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## EVENING OF OPERA WILL AFFORD A MUSICAL TREAT

Abilene Orchestra and Oratorio Society Under Direction of Christian Thaulow to Give Presentation Tuesday, May 3.

Enthusiasm for Abilene's "Evening of Opera" is gaining momentum with each rehearsal, now in colorful regalia of a past century but fast swinging into a tempo of perfection to appease the ambitions of "Ye Olde Maestros," who devoted their lives to the symphonies that will live again under the master touch of Christian Thaulow on May 2nd and 3rd. The hearts of fully 250 people who are working either for or in the choruses are first thrilled by the brilliant spectacle that meets their gaze, then awed as nuances from the many operatic ensembles hold their emotions in leash.

1. Franz von Schubert, "Unfinished Symphony" (1st movement), Abilene orchestra society. The Symphony No. 8 in B. Minor, the Allegro moderato, was begun October 30th, 1822, the Eighth Symphony, for some unaccountable reason never completed. The 1st. movement has become as familiar as anything in the whole realm of symphonic music.

2. Verdi, "Anvil Chorus" and "Azuena's Aria" from Il Trovatore. Azucena, Mrs. I. C. Johns. Manrico, Mr. Hubert Bell. A gypsy, Mr. Leslie Grimes. Abilene Choral and Orchestra Society.

A gipsy encampment early morning. The men are beginning their work, and in this famous Anvil Chorus, their hammer as they sing: the swinging tune is accompanied by the ring of blows on the anvil and the rough voices of the men and the sound of the hammers make a truly impressive picture, and the musical side gives you quite a thrill.

3. Mascagni, Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," Abilene Orchestra Society. The instantaneous popularity of this selection was remarkable, and in no small measure helped to make Cavalleria Rusticana the tremendous success that it was. The beautiful melody and the lovely background of peaceful harmony make the Intermezzo a tone picture of exquisite coloring.

4. Donizetti, Sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor." Lucy, Mrs. Leslie Grimes. Alice, Mrs. Roy Dodge. Edgar, Mr. A. D. Whisenant. Arthur, Mr. Robert Bell. The chaplain, Mr. Benton Collins. Henry, Mr. Leslie Grimes. Abilene Orchestra Society. Unlike many operatic ensembles, this sextet is not merely a most remarkable bit of concerted writing, but is so well fitted to the scene in which it occurs that even the enemies of Donizetti, who call Lucia merely a string of melodies, are compelled to admit its extreme beauty and power. (Continued on Page Five.)

## SECOND SHOWING NECESSARY FOR "WILD OATS BOY"

Home Talent Play for Benefit of Firemen's Fund Meets Popular Favor; Turns 'Em Away First Night.

Revealing histrionic talent of a high order coupled with the presence of capable direction in Merkel that might easily be the nucleus of a little theatre of its own, "The Wild Oats Boy," a lively three-act comedy drama, enacted by home players for the benefit of the Firemen's Fund, drew such a large and well pleased audience for the first performance on Thursday evening of last week that it was found necessary to repeat the presentation on Saturday night in order for the many who were turned away to have an opportunity to enjoy it.

Net proceeds from the Firemen's Fund are reported as \$128.65.

The cause being worthy, patrons would have been satisfied with a less pretentious and less meritorious production, but it can be truthfully said that, judged from the standpoint of the stage, many professional or stock companies have not attained the spontaneous and deserved reception accorded the cast of players that put over "The Wild Oats Boy."

Romance, comedy, villainy and mystery combined in the delineation of the plot, centering about a ridiculous will made by "Uncle George," that put "Wild Oats" Eddie to the difficult. (Continued on Page Five.)

## Teachers Re-Elected; \$2500 Reductions Made

All teachers, including the principals of the High school and Grammar school, were re-elected to their positions at a called meeting of the school board of the Merkel Independent district held Monday night. Supt. Burgess had previously been elected for the 1932-33 term.

At the same meeting, salary reductions and further retrenchment in other expenditures were outlined, which will yield a saving in the budget of around \$2,500 in the coming school year.

The personnel of the teaching staff, all of whom were re-elected, follows: High school: R. B. Irvin, principal; history, Miss Julia Martin; mathematics, Miss Helen Patterson; science, Tom D. Riddle; English, Mrs. R. B. Irvin; English and public speaking, Miss Lucy Tracy. Grammar school: Mrs. Len Sublett, principal; seventh grade, Ralph Duke; sixth grade, Miss Virginia Welch, Miss Pauline Pinckley; fifth grade, Miss Opal Sloan, Miss Carrie Coffey; fourth grade, Miss Orpah Patterson, Miss Imogene Hayes; third grade, Miss Vennie Heizer, Mrs. Jack Anderson; second grade, Miss Evelyn Curb, Miss Nell Swann; first grade, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash.



## WILL ENTER THE PARTY PRIMARY

Thomas Love to Participate in Precinct Convention on May 7; Also Backing John Garner.

Dallas, April 28.—Former State Senator Thomas B. Love, militant leader of the ultra dry faction in Texas, announced Saturday he would participate in the democratic precinct presidential primary May 7, and sign the loyalty pledge with the pledge in the November election to the "utmost limits of conscience and good faith."

"I shall in no event go beyond those limits," he declared, "as under the holding of the state supreme court, I am sure the pledge does not bind me to do so."

Love reiterated his belief that the pledge ought not have been required of Texas democratic voters. The supreme court has ruled that the executive committee had the power to impose the pledge. Love sued to have use of the pledge restrained by law.

"Let us hope that such a pledge will never be imposed again, as it never was imposed in presidential primaries prior to the first effort to liquorize the democratic party in 1928," he said. "It was designed to rebuke and humiliate some hundreds of thousands of Texas democrats, the courage of whose convictions as to their duty led them to vote against Al Smith and his liquor program in 1928, and to drive them out of the democratic conventions and make it easy for the wet minority to control them."

"Speaking for myself alone, I am convinced that it is my duty not to be driven out. There never was a time when the votes of dry democrats were so badly needed in democratic primaries, both the presidential primaries and the July nominating primaries, as in this year 1932."

Love asserted he was backing Speaker John N. Garner for the presidency.

"Of the seven or eight candidates for the democratic presidential nomination who are mentioned, he is one of the only two of them in the running who are not avowedly in favor of repealing the eighteenth amendment. While Garner voted against the amendment, he has uniformly and dependably supported all appropriations and other measures for strict enforcement, by his votes in congress."

## County Committee Will Invoke Pledge

Taylor county's democratic executive committee will invoke the highly-publicized party pledge in precinct conventions next month.

The group meeting at Abilene Saturday, at the call of Chairman Jas. P. Stinson, adopted a motion providing that "the pledge of the state democratic executive committee shall be observed in all precinct conventions on the first Saturday in May. No qualified voter not subscribing to said pledge shall participate, according to the terms of said pledge in any precinct convention."

As adopted by the state executive committee at Fort Worth March 9, the pledge 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."

Primary conventions will be held on the first Saturday in May, the seventh, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to (Continued on Page Six.)

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

On May 1 headquarters of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce will be moved from Corpus Christi, the home office for four years, to San Antonio.

J. E. Watts, 65, for the last ten years president of the Southwestern Presbyterian Home and School for Orphans at Itasca, died Saturday after an illness of eighteen months.

Six million bees left Waxahachie this week on a truck, destined for delivery to Roose Brothers, Sack City, Iowa. The bees were from T. W. Burleson and Son, Waxahachie apiarists.

Climaxing a romance of only a week, Oswald Jacoby of New York, nationally known contract bridge expert, and Miss Mary Zita McHale, Dallas tennis champion, were married at Dallas Monday.

Having been an employee of the Texas & Pacific Railroad company since 1886 and said to have been second in length of service, Franklin E. Stanberry, died at Fort Worth on Thursday of last week.

C. N. Shaver, superintendent of schools at Huntsville and former member of the legislature, was Monday appointed by Governor Sterling to fill the unexpired term of the late S. M. N. Marrs as state superintendent.

A total of 10,771 names, 2308 veterans and 8463 widows of veterans, were on the Confederate pension rolls as of April 1, according to State Comptroller George H. Sheppard. Since September 1 death has removed 803 names.

After a little more than a month of stolen freedom, Charles Wells, who last March 24, was escorted to the Dallas county jail office and released when he answered to the name of a short-term prisoner, was re-arrested in Dallas Tuesday.

Former Congressman Carlos Bee, 64, who had also served as state commissioner of insurance, statistics and history and as district attorney and senator from the San Antonio district, died in a San Antonio hospital Wednesday of last week.

Because of the trial judge's failure to define the term "wilful" in his charge to the jury, the court of criminal appeals has reversed the conviction of Woody Townsend, Bastrop county sheriff, on a charge of extensive collection of fees of office.

A new trial has been granted, by reversal of the sentence by the court of criminal appeals, to John Alsop of Fort Worth, convicted of murder in connection with the slaying of two negroes who had made a purported attempt to rob the Polytechnic bank at Fort Worth.

## Only One Qualifies Board of Aldermen

C. E. Jacobs, one of the three recently elected members of the city council, took his oath of office before Mayor W. M. Elliott Monday night of this week, but the other two men named, Dr. C. B. Gardner and John West, have announced their decision not to serve.

A prepared statement from Dr. C. B. Gardner appears elsewhere in this issue.

The next step in the procedure will be a special election to name men for the two other places and this will probably be ordered at the monthly meeting of the city council next Monday night.

## RAINFALL FOR PAST WEEK IS OVER 5 INCHES

Friday Night Accounts for 4 1-4 Inches; Another 1 1-4 Added Tuesday and Wednesday Nights; Farmers Rejoicing.

Rain in abundance and falling generally over the Merkel territory has brought new life to the growing grain and feedstuffs and has furnished just the right condition for bringing up cotton that was already planted or showing a stand. In addition, those who have not planted will find the soil in ideal condition and with the first fair weather planting will take up all of the farmers' time and attention.

Friday and Friday night the rainfall measured 4 1-4 inches, said by many old-timers to have been as much as had ever fallen in this section at one time. In some places, it amounted almost to a waterspout.

Tuesday night a light rain visited this section and again on Wednesday night, the latter being highly beneficial due to the fact that it fell slowly and soaked into the ground, softening the hard crust that was formed by Friday's beating rain. Precipitation Tuesday and Wednesday nights totaled 1 1-4 inches, bringing the week's rainfall to 5 1-2 inches by the gauge of Grover Hale. This added to the rainfall Tuesday of last week brings the April figure to 5 7-8 inches, and the total for the year to 9.79 inches.

## TWISTER CAUSES SCARE

Shortly before 7 o'clock Friday afternoon in the interim between showers of rain, there appeared in the southeast a most threatening cloud, with all the earmarks of a cyclone. It spun and whirled for several minutes, following a route from southwest to northeast, and spent its fury without any reported serious damage.

Residents with storm cellars took to cover as the fury of the twister made itself manifest and neighbors of those with underground places of safety took occasion to pay a late afternoon visit to their next door friends.

## Flies After Five Hours.

Savannah, Ga.—Charles Ellis, Jr., of Savannah, graduate of the Sheffield School of Science, Yale university, class of 1930, made a solo airplane flight after only five hours' instruction here recently.

## BAPTIST REVIVAL GAINS HEADWAY; LARGE AUDIENCES

Messages of Evangelist Ross A. Smith Exciting Expressions of Appreciation; Services Twice Daily, 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

The revival meeting now in progress at the Baptist church is gaining headway with deepening interest and appeal.

Evangelist Ross A. Smith of Breckenridge is doing the preaching and his messages are exciting expressions of appreciation on every hand.

The sermon Wednesday night was on "The Way of the Wicked," and was heard by a large audience, with delegations from Sweetwater and Breckenridge, despite the unfavorable weather.

The evangelist intimated that he probably would preach on such subjects as "Up Life's Hill," "The Downward Road," "The Twentieth Century Gambler," "Life or Death, Which?" "Repentance," etc.

The singing by two choirs and the congregation is proving an attractive feature with special numbers each evening sung by special arrangement. The orchestra is rendering a fine service also.

Prayer group meetings are drawing large numbers. Separate meetings for men, women and young people are being held each evening. The young people had 54 in attendance Wednesday night and the other meetings were well attended.

The services will continue twice daily, 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., rain or shine. "We are very anxious," stated Pastor J. T. King, "that the meeting shall prove a blessing to all our people throughout the town and communities; and welcome all to the services and urge the people to attend, we are in the midst of a gracious revival—it is a great meeting."

## Attends Presbyterian at Lamesa.

As delegate from the local Woman's Missionary society, Mrs. Emory Jones spent last week at the Presbyterian in Lamesa. She reports that the meeting was a most enjoyable one and brings back the good news that only Abilene and Post excelled Merkel in their report. While in Lamesa, Mrs. Jones visited with friends and relatives.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 26, 1912.)

### MOORE-MOSELY.

On Sunday afternoon at the home of James Bright of Trent and in the presence of only a few friends and relatives B. C. Moore of this city was married to Miss Josie Mosley of that place.

Mr. Moore is one of Merkel's most promising young men, being connected with the Farmers State bank in the position of assistant cashier, while Miss Mosley is a charming and accomplished lady of the neighboring city.

### BAKER-SEARS.

Some two week ago Uncle Jimmie Baker of Trent stole a march on his friends, going down to Putnam where he was solemnly married to Mrs. H. C. Sears, a widow lady of 55 years, who lived at that place.

On returning home several people who were at the train that evening as Mr. Baker passed through remarked that he looked 30 years younger than usual and that he looked good for at least 60 more but these Uncle Jimmie had come to.

### SUBLETT-ROBERTS.

Sunday afternoon Mr. B. Tiry Sub-

lett and Miss Maggie Belle Roberts drove to Trent where they honored the little city with the second wedding of that day. They were married while seated in their buggy, Elder W. G. Cypert officiating. After the ceremony they returned to Merkel where infare was given at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Fannie Swann entertained Misses Dean and Howard from Simmons college Friday night.

Alec Wisdom is at home from a stay at the Alexander sanitarium. He seems to be suffering no ill effects, only the appendicitis walk so many acquire.

Carl Evans was a social caller to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Every person get ready for the big 3 day picnic at Cozart Lake 5 miles south of Merkel July 2, 3, 4. The attractions will include an "Old Soldiers reunion," baseball, horse racing and county candidates will be given a speaking date. Lodges and other organizations will be represented by booths. Come and bring well filled dinner baskets.

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The automobile industry will come back with the first rush of good times as in 1922, according to John N. Willys, diplomat and automobile manufacturer, just back from Poland, where he serves as United States ambassador. He accompanied the prediction with a criticism of the proposed tax to be levied on automobile sales. It does seem that the sales tax, the first measure introduced in the house for balancing the budget, attacked the problem in a more sane way than the special tax bill that was passed, but, Mr. Willys to the contrary notwithstanding, the chief advantage now lies in passing some measure to raise the money—the quicker it is passed the better—so that the business world may be relieved of one handicap, the element of uncertainty.

An unprecedented safety record in the transportation of passengers is the summary of fatalities for 1931 showing that only four passengers lost their lives in railway train accidents in the twelve months, the lowest number ever reported to the interstate commerce commission in any one year. The published report in the newspapers of the state is accompanied by a series of interesting comparisons prepared by J. G. Fitzhugh, safety supervisor of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, with headquarters in Galveston, showing, among other interesting facts, that for each such fatality in train accidents the railroads carried 150,000,000 passengers, the highest average every attained by the railroads of this country.

Texas is gradually coming to the realization of one of its long desired goals, the manufacture of its multi-fold raw products into finished goods not only for home consumption but for supplying other states and for export trade. In this lies permanent growth and prosperity, whereas the custom in the past has meant the wholesale transfer of the farmer's dollar to eastern and northern mills for the manufactured commodity that might just as readily and much more economically have been brought to the finished stage here. Already this month twenty-two cars of Sherman milled flour have left Galveston for Philadelphia, showing that Texas is forging to the front in this important industry.

BUY AT HOME.

(Chillicothe Valley News.)
What would happen if an employe at a bank should tell its patrons to do their banking business elsewhere, or if a salesman in a store should whisper to the customer that prices were lower and quality higher at another mercantile establishment? In either case the disloyal employe would lose his job and the respect of all.

But isn't the citizen who trades out of town just as disloyal to his home town as the employe who deprives his employer of business? Those who buy by mail or go away to shop are telling the patrons of their town that they could do better elsewhere. They take away from the home town merchants not only their own business but that of others.
Like bargain-hunting and window-shopping, buying at home, with practice, becomes a good habit just as out-of-town trading grows upon one as a bad habit. Seldom is there a legitimate excuse for trading elsewhere than at home.

THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One)
There certainly is going to be a whale of a lot of business in this country some day—

When we come to restock.

COST ONLY ONE DOLLAR.

Until May 1, The Mail is offering a clubbing rate with the Semi-Weekly Farm News, both publications for seven months for \$1.00. (Just think 30 issues of The Mail and 60 issues of the Semi-Weekly Farm News, total 90 copies, for only \$1.00.) If you are already a subscriber to The Mail, your subscription will be moved up seven months, if you accept this offer.

Ladies, did you know that Brown's Bargain Store has Allen A Hosiery in the new mesh weaves.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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

The Staff:

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

JUST AN HONEST MISTAKE.

All the Seniors are especially interested in getting everyone to write in their Memory books, and it was due to this fact that W. M. made his mistake.

W. M., who was sitting in Miss Patterson's study hall, reached across the aisle and tapped a girl lightly on the back. "Please write in my book," he said.

At this moment the girl turned around in her seat. She was not the girl W. M. thought she was! He had mistaken a new girl from Union Ridge for Lucille Campbell. Since this incident, we all know W. M. can blush.

Moral: be sure you are right; then go ahead.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS.

Achievement tests are being given this week to the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. These tests are given for the purpose of testing the knowledge of these students. The tests are not hard and are given mostly to see whether or not a student has enough "common sense" to be in the grade he is now in.

SENIOR NEWS.

Well, English is over for us now—maybe, and we are ready to begin work on the Senior play, which is to be presented on Friday, May 20.

Each day brings us nearer our goal. With happy hearts we think of the future, yet we shall miss "ole" M. H. S.

The Seniors are looking forward to the Junior-Senior banquet, which is to be Friday, April 29.

We are glad to have B. P. back with us again.

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

Elmer: "What kind of a car is that you're driving?"
Monta J.: "It's an R. F. D."
Elmer: "What do you mean, R. F. D.?"
Monta J.: "Rescued from the dump."

Gordon Murray: "Did you know there was a town named after you?"
Grisham Dowell: "No, what did they name it?"
Gordon: "Marblehead."

Mrs. Irvin: "Give me the principal parts of 'swim.'"
Wanda: "Swim, swam, swum."
Mrs. Irvin: "Fine. Now of 'dim.'"
Wanda: "Uh—I'd rather not."

The following notice appeared in a Kansas newspaper: "Positively, no more baptizing in my pasture. Twice in the last month my gate has been left open, and I can't afford to chase my cattle all over the country just to save a few sinners."

The last report on business conditions is that suspenders are still holding up.

MODERN AMERICAN LITERATURE.

The Traffic Problem.
Flivvers may come and flivvers may go.

Models big and little—
But Mary still wants half the road
And wants that down the middle.

The Modern Miss Muffet.
Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet
And made of her knees such display
That the old-fashioned spider,
Embarrassed beside her,
Was actually frightened away!

THE STUDENTS' PRAYER.

Our teachers who art on earth,
Hallowed be their luck.
When trigonometry is done,
Economics must come
And test day, as it is on others,
Give us this day an easy test,
And forgive us our zeros
As we forgive those who make hundreds.
Lead us not into copying,
But deliver us from failing.
For this is the power to tell us before we begin,
Answers to all questions.—Amen.

FOOTBALL NEWS.

Well, the old Badgers are doing manual labor every afternoon after school in an effort to become better football players in every way. They are being drilled mostly on fundamentals: blocking, punting, passing, pass receiving, etc.

Coach is going to divide the squad into two teams for a tough intrasquad game Thursday of this week. Vickers and Mashburn chose teams the first of this week, and their res-

pective teams will clash in a real game Wednesday of next week. This game should show the prospects for a team next year as well as showing the coach what they need the most training on. Both of the teams are about equal and a good game should be played.

Many of the new men, some of them from Grammar school, are showing up well and bid fair to be in the starting line-up at least part of the time next year.

CHAPEL NEWS.

The Simmons Choral club entertained at the Grammar School auditorium Wednesday, April the twentieth.

Several numbers were sung by the girls' quartette and the boys' quartette. A reading "Mrs. Richardson Learning to Drive," was given by one of the members. The program was concluded by a group of songs by both the girls and boys.

The students enjoy programs like this. Here's hoping we have some more.

WE JUNIORS.

Friday is certainly a big day for the Juniors and we hope it is for the Seniors. Of course, you know what is coming off, the Junior-Senior banquet!

Invitations have already been sent out for the banquet.

Our mind is so much on the banquet we can't think of anything else to speak of, and we are afraid we'll let a cat out of the bag if we write too much.

W. W. W. W. W. W. CLUB.

At a meeting the other day the 7W's club voted to wear their club uniform two days out of the week: Tuesday and Friday. It seems that they are exceedingly proud of those dresses. Maybe it is because several of the Senior boys have told them they (the dresses) are pretty. Or it might be because the girls of Anson High chose the same pattern, for their uniform.

The members of the club are going on a sunrise breakfast soon. They plan to have plenty of thrills as well as to have plenty to eat.

PLAY POSTPONED.

On account of the terrific rain last Friday night, the three-act play, "Sound Your Horn," a comedy drama,

had to be postponed until next Tuesday evening, May 3.

The admission will be ten cents. Everyone get "one thin dime" by next Tuesday night and come enjoy yourself for the evening. Come to see "Sound Your Horn."

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshmen are increasing in number for the last four weeks of school. Verner Hester, Bryan Higgins, H. W. Wiggins and Zerk Robertson, all from Salt Branch, are joining the Fish of Merkel High. We also have some girls from Union Ridge: Mildred Dean and Anna Mae Harris.

Would you believe it—
There are sixty-four Freshmen.
Annie Lee and Vernon sat together.
Genevieve received a mysterious note.
Doris Mae came to school without Mabel.

Feature—
Billy Bernice with curly hair.
Clara Frances a blonde.
Robie without freckles.
Mary Helen with a dark complexion.
Pauline L. a brunette.

WEST TEXAS WEATHER.

There is only one thing more changeable than a woman; and that is West Texas weather. The sky will be dark with clouds and the lightning flashing so that you don't know how it could keep from raining, but still it doesn't rain. We even think we are going to have cyclones and everyone runs for cover; then the cyclone is scared away. One day we will have a terrific rain and the following day a terrific sand storm. One day we will have summer weather and the next day winter weather. The only people in West Texas who show their lack of intelligence are those who try to prophesy about the weather.

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We have two more weeks of school and one week of examinations before school is out. But we won't have to take any exams, so we will all be Juniors next year. You just watch our smoke.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 29 AND 30

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APPLES, fancy Winesap, doz. 10c

ORANGES, full of juice, each 1c

SPUDS 10 pounds 17c

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c

TOMATOES, fresh, pink, 2 lbs. for 25c

SUGAR 10 pounds granulated 45c

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PEARS, No. 2 1-2, R & W, each 22c

PEACHES, No. 2 1-2, R & W, each 19c

BEANS Kuners wax or greens, No. 2 can 10c

HOMINY, medium can, each 5c

SALMON, Nile, each 10c

PICKLES, quart, sliced 15c

BLACKEYED PEAS, B & W, No. 2 can 9c

PEANUT BUTTER, full quart 29c

CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafer 23c

SOAP, R & W, 8 oz. bar, 10 for 25c

BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25 oz. 19c

COFFEE, Melo Cup, lb. 23c

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## SIXTH 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.

After three weeks Dennis Waterman calls. He tells her he will have to go away, and his manner, as he leaves her, suggests that his love is waning. But Dennis has not been gone many days before Diana finds herself asking Miss Starling all sorts of questions about Dr. Rathbone.

## NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"That depends what you mean by foolishly. His wife won't divorce him. He only wishes she would, but she won't, and so—" She stopped suddenly, feeling foolish.

"And so—what?" Rathbone asked.

"And so," Diana rushed on recklessly, "as soon as he comes home and I'm well enough, I'm going away with him."

"I see. Well, if he's a decent fellow—"

She gave a little strangled cry.

"I thought you would lecture me. I thought you would try to prevent me from going."

The ghost of a smile lit his eyes.

"I prevent you? Why should I? Do you think I flatter myself that I could prevent you from doing anything you wish—once you are well?"

She looked a little sullen.

"No, but I thought you might try," she said ingenuously.

He went back to his old position of leaning on the bed rail, his hands loosely clasped together before him.

"No lecturing in the world has ever yet stopped a woman who is in love from doing what may seem foolish to other people," he said quietly.

"You think it would be foolish?" she insisted.

"To go away and live with a man who is already married and who cannot get his freedom?" he queried.

"Well, it all depends. In your place I should be afraid that if he had already wearied of one woman it would not be difficult for him to weary of another."

"He never loved his wife."

"That is what he tells you. That is what all men tell all women in the circumstances you describe."

"You seem to know a great deal about it."

Rathbone stood up. He looked infinitely weary all at once.

"Then you must be prepared for him to grow tired of what, after all, can never be anything more than an ordinary liaison. I've seen so many of them, and they all end badly. It seems a pity—you are too good to be wasted on 'that sort of thing,' as you call it. I wonder you don't think so too."

She said sullenly, but with flushing cheeks, "Only the other day you told me you doubted if I was worth trying to keep alive."

"Did I? Perhaps I've changed my mind. Is there anything else you want to say to me before I go?"

"You're not going already?"

"I think I'd better—before I make you too angry."

"I'm not angry," she said. "I like you, though nobody has ever been so—so brutal to me as you have."

"Isn't 'frank' a truer word?"

"Perhaps—but sometime frankness can be brutal."

She was sitting up in bed, her chin resting on her hunched-up knees, her big eyes fixed on his face. "But I like you," she said again seriously. "Whenever you come into the room it's like a breath of country air."

He laughed, though he looked a little embarrassed, and took his leave.

## CHAPTER IX

Diana grew well with much greater rapidity than either Rathbone or the Creature had expected.

In a week's time she was getting up after her breakfast, dressing herself, and spending long hours in the tiny garden of the little house.

Mrs. Gladwyn sent some stocks of books and enough illustrated papers to keep the entire village occupied a month.

She also sent large boxes of chocolates and expensive fruit which Diana gave to the village children who came to stare at her shyly through the gate. There was no back garden to the cottage, only the long straight plot in front, with a high clipped hedge that shut it out from the narrow lane.

One day Miss Starling said, "I don't think it is altogether nice of you to encourage that boy so much. He already has ideas far above his station."

"What boy?" Diana asked, though she knew perfectly well to whom the Creature referred.

"The boy from the Meadow Farm," Miss Starling explained. "Jonas, don't they call him? He is only a pupil to Mr. Shurey, learning farming like any labourer."

Diana laughed in frank amusement. "But he's only seventeen, at the most," she objected. "Just a lad—and he amuses me—goodness knows there are not many amusing people in the village, as far as I can see."

"He is a very grown-up seventeen," the creature asserted firmly. "And your aunt—"

"If my aunt was in the least concerned about my health or my morals she would not have gone off to Aix, as she has done, without even bidding me a fond farewell," Diana interrupted flippantly. She yawned and got up from the deck chair, where she had been lying, and walked down to the gate.

It would be fun to go down to the village and see what sort of place it really was. She opened the gate, hatless as she was, and went out into the lane.

Diana reached the end of the lane and stood looking to right and left, uncertain which way to go, and it was at that moment that a light farm trap driven by a lad in breeches and a loose shirt open at the neck turned out of a gate close by.

He saw Diana and pulled the horse to a standstill, and Diana asked eagerly:

"Where are you going? and would you like to take me with you?"

She had made friends with Jonas when he called daily at the cottage with eggs and cream, and she knew without any warning from Miss Starling that, lad though he was, he was greatly attracted to her.

In a few years' time he would be a fine-looking man. She quite agreed with the Creature for once in her assertion that he was a very grown-up seventeen.

His face lit up when she spoke to him now.

"I'm only going over to the other side of the village," he said.

"Well, take me," she urged again.

He reached down a slender brown hand, which seemed somehow oddly out of keeping with his rough clothes and general appearance, and carefully helped Diana into the high, hard seat beside him.

"Jonas," she said, "do you know where Dr. Rathbone's house is?"

Jonas nodded. "Yes, I know."

Diana turned an eager face to him.

"Let's go there," she said. "I should love to see where he lives."

The lad hesitated.

"It's more than five miles away."

"But that's nothing in a trap like this."

"I know . . . but won't they miss you?"

"I daresay, but that doesn't matter."

She laid her hand on his arm. "Do let's go there," she urged softly. "It's such a lovely afternoon, and it's weeks since I was out by myself like this."

He would have gone to the ends of the earth for her, and Diana knew it well enough.

She felt quite happy and a little excited. The seat was rather hard, it is true, and made her body ache a little, and the sun was getting hot on her bare head, but those were trifles.

At last he pointed across the hedge on the right side of the road. "Dr. Rathbone's house is just there," he said. "You'll see the chimneys in a minute through the trees."

Diana was a little disappointed to find that Rathbone's house stood so far back from the road that even when they had driven round to the front of it one could only catch glimpses between the trees of pointed red

gables and queer Jacobean chimney pots.

She stood up in the little trap, her hand resting on Jonas's shoulder, but even then, beyond splashes of vivid colouring here and there in the garden, most of it was effectively shut out by a high brick wall which had many trees and shrubs planted on its near side.

She sat down again with a little disappointed sigh.

Jonas was pulling the trap to the side of the road to avoid a big car that had just at that moment rounded the bend. The road was not very wide at that point, and there was hardly room for the two to pass safely.

"How dangerous to drive at that speed," Diana said, and at the same moment recognized Rathbone's car. She turned eagerly to look after it as with a wide sweep it pulled up to the closed gate.

The back hood of the landaulette was down, and sitting there alone was a woman. Apparently a very young woman with Titian red hair: Diana had only time to notice those two facts before the trap was round the bend and the car hidden from view.

"That was Dr. Rathbone's car," she said in a small voice.

"Was it?" Jonas was not interested.

"There was a woman in it," Diana said.

"Was there? It's the one who lives at the house, I expect."

She looked up at him.

"I thought Dr. Rathbone was a bachelor."

"So he is."

She frowned impatiently.

"Then who is the woman?" she asked.

Jonas shook his head.

"I don't know, but I know she lives there."

"What's her name?" she said.

"Miss Rosalie."

"Rosalie what?"

"I've forgotten," he said almost sullenly.

"Only Rosalie?" Diana persisted.

"Not Rosalie anything else? She must have another name!"

"If she has, I've never heard it."

Neither of them spoke again till they were back in the village street once more. It was half-past five by the church clock; the big bell chimed as they passed.

There was nobody in the little garden when Jonas jumped down and gave his hand to Diana.

"You'll have to lift me down," she said. "I'm tired."

He took her in his arms very carefully, as if fearing to injure her, and set her down gently on the path beside him.

Diana said, "Thank you," and gave him a little smile that quickened his heartbeats.

Miss Starling told her Dr. Rathbone had called to bid her good-bye.

Diana was startled and insisted on

sending Jenny over with a note asking him to call, marking her note "very urgent."

She waited in her room, feeling sure he would come. Presently she drifted off into a vague sleep of sheer exhaustion from which she was aroused by Miss Starling's hand on her shoulder.

The room was nearly dark, lit only by the pearly gray twilight.

"Dr. Rathbone is downstairs," the Creature said.

## CHAPTER X

Diana started up, trembling a little, and conscious of a queer sensation through all her body, as if someone had poured healing balm onto an intolerable pain.

"Oh . . . please put on the light and ask him to come up."

"Dr. Rathbone says he is in a great hurry and could you come down?"

She went downstairs into the room and shut the door behind her.

Rathbone was standing by the table turning the pages of a magazine with impatient fingers. He threw it aside as Diana entered.

"Well?"

She thought there was not quite the old friendly tone in his voice, or was that her imagination?

Diana echoed, "Well?" and could think of nothing else to say.

She stood leaning against the door, still trembling a little from her sudden awakening from sleep.

(Continued Next Week.)

## Decrease Shown in Revenues of T. & P.

Dallas, April 28.—A decrease of \$7,534,342.16 in operating revenues of the Texas & Pacific railroad for 1931 as compared with 1930 was shown in the annual report released by J. L. Lancaster, president.

Operating expenses were reduced \$5,806,648.10, making the decrease in net revenue \$1,727,694.06. The figures were: operating revenues \$30,007,959.19; operating expenses \$20,614,630.57; net revenue \$9,393,328.62.

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## Property Should be Rendered by April 30

Approximately 90 per cent of 12,000 rendition sheets mailed to Taylor county property owners under the commissioners court's tax equalization program have been signed and returned, H. F. Long said yesterday. Mr. Long is supervising the equalization project for the court.

Mr. Long is requesting that the 10 per cent of property owners who have "pigeon holed" their rendition sheets dig them out and either mail or bring them to the commissioners court room. He also asks that tax payers who have not received the rendition sheets by mail call on him there and fill out the sheets.

Co-operation of the tax payers with the court in its program has greatly expedited the work and total cost of tax assessments to date does not exceed \$700, Mr. Long said. Usual cost for complete county assessment is in the neighborhood of \$3,000, he said.

He urges all property owners who have not filled out their rendition sheets to do so by April 30.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Elmer (Preacher) McLeod spent several days recently visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. Joe English, of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent had as their guests last Sunday afternoon some old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Harwell, and children of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards were guests Sunday of Mrs. Edwards' mother, Mrs. H. B. White, of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter were guests Saturday of Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Little Master O. C. Shouse, Jr., and his sister, Ima Ruth, of Merkel were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry returned to Gatesville Monday after spending several days here looking after business interests and visiting friends and relatives here and at Eskota.

Lee Rogers and son, Buster, left Monday for California where they expect to get work for the summer.

Miss Estelle Terry is home after completing her school north of Merkel.

Miss Beatrice Burleson, who is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jessie Dudley, was dinner guest Saturday evening of Mrs. Buster Edwards.

Allen Terry has returned to school at John Tarleton after a short visit here with his parents.

Miss Mary Joe Bowers of Abilene was guest Monday and Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham and daughter, Mrs. A. Williamson, visited Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hamner of Winters Monday.

Ewel Bone of Hamlin and Miss Castle of Rule attended church at the Baptist church Sunday and were guests in the C. T. Beckham home.

Mrs. Weaver had as her guests Sunday her two grandchildren and their auntie, Miss Higginbotham, and Rev. George W. Parks of Roscoe.

Eddie Burks, who has been at Longview working for sometime, has returned home and is working in the Murdock barber shop.

Miss Florence Sherman was guest several days last week of Mrs. John Coomer.

At the meeting of the school board Monday night Misses Powell and Bailey of Abilene were elected teachers in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhart were most gracious host and hostess to about 35 young people for a social on last Saturday evening, honoring four of Mr. Burkhart's brothers, John, T. C., Leslie and Delbert, all of Lamesa.

Games of "42" were played and the honorees favored the guests with quartette selections, which were greatly appreciated. This same quartette also attended the singing at the school auditorium Sunday afternoon and again favored the audience with several more songs.

Miss Marjory Adrian was home for the week-end.

### INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

The program for the Christian Culture institute, at Trent, May 6-8, with Rev. Ural S. Sherrill as dean, follows:

Courses offered: "Worship," instructor, Rev. J. H. Hamblen; "Program and Organization of the Young Peoples' Division," instructor, Rev. E. L. Yeats.

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

Friday and Saturday nights: 6:00-6:45, supper; 6:45-7:30, classes; 7:30-8:15, assembly; 8:15-9:30, classes.

Sunday morning: 8:30-9:15, classes; 9:20-10:05, classes; 11:00 sermon, Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Sunday afternoon: 1:30-2:15, classes; 2:15-3:00, assembly; 3:00-3:45, classes; 3:45, issue certificates.

Assembly periods: Friday evening inspirational address, Rev. J. H. Hamblen; Saturday evening supervised recreation; Sunday afternoon, open forum.

Lunch will be served at the church Sunday noon for all the young people and the workers.

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## GOODMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnes have as their guests Mrs. Barnes' father and mother and brother, Clyde, of Crystal City.

Mrs. R. H. McAdams is spending a few days with her mother at Jacksboro.

Mrs. Waters put on her play, "Beads on a String" Wednesday evening. The auditorium was full, every seat being occupied and the hallway was filled. There wasn't anyone disappointed, for it was surely a good play. The characters were: Leonard McCoy, Bill Hodges, Aubre and Audre Phillips, Bill Kennedy, Odella Cox, Carvel Clark, Emmitt Tiner and James McAdams.

Miss Ethel Cook was called to Winters Tuesday to be at the bedside of her mother, who is very low.

Mrs. Judd Kirk and daughters, Jeraldene and Naidene, are visiting Mrs. Kirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Callahan, of Lamesa.

Jerold Tiner was in Merkel Friday. Mrs. Hoyt Barnes' sister, Mrs. Osburn Flemming, has returned to her home in Midland.

Mildred Clark of Merkel Hi spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark.

Mrs. Nettie Barnes made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams went shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Judd Kirk left for Lamesa Monday morning where he will join his wife and other relatives for a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Truitt entertained with a party Saturday evening.

Raymond and James McAdams went to Abilene Saturday.

Miss Elliott spent the week-end with her parents of Moran.

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

### CAN YOU IMAGINE—

Frank in knee pants?  
Delmon coming to Goodman?  
Ruth with a boyish bob?  
Ora getting scared?  
Curley being love-sick?  
Odella with a sucker?  
Opal teaching school?  
Goodman having some real bridge players?

Agnes going to finish Hi school in (3) weeks?  
Ted getting mad?  
The Senior boys just defeating the married men by two points in baseball?

### (Last Week's News.)

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McAdams and sons, Raymond and James, were called to Jacksboro Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. McAdams' father.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips entertained the Hi School students with a party Saturday evening.

W. N. Williams spent Friday night with his mother, Mrs. A. D. Williams, of Merkel.

Miss Aletha Elliott was called to Moran this week to attend the funeral of her grandfather.

Misses Elliott and Cook had their program Wednesday night. There were quite a few there and everyone seemed to enjoy seeing and hearing the small boys and girls. They all did fine.

## CANYON NEWS

Everyone is rejoicing over the fine rains we have received. We're waiting for it to dry up now so we can start planting.

Mrs. Richard Smith and baby daughter, Billie Jo, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elva Matthews and the former's mother, Mrs. Alma Matthews, of Caps spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews of Butman.

Miss Bess Fish from the Plains visited in the E. L. Frazier home over the week-end.

Blanton McLean of Alpine spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean.

Mrs. Irene King is spending a few days with her father, M. E. Perry, of Nubia.

A few friends gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry last Wednesday evening. Games of "42" were played and music enjoyed until a late hour when cake and hot chocolate were served. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Little Elizabeth Cathcart, Willie Pearl Matthews and Bobby Glen Patterson, Misses Nelma Riney, Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry, Mary Ellen Frazier, Jewell Burkelow and Nina Belle Russell; Messrs. Lynward Harrison, Elgin Riggan, Joe Weston, Leon Coats, Raymond Russom, Loyd Matthews, B. B. Reynolds, Morgan Frazier, Paul Riney and M. E. Perry.

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Pat Addison has been a mighty sick woman the past week, but the nurse says she is doing as well as could be expected at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moore and daughter, Mrs. Baccus, of Castle Peak and Tom Johnson and Uncle Bobbie Hanna of Merkel attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe with their mother, Mrs. Doan, returned home Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Doan spending the day with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons visited another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Helms, of Winters the past week. While there Mr. Brooks consulted a physician in regard to his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer attended services at Merkel Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Doan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins and family attended services at the Mt. Pleasant Sunday morning, Mr. Rankins making an interesting talk at the morning hour.

Rev. John Walker of Abilene will preach at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. Pollard of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan from here visited Mr. Doan's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan, of Clyde Tuesday.

Mrs. John Neighbors was the interesting house guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George West, of Trent last week.

Mr. Haywood of San Angelo is visiting home folks for several days.

## RURAL SOCIETY

**WHITE CHURCH CLUB NEWS.**  
The Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Beryl Brown Monday afternoon with 12 members present. We had a very interesting program. Miss Chambers failed to get there.

We will meet at the church the first Monday in May. Mrs. Homer Tye and Mrs. Raymond and Frazier Demere will be on program.

We have a very live little club and would be glad to have more help in the work.

### SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. J. E. Higgins Friday, April 22. An interesting program on "Salads and Sandwiches" was given. Cake and fruit were served to nine members and four visitors.

The next meeting will be Friday, May 6, at Mrs. J. W. Teaff's with Mrs. E. Neff as hostess. Each member is to bring canned goods to be judged by Miss Chambers. The pillow cases and quilts for the contest are to be collected at this meeting also. —Reporter.

### 4-H GIRLS HAVE PICNIC.

The Salt Branch Girls 4-H club enjoyed a picnic Wednesday night in Hays' pasture. Several games were played. Then a lunch, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, stuffed eggs, cookies, individual pies and doughnuts was spread.

Club members present were: Wilma Lee Payne, Evelyn Robertson, Fay Pinckley, Hortense Armstrong, Annie D. Garvin, Marie Pinckley, Frances Hester, Lola Higgins, Marcella Pinckley and Miss Norah Foster, sponsor. Eighteen visitors were present.

## White Church News

The old Canyon surely had a fine rain last Friday; some reported as much as seven inches.

Mrs. Ray Cox of Fort Worth is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. V. Henslee. Mrs. Henslee reports her husband as doing very well in the hospital at Carlsbad.

Mrs. F. R. McLean and children, Wilford and Rosa Alice, of Wichita Falls were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressly. They were accompanied on their return home by Mrs. McLean, mother of Mrs. W. H. Brown, for an indefinite time.

Our school children put on a very interesting program at the school-house Saturday night.

Little Don Harrison has been real sick and we are glad to report him as being better.

H. West shows some improvement. Mrs. West received a letter from her grandson, Hoyt Wills, last week and we feel greatly encouraged about Hoyt. We feel as though he will soon be home.

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## DORA DOINGS

Everybody is wearing a big broad smile since the nice rain Friday night and farmers are fixing to hitch up Jude and Beck and plant.

Miss Ima Joy Wright continues to improve very slowly after an attack of flu.

Beatrice and Fannie Pearl Perry are doing nicely following a tonsil operation in Sweetwater Monday.

Lieut. Ralph Vaughan of Tucson, Ariz., was here Sunday in his monoplane taking passengers on a fifteen minute ride. Among those going up were: Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagan and children, Thos. McCoy and family, J. D. Bryant, Miss Ruth Cole and Mrs. Ruth Jones.

H. A. Tyrone trucked several loads of sheep to Fort Worth last week for the Boyd ranchers.

Dossie Ford of Midland is visiting relatives and friends here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry and Elias Pruitt and family were fishing on the Clear Fork over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott were visiting relatives in Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Kinsey of Weatherford returned home Sunday after visiting her brother, H. S. Wright, and family for several days.

### Play at Butman Tabernacle.

The outside players of White Church are to put on a play at the Butman tabernacle next Saturday night, April 30. The title of the play is "Finger Prints." The characters are as follows:

Hosey Hawks, fingerprinter, Mr. Adrian Farmer.

Ned Thorndyke, ranch owner, H. E. Farmer.

Jimmy Lee, foreman of ranch, Lynward Harrison.

Roger Whitney, Billy Moore.

Amelia Thorndyke sister of Ned, Lena V. Harrison.

Pamela Thorndyke, daughter of Ned, Lena Lee Demere.

Paulette Whitney, Vada Turner.

Mrs. Whitney, Margie Coats.

Mignon, the Whitney maid, Irene Chaney.

Porcelain, colored cook, Mrs. Adrian Farmer.

Everyone is invited. The play starts at 8 o'clock.

## MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Here we are again after a few weeks absence. Our community was blessed with a good rain last Friday evening.

Mrs. S. A. White and daughters, Mae and Ethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Laccourse, all of Abilene, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell Sunday.

Several from here attended the play at View last Wednesday night. All reported a nice time.

Misses Anna Bell Bailey and Winnie Ruth Drummonds spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hay entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. J. S. Humphreys and Mrs. Craig Humphreys attended a pantry demonstration at Abilene last Saturday.

Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter of Merkel visited her aunt, Mrs. Maud Hogan, Sunday evening.

## WHITE FLAT

Farming is progressing rapidly since the splendid rains we had recently.

Thelma Quattlebaum was hostess Sunday to quite a number of the younger set.

R. W. Sheffield of Donna, Texas, is visiting in the home of his son at the teacherage.

There were 63 present for Sunday School April 24 and an interesting lesson was discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westbrook were business visitors in Sweetwater Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ouida Casey of Santa Anna was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. M. Sheffield, for a few days last week.

Miss Joy Lee Sparks, who has been visiting in the Goodman community, was accompanied home Sunday by August and Henry Eckhart and Bob and Audie Plumroy.

Allen Moore and Mr. Felix were guests in the J. E. Freeman home Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sheffield have been elected to teach in the Live Oak school in Coleman county next term.

White Flat school will likely have only 3 teachers for the coming year.

Mr. Younger of Roscoe has been elected principal, Mrs. Westbrook is re-elected for the primary, and the intermediate place has not been filled.

The Seniors are busy with their plans for commencement and their class play.

The date for the Junior-Senior banquet has not yet been set.

### TO CLOSE AT 3 P. M.

Effective Monday, May 2nd, the undersigned banks will begin closing at 3 p. m. instead of 4 p. m., as heretofore, and patrons are requested to please take notice.

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The sunflower does not turn to follow the sun.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS

### Blacksmith Prices

All Sizes Solid Sweeps Sharpened 23c or 2 for 45c  
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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:  
**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. CHILDERS.**  
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
**F. 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.)**



### FOR SALE

**GINNED 2 TO 8 BALES** at a time, selling 300 pounds seed, then saving balance, pure Mebane, 3 bushels to \$1.00. M. Armstrong.

### FOR SALE

One young Jersey 3 gallon milk cow and calf.  
 One Jersey milk cow about six years old.  
 One large Poland China sow.  
 One two row cultivator.  
 Several good cars to trade.  
 20 bushels high grade cotton seed.  
 W. C. Lepad.

**FOR SALE**—30 bushels Mebane cotton seed (second year) at 35 cents per bushel. Clarence Melton, Nubia, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Tomato plants, 3 dozen for 25c. See Joe Stalls at Murray Ice station.

### WANTED

**GOOD GRASS** and water for pasturage—50 cents per month for cattle and \$1.00 for horses. A. J. Barbee, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

## Sues Greyhound Lines For \$3650 Damages

Asserted 24-hour delay on the part of the Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc., to deliver the head of a dog to the State Pasteur Institute at Austin, is made the basis for a \$3,650 suit, filed in 104th district court at Abilene by O. D. Cypert and his wife, Winnie R. Cypert, of Merkel, against the Southland company.

Petition of Mr. and Mrs. Cypert asserts that failure to deliver the head of the dog on October 10—the day after it was placed in the hands of the company—made a microscopical examination for rabies unsuccessful and thereby necessitated Pasteur treatment for their 17-year-old son, O. D. Cypert, Jr., who was bitten by the dog on October 9, 1931.

Alleging that the youth suffered "pain and mental anguish" by necessity of the treatment and that the plaintiffs suffered "mental anguish," Mr. and Mrs. Cypert are suing for \$1,500 for their son, \$1,000 each for themselves and \$150 to cover expense of the treatment.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are Stinson, Hair, Brooks and Duke of Abilene.

## Takes Part in Annual CIA Freshman Stunts

Denton, April 28.—Lou Largent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent of Merkel, had a part in the annual Freshman stunts, "Fishes," which were presented at the Texas State College for Women (CIA) recently. The stunts this year featured a trip to New York, in which the audience visited the NBC broadcasting station, the Follies, a bowery and a cabaret. A modernistic scheme was carried throughout the program.

Miss Largent is a freshman business administration major.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

## Paramount to Show The Chicago Follies

The Chicago Follies, which will be the added stage attraction at the Paramount Theatre, Abilene, for a limited engagement Wednesday and Thursday of next week, will be found a fast, furious medley of songs and steps liberally garnished with comedy of the sure-fire, side-splitting variety and served with a lavish investiture of costumes and scenery.

In the organization of the Chicago Follies first consideration has been given to talent and this musical revue boasts of more real names and exceptional artists than any show seen locally in many years at more than five times the admission prices.

Ches Davis and Gene "Honey Gal" Cobb occupy stellar positions. Davis has been at the head of his own shows for many years and is well known throughout the South. Cobb will be remembered as having been last featured with Neil O'Brien's minstrels. The blackface comedy of this pair is without a peer and has never failed to find instant favor with audiences. Ivana Baker will bring you some new rhythm dances, the same steps that brought her into the limelight with the Vanities and with the Marx Brothers in Cocoanuts in New York.

The Chicago Follies Singing Stage Band combines delightful harmony singing with red hot rhythm and furnishes the musical complement of the show.

Viewed from any angle, the Eight Dancing Dixie Darlings are everything the name implies. They are the personification of youth, beauty and pep and will show audiences what stepping steppers can really do. Dolly Taylor brings a brand of jazz all her own and Buddy Ryan furnishes more light entertainment.

The Chicago Follies has played for more than sixty consecutive weeks in Dixie and has more return engagements and more shattered attendance records to its credit than any show to be seen in this vicinity in many years. In connection with this exceptional stage attraction the Paramount will present the popular Thomas Meighan in "Cheaters at Play," with Linda Watkins. Ford Sterling in the comedy, "Twenty Horses" and Paramount Sound News round out one of the greatest screen and stage shows ever presented at the Abilene showplace.

## Daughter of Merkel Man Dies in Alabama

Mrs. Ernest Pesnell, age 36, daughter of D. O. Huddleston, died at her home in Arab, Ala., at 10 o'clock last Friday night. Her father had left here on the Thursday night train but did not arrive before her death. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Pesnell was formerly Miss Myrtle Huddleston and was reared in Merkel, having come here with her family from Bell county, where she was born. She joined the Methodist church in her girlhood. Her father-in-law is a Methodist preacher.

Besides her husband, to whom she was married 20 years ago, Mrs. Pesnell is survived by her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston, three brothers, Fred and L. L. Huddleston, of Merkel, and C. F. Huddleston, San Diego, Cal., and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Hodo, of Noo-die.

## Best Ten Day Record in 1932.

Chevrolet dealers sold 17,452 new and 26,573 used cars during the first ten days of April, H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager, announced. The performance was the best for any ten-day period this year and exceeded sales during the first full ten-day period following the announcement of the present line of cars on December 5, Mr. Klingler said.

## On Tarleton Honor Roll.

Stephenville, April 28.—Ethel Hamilton of Merkel is one of forty-three students listed on the John Tarleton college honor roll for the second preliminary, second semester, according to announcement from the registrar's office.

## Praises Newspaper Ads.

New York—Newspapers are called the dominant advertising medium in the United States by Kenneth Collins, executive vice president and advertising director of R. H. Macy & Co., in his book, "The Road to Good Advertising," just published.

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.

Total value of Alaska's salmon catch since 1888 is about \$400,000,000.

## Editor is Named Georgia Senator

Atlanta, Ga., April 28.—Appointment of Maj. John S. Cohen, president and editor of the Atlanta Journal, as United States senator to succeed the late William J. Harris, was announced Monday by Governor Richard B. Russell, Jr.

Major Cohen's term expires after the November elections, when the people select some one to serve out the remainder of Senator Harris' term, which runs until March, 1937.

Governor Russell issued a statement, saying he would be a candidate for Harris' unexpired term in the fall election.

Congressman Charles R. Crisp of the third Georgia district, at his home in Americus, said he was considering entering the contest for the long term senatorial vacancy but would make no definite announcement until he had returned to Washington and consulted Mrs. Crisp.

## Evening of Opera

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 ful dramatic qualities.

### INTERMISSION.

5. Verdi, Quartet from "Rigoletto," Gilda, Mrs. Mae Alexander. Maddelena, Mrs. Ina Wooten Jones. The Count, Mr. A. D. Whisenant. Rigoletto, Mr. Leslie Grimes. Abilene Orchestra Society.

Among the musical gems which the score of Rigoletto abound, this is undoubtedly the most brilliant, and the contrasting emotions—the tender addresses and coquetry on the one side, and the heart-broken sobs of Gilda on the other—are pictured with the hand of a genius.

6. J. Strauss, "Tales from the Vienna Woods," Abilene Orchestra Society. Johan Strauss, the famous waltz king, who has so largely contributed to semi-popular symphonic form of music, is here represented with his famous waltz.

7. Verdi, Miserere from "Il Trovatore."

Leonora, Mrs. Robert Wylie. Troubadour, Mr. Hubert Bell. Abilene Choral Society and Abilene Orchestra Society.

Leonora is terror-stricken at the solemn tolling of a deep-toned bell and the mournful chorus chanting for the soul of a doomed prisoner.

8. Ippolitow-Ivanow, "Procession of the Sardars," Abilene Orchestra Society. The author of this highly original number is ranked among the very foremost representatives of the modern school of Russian composers. The Procession of the Sardar was written while under the influence of his Caucasian researches and is considered one of his very best and most effective works.

9. G. Puccini, Three scenes from "Butterfly," 1. Flower duet; 2. "One fine day;" 3. Finale from 1st Act, played without intermission.

Butterfly, Mrs. Lester Gorsuch. Zuzuki, Mrs. H. K. Bass. Pinkerton, Mr. A. D. Whisenant. Abilene Choral Society and Abilene Orchestra Society.

The closing chorus visualizes the purpose for which the West Texas Opera and Orchestra society was organized and is a tribute to West Texas.

### THEME.

West Texas, so recently vast open ranges, developing rapidly into a land of homes, comfort and culture, whatever changes the future may bring, will always be loved by its inhabitants.

A school children's matinee, 15 cents admission, Monday, 4 p. m., and an evening performance Tuesday 8 p. m., Fair Park. Adult admission, 50 cents. All proceeds to go to Abilene Welfare association.

Christian Thaulow, who has directed the Royal Symphony Orchestra in Norway, will direct the entire performance with the aides of telephones and switch boards connecting him backstage.

## Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, April 28.—Bearish demand for slaughter yearlings dominated cattle trade at Fort Worth Wednesday and prices for little cattle settled at levels about 15c to 25c lower. Big bulk of the day's cattle supply limited to about 1,800 head, consisted of slaughter yearlings, and quality in this division of the market was generally good. Buyers on order account combed the market for good fat cows. Unchanged prices bought most of the slaughter calves. Packer demand rather quiet for the plainer grades of heavies.

Receipts, 2,300, calves 500; prices steady to 25 cents lower; best fed steers 5.75; plainer grades 4.75; better grades yearlings 5.75; plainer grades 5.00-5.50; fat cows 3.00-3.50; butcher cows 2.50; cullers 1.25; bulls 2.00; top calves 4.75.

Some species of birds travel 8,000 miles twice a year.

## Statement to Citizens From Dr. C. B. Gardner

I wish to thank the citizens of Merkel who voted for me in the past city election and it is with much reluctance that I have disqualified myself from serving because of the respect shown me.

I feel that the pressing need of the city's business is such that I could not devote sufficient time and energy to lead their solution. My request is that you seek a person better qualified in business and temperament to fill the position.

I have taken the opportunity to look into some of the financial conditions of the city during the past few days and feel assured that the progress of Merkel hinges in a large measure upon the concerted cooperation of every citizen who is interested in its welfare.

Taxes have become the paramount issue of the world and our little community is no exception. It is evident that the rendition of our property values must and can be lowered when and if a large per cent of the taxes which have been delinquent from two to fifteen years are paid in this year. In paying taxes we must keep in mind that the lion's share of the amount paid is for paying interest and sinking fund on more than \$150,000 bonds voted in the past few years for sewer, water and paving. These bonds are direct obligations of every foot of property within the city and carry certain fixed amounts that must be met each year. The present operating expenses of the city are very much reduced and, if it were not for the outstanding bonds, taxes would be almost negligible.

The widespread discontent and dissatisfaction that exists can be attributed to the present depression, for which none of us is to blame. And we are faring as well as any other town in West Texas. But if we, as citizens, fail to exert ourselves to the extent that we put our city treasury on a sound basis, we may wake up to the fact in the future that a great many disastrous things have entered into our midst that could have been prevented.

Taxes are a burden to business and in the main deter its progress. So in the end, if we would expect new business concerns to occupy our many vacant buildings, we must seek to attract them by a minimum tax upon the stock of goods maintained. \$10,000 worth of merchandise will carry a much greater burden of taxes in any store than empty space, however. And yet I personally know of one man who moved that amount of merchandise and fixtures out of Merkel, because he felt that the rate of taxation was prohibitive to his business.

The whole matter of excessive tax issues rests not with excessive bond issues or operating expenses but with the excessive proportion of delinquent taxes.

I have frequently heard lately the glib remark, that one had just as well not own a home these days for all the good it is. Well, if you actually believe that, just ask one of these wandering nomads who are traveling up and down the highway for his opinion.

The argument that Merkel is too close to Abilene for any further development can be refuted in many ways but supposing Evanston with its 300,000 inhabitants and with only a street dividing it from Chicago had been of the same opinion. Or how could Minneapolis divided by a street from St. Paul or Oakland by a ten minute ride from San Francisco ever have grown to their present size? Yes, Abilene will take our business willingly, if we let them have it without a struggle but why not arrange to care for our own business and attract more from the Abilene territory this way? We can do it if we deserve it but not by using all our energy in grumbling.

C. B. Gardner.

### Oil Operations.

Derrick is being erected on the Panhandle lease this week by Jack Robertson, the location being 1090 feet due west of the Pope-Anderson well.

J. M. Johnson was ready Thursday morning to spud in his test on the W. D. Swann place, west of Croft and Conner No. 1.

The Eastland Oil Company, Dunagan Tool and Supply company on the Millard King place, southeast of town, was drilling at 2,000 feet Thursday.

### COST ONLY ONE DOLLAR.

Until May 1, The Mail is offering a clubbing rate with the Semi-Weekly Farm News, both publications for seven months for \$1.00. (Just think 30 issues of The Mail and 60 issues of the Semi-Weekly Farm News, total 90 copies, for only \$1.00.) If you are already a subscriber to The Mail, your subscription will be moved up seven months, if you accept this offer.

Office supplies—Mail office.

## "Wild Oats Boy"

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task of retiring at 8 o'clock each evening for three months in order to inherit the fortune. To single any one, or two or three from the cast would be merely to select the ones who in the opinion of the individual best measured up to their parts; whereas the play's success was due to the combined 100 per cent efforts of the cast, plus the untiring and well directed efforts and guidance of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby and Miss Christine Collins, co-directors.

To begin at the end, Eddie, played effectively by Raymond Neal, made good on the terms of the will and won the wilful Judy, (winsome and smiling Missie Dye.) Other romantic adventures terminated happily in the betrothal of Aunt Anne, the gentle-natured, well-balanced housekeeper, interpreted so true to the part by Estelle Terry, and Uncle Seth, revealed in the finale as the eccentric "Uncle George," a difficult character part, well performed by Parker Sharp; youth had its way when Pat, the jolly girl friend, alleged "double-crosser," skillfully enacted by Lola Snelton, was claimed by the "under-cover" hero, Chuck, the ex-prize-fighter, (actually J. T. Darsey, who could believe that was J. T. in the unashful moments?) Probably the most difficult part fell to Herbert Dennis, who as the cook, also detective, (woman-impersonator, to be exact,) turned in many a well-practiced awkward spill on the floor as well as adeptly assuming the brogue of the Irish Danny. Opposite him was Thelma Leach as the maid of all work, "Deila, with a feller," whose sense of comedy made the usual role of the housemaid somewhat less stereotyped.

A trying part, Jake, the designing city slicker, was in the hands of none other than Warren Smith, (if we had been in gallery, we could have hissed him.) His villainy left Eve, (Vera Richie, a charming miss and gifted emotionally,) in despair; but escap-

ing the romantic cataclysm also were Prue, the country cousin, dressed to the part of the nth degree and with properly pitched voice and colloquialisms by Mary Collins; laughs broke loose whenever Alvin Bird, as Trout, Prue's pestiferous son, evoked his ideas. If you saw Shorty, no further comment is necessary. Nor could one doubt that Burnis Tucker, typical southern dandy, had just raced a ghost by the quiver in his jerky words and the unruly shaking of his lower limbs.

Completeness of the presentation was made possible by able assistance rendered by an orchestra, with Miss Iris Garrett as pianist, accompanied by the talented quintet, Tom Gambill, Lynn McSpadden, Freddie Baker, Harold Boney and Leonard Reeves. Further enhancing the performance were clever specialties between acts by two little tots, Freddie Lee Hughes and Nancy Jean Scott, Miss Betty Lou Grimes, Miss Blanche Simmons and Parker Sharp, with Bob Allen in tap dancing and songs thrown in. All of these are favorites with Merkel audience and received well deserved encores.

### SMITH-PRICE.

Mr. Jim Smith and Miss Lora Price, both of Merkel, were united in marriage on Saturday, April 23, at the Nazarene parsonage, with Mrs. Ola Bolls, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiating. Best wishes from a host of friends are being extended for a long and happy married life.

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**EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY.**  
In honor of her mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin's 82nd birthday, Mrs. O. D. Cypert entertained Sunday with a chicken dinner. Children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Green, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rea, Midland; grandchildren were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green and children, Aubrey Green, Mrs. Herman Brewster, Mrs. Robert Green, all of Abilene, and Mrs. S. G. Russell and daughter, Alice.

**Personal Mention**

Miss Norma Patton entered Gail Business college at Abilene Monday. Miss Mary Hughes, who has been teaching school at Midlothian, is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas spent the week-end in Comanche with Mrs. Thomas' parents.

Misses Alleyne Riley and Mary Derstine are visiting friends in Breckenridge for several days.

Mrs. A. D. Williams and her grandson, Ollie Deal, of Oklahoma have gone to California to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mac Angus and Mrs. Walter Boden left Thursday for Alamogordo, N. M., to visit their sister, Mrs. Mose Cauthen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. (Slats) Bourn, now of Winters, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Misses Winona Patton and Eunice and Helen Robinson of Abilene were Sunday afternoon visitors in the S. O. Patton home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, accompanied by Mrs. Booth Warren, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett in El Paso since Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is able to be going again now. She spent the day Thursday with Mrs. John Wheeler.

Miss Maggie King, who has been employed in the state highway department at Shreveport, La., is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King. Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Davis and Miss Maurine Davis, the latter a student of C. I. A., spent the week-end in Lubbock.

Mrs. N. E. Elliott and son, Marvin Elliott, of Stamford visited Mayor and Mrs. Elliott here Monday. G. W. Elliott and daughter, Mary Francis, of Abilene were also guests in the Elliott home.

Mrs. Bill Fugat, Miss Mary Collins and Clyde Mayfield spent several days in Dallas this week where they had gone to take home Mr. Fugat's mother, Mrs. Anna Fugat, after a visit of several weeks here.

Mrs. Harry Cookston, who formerly lived here, was the guest of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown the first of the week. The Cookstons are now removing to Dallas and Mrs. Cookston was on her way to Odessa to attend to having their household things shipped.

**To Invoke Pledge**

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be held at the courthouse on the following Tuesday.

Members of the county democratic executive committee who will serve as chairmen of the precinct conventions are:

Abilene, precinct 1, court house, Z. D. Hailey; No. 2, Butternut street fire station, B. L. Ellis; No. 3, city auditorium, R. D. Green; No. 4, Gowan Motors, H. H. Ramsey; No. 5, Cedar street fire station, John Alvis; No. 6, Orange street fire station, R. E. Burns; No. 7, North Park, Homer Hutto; No. 8, Hamby, T. C. Richardson; No. 9, K. C. Hall, Harrison Blackburn; No. 10, McMurry filling station, Thos. E. Brownlee.

No. 11, Caps-Abilene, Roy Quattlebaum; No. 12, Tye-Abilene, E. W. Dindwiddie; No. 13, Buffalo Gap, J. Warren Clark; No. 14, Jim Ned, J. A. Cumby; No. 15, Moro, J. D. Elliott; No. 16, Nubia, W. C. Neill; No. 17, Merkel, W. O. Boney; No. 18, Guion, J. D. Harrison; No. 19, Wingate, A. B. Sheppard; No. 20, Potosi, James Gilbreth.

No. 21, Trent, A. W. Wood; No. 22, Caps-Merkel, Fred Rucker; No. 23, View, T. Y. Lindingham; No. 24, Tuscola, J. E. Casey; No. 25, Ovalo, James Hurt; No. 26, Iberis, J. B. Lovett; No. 27, Tye-Merkel, W. R. McCartney; No. 28, Lawn, E. W. Whittle; No. 29, Blair, Z. V. Moore; No. 30, Bradshaw, C. M. Hunt.

**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones, residing north of town, Sunday, April 24, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lee Melton, residing at Noodle, Tuesday, April 26, 1932.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

**CHURCHES**

**Christian Endeavorers To Assemble at Albany**

The Christian Endeavor District convention begins at Albany this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. There will be delegates from all over fifteen counties. Speakers will be very numerous and they will also be good ones. Among these speakers is Rev. R. A. Walker from here, Harold Lovett from Dallas, Rev. H. G. Markley from Breckenridge, and numbers of others.

There will be new officers elected and installed for the ensuing year. Two big features come on Saturday—at 1:15 a big parade and Saturday night there will be a fellowship banquet at 7 o'clock.

Gordon Weir, present president, will preside until Sunday morning May 1st. Mary Pence, the present secretary will give us a secretarial report and tell us how to improve our societies for the future.

There are to be several prizes given and Merkel Endeavorers are going to try to bring one back. Those planning to go from Merkel are: Kennedy Whiteley, Grisham Dowell, Ollie Patterson, Mike Vickers, Neal Durham, Kenneth Cribley, Monroe Wozencraft, Jack West, W. J. Derstine, Jack Patterson, Waymon Richards, David Gamble, Mr. C. H. Jones; Imogene Middleton, Pauline Wiman, Lois Whiteley, Billie Bernice Gambill, Carl Mansfield, Duncan Briggs, Billie Gardner, Mary Helen Lancaster, Mrs. C. H. Jones, Rev. R. A. Walker and Jim Patterson. —Reporter.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.**

"Finding My Place in Life." Scripture—John 21:15-17. Leader, Paul Collins.

Talks: "Never Out of a Job; Never Too Old to Find Work; Don't Be Satisfied with Trifles," J. R. Lassiter.

"Creating Our Own Places; Fishers of Men; Jesus Taught Against Putting Off Finding Places," Milton Shannon.

"Finding One's Place by Trying; Little Places to Drop Seeds in; He Struck Gold," Mildred Richardson.

"Seth Parker's Place: Promoting Community Religion; Don't Shrink from Humble Places; A Place Besides One's Bread-Winning," Julia Proctor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Members of the Sunday School are always missed when not present.

Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. The pastor will be in Albany Saturday night for the Christian Endeavor district convention, also for the early morning service there Sunday, but will be here for the regular morning service.

There will not be an evening service on account of the revival at the Baptist church.

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

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE.**

Revival fine, nice crowds, still going on. It may close Sunday night. Come and bring your friends each morning at 10 o'clock and nights at 7:30.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday 8 p. m.

We are greatly encouraged as our attendance has more than doubled since we came, for which we give God the praise and honor. A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls,  
Pastor and Evangelist.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

An interesting program of song, prayer, scripture reading and comment has been arranged for the Men's Prayer service for next Sunday afternoon at the regular meeting place, the Grace Presbyterian church, and all the men of the city and surrounding communities are invited to attend. The lesson will be found in the 14th chapter of Romans to be read by J. L. Murray while Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pastor, will discuss the lesson taught.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was 858 last Sunday, as compared with 888 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago there were 847 present.

**TO CLOSE AT 3 P. M.**

Effective Monday, May 2nd, the undersigned banks will begin closing at 3 p. m. instead of 4 p. m., as heretofore, and patrons are requested to please take notice.

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**District Conference Comes on May 4 and 5**

Our third quarterly conference will convene Monday evening, May 2, at 8:30. The stewards meeting will be the same evening at 8.

Our district conference will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 4-5. This should be a great day for our people to have the pleasure of having the district conference meet with us. They come at our invitation. A committee of ladies is out securing homes for the delegates who will be with us for these two days. Surely every one will be delighted to have some part in entertaining these guests.

Regular services next Sunday morning. Evening services dismissed for the revival in progress.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

"He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126:6. About 15 weeks ago a "real" New Testament Missionary Baptist church was organized, believing in the "verbal inspiration of the Bible," "virgin birth of Jesus," "man created upright in image of God," "atonement in blood of Jesus," "reward for the faithful," "heaven for the redeemed," "hell for those who forget God," "second coming of Jesus," "bodily resurrection," "millennial reign with Jesus on earth," and all the fundamentals of the Bible, plus nothing and minus nothing. A home for the poor, for Jesus said, "God hath anointed me to preach the gospel unto the poor," a home for the humble, for "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted," a home where people love you, where you can feel free to shout and rejoice as souls are born into the kingdom of God, and "the Lord adds to the church daily such as are saved." Bible school 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Preaching Saturday 7:45 p. m. Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Singing Sunday 2:30 p. m. Bible study Monday 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting and teachers Bible study Wednesday 7:45 p. m. Street services Saturday 3 p. m. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY.**

Subject, "Hypocrisy to be Avoided." Scripture, Luke 12:2-12. Time, 7:30 p. m. Leader, Mrs. Artie Ketchum. Verse 2, Ruth Jenkins; 3, Gertrude Reynolds; 4, Bessie Laird; 5, Mattie Ruth Gay; 6, Charlie Price; 7, Aliene Parks; 8, Alvin Peterson; 9, Elton Dowell; 10, Francis Fowler; 11-12, Ruthie Milton.

**COST ONLY ONE DOLLAR.**

Until May 1, The Mail is offering a clubbing rate with the Semi-Weekly Farm News, both publications for seven months for \$1.00. (Just think 30 issues of The Mail and 60 issues of the Semi-Weekly Farm News, total 90 copies, for only \$1.00.) If you are already a subscriber to The Mail, your subscription will be moved up seven months, if you accept this offer.



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**Now Comes Junior-Senior Banquet**

Forerunner of commencement and one of the highlights of the school year, the Junior-Senior banquet is scheduled for Friday night, April 29, at 7:30 at the Lions Club hall.

Centering about the theme, "The Blazed Trail," the program, taking form as "The Final Rehearsal," follows:

Director, Imogene Middleton, toast-mistress.

"Advice to Players," Invocation, Mr. Riddle.

Theme song, Sophomore Girls. Place, Lucille Campbell.

Time, Mildred Richardson and Margaret Miller.

Prologue, Frances Marie Church.

Persons of the drama, American Pioneers.

Scene: 1. "Hardships," Nell Hughes; 2. "Steadfastness," Harold Stanley; 3. "The Outcome," Jim Patterson.

Critic's view, Paul Collins.

"Following the Trail," Dr. E. D. Salkeld.

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**Cemetery Working is Planned Next Monday**

Monday, May 2, at 1 p. m. has been set as the time for all those interested in improving Rose Hill cemetery to meet and join in working it out.

The heavy rains of the past week have made it necessary to build up the lots and re-make the mounds and, with every one joining in, the work

can be completed much more quickly and easily than if done individually. It is hoped by those sponsoring the cemetery working next Monday that a large number of workers will be present.

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- FRUITS, blackberries, apricots, peaches, plums or pineapple, gallon ..... 45c
- PICKLES, sour, quart jar ..... 15c
- STRAWBERRIES, pint boxes, 2 for ..... 25c
- SOAP, P & G or Crystal White, 10 bars ..... 33c
- CORN, No. 2 can, 2 for ..... 19c
- BEANS, No. 2 can, 2 for ..... 19c
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- SYRUP, cane crush, gallon ..... 59c
- COCOA, 2 pound box ..... 25c

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**An Important Announcement To Our Customers**

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your valued patronage and loyalty and to ask your continued co-operation in this very important change in the policy of our banks.

In the past, many of our good customers have inadvertently given checks on our banks when they did not have sufficient funds on deposit to pay them. Subsequently, the presentation of these checks has placed our active officers in a very perplexing position. If they conclude to pay these checks they have violated the banking laws and have placed themselves and their bank subject to severe criticism. If they conclude not to pay these checks they realize that in most instances it will cause much embarrassment and that the maker of the check will probably become offended. We feel that if you will give this matter a little thought and consideration you will agree with us that when you endeavor to create an overdraft in your bank you have taken an unfair advantage of your bank's Cashier.

The Supreme Court of the United States has held that "A usage to allow customers to overdraw and have their checks charged up without present funds in the bank, stripped of all technical disguise, is a usage and practice to misapply the funds of the bank; and to connive at the withdrawal of same, without any security, in favor of certain privileged persons. Such a usage and practice is surely a manifest departure from the duty, both of the directors and cashier, and cannot receive any countenance in a court of justice. Whenever this practice is allowed by the Cashier, it is at his own peril and upon his own responsibility. It is anything but well and truly executing his duties as Cashier."

The Directors of the undersigned banks have passed resolutions to eliminate all overdrafts. Therefore, in the future, we respectfully request that you refrain from giving a check on your bank unless there is sufficient money to your credit to cover it. If you have authorized any insurance company or any one else to draw on your account please be sure to keep a balance sufficient to pay all assessments and drafts which you have authorized and do not expect us to pay your checks or drafts unless you have a credit balance sufficient to cover them.

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