for their flower. The class motto was rather hard for the class to decide, but, "To the stars, through bolts and bars," was later decided. The first meeting for this club has not been set, but will be in the near future.

Our school is progressing nicely in spite of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cranfill of near Magdalena, New Mexico, are visiting in the home of Mr. Cranfill's sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Samson.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris of the Zion Chapel community and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris of Hodges visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jess Mathis has had as her guest the past few days her little niece from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Garrett and children of Sinclair visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Grogan recently.

J. H. Palmer and Jesa Mathis made a business trip to Anson Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer entertained with a "42" party Saturday night.

Miss Flora Adkins entertained her friends with a Sunday dinner.

A large crowd of Comper young folks attended singing at Noodle Friday evening.

E. C. Tarvin, Sr., was an Abilene visitor Thursday.

Clyde and Jeff Chancey and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin and son, Lawrence, were Saturday night guests at the teacherage.

Black diamonds are slightly harder than white ones.

CANYON NEWS

Rev. Mr. McCowen of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Nubia M. E. church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and daughters and Miss Jewell Burkelow dined with Mr. and Mrs. Whit Richey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and son, who have been visiting in the J. L. Perry home for the past two weeks, have moved to Dora, where Mr. Griggs has accepted employment.

Misses Fern, Norvell and Florence Evans and two friends of Sweetwater visited in the E. L. Frazier home Saturday night and Sunday.

Those from Blair that attended the league at Nubia Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, Emmit Morris and H. E. and Anna Addison. We were glad to have them present and hope they will come again.

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TRUBY NEWS

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The health of our community is very good at this writing. There have been quite a few light cases of "flu" but none serious.

Sunday, March 6, was a big day at the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Coggins of Hawley filled his regular appointment at the eleven o'clock hour; then luncheon was spread at the church and after that a fine program was rendered by the young people, another sermon by Brother Coggins and a church conference. All visitors are welcome in these services. Come and help. We need you.

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Miss Flora Adkins entertained her friends with a Sunday dinner.

A large crowd of Comper young folks attended singing at Noodle Friday evening.

E. C. Tarvin, Sr., was an Abilene visitor Thursday.

Clyde and Jeff Chancey and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin and son, Lawrence, were Saturday night guests at the teacherage.

Black diamonds are slightly harder than white ones.

Let's Make Flu-Flee

Hole-y shoes mean wet feet—and wet feet often mean flu. Watch your shoes and have them REBUILT before it's too late.

DOWELL'S SHOE AND HARNESS SHOP

GOODMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams and Mrs. N. R. Campbell made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson of Merkel spent the week-end in our community.

Little Geraldene and Nadene Kirk are improving rapidly from whooping cough.

R. H. McAdams was in Merkel Thursday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Cook has returned from Winters where she was called to be at the bedside of her brother.

Ruth Williams has been sick with the flu, but is reported some better.

Misses Anna and Ruth Williams went shopping in Abilene one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes entertained the young folks with a party Thursday night.

Misses Earlena and Ethel Lee Davis went shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Olon, Roy and W. N. Williams made a business trip to Post City Sunday afternoon, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips entertained the Hi School boys and girls with a play party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams spent several days this past week in Merkel with Mr. J. A. Williams, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips went to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods entertained a few friends with a party Wednesday evening.

Little Sammie Bell Truitt has been right sick with whooping cough but is reported to be some better.

W. S. Cunningham, Gerald Tiner and James McAdams went to the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth Friday evening.

Miss Jewell Cox was reported as having a touch of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams assisted in a beef-canning at Mr. Murphy's Friday.

WOULD YOU HAVE THOUGHT?—

Ruth spent "8 cents" for candy? Trent Senior girls could have beat Goodman's Seniors in volley ball? Mary Bell looks at James' "new roadster"?

Ora could "fowl"?

"Curly had a new crush?" Goodman's ball players went to Noodle Wednesday?

Seniors put on their play at Hawley Wednesday night?

Ted has found a "vessel"?

There isn't much excitement since basketball season is over?

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y-Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

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Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

White Church News

Our community was made very sad last week when the remains of "Uncle Zack" Turner were laid to rest in the cemetery here by the grave of his wife who passed away 8 years ago. Mr. Turner was a pioneer of the Canyon and the community was greatly grieved at his passing.

Our school children had the try-out for the interscholastic league Monday evening. The winners are as follows: Junior girls, first place, Beulah Harrison; second was a tie between Olive May Reed and Erma Dell Berry; Junior boys, first, Clayton Coats, second, Woodrow Barnes, third, R. D. Hunter; Senior girls, first, Margie Coats, second, Lena V. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger of Butman Sunday.

Mrs. O. W. Reed and daughter, Mrs. A. D. King, attended council at Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. H. West has as her guest her son-in-law, Mr. H. B. James, of California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and son, Elmer, and little sons, Daw and Billie, visited relatives at Gorman and Eastland last week-end.

We have quite a few "flu" victims in our community.

WHITE CHURCH HONOR ROLL.

Lena V. Harrison headed the White Church School honor roll for the past month with an average of 96. Clayton Coats, Maurice Pressly and Margie Coats were second with an average of 95 each.

Others on the honor roll were: Ila Mae Snow, 94; Ermadell Berry, 94; Fredia Farmer, 93; Edna Lee Odum, 93; Beulah Harrison, 93; Etzel Farmer, 92; Etsel Hunter, 91; Raymond Reed, 91; Homer Tye, 91; Olive May Reed, 90; Edward Farmer, 90; Irene Snow, 90, and Iun Robinson, 90.

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A house entirely of glass has been constructed in Glasgow, Scotland.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

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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 Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
R. McLEOD, (Re-election.)
JOHN PAYNE.
County Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
GRADY PARMELLY.
R. S. (Bob) WALKER.
For County Judge:
JOHN CAMP.
JOE E. CHILDERS.
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
A. J. CANON.
L. L. MURRAY.
For County Tax Assessor:
C. W. BOYCE.
H. F. (Henry) LONG.
C. A. COCKRELL.
W. J. (Dub) YOUNG.
For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER.



FOR SALE

S. C. RHODE ISLAND RED eggs, cockrels and pullets. See Bob Mayfield.
FOR SALE—Standard windmill and equipment. E. B. Barnes.
FOR SALE—Grade calves. See Tom Largent.
FOR SALE—Harper-Mebane cottonseed from last year's pedigreed seed, 50 cents per bushel. R. H. Matthews, Sr.
FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good second hand wagon. Sie Hamm.

LEGAL NOTICE.

(SHERIFF'S SALE)
 The State of Texas, County of Taylor:
 Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, on the 3rd day of March, 1932, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 42nd District Court, for the sum of Nine Hundred Forty-Three and 69/100 (\$943.69) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene,

FOR SALE

Cash or approved note

1 dark brown jersey milk cow, natural muley, milking 2 gallons, heifer calf 5 weeks old \$30.00
 1 blue jersey milk cow, de-horned, milking 3 1-2 gallons, bull calf 2 months old \$40.00

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2 John Deere Double row planters, choice \$32.50
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 1 P & O double row cultivator 27.50
 1 10 foot Grain Drill 35.00
 1 John Deere middle buster 7.50
 1 Standard triple disc 30.00
 1 Moline double disc, choice 25.00
 1 John Deere double disc 25.00
 1 low wheel farm wagon 20.00

See these implements at W. H. Pence Wagon Yard or make inquiry at the bank.

**FARMERS AND MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK**

Texas, a Corp., in a certain cause in said Court, No. 8873-A and styled Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene, Texas, a Corporation, vs. N. G. Whitley and Mrs. N. G. Whitley, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of March, 1932, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2 and 3, in Block 50, Town of Bradshaw, Taylor County, Texas, being the same land described in a certain instrument now of record in the office of the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, in Deed of Trust Records, Vol. —, Page —, to which reference is here made; and levied upon as the property of N. G. Whitley, and Mrs. N. G. Whitley, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1932, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said N. G. Whitley and Mrs. N. G. Whiteley.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of March, 1932.
 Burl Wheeler
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 67th District Court of Tarrant County, on the 4th day of March, 1932, by W. E. Alexander, Clerk of said 67th District Court, for the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Three and 10/100 (\$5,103.10) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The Citizens Saving and Loan Association, a Corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 90149 and styled The Citizens Saving and Loan Association, a Corporation, vs. J. R. Edson et al, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of March, 1932, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of Lot No. Nine (9), Block —, Twenty-Six (26), of College Heights Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Harry Hines, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1932, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said

levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Harry Hines.
 And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.
 Witness my hand, this 5th day of March, 1932.
 Burl Wheeler
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

Abilene Paramount Offers Four Changes Next Week's Program

Next week's program at the Paramount, Abilene, which includes "The Impatient Maiden," to be shown on Monday only; a big screen and stage show composed of "The Showboat Minstrels" on the stage and "Hotel Continental," starring Peggy Shannon, on the screen, on Tuesday and Wednesday; "Union Depot" featuring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Joan Blondell on Thursday and Friday and "The Passionate Plumber," the latest comedy riot which features three of the screen's greatest comics, "Schnozzle" Durante, Buster Keaton and Polly Moran, on Saturday is one of the most varied and pretentious programs ever offered at the showplace of the Southwest.

"The Impatient Maiden," which will be seen on Monday only, is the picture of Donald Henderson Clarke's famous novel and features the popular screen team of Lew Ayres and Mae Clarke. Local theatre-goers who have read the Clarke book under a slightly changed title will be delighted at the screen production.

Remember the thrill you got when the minstrels came to town, with the band playing and the minstrels strutting? You will have an opportunity to relive this thrill when "The Showboat Minstrels" play on the stage of the Paramount theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday. This aggregation is the biggest minstrel show on tour today and boasts an all-star array of minstrel talent that includes Billy Doss, Lassies White's biggest star; Jimmie Allard, Everybody's Favorite; Mack and Long, red hot minstrel dancers; the Stratford Comedy Four, old favorites with new tunes; Jack and Tiny Reynolds, dancing stars; Bob Maupin and others. In addition to splendid talent, "The Showboat Minstrels" like every other black face organization, carries its own scenery and lighting effects.

Thursday and Friday brings the much talked of "Union Depot," Warner Brother's picture of the story of a group of people who are thrown together in a great railroad terminal. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Joan Blondell head a cast of 3,000 which includes Alan Hale, Mary Doran, Earle Fox and Guy Kibbee.

On Saturday one of the funniest comedies of the season will be shown. The title is "The Passionate Plumber" and presents the latest and most popular comedy trio in Buster Keaton, "Schnozzle" Durante and Polly Moran. It comes to the Paramount heralded as the year's best laugh festival and offers comedy lovers three lunatics for the price of one.

The customary high standard of short subjects and news reels round out each of the four programs mentioned above.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of March, 1932.
 Burl Wheeler
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

Young Abilene Pastor To Take 'Complete Rest'

Abilene, Mar. 17.—Rev. J. A. (Johnny) Lovell, Trinity Baptist church pastor, has been placed in the Harris hospital at Fort Worth, for treatment and a complete rest.

Rev. Sam Morris, Stamford pastor, who accompanied the Abilene minister to Fort Worth Monday, returned here late Tuesday, bringing the report that the Rev. Mr. Lovell spent a restful night after the trip—"the best in several nights."

F. Z. Turner

Brother Frances Zacheus Turner, better known as Uncle Zack, slipped away to be with Jesus from his home in Merkel, Texas, March 9, 1932, at 9 p. m. Brother Turner was born August 7, 1848, near Greenville, Texas, was married to Miss Liza Matthews Jan. 26, 1870; to this union were added 8 children, two having gone on before their father. Those present were Wood Turner and family of Canyon, Mrs. Dollie Richey and family of Merkel, Mrs. Vannie Dye and family of Noodle, two sons, John Turner of New Mexico and Frank Turner of Big Spring; one daughter, Mrs. Beulah Dye of Matador, Texas, could not be present. Brother Turner's wife departed this life March 31, 1924.

On January 26, 1927, he was married to Mrs. Annie Cannon of Alto, Texas, who so nobly, sweetly and patiently stood by him until the last. Brother Turner is survived by his wife, six children, 120 grand and great grandchildren and a host of friends. His kind and smiling face will be missed—his place is vacant at home, though our loss is heaven's gain. His last illness was a few days only; though his suffering was intense, yet he bore it without a murmur of complaint; he would praise God and smile, would ask his loving little wife to sing and tried to help her.

Brother Turner was converted sixty years ago in the Methodist church and came into the experience of holiness some forty years ago. After that he joined the Church of Nazarene.

Funeral services were held from our nice Methodist church in Merkel, conducted by Rev. Miss Forbes, Nazarene pastor of Buffalo Gap, his former pastor, assisted by Brother Yeats, Methodist pastor at Merkel. Brother Cypert was unable to help, sorry of his absence, he being sister Turner's pastor of Church of Christ. A host of friends and relatives followed him to his resting place at White Church cemetery, 14 miles south of Merkel, where he was laid beside his wife. We would say to Sister Turner and the children "Weep not as those that have no hope but be faithful to the end," for he'll be waiting just inside the Eastern gate with that smile of welcome he always wore. The 91st Psalm, which was read by Brother Yeats, just suited the occasion splendidly.

(Written by Pastor of Church of Nazarene, Merkel, Texas.)

Slight Improvement Noted.

Friends of Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, who has been critically ill with pneumonia for the past several days, will be glad to learn that a slight improvement in her condition was noted Thursday morning.

Come to the Gleaner Class Quilt Exhibit.

Extra Quality Domestic 5 cents per yard Saturday—2:30 till 3 o'clock—limit five yards. Brown's Bargain Store.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE—ABILENE

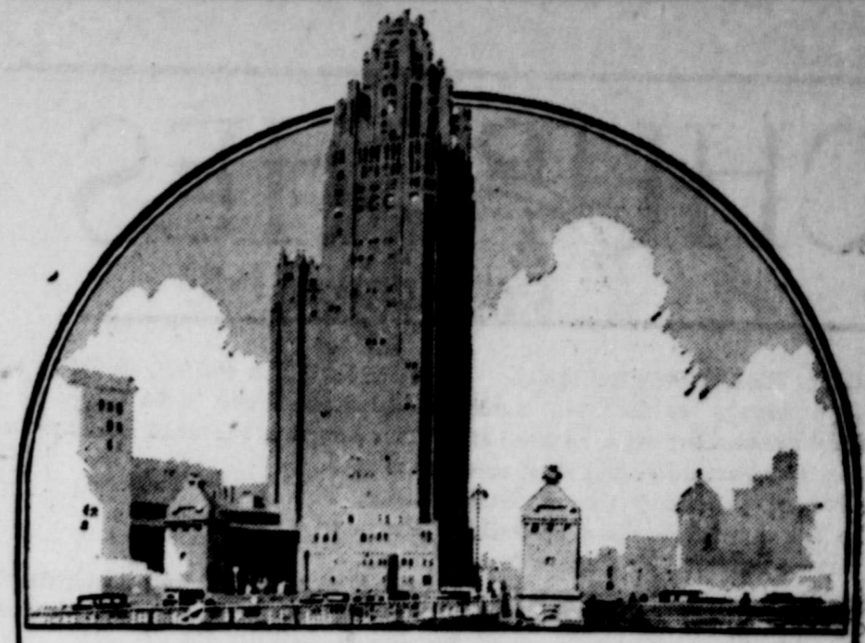
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**"SHOWBOAT
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The Biggest Minstrel Show on Tour Today
 Featuring
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Use the fast voice highway between here and Chicago for three minutes tonight... or any night. Call a friend. Call a relative. Call a business acquaintance. See for yourself how much pleasure and profit long distance can mean to you.

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Sample of the inexpensive rates after 8:30 p. m.

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Merkel	St. Louis	\$1.50
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BANKRUPT SALE CONTINUES Three Days Only THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY MARCH 17, 18 AND 19

Owing to the rain and cold weather we are giving Merkel and its trade territory another chance at the Liberty Hardware Stock. We have \$4,000.00 worth of good clean Hardware to select from. We have cut the prices far below wholesale cost and on many articles we are still making another cut. So if you are going to be in need of Hardware in the next twelve months you had better attend this Sale.

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We assure you prompt service. Phone us your order to Blue Front Motor Co. No. 101.

H. C. Foster

CHURCHES

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Last Sunday's service was made especially interesting by a number of good talks and an inspiring song service. For next Sunday the meeting will be opened with another splendid song service rendered by singers from the various churches. The lesson from the eighth chapter of Romans will be read by Bob Mayfield. Ted McGehee will make a talk and there will also be a talk by Supt. Roger A. Burgess. All the men in Merkel and the surrounding communities are invited to attend and take part in this service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 691, just one less than on the previous Sunday. This compares with 644 on the same Sunday a year ago.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our Christian culture course of last week and the cold weather came at the same time, but despite the weather it was a good success and 16 credits were issued the local young people, and several took audit courses. The religious activities of our young people seem even brighter than in the past.

The Spiritual Life conference of this zone was held at Sweetwater Tuesday. The address by Bishop Boaz and the entire spirit of the meeting was constructive and inspiring and sounded the note of hopefulness. May the revival fires ever burn on the altars of our church.

The Easter pageant to be given Easter night is well under way. The entire program is very interesting and inspiring.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our revival begins March 27, with Rev. Ross A. Smith, First Baptist church, Breckenridge, helping the pastor. Everyone should be praying for our meeting now.

A more detailed and definite announcement will be made next week concerning the meeting.

Your teacher will be handicapped if you are not at Sunday School and your pastor will miss you if you are not in your place at church. Do not disappoint either.

Services at the regular hour Sunday evening.

J. T. King, Pastor.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Lesson: "Checking Up On Ourselves."

"Taking Time to Check Up." Winston Polley.

"Why Check Up?" Dot Swafford.

"To Avoid More Trouble in the Future." Caribel Mansfield.

"Two Bible Characters Who Checked Up." Thelma Matthews.

"The Prodigal Son." Juanita Bishop.

"Aids in Checking Up." J. R. Laster.

"Using a Chart." Ruth Davis.

"Conference with Friends." L. N. Moore.

B. Y. P. U. is what you make it. Come at 6:30 and help us make it an A-1 union.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Absentees are always missed by the teachers and other members of the classes.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. A special pre-Easter program has been arranged for the evening service. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Always glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Last Sunday Monroe Wozencraft was leader of Christian Endeavor. A very effective program was worked out and given in grand style. Talks were given by Clara Belle Mansfield, Grisham Dowell, Paul Collins, Mary Helen Lancaster, Julia Proctor, Billie Gardner and Jim Patterson.

Mr. Charlie Jones and daughter, Mrs. Old, sang a special song. More than thirty were present.

If you have not been to Christian Endeavor lately you do not know what you have missed. Each Sunday there have been excellent programs, and we have also had some visits from district president, Gordon Weir, as well as Huie Tucker and Harold Granger from Abilene.

If you have not been present we earnestly beg you to come to our meetings. We begin at 5:30 and have real interesting topics discussed. There are two contests going on now, an attendance and a Bible reading contest; so do not miss these.

Tonight there will be a social at

the Presbyterian church at 7:30; all members are urged to be there.

The program for next Sunday follows:

Song.
Prayer.

Song.
Leader's talk, Mildred Richardson.

"Willing to do Anything," Lucile Campbell.

"Christian Living a Human Thing," Neil Durham.

"Fair Play in Sports," Duncan Briggs.

"Speaking Out About the Finer Things in Life," Billie Gardner.

"Making our Business and Industries Christian," Cephas Wozencraft.

"We Must Motor Like Christians," Wanda Hunter.

"Keeping the Standards High," Pauline Wiman.

"Shall We Stand For Principles?" Louise Tarleton.

"Warmth of Personality Wins," Kennedy Whiteley.

"Can Christian Ideals Hold in School Life?" Grisham Dowell.

"Is it Harder Today to Lead a Christian Life?" Marie Stanford.

Business.

Song.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Clyde Corner, of A. C. C. will be with us next Lord's Day. Clyde is a Senior this year and will be interesting to us, we are sure. Come hear him and get acquainted with him. He will preach at 11 a. m. and likely again at the evening service.

Bible study in the morning at 9:45; communion at 12 m., young peoples program at 6:30 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 3 p. m. and prayer meeting service Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

A cordial invitation and a hearty welcome awaits you at all these services.

Respectfully, The Elders.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

In spite of the cold weather we had a nice crowd present last Sunday. To church and Sunday School is the best place to go on Sunday. Try it and see. Visit with us—you are welcome.

Sunday School each Sunday 9:45.

Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m., Mrs. Stapleton, president of the society. Preaching 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

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

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Will Jesus come in November of 1932? Come and see. Sunday at 9:45 a. m. we want every man, woman and boy and girl who is not in Sunday School some where to come to our Bible school, and we want you to feel welcome. Lesson, seventh chapter of John.

Preaching services: Saturday, 3 p. m. on street; Saturday 8 p. m.; Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Bible study Tuesday 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.; teachers and workers Bible study Friday 8 p. m. Singing every Sunday 2:30 p. m. Baptizing Sunday 4:30 p. m. Come hear "the old-time religion," plus nothing and minus nothing.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.

Scripture—Hebrews 2:1-11.

Subject: "We Ought to be Obedient to Jesus Christ."

Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketchum.

Verse 1, Will Huffman; 2, Madie Smith; 3, William Gay; 4, Gertrude Reynolds; 5-6, Tom Huffman; 7, Mattie Ruth Gay; 8, Elton Dowell; 9, Ruth Jenkins; 10, Rex Martin; 11, Mrs. Bessie Dowell.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Jack West and Rev. Merion West will conduct services at the Fundamentalists Baptist church Monday evening, March 21, at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

The zebra has never been domesticated.

SPECIAL PRICES

on Ladies' Cement Half Soles
Don't Stitch nor Tack

CITY SHOE SHOP

J. M. RICKER, Prop.
Kent Street

Personal Mention

Miss Verna Tee Beasley of Levell and is the guest of Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr., went to Waco for the week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little are here from Decatur, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. H. L. McGehee of Abilene spent the week with her two sons, Ted and Allen McGehee.

Mesdames Truman Gilliland and Ewell Jones of Abilene were recent guests of Mrs. Olan Lusby.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene are visiting in Texarkana, the guests of Mrs. F. E. Dawley.

Joe Gunn, who has been in San Antonio for sometime, has returned to Merkel.

Guests in the J. T. Dennis home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Lusby had as their guests Tuesday Mr. Lusby's sister, Mrs. Sam Hallmark, and children from Hale Center.

Miss Eva Horton returned Sunday after visiting the past two months with her sister and family on their ranch near Sweetwater.

Miss Kittle Buford of Fort Worth is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford, also in the Oscar and R. R. Buford homes.

Rev. E. L. Yeats was in Sweetwater Tuesday in attendance at the "Spiritual Life Conference" of Northwest Texas Methodist ministers.

Hale Lancaster and Bob Fowler have gone to Graham to tear down a rig, which is to be moved to Merkel for another test on the Swann place.

Mrs. Carson Miles and children of San Angelo and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley have gone to Lubbock to spend several months in the home of their son, Rev. A. C. Bickley, who is presiding elder of the Lubbock district.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent have returned from Dallas where Mrs. Largent went for a minor operation at St. Paul's hospital and Miss Mattilou from C. I. A. at Denton joined them for a visit.

Rural Carriers Meet.

At a called session of the rural mail carriers of the 17th district at Abilene Saturday, May 30 was set as the date for their district convention at Cisco and a membership drive to enroll all of the 175 carriers in the district in the organization was started. R. L. Adcock was the only one of the Merkel carriers who attended the session.

Come

To "Ye Ole Time Quilt Show"
Mrs. Fred Hughes'
Wednesday, March 23
Time 3 to 5 p. m.

Extra Quality Domestic 5 cents per yard Saturday—2:30 till 3 o'clock—limit five yards. Brown's Bargain Store.

The Yukon river rises within fifteen miles of the Pacific ocean.



Flowering Plants For Easter

Of all times of the year, Easter more than all demands flowers—the very symbol of the season. It is a time of new life, of rebirth which only flowers can so subtly suggest. . . . As a gift for the Easter hostess, as a greeting to your Easter guests, nothing can be more welcome than the delicate fragrance of flowers.

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and Leave Order Now
Missie's Floral Shop
At Woodrum Hotel

MATTERS MUSICAL

PRE-EASTER PROGRAM.

An Easter program of especial interest will be rendered at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, beginning at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to hear the following:

"The Palms," prelude, Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

"Alleluia," choir.

Prayer, Rev. R. A. Walker.

Response, choir.

"Holy City," Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

"He Arose," congregation.

Scripture, Rev. R. A. Walker.

"The Lord Hath Triumphed," choir.

Offertory, Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

"Morn of Victory," choir.

"The Old Wayside Cross," Messrs. John Olan Lusby, Ralph Duke, C. W. Deimer, Harry Barnett.

"Fraye Perfect" Miss Mary Eula Sears, Mrs. L. B. Scott.

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today," choir.

"Still, Still with Thee," Delma Compton.

Sermon, Rev. R. A. Walker.

"The Old Rugged Cross," choir.

Postlude.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father. We also want to thank those who sent floral offerings and also thank Dr. Gardner and Dr. Hulsey for their untiring efforts in trying to relieve his suffering.
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