

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## COUNTY HEADS IN RESOLUTION FAVOR PAY CUTS

Officials of Commissioners Court, with Judge and Auditor, Willing to Accept Slash, Proportionally.

With a view to a general reduction of salaries and income of county officials, the Taylor county commissioners, together with Judge Tom K. Eplen and County Auditor L. R. Thompson, have outlined in a resolution adopted Tuesday a proposed plan to accomplish this, indicating in the proposal their willingness to accept a proportional decrease in their own salaries and income.

The resolution, signed by the county auditor and county judge and Commissioners G. B. Tittle, P. A. Diltz, J. R. Trammell and Sid H. McAdams, follows:

Be it resolved that, whereas, the citizens of Taylor county may wonder why the commissioners court has not attempted to reduce the salaries and income of the various county officials,

Therefore, be it resolved that we inform the public that the commissioners court only has control over the ex-officio salary of three county officials, to-wit: the sheriff, the county judge, and the county attorney, who now draw any ex-officio salary, and that said three officials only draw a portion of their income from such ex-officio salaries; and that the balance of the officials in the courthouse draw their salary either under a state statute and are paid by the state, or else draw their salaries on a commission basis as fixed by law, or draw their income entirely from fees paid by private parties as set by law;

Be it further resolved that the commissioners court of Taylor county, joined by the county auditor, state to the public that said court is ready and willing to accept a decrease in their total income, from whatever source derived, provided, that the other officials in the courthouse agree to do likewise; such decrease to be paid into the general fund of Taylor county, and such decrease to be figured in proportion to the total income of each official in comparison with the income of the other officials.

## Early Morning Fire Destroys Home Here

About two o'clock Thursday morning the home of Claud Comegys in Bettis Heights with its contents was almost totally destroyed by fire. No one was at home Wednesday night, Mrs. Comegys being in Sweetwater and Claud and their son, Bill, having gone to Dallas Monday.

It is not known how the fire originated nor could it be learned Thursday morning how much insurance was carried.

The barn also caught fire from the flames, but it was saved without much loss by the efforts of the fireboys.

## MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 15 FOR AREA JAMBOREE

Series of Contests to Feature Annual Outing at Camp Tonkawa, May 13-14; Tenderfoot Badges Awarded to Nine.

The annual jamboree of the Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail area will be held at Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, May 13-14, according to announcements from the area executive, Ed Shumway. The chief feature of the jamboree will be a series of contests in which scouts from seven counties, including Taylor, will compete as individuals and in troop units.

The program will open at 4 p. m., Friday, May 13, when all the troops present will select camp sites. The council fire Friday night will be enlivened with Indian war dances, troop yells and scout songs. On Saturday morning reveille at 5:45 will be followed by a flag ceremony in which all scouts will take part. After breakfast there will be troop inspection, followed by contests in observation. A special event for tenderfoot scouts will be held to test their knowledge of the composition and history of the United States flag and the forms of respect due it. First and second class scouts will give first aid demonstrations, which will be judged by doctors. Other contests during the day will include knot-tying, water boiling, string-burning, wall scaling, cooking, archery and signaling.

Many of the troops will assemble displays of handicraft, including woodcarving, bird houses, leatherwork, tanning, tin work, rustic work and whittling. Additional points will be given to each troop displaying a totem pole.

The Merkel Scouts are planning to take part in this jamboree and have entries in most of the contests. In order to be eligible to compete, all scouts must be registered in the troop by April 15.

### TWO MEETINGS HELD HERE.

Two meetings were held here Wednesday afternoon and night in the interest of the Boy Scout movement. The first came at 4:30 in the director's room of the Farmers State bank, being a conference of business men with Local Chairman S. D. Gamble, Scout Executive Ed Shumway was also present.

The following committee chairmen were appointed: camping chairman, Charlie Jones; troop organization and leadership training, Yates Brown, and court of honor chairman, Dee Grimes.

At 6 o'clock a court of honor was held at the Methodist church when tenderfoot badges were presented by Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson to the following nine Scouts: A. C. Sears, Truett Patterson, Clarence Andy Shouse, Billy Rose, J. C. Foster, William Hawkins, Arthur Wiman, P. A. Diltz, Jr., and Sylvan Mellinger.



## JUDGE SUSTAINS PARTY PLEDGE

Court Dismisses Tom Love's Suit To Have Loyalty Promise Taken From Primary.

Dallas, April 14.—District Judge Robert B. Allen held here Saturday the state democratic executive committee had the right to exact a loyalty pledge of participants in precinct conventions.

He dismissed a suit for mandamus brought by Thomas B. Love of Dallas, ultra-dry politician, seeking to compel the committee to admit qualified voters to conventions leading to the general election without signing a pledge to support nominees for president and vice president.

Love promptly filed an appeal. He will carry the case to the state supreme court.

The decision ended the first phase of what promises to be a bitter fight for control of the state party in the forthcoming presidential election. Love filed the suit at request of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Texas.

The court held "the democratic executive committee had the right to prescribe a proper pledge to be administered to the qualified voters of each voting precinct who may hold primary conventions pursuant to the sending of delegates to a national convention."

The pledge, adopted by the committee at Fort Worth recently, reads: "I hereby pledge myself to support the nominees of the democratic party for president and vice-president of the United States by voting for the democratic electors of the state of Texas."

## Lindy Pays Ransom, But Baby Still Held

New York, April 14.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh has paid a ransom of \$50,000 for his kidnapped son, but the baby has not been returned.

The ransom was paid April 2 to the kidnapers, properly identified as such, upon their agreement to notify him as to the exact whereabouts of the baby, but the baby was not found at the point designated.

"Several days were permitted to elapse to give the kidnapers every opportunity to keep their agreement," a statement through the New Jersey police Saturday night read. "It was not intended to use the number on the species (currency) in which the ransom was paid, but inasmuch as the kidnapers have failed to keep their agreement it is felt that every remaining possible means must be utilized to accomplish the return of the baby and to this end the co-operation of the federal government was requested in tracing the bills used."

Dr. John F. Condon, the 72-year-old newspaper advertiser is the "Jafsie" of the newspaper advertisements which led to establishing contact with the abductors, still expressed confidence Wednesday in further negotiations with the kidnapers. He stated that he both "had and has" means of reaching them.

### Calendar Idea Not New.

Madison, Me., April 14.—The idea of a 13-month calendar, being currently discussed, apparently dates back at least as far as 1804. The 13-month year is mentioned in a paper written by the grandfather of John W. Thurell, who is preserving the paper as a keepsake.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

For the first time in the history of the institution, there are 1,000 patients in the Abilene state hospital, the total capacity being 1,060.

W. S. Britton, 62, veteran West Texas peace officer and chief of the Abilene detective force since 1927, died Saturday in a hospital, victim of pneumonia.

Apparent low bidder on the new half million dollar state highway building at Austin was J. E. Morgan and Sons, El Paso, whose base bid was \$321,967.

The Texas highway system embraced on January 1, this year, 188,539 miles of road, more than 50,000 miles greater than the road mileage of any other state.

The interstate commerce commission has denied the application of the Texas and Pacific Northern railway for permission to build 330 miles of line from Big Spring to Vega.

John Mobley, Houston, general attorney, for the Missouri railroad, leaped or fell to his death Wednesday from the ninth floor of the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York.

Production of east Texas oil wells was cut from 71 to 67 barrels daily beginning Wednesday, according to orders of Col. Louis S. Davidson of the national guard at Overton.

High winds and a late March freeze did so much damage to wheat in the Texas Panhandle that the crop may be only half as great as last year, the Dallas News crop survey has announced.

H. C. Edgar, 60, pioneer Austin merchant who advertised "everything from a con trap to a tractor" at the "Trading Post," which he operated for years, died of heart failure in front of the state capitol Saturday.

Six sons were pallbearers at the funeral of Joseph William Shanks, 68, who had lived in Dallas 62 years and who was a member of the last board of aldermen before the city commission form of government was adopted.

The Galveston News, oldest newspaper in Texas, founded in 1842 when Texas was a republic by what is now the A. H. Belo company, publishers of the Dallas News since 1885, celebrated its ninetieth birthday Monday.

Dr. Paul W. Horn, 62, president of Texas Technological college since the school opened in the fall of 1925, and noted throughout the southwest as an educator, died suddenly Wednesday morning. He had been in ill health for the last three months.

Two federal prohibition agents, N. D. Heaton and L. C. Smith, were charged in state court at Dallas with murder in connection with the shooting Saturday night of Marion McGlothlin, proprietor of a small gasoline station and grocery on a country crossroads corner.

### Pall Bearer for Britton Funeral.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, a former member of the Abilene police force, served as one of the Masonic pall bearers for the funeral of the late W. S. Britton, chief of detectives, Abilene police force, who died Saturday of last week and was buried Monday.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, Saturday, April 9, 1932.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Rosson, residing south of Trent, Sunday, April 10, 1932.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Trent, Sunday, April 10, 1932.

## IT'S NOW CHIEF JIMMY TOOMBS OF VOLUNTEERS

Former Assistant Moved to Head of Organization of Fire Fighters; Sharp and Toombs Named Convention Delegates.

Jimmy Toombs is the new chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department. He was elevated from the position of assistant chief to the head of the volunteers at the annual election held Monday night, succeeding N. A. Dowell, veteran fire fighter who has been directing the boys for most of the past five years.

Others elected were: assistant chief, Bob Fowler; foreman hose company No. 1, Woodrow Wozencraft; assistant, Herbert Dennis; foreman hose company No. 2, Morris Horton, assistant, Carlton Vick; foreman chemical company, Comer Patterson, assistant, Chester Hutcheson; fire police, F. A. Sanders, S. A. Bankston, Howard Laney and Carl Thomas; first aid, J. T. Darsey.

Parker Sharp was elected to succeed Charles H. Jones, president for the past two years. J. T. Darsey, Jr., was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from the city of T. M. Allday, vice-president. Robert Dennis, secretary and treasurer of the organization for more than 12 years, was selected again to fill that capacity.

Chief Toombs and Parker Sharp were selected as the delegates to the state firemen's convention to be held in Austin in June.

## Mayor Elliott Signs On Broadway Scroll

Driving a Broadway of America courtesy car from coast to coast, W. J. Watson arrived in Merkel at 2:10 Wednesday afternoon to secure the signature of Mayor W. M. Elliott to the scroll carrying greetings from mayors of the intervening cities along the Broadway from San Diego, Calif., to Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York City. He was accompanied by his wife who is getting material for newspaper work.

They left San Diego April 7 and Mr. Watson stated to Mayor Elliott that he was keeping right up with schedule. They expect to reach New York City at 10 o'clock on April 28.

## LIVELY COMEDY TO BE GIVEN FOR FIREMEN'S FUND

"The Wild Oats Boy." With Well Selected Local Cast, on Cozy Stage Thursday, April 21; Everybody Come Out.

Next Thursday night, April 21, at 8:15 o'clock the curtain will rise on "The Wild Oats Boy," a lively three-act comedy drama, to be presented by local talent at the Cozy theatre.

Interest among the cast is growing with each rehearsal and an evening of genuine entertainment is promised patrons.

With the exception of Burnis Tucker, who is to play "Mose" instead of Charlie Jones, the list of players reads the same as was announced in The Mail last week.

Produced under the co-direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby and Miss Christine Collins, the proceeds will go to the Firemen's fund. Admission charges will be 10c and 25c.

An array of talented specialties is being arranged for "between the acts," and, while these numbers cannot be announced at this time, it is assured that they will be worth your money alone, as the "spieler" for the road should would say.

This is the first time the fireboys have sponsored a benefit in some years; as a group and individually, they are the town's best friends; they want to raise money for the Firemen's fund; they have secured some of the best talent in the city for the presentation of "The Wild Oats Boy." Let's see how big a crowd we can get together and turn out for "the big show."

## Maybe Press Knows Why Hue and Cry

Washington, April 14.—Determined defense of the stock exchange was continued in testimony to the senate banking committee Tuesday by its president, Richard Whitney.

He protested against "this hue and cry, perhaps helped by the gentlemen of the press, in regard to loaning customers' stocks, that has been in vogue throughout the country for the last two or three years."

Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, remarked that any man who signed the customers' agreement which Whitney produced "must have been a goat."



## WE RICH.

A young man, who is vice-president of a New York bank, told me that he dined recently at a fashionable resort.

"All the other guests were very rich," he said. "They were older people, many of them retired. They were shaking in their boots. They are afraid there will be a social upheaval and that their money will be taken away."

I told him I thought these people had a right to worry. "The social order will not be over-turned," I said, "nor will people like your friends be stripped of their possessions. But I do believe that, when this depression is over, the rich will be poorer and the poor will have a degree of comfort and security that they have never possessed before. And this will be better for everybody."

In saying this, I am taking a position which is contrary to my own selfish interests, for, while I am not and never shall be rich, I have an income that is much above the average. If taxes are higher, mine will go up with the rest.

But shouldn't they? What have I done to deserve as much as I get out of life?

You may answer: "You have worked hard. You have been ambitious and intelligent. Any man who will apply himself in this country can do well."

This is not a complete answer. To be sure, I have worked. But where did I work the hardest? On a farm one summer (I still ache when I think about it). And in Montana in a construction camp. The hours, in each case, were more than twelve a day, and at night we were too weary for anything but bed.

On my farm my income was one dollar a day; in the construction camp it was sixty-five dollars a month.

If I have increased my income it is not because I have worked harder but because I happened to get out of these tough jobs into one that is much easier and much better paid.

If I have used intelligence, it is not greatly to my credit. I happened to have been born into a home of culture. I was sent to college, and my expenses were paid.

Many rich people, who are worried for fear they will have to bear a larger burden in the future, have had all these advantages, plus the added advantage of inherited wealth. When they grumble they give me a pain.

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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 12, 1912.)

During the last few days the automobile industry has increased to some extent in Merkel. The first purchaser of the benzine buggies of late was Ben H. Moore, the rural delivery carrier of route two. He has installed a Liberty Brush on his route with the best of success and now makes the round some three to four hours sooner than usual, which gives his patrons as good service as is given on the other routes where motorcycles are used.

Tuesday afternoon R. L. Bland of the Anchor Hardware Co. received a message from Dallas telling him that a five passenger Ford was on its way to him. The Anchor Hardware Co. has also sold another car that will be sent out to them in a very few days. It is a two passenger car and will be used by Dr. Armstrong in his profession.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Miss Susie Penn were social callers in Abilene this past week-end.

Homer Rainbolt left Merkel for Stamford Tuesday morning where he will enter Stamford college.

M. W. Picklesimer and family left Merkel for Washington, D. C., Wednesday morning where they go to make their home.

Miss Gertrude Thornton is in San Antonio this week as a delegate to the State Praetorian convention that is in session there now.

Mrs. Comer Clay and Master Comer Clay, Jr., are visiting Messdames Jud Sheppard, Asa Sheppard and other Merkel friends.

D. O. Huddleston was in town Tuesday to get the latest dope on the fate of the Allan outlaws back in his old stamping grounds and the progress of Hon. Cone Johnson's candidacy for United States senate.

On last Thursday morning Mr. Jno. Burfiend of the White Church community died. Mr. Burfiend had been a resident of the Merkel community for a long time, having owned and operated the Storey wagon yard.

The people of Merkel are offering profound sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams in the death of their daughter, Eva Darline, Monday morning.

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**ONE LEADER SPEAKS OUT.**  
 A philosopher once wrote: "The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness." We regret that we do not have the original text with its context—it is credited in a paragraph quotation to Montaigne, who is none other, we assume, than the famous French essayist of the sixteenth century.

Somewhat similarly in thought and strikingly modern in expression, B. C. Forbes wrote Monday: "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, you'll be a man, my son!"

Since the first of January congress has in a non-partisan forward movement enacted many measures intended to remedy existing ills and start the return of prosperity; the bears of Wall street seemingly have blocked each move, causing a corresponding recession instead of a favorable response.

Small wonder that the average man does not know where to turn nor to what to anchor his faith. Yet who is there to doubt the following truths, as expressed by Mr. R. Perry Shorts, regent of the University of Michigan, in a recent radio address:

"We need leadership today to help spread encouragement and constructive economic gospel among our people. Fear always comes from ignorance—and here we are spending over three billions a year on education. Let us put all this fear behind us and thank God for the great wealth and stability of our country. No other nation in the world is even half as well off as we are. Our life insurance assets alone amount to more than all of our government debts put together. What is there to be afraid of? Why should we worry about war debts when, even if they were all cancelled, our annual income would be reduced by about \$2.00 per person? Why fret any more about bank failures, when over twenty thousand banks are still doing business; and, if they were strong enough to survive the past two years on their own resources, they certainly should be able to 'ride out the storm' with the United States government now standing ready to help them? It is distressing, of course, to think about the four or five million men now unemployed—but how about the thirty-six million men who are still at work? Everybody talks about the farmers who can't pay interest on their mortgages—but we hear little about the fifty-eight out of every one hundred farms that are not mortgaged at all! We Americans should hold our confidence and our courage on a high and steady plane. We know that business prospects are always overestimated in prosperity and always underestimated in depressions. We also know that America has a one hundred per cent record of marching straight through every depression to new record peaks of prosperity—and that our country, today, is sounder and stronger and richer than ever before, and stands foremost among all of the nations of the earth in the promise of future growth and development."

**BANKERS RECOMMEND ADVERTISING.**  
 Just like the country banker is advising the cotton farmer to reduce acreage in order to prevent overproduction, the big city bankers are urging their business customers to move merchandise from the shelves by aggressive advertising. Melvin L. Strauss of the Strauss National Bank of Chicago said that firms doing business with this bank would be urged to maintain normal advertising appropriations. He also recommended newspaper advertising as the best medium with which to stimulate buying.

**THE WAY OF LIFE**  
 (Continued from Page One)  
 Surely, we who have had the best luck in this country are going to be wise enough to recognize it and to assume cheerfully our full share of the load.

**CEMETERY NOTICE.**  
 "If you want your lots kept clean and graves filled and rounded up by J. H. Witcher, the sexton, please see him at once.  
 Committee.  
 Mail want ads pay dividends.

# 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. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.  
 Assistant Editor—Lela Patterson. Assistant Sports Editor—Ross Ferrier.  
 Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

### MEKEL LOSES FIRST TRACK MEET OF PRESENT SEASON.

Merkel lost a track meet, for the first time this season, to Rotan. The total points were: Merkel 53, Rotan 87. The Badgers did not show up very well in this meet, but the team goes to the district meet at Abilene Saturday, where it is believed that they will make a better showing.

A few of the Badgers were unable to run against Rotan as a result of illness and injuries.

Everyone is backing the Badgers in the district meet and hoping that several men will win the right to represent this district at the state meet in Austin.

The ones that won some of the events in the track meet are: Cephas Wozencraft, one mile; Jack Patterson, 1-2 mile; Neal Durham, 440; Albert Cade, 100 yard dash; Toombs, Stalls, Durham and Cade in relay.

### W. M. DOESN'T LIKE CANDY.

Everyone was greatly surprised the other day to find out that W. M. does not like candy.

Every Monday Mr. Barnes gives away five cents worth of candy to the name of the student that has been drawn. It so happened that on last Monday W. M. Taylor was the lucky one. When he went over to get his prize, this is what he said, "Mr. Barnes, I wonder if you wouldn't give me the nickel instead of the candy."

"Why, what for, son? Don't you like our candy?" Mr. Barnes asked.  
 "Oh, yes, of course," W. M. answered, "but I could buy a package of gum, and Doris Mae likes gum lots better than candy."

### FRESHMAN NEWS.

Seems queer—  
 W. M. (over the phone) "Doris Mae, will you go with me tonight?"  
 Doris Mae: "Yea, who is this?"

Mary Helen received a Christmas present April 5.

The Freshmen can't understand poetry, so Mrs. Irvin thinks.

Everyone has decided Robbie and Ethelada are cute.

Louise Tarleton has been making eyes at someone. (It's not K. W.)

Monroe has been calling certain girls sweet names.

Thelma M. thinks Mr. Riddle abuses her.

Jessie M. is always thinking there is a fire.

One day Miss Patterson came into the room very angry. Her class was cutting up, so she said to her class, "You may remain in after school!"

Felix: "Give me liberty or give me death."  
 Miss Patterson: "Who said that?"  
 Felix: "Patrick Henry."

Everyone missed Waymon while he was absent.

### CHRISTMAS IN APRIL.

It has been proved by one of our high school girls that Christmas comes on April 5. As queer as this may seem, Mary Helen received a lovely handkerchief on April 5 for a Christmas present.

Sarah Sheppard was the one who set the date up about four months by giving Mary Helen the handkerchief. The reason Sarah gives for this act is this: she says that when she started to give Mary Helen her gift Christmas, she could not find it so she did not give her one. Her mother was looking through her cedar chest the other day and found the lost gift. As Sarah knew it was more blessed to give than to keep, she brought the gift to Mary Helen with many explanations.

### M. H. S. CHORUS.

The Merkel High school chorus is planning to give its operetta, "The Sun Bonnet Girl," May 13, 1932.

### THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

After a terrific struggle, Mrs. Hardup had just paid the last installment on a baby buggy.

"Thank you, madam," said the salesman, affably, "and how is the baby getting along?"  
 "Oh, he's fine," replied Mrs. Hardup, "He's getting married tomorrow."

Julia walked into a store where pets were sold and asked, "How much for this dog?"

"Five dollars," said the clerk.  
 "For this smaller one?"  
 "Ten dollars."  
 "For this tiny one?"  
 "Fifteen dollars."  
 "Boy, what will it cost if I don't

buy a dog at all!"

Mrs. Roberts: "Good gracious Van, I forgot to shake the bottle before I gave you that medicine!"  
 Van: "Don't worry, mother, that physical education I have to take every day at school will make everything all right."

Mistress: "When I engaged you, Jane, you told me you had no men friends. Now, nearly every evening when I come into the kitchen, I find a man here."  
 "Bless you, ma'am, he ain't no friend o' mine!"  
 "Good gracious! Who is he then?"  
 "He's my husband."

### SENIOR NEWS.

We received bad news Friday. We are to have two more weeks of English! After taking the final examinations, we thought we were through, but even Seniors can be mistaken.

The Memory Books were not finished last week. We shall get them this week, I know.

Some of the Seniors decided Friday that they had rather have classes than study halls.

Last week the Juniors were bragging about how many contestants in the county meet were from the Junior class. Well, we had a few representatives. Zada helped win the girls doubles in tennis and Nelle went to district. Several Senior boys are out for track. In addition to this, we have two boys, Davis and Monta J., with new basketball sweaters with four stripes.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Although we Sophs haven't made such a fine record this year, we can and are going to come out on top this last six weeks. Just watch us! You will see that we are not buried so deeply in that "stage" that we can't study. Wait and see!!

### CHAPEL NEWS.

Brother Huckabee, who is persisting over the Methodist and Presbyterian revival, spoke to the student body last Thursday morning on the subject, "Building Character." He stressed, especially, the idea that high school students are not only preparing for the future but also need strong characters now.

### W. W. W. W. W. W. W. CLUB.

Marie Stanford.  
 A person was never known to laugh more than Marie. She laughs at everything. That is probably the main reason that she has so many friends.  
 Marie takes an active part in dramatics and choral singing. She was also an outstanding figure of the Pep Squad. Great things are expected of Marie in the future.

### Helen Yeats.

Because of her keen sense of humor and pure wit, Helen has become a favorite of M. H. S. She is constantly seeking the humorous side of everything, and she usually finds it.

Besides being a member of the 7W club Helen is a member of the M. H. S. Players' club. A club social would not be complete without her.

### EDUCATION.

Someone may say: "You're not a poet."

Be quiet, dumbell, don't you think I know it?

But I'll write a few lines to let you see

How dumb a country kid can be.

My only hope is that when I am through

I may have brought a worthy thought to you.

Education's door is open wide,  
 Who will may enter and abide;  
 Good fortune smiles, don't stand and wait  
 Perhaps next year will be too late.

You ask, "Why should we make a lot of fuss  
 In getting something that's of no use to us."  
 Well you go ahead, boys, and till the ground,  
 While as for me—I'll give her a round.

But here's a question students often ask

While worrying o'er seemingly tedious tasks,  
 "What is this thing for which we seek?"

What is this thing which few men find?

Why should we strive towards the peak?

And leave the common ground behind?"

Some students say, "it nearly kills my soul!  
 To have to study this terrible Espanol."

But strive on friends, why weaken? why sway?

These problems won't face you three months from today.

And if we reach life's higher station, We'll have to reach it through education.

—Country Kid.  
 (Monta J. Moore.)

### THINGS PEOPLE TALK ABOUT.

The chief executive of Massachusetts is the electric chair.

Said a freshman: "In 1658 the Pilgrims crossed the ocean and this was known as Pilgrims' Progress."

Gender shows whether a man is masculine, feminine or neuter.

Give an example of collective noun. Answer: Garbage-can.

The wife of a duke is a ducky. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

Henry said, "Beware of the brides of March."

The king was crowned in the Crystal Palace with his sepulchre in his hand.

In United States people are put to death by elocation.

The different kinds of senses are common-sense and nonsense.

Describe the hardships of the Crusaders on their way to the Holy Land. Answer: Many of them died of salvation.

A circle is a line which meets its other end without ending.

Algebra was the wife of Euclid.

Typhoid fever may be prevented by fascination.

Henry Ford invented perpetual motion.

Michael Angelo painted the dome of the Sistine Madonna.

## The Farmers and Merchants National Bank

Close of Business March 31, 1932.

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$203,393.09
Overdrafts	110.28
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$20,700.00
Bills of Exchange	2,277.50
Cash & Due from Banks	89,970.60
<b>TOTAL CASH RESOURCES</b>	<b>112,948.10</b>
Total	\$345,100.26

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	17,342.01
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>271,508.25</b>
Total	\$345,100.26

The above statement is correct.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

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# MAN MADE THE TOWN

by RUBY M. AYRES



**FOURTH INSTALLMENT.**

At twenty-two the only thing Diana really desired was another woman's husband. A nervous wreck from the excitement and strain of London's gay life, she is taken by her aunt, Mrs. Gladwyn, to a famous specialist's office. The physician orders her to the country for a long rest. She rebels, but the doctor is handsome and sympathetic. She learns that he is not the great man himself but an assistant, Dr. Rathbone. "God made the country and man made the town," he tells her, and she agrees to go to a rural retreat.

Before she leaves she goes to Dennis Waterman's flat, where they are surprised by Linda, Dennis's wife, who takes the situation quite calmly. "I suppose she wants you to marry her?" she asks Dennis.

At the night club where she goes with Dennis, Diana collapses. She regains consciousness in a little country cottage, with a nurse, Miss Starling, bending over her. Dr. Rathbone's home was close by, Miss Starling told her.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—**

There was a little sound out in the road. A big car had drawn noiselessly up to the gate, and a man was getting out.

A big man with a very unprofessional appearance—Rathbone.

Diana made another effort to rise. He would be so angry with her. She heard his step on the path, then his voice talking to the maid.

"Oh, well, I'll go up—" then his step on the stairs.

The Creature was not there, of course... and now he would be angry to find her out of bed. Not that she cared if he was angry: he was well paid to look after her. He ought to have sent word that he would be coming. Diana was trembling from head to foot as she clung to the window sill, her face turned to the door.

Rathbone came in... he gave one glance at the bed before he saw her, and she broke out tearfully, "I was so tired of bed—I wanted to see what was outside... and I can't get back."

"That means you're going to sit in front," Diana said disappointedly.

"That's where the driver generally sits," he answered calmly.

In less than half an hour they were back at the cottage, and Jenny greeted them at the door, her face all smiles, her eyes very knowing as she looked at Diana.

"Have you enjoyed it, Miss?" she asked, and Diana answered: "It was such a little way—it was hardly worth going for."

Rathbone laughed as he carried her upstairs again and set her down in an armchair.

"That's base ingratitude," he said cheerfully. "And I've sacrificed my Saturday afternoon to you."

She met the kindness of his eyes and relented a little.

"Thank you for taking me," she said.

She clung to his hand for a moment.

"I'll come again soon," he promised.

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But the Creature went out.

"I shall be back by six," she told Diana, "and Jenny will give you your tea. Ring if you want anything."

"I shan't want anything, thank you," Diana said, but as soon as she was sure Miss Starling was well away she rang the bell.

at least, she looked it, although she was too hatefully tactful (so Diana thought) to say anything.

"You will have to see how much you can improve during the next three days," was her only comment.

Diana knew quite well what she was thinking, and it made her all the more determined to be well enough to go with Rathbone.

She made no more trouble about taking her food or medicine, and did everything she was told almost before she was told.

On Thursday she received a letter from Dennis, telling her he had found out through Anna where she was and asking if she could see him. She forgot all about their last quarrel and told him to call some afternoon, when Miss Starling would be out.

On Saturday Rathbone came at three o'clock. Diana heard his car come up to the gate, and her eyes grew bright with excitement.

She was well enough now to feel that she was about to be taken out of prison; well enough to find the quietness of the little room rather trying; she listened eagerly for his step on the stair.

She could hear him downstairs talking to Miss Starling. It seemed an eternity till he came up to her.

"Well?" he said cheerily. "And how are we today?"

She searched his face with eager eyes.

"Are you going to take me out?"

He laughed. "Didn't I promise? But let me look at you first."

"I'm much, much better," she assured him earnestly.

After she had been dressed, Rathbone lifted her gently in his arms—she was little more than a featherweight—and carefully carried her down the narrow staircase of the tiny house.

The Creature was standing by the car—a different car to the one Diana had seen drive down the lane when Rathbone last came.

"I'm going to drive you myself," he said as he carefully set her down on the seat of the car where pillows and rugs had already been methodically arranged by Miss Starling.

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wake me before? ... Do I look all right?"

"You look a picture, miss," Jenny lied gallantly.

Then Dennis came. For a moment Diana could hardly see him. She was blind with emotion, and her heart beat so fast it seemed to be thudding up in her throat, choking her.

Then the midst cleared, and she saw him standing in the doorway, looking at her with eyes that seemed half ashamed, half pitying, half glad! Yes, the gladness was there, and with a little smothered cry Diana held out her arms to him.

"Dennis..."

He came over to her and took her in his arms.

"Poor little girl... my poor little girl..."

She clung to him, half laughing, half weeping.

He kissed her gently as he might have kissed a child, but she seemed contented and lay still, looking at him with big eyes.

"Look at me, Dennis—you don't look at me at all," she said.

He raised his eyes with an effort. "I've been worrying about you, Diana."

She smiled. It was sweet to hear him say that.

"You need not," she told him. "I shall soon be back in London to plague you and quarrel with you again."

He turned his head quickly away, and she said with a sharper intonation, "Is anything the matter? You seem—strange, somehow. Is anything the matter, Dennis?"

"No, at least—" He broke off.

"Something is the matter," she insisted. She tried to raise herself, but the effort was too much, and she lay back, trembling and breathing quickly.

"You frighten me," she whispered. "You frighten me."

He held her hand to his face—such a frail, white little hand.

"There's nothing to be frightened about, my dear." He smiled to reassure her. "It's only—I've got to go away for a little while—that's why I came. I had to see you before I went."

"Go—away?... Where?"

"A long way, I'm afraid; at least, perhaps you will think it a long way, though it's nothing nowadays—America."

"America—why?"

"America is not so far away," he said, trying to speak cheerfully. "It's only five days now—no time at all."

"How long will you be gone?"

He shook his head.

"If you loved me you wouldn't go."

"Do you think I want to go?"

"Yes, I do," she said passionately. "My God, Diana, you're impossible!"

He walked away from her to the window. He was wishing with all his heart that he had not come, and yet perhaps he had never loved her so well

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Judge W. Erskine Williams of Fort Worth, teacher, churchman, city official, lawyer and judge, has announced his candidacy for congressman-at-large, place No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Judge Williams was born in Tennessee, reared on a farm in Mississippi, was graduated from the University of Mississippi, and came to Texas immediately after his graduation. He taught school two years in Wise county and was for three years principal of the largest school in Fort Worth. He served as special judge for Tarrant county, and was for 12 years assistant county attorney for Tarrant county.

For four years he was president of the general laymen's board of the Methodist church.

Recently he was appointed by Governor R. S. Sterling as a member of the Texas commission for the celebration of the George Washington Bicentennial, and to him has been assigned the district composed of the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Palo Pinto, Johnson, Hood, Somervell, Jack and Wise.

as he did now, when she was ill and weak. Her brave attempt to look pretty for his sake cried aloud to his heart for pity.

He turned round.

"I must go, Diana."

She said nothing, she just lay there looking at him with tragic eyes, and moved to sudden emotion he lifted her up in his arms and kissed her passionately.

"Don't forget me, Diana."

There was no answering pressure in her lips, those poor little reddened lips, and he said, stung to unjustified anger:

"You think only of yourself. If you had any thought for me you wouldn't be so hard."

"I'm not hard," she whispered. His face grew sullen.

"Good-bye, then." He walked out of the room without another word or glance, and Diana lay there, her face as white as the pillow, straining to hear the last sound of him... the very last sound of him.

Then suddenly she came to life. She gave a little strangled cry and tried to get out of bed.

"Dennis... come back!... Dennis!... Dennis!... Dennis!"

(Continued Next Week.)

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Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus and Profits	11,975.89
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mesdames George and Ellis Harris of Stith, old time friends of Mrs. T. J. Williams, visited with her on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins are announcing the birth of a boy on the eleventh, named Raymond Floyd. Lavalle Stevens is here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

Miss Fama Johnson, accompanied by a friend, Miss Rana Lee McGehee of Cisco, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson.

Miss Erma Dean Duncan of Sweetwater is the guest of Miss Pote Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson are announcing the birth of a baby girl on the tenth.

The Miss Beatrice Burleson came Saturday for a visit of several days with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Dudley.

Mrs. Davis Jones and little son, Joe Deverle, of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens, Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Galbreth and little daughter, Ruth Evelyn, of San Antonio are guests of her cousin, Mrs. O. L. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelley of Farwell, Miss Forrest and Noble Forrest of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Forrester and sons, Weldon and Mack.

Mesdames J. B. Winn and Elbert Rogers visited the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, of Herculiah last Saturday.

T. B. Sorrels of Fort Worth stopped over for a short visit with relatives here Monday, en route to Big Spring on business.

Mrs. Dan Howard and two children of Graham were guests Saturday of her aunt, Mrs. Leah Churchwell.

Mrs. Joe Nalley was called to Cottonwood Saturday on account of illness of her father, who at this writing is reported not much improved. She was accompanied by her brother, C. R. Rutherford, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdoch attended singing at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughters, Misses Doreen and Jean, accompanied by Mrs. B. Billings and Mrs. Harold Bowles, visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and little daughters, Willie Jean and Betty Jane, of Lubbock were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith and Mrs. E. Howell, over the week-end.

Rev. J. W. Saffle of Plainview was a passing visitor with old friends Sunday.

Mrs. Fenton Boyd and Mrs. Sam Jones visited Mrs. J. T. Skiffers of Sweetwater last Thursday.

W. E. Hale, who is attending school at McMurry, was home for the week-end.

Misses Louise Owens and Joy Lee Sparks were guests from Tuesday until Friday of Mrs. E. M. Pate of Blackwell. Mrs. Pate returning with them for a short visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owens.

Mrs. Clarence Reed and two children returned Saturday to their home in Big Spring after a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Boyd.

Judge Thomas Bledsoe of Abilene was a guest last Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

High School News.

CHORAL CLUB ENJOY PAJAMA PARTY.

Miss Doran Scott entertained the Choral Club girls with a pajama party last Thursday evening at her home.

Music, readings and games of "42" and bridge afforded entertainment, after which delicious plates of sandwiches, cake and iced tea were enjoyed by Misses Sara Johnson, Mildred Steadman, Gladys Rogers, Jo Ella McLeod, Thelma Nalley, Helen Hogue, Mary Shepherd, Nona Burgess, Fannie Vessels, Jean Scott and Kathryn Shannon; Mesdames Scott, Edwards, Rutherford and son Cecil, Jr., and the hostess.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

Miss Helen Hogue entertained the Home Economics club last Wednesday. A very nice program was rendered. Refreshments of jello, lemonade and cake were served to Nona Burgess, Fannie Vessels, Joe Ella McLeod, Helen Hogue, Gladys Rogers, Mildred Steadman, Gladys Rogers, Sally Freeman, Edith Hale, Victorine Bishop, Johnnie Terry, Bob Howell, Sarah Julia Johnson and Mary Shepherd.

SPORTS.

The girls intend to manage some way to get in some practice this week. Due to the fact that the wind and sand has blown so much recently, we have been unable to practice.

We motored over to Roby Monday afternoon to play volley ball. Trent girls were defeated by Roby girls.

The players were: Helen Hogue, Idell Cooper, Thelma Nalley, Fannie Vessels, Edith Hale, Jewell Gabbert, Jo Ella McLeod, Francis Jones and Gladys Rogers.

THINGS TO NOTICE.

That Mr. Jenkins, the taken-to-be ten year old boy, wears some brown tennis shoes.

That Mr. Elliott and Mr. Jenkins sometimes receive flowers.

That Fanny can play better while turning somersaults.

That Mr. Jenkins never quarrels at his volley ball team.

That Victorine has a new hair cut.

ONE FOR THE WILLIAMS.

When Ted comes to see Fanny he doesn't have ten little sisters to take along, too. Oh boy, I bet he is glad!

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. McSpadden of the Divide were the interesting guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera, one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer with their charming little son, J. H., visited Mrs. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, the past week-end.

Rudolph Cozart and sister, Miss Rosa, of Abilene were the attractive house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and family left Sunday for Wellington in response to a death telegram of their little grandson, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks returned home last week-end after attending the sick bedside of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. George Meeks, of Hamlin.

Mrs. Dodson of Muleshoe is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin, for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Anna Fugate of Dallas, Campbell of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle of Trent were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield recently.

Vaughn Holt of Merkel spent a pleasant day with Willie Joe Hunter Sunday. Mrs. Whit Farmer of Snyder was a guest also in this home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex McClain and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan visited the latter's father, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin, of Rotan over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and family visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry, of Abilene recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and family of Caps enjoyed a visit in the John Meeks home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Cavett enjoyed a visit of several days from the latter's brother, Mr. Walker, of Clyde recently.

Marshall Provine made a pleasure trip to Dallas the past week.

Dewell McClain made an interesting talk at the Sunday morning hour at the Baptist church.

There will be services at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, conducted by Rev. John Walker.

Clyde Deavers of Nubia visited friends here over the week-end. Mesdames Jack and Johnnie Lattimer, accompanied by Mrs. John Walker of Abilene, attended the rabbit drive at Nubia the past week.

Mrs. Riggs Clark and children of Merkel spent the day with Mrs. Oscar Walker recently.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer of White Church visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Reeves, the past week.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer and children of White Church spent the week-end with relatives of this place.

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TRUBY NEWS

"Old Man Winter" has been paying us a visit recently. There have also been plenty of sandstorms.

The farmers have about finished planting and are waiting for rain so they can begin planting. A few farmers have already planted feed and corn but the cut worms have eaten most of it.

School is progressing fine at this writing. The children enjoyed a half-holiday April 1 and the older ones went on the rabbit drive in the afternoon.

The Truby people enjoyed the rabbit drive April 1. There were about two hundred men and boys in the drive and they reported about fifteen hundred rabbits killed. A big barbecue was enjoyed at the noon hour on the river in Mr. Al Hampton's pasture. There were quite a few from Anson and other communities present.

Several families from Truby went to Union on April 6 and took part in the rabbit drive. Mr. John Thompson killed eighty-three rabbits.

The Truby Home Demonstration club met Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church. There were about twenty members present, but as our president, vice president, and Miss Chambers, the home demonstration agent, were not able to be present the club did not accomplish much as this was just the second meeting and we had no literature. Several of the ladies made talks and a short program was then planned for the next meeting, which will be the first Thursday in May. Visitors are always welcome.

The young folks are to meet one night soon and select a play to be presented in the near future. Watch this column for further announcement.

The Messrs. Hudson and families of Stith were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Samson and family.

Mrs. Jess Mathis had as her Sunday guest her sister and brother-in-law of Abilene.

Mrs. Robert Bell spent a few days visiting relatives in Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bowen and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Gentry entertained the young folks with a party in their home north of Truby Friday night. Everyone present had a fine time.

Mrs. McDougal and children have moved to a place about three miles north of Truby.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Miss Pha Samson were shopping in Anson one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey visited her son, G. T. Kirk of Hawley, last Thursday. Mr. Kirk is carrier on route number two and he has been ill for about five weeks, but will soon be able to resume his duties as carrier, according to his mother's report.

Mrs. E. L. Eason surprised her son, Leroy, last Thursday night with a birthday supper in honor of his thirteenth birthday.

The health of our community is much better at this writing than it has been for some time.

HEBRON NEWS

Miss Blanche Carey has returned home after a three weeks visit with her brother and wife of Trent. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Carey and little daughter, Lois La Nell, of Trent are visiting in the W. M. Carey home this week.

Miss Ida Mae Derstine entertained with a farewell party last Tuesday night in honor of Misses Hazel and Alice Reeves. Bridge, "42" and other games were played until a late hour. Refreshments of apple pie and coffee were served to Misses Alice and Hazel Reeves, Blanche and Ruby Carey, Lillie Claude Barnett, Anna May Harris, Norma and Ruby Patton, Hortense Barley, Alice Russell, Mary Etta Pace, Opal and Gwendolyn Vick and Jimmie Spring; Messrs. Clements Carey, Elden Reeves, Leo Harris, Noyis Barnett, Leonard Reeves, W. J. and Hall Burleson, King Floyd, Paul Pannell, Dale Burleson, Bill Russell, Ralph Pace, Woodrow Patton and Bill Goselle.

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GOODMAN NEWS

The Goodman Hi is to put on a play "Beads on a String," sponsored by Mrs. Waters Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips were in Anson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes entertained the young folks with a dance Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams went to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson of Merkel visited in our community this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Kirk have returned from Lubbock where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. Kirk's brother, who had blood poison caused from pulling a tooth, and reported the boy is improving very fast.

Mrs. Jim Grayson is some better this week.

W. L. Phillips, who has had the "flu," is able to be up now.

Miss Erlene Davis has been right ill this past week.

Little Willie Williams is carrying a bad arm this week caused from getting her hand in a ringer and rolling to her elbow.

Raymond Brewer went to Abilene on business Saturday.

Truitt Williams of Corpus Christi visited in the home of his uncle, W. N. Williams, Friday night.

Mrs. Waters was on the sick list this past week.

J. C. Washburn of White Flat was seen in our community this past week.

Miss Eva Horton of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Phillips Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Bruno Euckert, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Campbell, has returned to her home at Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones were in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Less Cox were in Merkel on business Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner is confined to her bed at this writing.

More than 850,000 sheets of standard size will be produced during this season by the Postex Mills at Post, consuming about 2,600 bales of Texas cotton.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

White Church News

Everyone here is enjoying the sunshine after so much sand.

Clyde Latimer of Nubia made a very interesting talk here Sunday following Sunday School.

Frank Turner and son of Big Spring were recent visitors in the E. W. Turner home.

We are real proud of our athletic boy, Maurice Pressly, who is wearing a gold medal he won at county meet. We are counting on him winning at district meet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. King and mother, Mrs. O. W. Deed, were shopping in Abilene Saturday and Mrs. King and Mrs. Reed also attended council meeting.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison and little grandsons, Dan and Billie, visited the children's father, Elmer Harrison, of Buffalo Gap last week.

Miss Chaney visited home folks at Tuscola over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris of Longview are visiting home folks.

O. J. Dulin had the misfortune of getting his hand cut real badly while working on his windmill.

Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Mrs. Bob Malone of Blair attended council in Abilene Saturday.

WHITE CHURCH HONOR ROLL.

Maurice Pressly, Fredia Farmer and Lena V. Harrison tied for first place on the White Church School honor roll for the past term with an average of 95.

Others on the honor roll were: Ila Mae Snow, 94; Clayton Coats, 94; Edna Lee Odom, 92; Raymond Reed, 91; Etsel Hunter, 91; Lewis Farmer, 91; Homer Tye, 92; Iun Robinson, 91; Elsie Riggan, 90; Irene Dunn, 90; Edward Farmer, 90; J. D. Malone, 91; Buford Malone, 90.

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 offering of their goods.

WHITE FLAT

The pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield's rooms enjoyed a picnic last Friday afternoon; a ball game was one enjoyable feature and another was the delicious lunch which consisted of bread, bacon, pickles, eggs, sandwiches, cake and iced cream.

Lillie Pearl Sparks was a guest of Mrs. Minnie Cary Sunday.

Edd Freeman was among those to attend the dance in the Andrews home last Saturday evening.

Miss Daisy Lucas, accompanied by Mr. Raymond Williams of Abilene, was a week-end guest of her sister in Santa Anna.

Helen McLeod visited Margaret Statser Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westbrook spent last week-end with their parents near Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield and daughter, Joy, were Friday evening callers on Thelma Casey of Bitter Creek.

Several from this neighborhood are attending and enjoying the Baptist revival which is now in progress in Trent.

White Flat school was represented at the Nolan County Teachers association held in Sweetwater Thursday evening by Mrs. Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield.

10c TAXI.

Say, did you know that while in Abilene you can ride anywhere in the city for 10 cents per passenger. City Service Taxi. Phone 5221. Opposite Paramount Theatre.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Shoematism, not rheumatism. If you feel ache-y, all fagged out and your nerves are "on edges," the chances are your shoes need attention. Have 'em REBUILT.

DOWELL'S SHOE AND HARNESS SHOP

A BUSINESS PRINCIPLE . . .

It is an accepted business principle that lowered prices increase sales volume. Following this tenet of business practice, public service companies have made, and are making, every effort to stimulate increased use of service and thus reduce utility rates. These two facts go hand in hand . . . when use increases, rates decline.

—And under the modern rate structure of the West Texas Utilities Company, your individual average rate per kilowatt-hour declines as more kilowatt-hours are used. In fact, analyses have shown that the average customer, using fifty kilowatt-hours per month, 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! The same principle produces similar results when applied to West Texas as a whole: as more service is used by all customers, the standard rate steps are reduced.

Electric utilities have made an enviable record during the past two decades. Commodity prices have fluctuated widely, and even yet have not reached the level of 1913 prices. On the other hand, the unit cost of electric service has declined steadily! A comparison between commodity and electric service costs shows that while the 1913 commodity dollar now buys less than a dollar's worth of merchandise, the same dollar, in this West Texas territory, buys over twice the amount of electric service it did in 1913!

Rate reductions have been made many times since the West Texas Utilities Company first entered West Texas. During the past ten years, the unit cost of your electric service has been LOWERED 60 PER CENT, with residential service alone showing a REDUCTION OF 54 PER CENT!

West Texas Utilities Company

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Brother Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday at the M. E. church. Miss Grace Cody, an ex-teacher of Mt. Pleasant, was a visitor here Sunday. Miss Frances Russell, who is attending high school in Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Russell. F. T. Hogan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cleave Bush at Nubia. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphreys and wife, Craig Humphreys and family and Jess Anderson and family all spent Wednesday fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson and son took dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Homer Campbell, Sunday. Misses Winnie Ruth Drummond and Annibel Bailey, popular teachers of Mt. Pleasant, spent last week-end with their home folks at Caps and Abilene. Mesdames J. A. Russell and R. S. Darden, Jr., and Miss Josie Hogan were shopping in Merkel Wednesday. The "flu" has been pretty bad around Mt. Pleasant lately. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., entertained a few friends Saturday night with a "42" party. The young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. I Garrett's Saturday night. The Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, April 5, at 2:30 at the M. E. church. The roll was answered with a good sandwich for school lunches. School lunches were discussed during the meeting. A report on home work was given. There have been 188 pounds of cheese made and 160 pounds of soap in the last month. The club is doing a lot of good work and growing fast. It is one of the youngest clubs in the county but doing as much work as the old clubs. The next meeting will be April 19 at Mrs. Craig Humphreys'. Miss Chambers will be with the club that day. There were one visitor and 12 members present.

RURAL SOCIETY

WHITE CHURCH CLUB. The White Church club met at the home of Mrs. B. D. Pressly Monday afternoon. Mesdames King, Pressly and Beryl Brown gave an interesting program on gardening. We had 12 members present and have a real good club, just beginning, but we would be glad to have more ladies come. Mesdames W. L. Brown, W. C. Malone and O. W. Reed will be on program next fourth Monday at the home of Mrs. Beryl Brown.

BLAIR CLUB.

The ladies of the Blair club met Wednesday, April 6, at the home of Mrs. Bob Malone. Home improvement, "Bedroom," was our line of work for this meeting. We papered a bedroom that afternoon. Most of us kept pretty busy trimming rolls of paper, putting on paste and hanging the paper, while a few, that were unable to get a hand in the work, kept the social side of things going. We all spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Miss Chambers was with us, and we always enjoy and appreciate her visits. Mrs. D. A. Dodson, the mother of Mrs. J. D. Rankin, was a very welcome visitor, also Mrs. Walker from Abilene and Mrs. Rob Moore. There were twelve members present. Refreshments of delicious cake and ice cream were served at the close of the afternoon's work and social hour. The club will meet at the Baptist church the third Wednesday in the month. Every member is invited to be present. -Reporter.

NINTH GRADE CLASS PARTY AT BLAIR. On April 9, Bess Lou Windham entertained the Blair ninth grade in her home. Many interesting games were played. Refreshments, consisting of punch and cake, were served to Misses Anna Addison, Lucy Moore, Clara Clinton, Clara Lee Peterson, Neva and Sarah Malone, Reta Akin and Bess Lou Windham, Messrs. Virgil Patterson, Bennett Walker, Hardy Moore, Robert Malone, H. E. Addison, Cecil Melton, Howard Windham, Marcus Clinton, Vernon Melton, Arthur Moore and Bernard Jones. All reported a good time.

60 Ex-Service Men Sign Bonus Plea. Voicing their approval to the full bonus payment now before congress, petitions signed by 60 Merkel ex-service men were sent by air mail Saturday night to Congressman Wright Patman, sponsor of the bill, and to Congressman Tom L. Blanton, representative of this district, and Senators Morris Sheppard and Tom Connally, urging them to fight for the bill's passage. Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

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.) JOHN PAYNE. For County Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) GRADY PARMELLY. R. S. (Bob) WALKER. For County Judge: JOHN CAMP. JOE E. CHILDEERS. 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, (Re-election.) For District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

WARREN NEWS

Most all the farmers are through breaking their land and are waiting for a rain to plant. Health of this community is fine at this writing. Quite a few are recovering from the "flu." Mrs. B. E. McCoy spent the day Monday with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Mrs. R. L. Newman has returned home from Big Spring, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Doyal Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilson from Winters spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ben Stello.

Jack Higgins spent Saturday with Bill Barker of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberson of Goodman have recently been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson.

We wish to welcome Mrs. Mitchell to our community. Miss Lottie McCoy spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. Everyone reported a very nice time.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

M. L. Douglas is recovering from several days of illness. Mrs. J. L. McRee and daughter, Mabel, and Mrs. Denzel Cox have been attending the Union revival at Merkel.

There were six of the seventh grade pupils that took the state-wide examination several days ago. Those that took the examinations were: Maurine Dean, Hortense Barley, Lena Faye Douglas, Woodrow Clark, Miller Patton and Eldon Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark had as their guests the first of this week the latter's sister, Mrs. Tipton, and son of Wichita Falls.

Everyone is urged to come to church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP. Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912. Of the Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, for April 1, 1932.

State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss: Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, Jr., who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of the Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication, for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws, and Regulations:

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Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, April 14.—Better grades of slaughter cattle sold to a fairly active demand at steady prices on Fort Worth market Wednesday. Common grades were slow and hard to move. Such stocker cattle as were included in the receipts sold at unchanged prices. Receipts 2,400; 400 calves; about steady; better fed steers on order account 550-5.65; short load well-finished yearlings 850 lbs. 6.00; other good slaughter yearlings 5.00-5.75; fat cows scarce, to 3.00; butcher grades 2.50 and less, stocker market poorly tested; medium to good stock steer yearlings 4.50; better slaughter calves steady; good heavy fat calves 4.75; cull sorts 1.75-2.00.

Cattle Shipments.

Sam Rabin, Los Angeles buyer, purchased two more cars of cattle in the local market the first of the week, the sellers being W. H. Laney and the Collins Brothers, the sales consisting of a car load of cows by the former and a car of bulls by the latter.

Dudley and Munger shipped four truckloads of sheep to Fort Worth Sunday, the lot numbering 410. He had previously delivered another lot of about 400 sheep by truck to Fort Worth.

Miss Belle Wellborn Asks for Re-Election

In the announcement column of The Mail appears the name of Miss Belle Wellborn, Taylor county's efficient and courteous district clerk, who is seeking re-election at the hands of the voters of the county. She is past president of the County and District Clerks' association of Texas and is the only woman ever to have held that office.

Miss Wellborn holds the esteem and confidence of everyone who has had any business to transact with the office of the district clerk and has proved a most popular public official.

"I have tried to handle the work of the office in an efficient manner satisfactory to all," said Miss Wellborn, "and if the people see fit to honor me with re-election I shall continue to serve them to the best of my ability. I wish to thank them for past favors and would appreciate their votes in this year's election."

Red Cross Flour is Being Distributed

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning only 35 sacks of flour out of the first shipment of Red Cross flour which arrived here Tuesday morning remained undelivered. The shipment included 114 sacks, twelve 48-pound sacks and one hundred and two 24-pound sacks, a total of 3,025 pounds.

J. T. Warren, local banker and Red Cross representative is directing the distribution, assisted by City Marshal Dckinon.

Merkel's allotment out of the 85,000 pounds received by the Taylor county Red Cross will run about 8,500 pounds, hence some 5,400 pounds is yet to be delivered here, distribution being made from Merkel headquarters for those in need from Mulberry, Trent, the Divide and the entire western part of the county.

Revival at Trent.

Beginning next Friday evening Rev. Mr. Hampton, a minister in the Church of The Nazarene, will conduct a revival at the Methodist church in Trent for a week. The general public is cordially invited to all these services. -Reporter.

WALL PAPER

10 Cents a Bolt. No Bundles Broken. No Returns. COME EARLY BURTON-LINGO CO. "Where Quality, not Price, is Criterion."

Hair-Raising Jungle Picture Coming to Paramount Monday

"Tarzan," based on the hair-raising story of jungle adventure by Edgar Rice Burroughs and hailed as Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's successor to "Trader Horn," will be the attraction at the Paramount theatre in Abilene for three days starting next Monday. Advance reports indicate that "Tarzan" is undoubtedly one of the most thrilling pictures of African adventure ever filmed and is being received enthusiastically by record-breaking crowds wherever it is being shown. In Dallas this week all existing theatre records are being broken by "Tarzan" at the Melba theatre.

Johnny Weissmuller, world's champion swimmer and considered to have one of the finest physiques of any man living, plays the title role of the strange white man who lives in the jungles of Africa. Prominent roles are also played by Maureen O'Sullivan, Neil Hamilton, C. Aubrey Smith and Doris Lloyd. The picture was directed by W. S. Van Dyke who achieved such sensational results with "Trader Horn."

The story, laid for the most part in the beast-infested Lake Alberta region of Africa, concerns the attempt of a handful of English adventurers to find the mysterious "Elephant Burial Ground" where they hope to secure a fortune in ivory. The daughter of the leader of the safari is abducted by Tarzan, who lifts her bodily from the ground and then carries her away beyond the reach of human hands by swinging through the tops of trees at dizzying heights. Their continually exciting and most times thrilling adventures with wild beasts, pygmies and other jungle terrors make this a picture which is said to contain even more hair raising episodes than the celebrated "Trader Horn."

Among these are numbered the attack on the safari night camp by starved lions; a fight between Tarzan and a bull ape; the rescue of an elephant trapped in a pit; the charge of elephants through a pygmy village; Tarzan's hand to hand combat with a lion; and the escape of the safari from death in the man-eating gorilla pit.

In order to accommodate the crowds and put the opportunity of seeing "Tarzan" in reach of all, the management of the Paramount announces that performances will be continuous from 1 to 11 p. m. and that there will be positively no advance in admission prices.

Sees Grain Price Gain.

Washington, April 14.—Higher prices for this year's winter wheat crop were forecast by Chairman James C. Stone of the federal farm board in an interview with the United Press Monday.

Dust Pans at 2:30 Saturday for 5 cents. See our windows—Brown's Bargain Store.

PARAMOUNT ABILENE 3 Days Starting MONDAY Positively the most thrilling picture ever made. Worth traveling miles to see! TARZAN JOHN WEISSMULLER NEIL HAMILTON MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN C. AUBREY SMITH DORIS LLOYD

Merkel Men Take Up Dallas Headquarters

The Merchants Service Company is the name of the organization formed by Fred Groene and Claud Comegys, who left for Dallas Monday to open headquarters in connection with the national distribution of "Community Loyalty Service," copyrighted, one feature of which is familiar to readers of The Mail, to-wit: the attention-compelling series of cartoons urging citizens to keep their dollars at home. Much thought and careful preparation has been given to the entire plan, both as to detail and promotional features, by Fred Groene, who expects now with the cooperation of Claud Comegys to inaugurate an intensive and extensive campaign of distribution.

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ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

On this 11th day of April, 1932, the Commissioners' Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer, for the quarter ending March 31, 1932, and find the same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

Table with 4 columns: Item, Received, Paid Out, Balance. Includes entries for Jury Fund, Precincts No. 1-5, Third Class General Fund, Highway Accounts, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Court House, Road Districts, Highway Accounts, and Total Securities Owned (\$33,900.00).

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Court House Bonds, Jail Building Bonds, Highway Bonds, and Total Indebtedness (\$1,523,700.00).

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with, and tabular statements have been filed as required. TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge. G. B. TITTLE, Com. Prec. No. 1. P. A. DILTZ, Com. Prec. No. 2. J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Prec. No. 3. S. H. McADAMS, Com. Prec. No. 4. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 11th day of April, 1932. W. P. BOUNDS, County Clerk, Taylor Co. Texas. (Seal) By Vivian Fryer, Deputy.

Certified Seed I am representing the Texas Certified Seed Breeders association and can sell you any variety of STATE CERTIFIED, (not just "pedigreed") seed at \$1.25 per bushel and take your note. C. V. SHELTON

# CHURCHES

## "Last Call to Merkel" Evangelist's Theme

"My Last Call to Merkel" will be the subject of Rev. R. N. Huckabee in the final service of the Union Revival sponsored by the Men's Prayer service at the Presbyterian church Friday night.

The meeting has been going on for nearly two weeks and Merkel's spiritual life has witnessed a general awakening during the progress of the sermons of this able evangelist.

Special nights have been featured this week, starting with "Men's Night" on Monday, followed by "High School Night" on Tuesday. Wednesday night was "Family Night." Tonight (Thursday) is styled "Join the Church Night," leading up to the closing service, the preacher's "Last Call to Merkel," on Friday night.

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance continues good. Everyone is expected in their classes and on time.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Following the close of the revival opportunity will be given all those desiring to unite with the church.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all these services.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
No report was received from the Nazarens Sunday School for last Sunday, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel reaching 755. This compares with 832 present at all six churches on the previous Sunday.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**  
The large attendance last Sunday was indicative of the deep earnestness of the men of the prayer service who have sponsored the Union Revival. The meeting closes with Friday night's service and everyone is urged to work even harder in the remaining few hours of these glorious gospel services.

Next Sunday the scripture from the 12th chapter of Romans is to be read by J. W. Tarleton, with comments by Charlie Jones. The usual spirited song service will open the meeting.  
—Reporter.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

In spite of the fire we had all our services Sunday. We did not get a complete report of our Bible school on account of the fire but it was estimated we had 100 in Bible school.

Remember, we always have our services, regardless of the devil, fire or weather conditions. Preaching service Saturday night. Subject, "How Far is it to Hell?" Sunday 11 a. m. "Can the Book of Revelations be Understood?" Sunday 8 p. m. "The Blessings of a Consecrated Life." Bible school 9:45 a. m. We should have 150 in Bible school Sunday. So we ask every member to get one new member for our Bible school. Singing Sunday 2:30 p. m. Monday 7:45 p. m., Bible study, Wednesday, prayer meeting and teachers' Bible study. We want everybody who is not in Sunday School or church to come and feel welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.**  
Time, Sunday, 7:45 p. m.  
Subject: "The Resurrection of All."  
Scripture—1 Cor. 15:12-29.  
Verses 12-13, Bessie Laird; 14-15, Alena Parks; 16-17, Mattie Ruth Gay; 18-19, Charlie Price; 20-21, Elton Dowell; 22-23, Gertrude Reynolds; 24-25, Ruth Jinkins; 26-27, Francis Fowler; 28-29, Alvin Peterson.

**Ranger Next Place Presbytery Meet**

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and James H. West returned Wednesday night from the spring meeting of Abilene presbytery held at Albany on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ranger was selected as the host city for the fall session and Rev. Eugene Surface of Lamesa was named moderator for the ensuing six months. He succeeds Rev. H. G. Markley, Breckenridge pastor.

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## W. M. S. Conference In Session In Abilene

A large number of ladies from the Methodist church here are in attendance at the 22nd annual convention of the Woman's Missionary society, Northwest Texas conference, being held in Abilene on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mesdames L. D. Boyd and H. M. Rainbolt are delegates representing the local church.

### METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our revival closes Friday night. Pastor preaches Sunday morning. Rev. W. M. Murrell preaches Sunday night.

The Abilene district conference convenes at Merkel May 4 and 5. There will be about 200 delegates to this two-day conference. This conference comes at the invitation of our delegates at the district conference last year.

Among the leading ministers that are to speak will be Rev. O. W. Bradley of St. Paul's, Abilene, and it is hoped that our bishop will be able to attend.

We are expecting this to be a red letter date in our church year.

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor has chosen as his subject for Sunday at 11 a. m. "The Revelation of Prayer." He will show from the Bible (1) why we do not get the things we ask for; (2) how we may have the things we ask for.

The evening service will begin at 7:45, with a special message to the unsaved. Let the saved come and bring their lost friends and loved ones. Sunday School at 9:45 and B. T. S. meets at 6:45. A warm welcome is extended to the citizenship of Merkel.  
J. T. King, Pastor.

### JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Leader, L. B. Gibson.  
Song.  
Silent prayer, followed by prayer by leader.  
Song.  
"Keep on Keeping on," L. B. Gibson.  
"Our Bible Lesson," Lurline Tarleton.  
"Demosthenes," Junior Grimes.  
"Padre," "Hi," Dad Gambill.  
"Woodrow Wilson," Preston Dickenson.  
Poem, "Finish the Task," Betty Lou Grimes.  
"Helen Keller," Francis Higgins.  
"Ian Keith-Falconer," Herman Carlson.  
Closing song and prayer.

### CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Revival meeting begins Sunday, April 17. We extend a cordial invitation to everyone. Come and bring your friends and loved ones.

Sunday School 9:45 Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30. Preaching 8 p. m. Cottage prayer meeting Tuesday p. m. with Mrs. Lexie Billberry at Grandpa Bishop's. Come.  
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

## Office is Opened in Farmers State Bldg.

R. O. Anderson, former vice president of the Farmers State bank and one of the city's most prominent business men, announces the opening of his office upstairs over the State Bank building.

He will engage in handling oil leases and investments in addition to continuing his life insurance business.

### Services at Union Ridge.

We have changed the time of our services at Union Ridge from the 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and evening to the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We are very desirous to have you come to these services. Bring your Bibles, and come prepared to take part in the service. Remember next Sunday 3 p. m., April 17, is our next date. Come thou with us and we will do thee good. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is."  
Ural S. Sherrill, Pastor.

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### CLASS PARTY.

The home of Mrs. P. P. Dickinson was opened to members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class on Friday afternoon of last week with Mesdames Virgil Hassey and Dickinson co-hostesses.

The house was beautifully decorated with lovely cut flowers and potted plants.

A business meeting, was presided over by the president of the class, Mrs. Bill Haynes. Mrs. Byers Petty conducted the devotional and included a most inspirational poem, "Our Purpose," and excerpts from the Bible. Sentences prayers by all closed the devotional.

Most interesting contests featured the revealing of Forget-Me-Nots and at the refreshment hour delicious ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames Sam Swann, George Caple, Charlie Higgins, Charles Largent, W. S. Sladen, Warren Smith, Byers Petty, J. D. Glascock, Dent Gibson, Clarence Perry, BSN Haynes, Virgil Hassey, F. P. Dickinson, Ted McGehee and E. C. Davis. Mrs. John W. Cox of Abilene was a guest.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

According to schedule now in effect, only three busses are being operated daily each way out of Merkel. East-bound busses leave at 2:50 a. m., 12:20 p. m. and 10:15 p. m., while those west-bound leave at 1:59 a. m., 7:45 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

Smoke and flames bursting from a burning flue at the building used by the Fundamental Baptist church for their services caused the interruption for a short while of the Bible school exercises Sunday morning. Everyone left the building quietly and in order and no material damage was done, as the fireboys answered the alarm quickly and found no difficulty in controlling the situation.

L. C. Sublett has moved his machine shop to the Lowe building on the highway, which houses S. M. Hunter's battery shop. Bill Moore, automobile mechanic, is also connected with the shop and Vernon Sublett is making headquarters there since his return from Carlsbad, N. M.

Cyrus Peg and Joe Patterson have opened the Merkel Independent Oil and Gasoline Wholesale depot at the Old Howard Hand stand on Kent street and will be glad to serve their friends and former patrons in their new location.

### Surprised on Birthday.

County Auditor L. R. Thompson found unexpected guests for dinner last Sunday, the affair coming in the nature of a birthday dinner party arranged by Mrs. Thompson. Guests were old Merkel friends and included Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, and daughters, Miss Annie Lou and Mary Jo, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and Miss Julia Martin and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham.

## Owen is Appointed Texas Life Manager

The Texas Life Insurance company, the pioneer legal reserve company of the Southwest, with its home offices at Waco, announces the appointment of Monta E. Owen, formerly secretary of the Board of Development at Sweetwater, as their district manager for the Central West Texas area with headquarters at Abilene.

Mr. Owen is known throughout this section of the state through his identification with various civic and commercial activities in the development of West Texas. The Texas Life Insurance company through Mr. Owen enters this section with renewed activities. Their belief in the future of West Texas is expressed through their appointment of Mr. Owen and their

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I use the means of the Merkel Mail to inform the public that I have removed to Merkel and am still at work for the Franco Company. Regret I am at present unable to visit the homes of my friends and customers. Have on hand a stock of goods and will be glad to supply their needs in my line.  
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**JULIA COTTON**  
Agent

contemplated program of expansion in this section.

Legal reserve life insurance has stood the test of the depression and it is but fitting that the oldest company in Texas should launch a program for increased business in this section at this time.

### Personal Mention

Junior McFarland is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Arline Willett of Hamlin is the guest of Miss Lola Shelton.

Tom Wilson was here from Dallas to spend Sunday with home folks.

Mesdames W. J. Largent and children and Earl Lasister and children spent the week-end in Plainview.

Miss Iris Garrett has returned from a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. G. H. Bullock, at Stanton.

Mrs. L. B. Gill of San Antonio, a girlhood friend of Mrs. Amy Sears, was a visitor this week in the Sears home.

Miss Maimie Ellis was home from Fort Stockton to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Dora Garoutte, who has been seriously ill for sometime, is somewhat improved.

Encouraging news came Thursday morning from the bedside of Mrs. Ralph Walker, who had been critically ill since Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sublett and daughter, Vernelle, who have been in Carlsbad, N. M., for sometime, have returned to make Merkel their home.

Leaving Thursday morning for an air trip to Dallas with Lt. R. G. Vaughan were Messrs. Jack Kelley, Dee Bland, Warren Higgins and Jess Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and children returned Sunday to their home at Stanton after a visit with Mrs. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West have as their guests Mr. West's sister, Mrs. Beulah Tipton, and her son, who returned with them from a week-end visit to Wichita Falls.

Mrs. R. G. Vaughan has arrived from Tucson, Ariz., to join her husband, Lieut. Vaughan, U. S. air ser-

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| Hair Cuts.....     | 10c |
| Shaves.....        | 10c |
| Tonic.....         | 15c |
| Fitch Shampoo..... | 25c |
| Plain Shampoo..... | 10c |
| Massage.....       | 20c |

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Full Oversize	Price of Each
29x4.50-20	\$5.35
30x4.50-21	5.43
28x4.75-19	6.33
29x5.00-19	6.65
31x5.25-21	8.15
29x5.50-19	8.48

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vice, who has been making headquarters here for several months.

Marvin Elliott of Stamford, who is serving on the federal grand jury at Abilene, was a visitor for a few hours Tuesday with his brother and sister-in-law, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith and daughter, Miss Flora, from Runnels county spent the week-end with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. B. M. Black, who accompanied them home for an extended visit.

D. I. Shelton is in Dallas this week in connection with business affairs of the Texas Cotton Cooperative association and of the Texas Cotton

Growers Gin company, of both of which he is a director.

L. B. Reeves, local manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone, and Mrs. Reeves left Sunday afternoon for Pecos upon receipt of news that Mr. Reeves' father was not doing so well. He was reported Thursday morning as just barely lingering on.

Judge W. W. Wheeler, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wheeler, expects to leave Sunday by automobile for Savannah, Mo., located about 75 miles north of Kansas City, where he will have the opportunity of treatment under a specialist.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

# SPECIALS

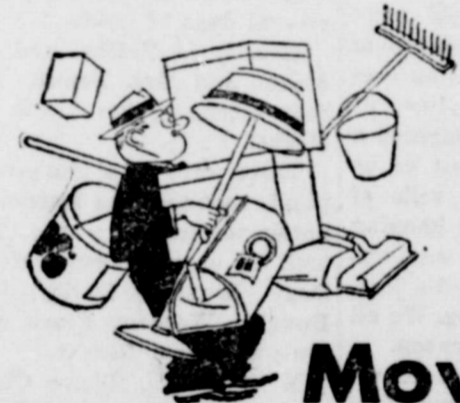
## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COMPOUND, full 8 pound pail.....	57c
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds.....	95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars.....	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.....	27c
DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prunes and apples, 2 pounds.....	23c
PICKLES, sour, quart jar.....	15c
SALT, table, 5 pounds.....	12c
CORN, Country Gentleman, No. 2, 2 for.....	25c
BEANS, cut stringless, No. 2, 2 for.....	19c
PORK & BEANS, large size, 3 for.....	20c
BROOMS, 4 string, a dandy buy.....	20c
HOMINY, medium size, 2 for.....	15c
SYRUP, Old Plantation, gallon.....	57c
APPLES, fancy Winesap, each.....	1c

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There will be supplies to order... errands to run... little repairs to be made. Here are some of the people you'll probably want to call:

the grocer...



... the druggist



the plumber...



If you'll give us sufficient notice, we'll try to have your telephone connected on or before the day you move.

And here's a suggestion... before the rush of moving begins, take time to plan for telephone service that will fit changed conditions. Perhaps you will need an extension telephone in bedroom or kitchen... an individual line... an extra directory listing... or other improvements in the kind of telephone service you are now using.

It's a good idea to plan such changes in advance. We'll be glad to help you. Just call the business office.