

SCHOOL GROUP SETS STANDARD OF AFFILIATION

Supt. Burgess Goes to Austin For Meeting of Committee on Classified and Affiliated High Schools.

Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess are in Austin this week while Mr. Burgess is attending the sessions of the committee on classified and accredited high schools. This is a committee of the state department of education which each year sets the standards which must be attained by high schools of the state of Texas which wish to be affiliated. Among the several standards set up by this committee is the one of minimum salaries which must be paid in order to retain affiliation. This standard is the one that affects the Merkel High school for the coming year, Merkel having set its minimum below that set by the committee. The action of the committee on this matter will be watched with interest by many schools of the western part of the state.

The committee consists of both college and public school men. It is given power under the law to fix the requirements which schools must meet in order to be classified or affiliated. The fifteen men who comprise this committee are listed below. This is the second year for Supt. Burgess to serve as member of this committee.

The complete personnel of the committee on classified and accredited high schools follows: State Supt. C. N. Shaver, chairman; E. J. Matthews, registrar, University of Texas; Charles E. Friley, registrar, A. & M. college; Walker King, registrar, C. I. A.; A. W. Evans, Texas Tech.; C. E. Evans, San Marcos; C. A. Nichols, S. M. U.; R. G. Boger, Weatherford college; and the following public school officials: Supt. B. B. Cobb, Waco; Supt. Roger A. Burgess, Merkel, Assistant Supt. L. V. Stockard, Dallas, Supt. V. Z. Rogers, Lamesa, County Supt. L. A. Woods, Waco, Principal F. M. Black, Houston, Supt. J. M. Hodges, Tyler.

Five-Day-Week Plan Supplies More Jobs

New York, June 23.—Beginning July 1, the vast force employed by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey will be placed on a 5-day-a-week work basis, with a corresponding reduction in pay. The move will affect approximately 43,000 employees throughout the country. W. C. Teagle, president of the company, said he expected the step to provide jobs for a substantial number of those now unemployed.

To Continue Market Probe.
Washington, June 23.—The senate Tuesday appropriated \$50,000 for a continuation of the stock market investigation of the banking and currency commission.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 21, 1912.)

Saturday afternoon two of the Merkel boosters, J. E. Faucett and R. O. Anderson, who started from Merkel June 9 on a trip to the southern coast country, returned. The rear guard of the boosters are arriving in sections; Lester Ellis made his arrival on Wednesday; Mr. Gilliam left the touring cars at Italy. Messrs. Comegys and Hunt will come straight from Dallas while Messrs. Jackson and Roberts will tour the northern part of the state.

Miss Duncan Browning left Tuesday for Russellville, Ky., where she will join relatives for a visit, coming down to New York by the noted route of the Hudson. After leaving New York she will take an ocean steamer down the coast of New Jersey. Miss Browning will return home in about two months.

Minor Burns, the 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, suffered a broken shoulder and arm together with a dislocated shoulder last Thursday afternoon caused from falling off a windmill at the home of T. F. Compton, south of town.

F. F. Clark is in Hico this week visiting relatives.

DAWES SAYS TREND NOW IS UPWARD IN NATION'S BUSINESS

Chicago, June 23.—Charles G. Dawes, retiring president of the reconstruction finance corporation expressed the belief on arriving here Saturday that the country has reached "the turning point" in the depression.

Dawes based his prediction upon the general improvement in the small business enterprises of the country in the formal statement issued here, which was treated with a good deal of significance because of the close insight he has had into business conditions as head of the reconstruction finance corporation.

"Coming as I do from my work at Washington on the R. F. C., where one gets in its fair perspective the general business situation in the country, I believe that we have reached the turning point in the depression," Dawes said in his statement, which he handed to newspaper men as he stepped from the train.

"It is the smaller business enterprises with low overhead expenses which seem to be showing improvement; but in time the larger ones will necessarily follow.

"The recovery in the depression will start from the bottom up, not from the top down. That is what past experience shows."

Install New Officers This Friday Night

New officers, elected by Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., last Saturday night, will be installed Friday night of this week.

The list of new officers reads: Tom Allday, W. M.; Harry Woodrum, S. W.; Wren Durham, J. W.; C. L. Boswell, secretary, (re-elected); G. F. Woods, treasurer, (re-elected); Charlie Davis, tiler.

Results, Schedules, Indoor Baseball Play

Results of games played during the past week:

Petty's class 18; Munday's class 14.
Riddle's class 17, McGehee's class 14.
McGehee's class 17, Munday's class 6.

The following games are scheduled: Friday, June 24—Petty's class vs. Riddle's class.

Monday, June 27—Riddle's class vs. Munday's class.

Tuesday, June 28—Petty's class vs. McGehee's class.

Friday, July 1—Munday's class vs. Petty's class.

Chaplin's Sons in Films.
Hollywood, Cal., June 23.—The two young sons of Charlie Chaplin, film comedian, are to appear in five pictures for the Fox Film company. Their mother, Lita Grey Chaplin, divorced wife of the actor, also was signed by the studio.

MISS LOU LARGENT TO BE MERKEL'S SPONSOR TEXAS COWBOY REUNION

As sponsor from Merkel to the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford, July 4, 5 and 6, Miss Lou Largent has asked Jack Young to be her escort and in the grand opening parade on July 4th she will ride the spirited paint horse of J. T. Warren's, using the hand-stamped saddle belonging to Ted Nichols.

Miss Largent is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent of this city, home for the summer vacation after her Freshman year at C. I. A. Denton. Of pioneer West Texas family, the selection of Lou Largent lends added prestige to Merkel's representation in the coming show at Stamford.

W. S. J. Brown is chairman of the local committee on arrangements. Others are Lige Gamble, Dee Grimes, Bill Haynes, Ted Nichols and Booth Warren.

More than twenty other cities and towns in West Texas already have selected sponsors for the Texas Cowboy reunion to be held here July 4, 5 and 6.

The sponsors will ride in the grand opening parade of the reunion on the Fourth of July. Each girl will bring her own mount and most of them will

likely wear cowgirl costumes. Following the parade, they will be presented at the rodeo arena. A ball will be held in their honor that night and there will be other features of entertainment for the sponsors during the second and third days of the reunion.

The sponsors having the best mount, the most attractive riding outfit and showing the best horsemanship will receive a handsome pair of riding boots and second prize will be a beautiful pair of spurs.

Sponsors, besides Miss Largent from Merkel, who have been selected thus far, are: Miss Pauline Jones, Colorado; Miss Katherine Jones, Rule; Miss Carolene Phillips, Rotan; Mrs. Ethel Hall Ward, Swenson; Miss Grace Beck, Sylvester; Miss Glyn Floyd, Roby; Miss Frances Moberley, Albany; Miss Vivian Sears, Abilene; Miss Mildred Carr, Old Glory; Miss Maxine Pendleton, Munday; Miss Selma Swenson, Lueters; Miss Lois Perkins, Stamford; Miss Angie K. Heard, Goree; Miss Nancy Maude Milsap, Ansen; Miss Katherine Rike, Haskell; Miss Oma Wood, Seymour; Miss Grace Thurman, Lewisville; Miss Ruth Stiffler, Aspermont; Miss Mabel Moorhouse, Benjamin and Miss Ella Moore Seale, Baird.

GARNER FAVORS PRO LAW REPEAL

Believes Law Unsound; Ready To Run If Democrats Should Nominate Him.

Washington, June 23.—John N. Garner, speaker of the house and one-time Texas cowboy, swung his political bat toward the democratic presidential nomination Tuesday with a statement urging repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

In a formal statement handed to newspapermen, the speaker said he had voted against the eighteenth amendment and added: "I have never believed it sound or workable and it should be repealed."

Discussing the democratic presidential nomination, he said California and Texas democrats are sending delegations to the Chicago convention "instructed to vote for my nomination for the presidency.

"This has been done without my solicitation," he continued. "I appreciate the support of my friends and am willing to serve my country and my party to the limit of my capacity."

Jack Sharkey the New Ring Champion

Madison Square Garden Bowl, New York, June 23.—Although finishing in retreat, with one eye closed, under a barrage of punishing blows, Jack Sharkey, the Boston sailor, was awarded the heavyweight championship of the world Tuesday night on points, after a colorless 15-round battle with the defending titleholder, Max Schmeling of Germany.

Sharkey reached the goal of his long quest for the championship with the aid of a 2 to 1 decision that found little favor with a majority of ringside experts. The American received the votes of Referee "Gunboat" Smith and Judge George Kelley, while the other judge, Charles F. Mathison, cast his ballot in favor of Schmeling.

Sharkey waged a counter-fight almost from start to finish, scoring consistently with lefts to the head and body, but he did not land one really damaging punch. Schmeling on the other hand, was the aggressor all the way, frequently out-boxed, but faster, shiftier and much stronger at the finish.

New Grain Crop Moving.

Including the car of wheat shipped last week and already reported in The Mail, movement of this season's crop from Merkel includes three cars of wheat and one car of oats to date. Six or seven cars are loading now, threshing being delayed on account of the rain.

TRUST CO. OFFICER SEES ADS AS AID OF NEW BUSINESS ERA

New York, June 23.—Francis H. Sisson, vice president of the Guaranty Trust company, told a luncheon of the newspaper advertising executives association that advertising should be one of the most important aids in bringing about business recovery.

"We have seen in recent years," he said, "how advertising has made possible the astoundingly rapid growth of new industries by changing the living and buying habits of millions of people.

"Why should advertising not be equally useful in accelerating the transition from depression to revival? The reversal of trend can be quickened by the timely sounding of the right note in the appeal of business men to their public."

Starts Fifth Well Merkel Territory

With the moving of a derrick to be set up on the T. J. Toombs estate, northwest of Noodle Dome, for test to be drilled by the Southern Oil corporation, it will mean that five wells are being sunk in the two fields adjacent to Merkel.

Leases for the new test, which is located one mile south of the Swann well and 1 1/2 miles northwest of Noodle Dome, were arranged by Anderson Brothers.

Another well is being drilled by the Southern Oil corporation on the Tom Sears place, while two operations are now drilling on the Swann place, one by Johnson brothers and the other by Jack Roberts.

Merkel's fifth test is the Eastland Oil company's well on the Hunter tract and just west of Hunter No. 1.

Rainfall Wednesday Half Inch.

Wednesday afternoon's rainfall here was gauged at one-half an inch by Grover Hale, volunteer weather observer, while an eighth of an inch was recorded Monday night. These amounts, added to previous one-half inch rainfall in June, bring the month's total to 1 1/8 inches. For the year, since January 1, the total now stands 15.78 inches.

Record of Births.

Poy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rains, residing 15 miles north of town, Saturday, June 18, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wells, residing on the Morrison ranch near Stith, Monday, June 20, 1932.

Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas, whose name was entered by petition of friends for congressman-at-large place No. 1, has given a statement to the press announcing his withdrawal from the race.

John H. Bigham, sheriff of Bell county, was acquitted on a charge of extortion, the first of seven sheriffs and former sheriffs tried for alleged irregularities in Travis county to be thus acquitted.

A Winters man, Frank W. Williams, was elected president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' association convention at Austin last week and Corpus Christi was chosen for next year's convention city.

Garbed in cowboy costume and wearing 10-gallon hats, Mrs. John H. Shary and Mrs. Volney Taylor of Mission will ride horses to head the Garner district delegation in the democratic parade at Chicago next week.

David Jett, 10, of Seagoville, was drowned in a gravel pit six miles south of Mesquite Sunday afternoon, his body being recovered in a place nine feet deep by a man who lent a helping hand to the boy's brothers searching for him.

Two federal prohibition agents, L. C. Smith and N. D. Heaton, were acquitted on an instructed verdict by Federal Judge William H. Atwell of murder charges in connection with the shooting of Marion McGlothlin at his country store near Irving the night of April 8.

While swimming in Lytle creek with four companions, James Paul Shankle, 15, son of Deputy Constable E. E. Shankle of Abilene, went down as he was attempting to cross the stream with the other boys. He lost his stroke and then, becoming excited, drowned before help could reach him.

Victim of an auto accident Friday on Dead Man's curve, ten miles south of Belton, at the same point where he was injured three years ago in a similar accident, Dr. L. E. Finney of Waco, 63, executive secretary of the greater Baylor campaign, died Saturday morning in a Belton sanitarium.

BANK RECEIPTS USED IN PLACE COUNTER CHECKS

Department Has Ruled Paper in Form of Mere Receipt is Not Taxable; Two Cents Charged On Each Bank Check.

Under provisions of the new revenue bill to raise over a billion dollars, the two-cent tax on bank checks became effective on Tuesday, June 21, and beginning that date the local banks started the practice of charging customers two cents on each check given against their checking account.

While under rulings of the treasury department, the usual form of counter check is taxable under this law, a form of receipt for money withdrawn has been secured by each of the two banks here—and generally throughout the state and country—which receipts may be used in lieu of the old style counter check and which, it has been ruled authoritatively, is not taxable. This receipt form, however, is not negotiable and is to be used only by the depositor in person at the specified bank. Both local banks have these non-negotiable, tax-free forms and will supply them upon application at the tellers' windows.

The requirement of the law places the responsibility on the banks to collect this tax and remit to the collector of internal revenue at the end of each month, for the preceding month.

In regard to the new tax law, with special reference to banking usages, the Texas Bankers association through its secretary has issued a sheet of general information, chief features of which are:

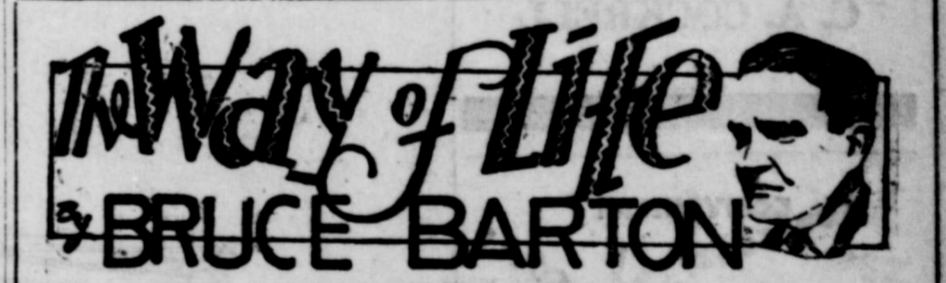
Checks drawn by state, county or city officers in official capacity against public funds to their official credit and in furtherance of duties imposed upon them by law are not taxable. Neither does the tax apply to checks issued by the United States government.

Travelers checks are taxable, and issuing bank should collect the tax. N. S. F. checks are not taxable. "Presented for payment" of the law is construed as "presented for payment and paid."

Cashiers checks and bank drafts are taxable and tax should be collected from purchaser.

Order for payment of money made payable at bank is taxable only if it

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SAVING FACE.

A friend was telling me about Big Business in China. No man ever is discharged there, he said. If it becomes necessary to remove an employee the boss arranges to have a friend tip him off. The next morning the doomed man appears in the boss' office.

"My uncle in the most remote province of the Chung River is very ill," he explains. "It is necessary that I should go to attend him."

The boss assumes an expression of distress. "Why, to reach the Chung River and minister to your uncle and then return will require more than two years," he protests.

"Nevertheless, I must go."

"Noble fellow," says the boss, embracing him. "Do your duty, and though your journey keep you away for years, have no fear. Your place will be open for you."

The next morning and every morning thereafter the two meet on the street, but there is no embarrassment, no sense of inferiority on the part of the ex-employee. Face has been saved.

I remember one of the first men for whom I worked in New York, and one of the wisest I have ever known. He called me in one day and said: "I want you to think up some way by which X can be prompted to resign."

I was astonished. "After he resigns," my boss continued, "I think I can help him to find a more congenial place. But he's no good where he is."

"I always try to be very careful in these cases," he explained. "I don't want it written on my tombstone that I ever dealt a blow to a man's self-confidence."

This employer was almost as wise as the Chinese. As our civilization and our business grow older we all shall learn some of the mature wisdom of these older people. They know there are things in life more important than efficiency and production and quotas and charts.

They know that the human soul is more important, and that all the operations of life should be conducted so as to increase its dignity and self respect.

Said Mencius, the ancient Chinaman: "The people are of the highest importance; the gods come second; the sovereign is of lesser weight."

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Bank Checks

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pay the check and to charge the amount
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on its correspondent or federal reserve
bank to transfer money to another
correspondent bank is taxable,
and the drawee is accountable for the
tax.

Notes payable at bank are not taxable.

Two-deck elevators running on the
same shaft serve alternate floors of
one of New York's tallest office buildings.

**Merkel Mail Warns Public as to
Coaching Schools in
Civil Service Exams**

Washington, D. C., June 23.—The
following statement is made by the
United States civil service commission:

The commission warns the public
against paying money for "coaching"
courses in preparation for federal civil
service examinations.

Schools which sell such courses under
present conditions accept money under
false pretenses. A purveyor of civil
service courses is now under indictment
in Iowa for false representation. It
is expected that other such cases of
prosecution will follow.

Comparatively few appointments are
made in the federal civil service. Vacancies
which must be filled are filled by the
transfer of those in the service or the
reinstatement of those who have been in
the service, wherever practicable.

It is seldom necessary to announce
an examination. In most cases registration
of eligibles exist as a result of examinations
held during the past year. When an
examination is announced,

the applicants are usually hundreds of
times in excess of the need. Money paid
for civil service coaching courses at
this time might almost as well be
thrown to the four winds.

**Jones to Speak Here
Saturday Afternoon**

Hon. Joe H. Jones of Eastland, candidate
for congress from the 17th district,
will speak in Merkel at 4:30 Saturday
afternoon. At 2 o'clock the same
afternoon he will speak in Sweetwater,
coming on here after the speaking.

Mr. Jones addressed a large crowd
on the federal lawn at Abilene Wednesday
night and was given wrapped attention
as he outlined his ideas of governmental
reform, chief of which was an emphatic
stand for reduction in taxes and decrease
in all governmental expenses, with
emphasis especially on salaries and
commissions.

The White House Conference on
Child Health and Protection found that
there are 1,000,000 school children
with weak or damaged hearts in
this country.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The increase from 2 cents to 3 cents
for letter postage does not become effective
until July 6 but, in the rush of passage
of the new revenue act, a great many got
the impression that the change in first
class postage rate became effective on
June 21, the date when most all the
other taxes started.

A crew of 20 or more men have been
busy since Monday, chopping weeds and
cleaning off premises in the business
part of town under the direction of
City Marshal P. P. Dickinson. This
work is being done by those owing
street tax or by substitutes employed
by those who did not pay their street
tax in cash. This work, being done
in needed quarters, will give the city
generally a more attractive appearance,
especially in the business portions.

Mrs. Frank McFarland opened Merkel's
new rental library Wednesday in
Judd Sheppard's new store, just across
Edwards street from his former
location. Merkel has a large number
of book lovers and they have al-

ready manifested by their interest and
enrollment as members their appreciation
of the opportunity afforded them to
keep up with current literature.

Judd Sheppard has completed the
removal of his stock of dry goods,
clothing, shoes and notions across the
street from his old location to the
building that was formerly occupied by
the Liberty Hardware company, and in
celebration of the event has announced
a Harvest Sale beginning Saturday,
June 25.

E. H. Jowers, one of Merkel's new
citizens, having recently moved here
from Tye, has opened a feed mill at
the old Swafford Feed store location
and is ready to grind all kinds of feed.

Candidate for Senate Here.
Wilbourne B. Collie of Eastland
county, candidate for state senator
from the 24th district, was a visitor
in Merkel Thursday morning and
paid a call to The Mail office. Mr.
Collie is a former newspaper publisher
and has served as district clerk and
assistant district attorney of the 88th
and 91st districts.

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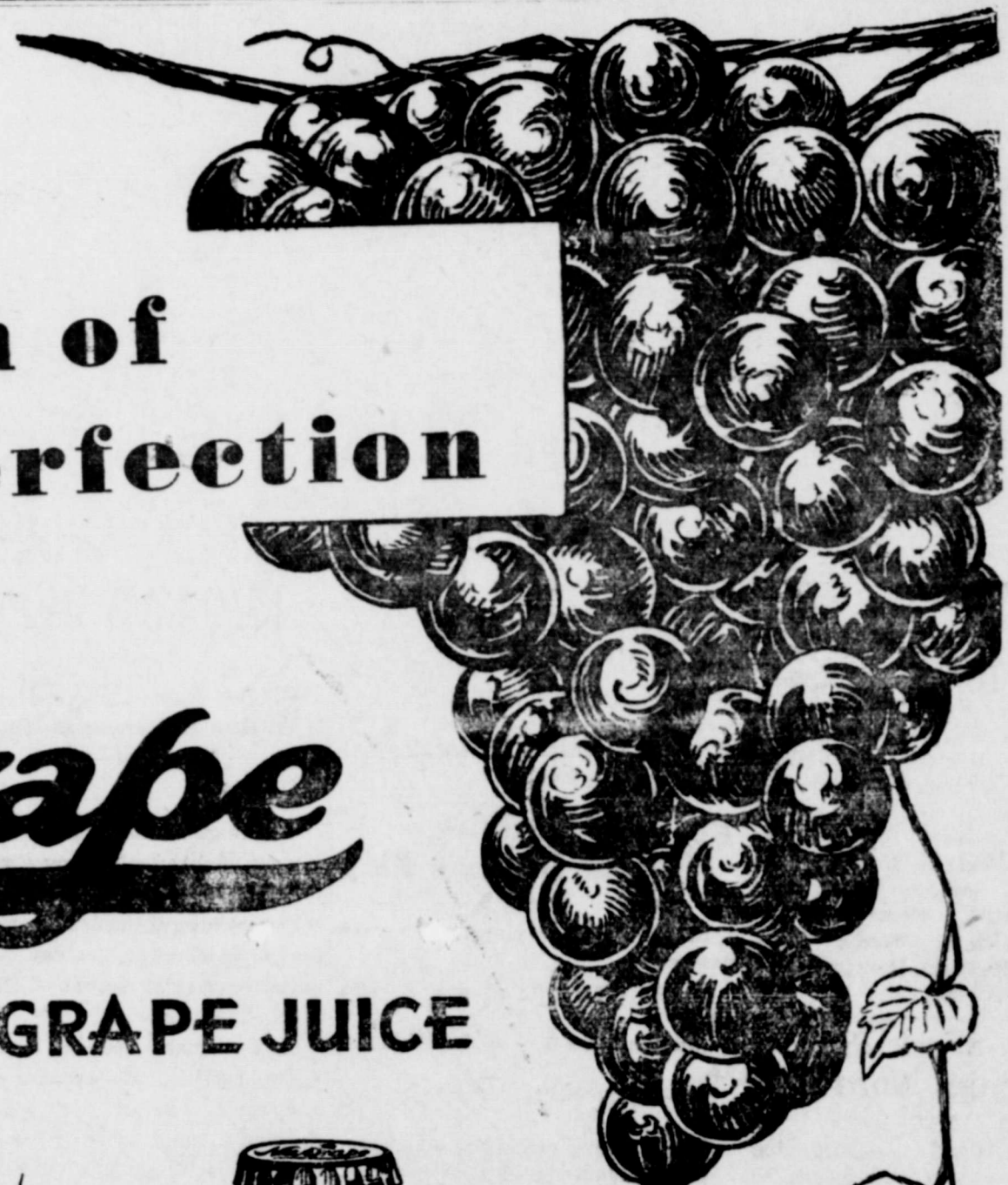
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FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT.

Diana, a young English girl, in love with Dennis Waterman, a married man, undergoes a nervous collapse and is sent to the country to recuperate under the care of Dr. Donald Rathbone, who lives near the cottage where she stays. She finds herself falling in love with the doctor, but still trying to hold Dennis' affection. Linda, Dennis' wife, tells her that she offered Dennis a divorce but he would not accept it; he would have felt compelled to marry Diana. Diana's love for Doctor Rathbone is tempered by jealousy of a woman named Rosalie, who lives in the doctor's house. At last Rathbone finds that he is deeply in love with Diana, but he confesses to her that Rosalie is his wife. He had married her out of sympathy, when her husband had been killed in the war. But Rosalie was hopelessly insane. Diana and Rathbone part, and a letter comes from Aunt Gladwyn calling Diana back to London. Dennis comes to see her. She discovers that she is all through with him. As she is leaving for London a letter comes from Dr. Rathbone, expressing his hopeless love. Back in London she learns that Linda Waterman, Dennis' wife, has been for years in love with a married man whose wife has just died in an insane asylum. Life seems a frightful, puzzling affair. She goes to a party, expecting to be bored, but the footman at the door announcing the incoming guests, calls out: "Dr. Donald Rathbone."

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Diana had been idly watching the scene before her, her thoughts far away, but at the sound of that name her slender body stiffened, and her face went as white as her gown. "No... no... no..." Her heart cried out in passionate protest even as her dilated eyes met Rathbone's across the long room. And she had been afraid that she was beginning to forget him! Forget him! Forget his big, powerful body against which she had once been held in such perfect happiness and peace? His grave steady eyes, and the mouth that looked as if it rarely smiled? He did not smile now, though a little flash passed across his sombre eyes before he turned to greet his hostess. It seemed an eternity to Diana before Rathbone began to make his way across to her. He seemed to know a great many people, many of whom stopped to engage him in conversation. Rathbone was beside her now, but he made no attempt to take her hand, and she did not offer it. "Good-evening, Miss Gladwyn." Diana raised eyes that were infinitely pathetic, because they fought so hard for indifference. "A great rock in a weary land..." How silly to think of that now, and yet—oh, how wonderful to feel once again the peace and safety of his presence! "I hope you are well?" he said formally. "Yes, thank you." "Quite well?" She tried to answer, but now that suffocating feeling had mastered her, and she could only nod silently. Then someone came and took him away. At dinner he was a long way from her; he sat on Mrs. Foster's left hand with the great newspaper magazine on her right; evidently Rathbone was the second most important guest. The dinner was endless; to Diana's overwrought imagination, the long table seemed to grow longer till Rathbone appeared to be separated from her by miles; course after course followed one another in terrible monotony. How could people go on eating for such—hours! She almost said, "Thank God," when at last the ordeal was ended. Rathbone would come and talk to her now, she was sure; he would find some way of shaking off all the other people, and he would come to her, and he would say something that would stop this dreadful pain. He would know what she was suffering; perhaps he was suffering equally himself. But though she watched the door of the great unfriendly drawing room with strained eyes till the men began to appear, Rathbone was not among them. Then she learned that Rathbone had been called away suddenly on an urgent call. He had gone without even saying

good-bye to her.

CHAPTER XXI.

Anna had been waiting up for her. She said with unusual kindness in her voice: "I should go to bed and try and get some sleep." "I couldn't sleep," Diana said. "Let me give you something to make you sleep—some of that draught you used to take before you were ill. You must sleep, Miss Diana." Anna came back with the sleeping draught and Diana took it and allowed herself to be put to bed. "I'll be close by, if you want me," she said. Something in her tone of voice made Diana think suddenly of Miss Starling, and an almost childish longing for her and for the peace of her little room at the cottage awoke in her heart. How amazed the Creature would be if she knew! Diana sat up in bed, rocking herself to and fro. She wished she could cry, but her eyes felt too hot and burning to allow the relief of tears. Were other girls made to suffer like this, or were they too wise to allow themselves to care very much for anyone? With a terrible feeling of restlessness she got out of bed and began to walk about the room. If only he had bid her goodbye at Mrs. Foster's. Shown some affection for her. If only she could sleep! Her head was throbbing so: it reminded her of that night at the Savoy with Dennis, when the world had seemed to be filled with a million demons, all of whom were conspiring together to torment her. Anna's sleeping draught had been useless: it had only excited her and racked her nerves. Perhaps if she took some more... She looked round the room eagerly: yes, the bottle was there on the dress-

ing table.

Diana closed the room. She was a childish figure in her white night-gown with her bare feet and disordered curly hair. Her hands shook a little, making the bottle rattle against the glass as she measured out some of the drops. It had a nasty bitter taste. "That's because I haven't put any water with it," Diana thought vaguely. "I don't care; perhaps it will really make me sleep this time." She shivered and made a little grimace as she crept back to bed. Why were all the things that were supposed to be good for one so nasty? CHAPTER XXII.

Jonas was putting the pony and trap away in the stable when Mr. Shurey came down the yard, a giant figure looming out of the gray mist. "Don't 'ee put her away yet," he said. "There's some things for Rathbone's." Jonas turned around. "It'll be difficult to get so far in this fog," he said rather sullenly. The farmer frowned. "When I was your age I didn't argue about things being difficult," he said bluntly. "I did 'em. If you go up to the house the missus'll give you what's to go." Jonas shrugged his shoulders and obeyed. He did not really object to the fog, but he was in no mood to go. There was a dark spot in his mind whenever he thought of Donald Rathbone. He felt as if, during the past weeks since he first met her, she had unconsciously been giving him broken pieces of a puzzle, which had slowly and carefully formed themselves into one, until this morning, he suddenly realized that it was complete. And it was Rathbone's face that he saw in the finished picture. The love Jonas felt for Diana was the kind of love which Dante had felt for Beatrice. He had been content to love on his poet's dreams of her,

asking nothing more for himself than that he might be allowed to continue to dream. But that she should be unhappy was more than he could endure. It was nearly midday before Jonas reached Rathbone's. The big gates were wide open—a most unusual thing in his experience, and as he neared the house he saw that the front door was wide open also, regardless of the damp fog that swirled in. He drove round to the side door and got down. Nobody answered his repeated knock, and presently he turned the handle and looked into the kitchen. Nobody about. He sat his basket of eggs and butter down on the table and had turned to go when Hobson, the chauffeur, suddenly appeared. Jonas looked at him. "Where's everybody?" he asked. He indicated the basket. "I've just brought that. Isn't there anybody about?" "We've got something else to do besides hang round waiting for you to call," Hobson said tartly. He half turned to go, then came back. "Which way did you come?" he asked, lowering his voice. "Through the village." "Oh—well—you didn't see anything of our Miss Rosalie, I suppose?" "Miss Rosalie? No. Why?" "Why?" Hobson echoed with the impatience of anxiety. "Why, because she's out somewhere, of course. Been out since nine o'clock this morning, as far as we can make out. Not very nice for a young lady to go wandering off on her own a morning like this, is it?" "Alone?" Jonas said. "You mean—she's lost?" Jonas asked. "No, I don't mean nothing of the sort," Hobson retorted angrily. "You can't get lost round about here. It's just the fog that makes it difficult to find her. If you see anything of her it 'ud be a kindness to let us know or to bring her back." "All right," Jonas said briefly. He had turned to go when Hobson called to him again. "Look here," he said more confidentially. "You won't open your mouth all over the village, I know, so I'll tell you. "Miss Rosalie has been missing ever since it was light. Nobody knows how she managed to get out—it's never happened before, and there'll be hell to pay if the doctor comes home and she isn't here."

"Isn't the doctor at home?" "No, he isn't, hasn't been home for two nights, lucky for us; but we've got to find her before it gets dark, and that's all there is about it. I've been out myself since seven—haven't had any breakfast yet," Hobson grumbled, trying to hide his anxiety. "If I tell Mr. Shurey he'll send some of us along to help," Jonas said. "It'll get dark early today, with this fog hanging about." "If you tell Shurey the whole village'll know," Hobson said lugubriously. "Not but what I don't think you're right. The more of us that looks for her, the sooner she'll be found." "Have you tried the woods?" She used to go there a lot in the summer." "Tried the woods," Hobson said scornfully. "When you can't see your hand before your face out in the main road, how do you think you're going to see in the woods? Not but what it isn't an idea," he added. "I could find my way through them in the dark," Jonas said quickly, but Hobson shook his head. "What I'm afraid of is the river," he admitted reluctantly. "It always had a wonderfully fascinating for the poor lady. Sit for hours watching it, she would, and singing to herself." He broke off with a touch of emotion, then pulled himself together to say gruffly: "I can't waste my time talk-

ing to you; but if you of her—" "I'll keep a lookout," by you. He went back to the trap, only slowly away. The river... It was a d... able thought on a morning like... His imagination was deeply sti... The river would be icy cold and... of dead weeds. It seemed to be getting dark al... ready, although it was not yet three o'clock; the grayness of the mist was deepening and intensifying, as if someone were blowing black smoke in... to it and the two were slowly mingling together. Before he had gone a mile on the road he was obliged to get down and lead the little pony. It was almost impossible to see the ditch or any turnings. And somewhere, wandering hopelessly about, was Rosalie—a poor "mad" thing, as Diana had called her. The curious acrid smell of a river was in the air, a mingling of rotting vegetation and dank water. If he was indeed anywhere near the river, then he had wandered very far from the right direction, for the river would half a mile behind the village in a wide semicircle. (Continued Next Week.)

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NEWS AND PERSONALS

G. Scott made a trip to the city last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, of Roscoe were week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Bob Meeks, an old time resident of this place but now living at Post, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Misses Cook of Winters and Elliott of Moran were here for a few hours Monday on business and seeing friends.

Miss Ida V. Estep is home from a visit of ten days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep, who live on a ranch near Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children of Wink were week-end guests of relatives.

Mrs. Ed Sherman is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn, of Fort Worth.

Miss Rosa SoRelle of Eskota was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Mrs. Evert Biggs and little daughter have returned to their home at Pecos after a pleasant visit of a few weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rawlings. Miss Medeah Rawlings and Sanderfer Hollingsworth of Merkel accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock and little daughter, Ruth Marie, are guests in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. T. J. Archer.

Mrs. Lewis Murdock and little son are visiting her father, F. G. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Allen Terry, Mrs. J. C. Churchwell, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Miss Winnie Brown and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood enjoyed preaching services at Abilene and had supper at Cobb park on Sunday the twelfth.

Miss Ims Gene Mangum was home from McMurry to spend the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner had as her guest last week Mrs. E. Rainey of Woodville.

Mrs. Bessie Billings and Misses Opal and Sallie Freeman were week-end guests of Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene. They were accompanied home Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, who are visiting here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers had as their guests Saturday night Mrs. Connie Gordon and little daughter, Billie Jean, of Brownwood and Miss Jessie Bowers of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Alonzo Jones of Brownwood was a recent guest of her father, Grandpa Adcock.

Mrs. Vernie H. Barber and her father, W. G. Adcock of Stephenville were recent guests in the home of Grandpa Adcock. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Goodman.

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth of Merkel was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rawlings.

W. E. Hamner and E. D. Sherman made a business trip to Houston this week.

Mrs. Ross Edwards and her father, John Thixton, were called to Big Spring Tuesday afternoon to be at the bedside of Charles Thixton, who was seriously hurt when he fell from a truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English of Lamesa, accompanied by Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh, came Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

GUEST COMPLIMENTED.
Complimentary to her aunt, Mrs. Clyde B. Smith, of Fort Arthur, who is at present her house guest, Mrs. Bud Winter entertained with a bridge and "42" party Friday afternoon in her country home.

Flowers gracing the rooms gave emphasis to a color theme in pastel shades used in all game accessories. Punch was served during the games and at the close of the games ice cream and angel food cake in the favored colors were served.

Mrs. Winter's guests were Mesdames Clyde B. Smith, Ed Mayse of Fort Worth, Rainey of Woodville, Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, Leslie Beasley, Hale McRee, Andy Anderson, Jack Pomroy, Royce Dowdy, C. L. McLeod, John Wheeler, Jr. and Miss Lillian McRee.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.
Services at the Methodist church next Sunday, June 26, will be as follows: Sunday School 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. by the pastor; Junior Missionary society, 5:30 p. m.; Senior Epworth league, 7 p. m.; preaching 8:30 p. m. by Rev. W. M. Murrell.

At the close of the evening service the third session of our quarterly conference will be held. Our presiding elder, who will preach for us at the evening hour, will preside.

The Women's Missionary society

will meet Monday 3 p. m.; prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. A most cordial welcome awaits you at our church. —Reporter.

WIDOW SUES NOTORIOUS BOOTLEGGERS

A new trial-drama has just reached Texas from Washington City and will be staged at the school auditorium in Trent next Monday night, June 27, at 9 o'clock.

This drama has recently been staged in leading churches in Washington, D. C.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Louisville, Ky.; and other eastern cities. Twenty-nine prominent local citizens form the cast.

It is a temperance drama. The scene is laid in the federal court. All the characters except one are local. U. S. Sherrill takes the part of the federal judge; Alex Williamson, the part of the clerk. Tom Williamson is U. S. marshal. A. W. Wood is counsel for the defense, and H. W. Van Balkenburgh is counsel for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Alex Williamson, as the widow, sues E. L. Mangum, as George Bond, the bootlegger, for \$50,000 for selling her son liquor.

The evidence in the case proves to be so startling that the judge orders a "court of inquiry" to be held, which in turn proves to be more startling.

Mr. M. G. Scott takes the part of Mr. Oliver Banks, the rich patron of the bootlegger, and Mrs. R. B. Johnson takes the part of the rich society woman. Mr. A. C. Terry takes the part of the Irish policeman; C. R. Shannon, the part of Dan Parker, who drove too "crooked;" B. B. Burkhardt, the local sheriff; Allen Terry, the prosecuting attorney; Joe Nalley, the editor, and L. E. Adrian foreman of the jury. The following have been summoned for the jury: Ed Bowers, C. T. Beckham, Walker Steadman, Otho Smith, R. L. Reeves, G. F. West, Louie McRee, Nelson O. Bright, J. Cal Hamner, Cap McLeod and T. L. Stevens.

WHITE FLAT

Farmers are real busy at present and the women of the community are canning quite a lot of vegetables since the good rains we had recently.

Sunday School was quite well attended last Sunday; the young men and women's class are to entertain the adults Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sheffield and baby, Joy, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Freeman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and son of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Lowry enjoyed ice cream in the Stribling home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Saturday evening.

Mr. R. W. Sheffield, who has been visiting his son and family for the past month, has gone to Brownwood for a visit with his daughter.

White Church News

We had a real good cotton shower here Monday night.

Rev. Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment here Sunday, preaching at both services, morning and evening to a real good crowd.

Mrs. J. D. Baughman and little sons, Welcome and J. D., Jr., of Oklahoma city and Mrs. A. H. Barnes of Route 3 were visitors in the A. D. Barnes home Saturday.

Miss Edna May Marshall of Merkel is spending the week with Mrs. H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley and children of Dora were also visitors in the West home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair of Fort Worth and Mrs. Hutchins and Miss Blair of Merkel attended church here Sunday night.

Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Miss Lena Lee, were shopping in Sweetwater one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan are the proud parents of a baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

We understand the Dora players will put on a play at Butman tabernacle Saturday night. There will be 10c admission to go to the ladies aid of the church at Dora.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

COMPERE NEWS

Our entire community is grieved over the sudden death of Miss Foy Wilburn. Foy was loved by everyone. To know her was to love her. She took an active part in the young people's Christian Endeavor Sunday afternoon about an hour or two before her death. We consider this the greatest tragedy that has ever come to our community. We sympathize as best we can, with the dear loved ones she left behind. The funeral services were held in the Compere Baptist church with Brother Walker, the Presbyterian pastor of Merkel, officiating. The Baptist pastor of Compere church was unable to come. Foy leaves a dear Christian mother, a father, brothers, sisters, grandparents and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Tarvin of Texon, Mr. E. C. Tarvin, Jr., and Mrs. Emmitt Howard of Clear Lake were here for the funeral.

Willie Childers from Big Spring has been visiting relatives in this community the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ramsey and little son were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tucker Sunday.

Urbane Childers and wife visited home folks Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. V. L. Merritt spent the week-end with relatives of this community.

Chester Breeden, wife and little son of Oklahoma City are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mr. Henry Young.

Mrs. Davis has a daughter from Dallas visiting with her at present.

The farmers have been very busy harvesting their bountiful grain crop while their wives are canning beans galore. Compere means to have "Live at Home" as their slogan. With all the nice peas, corn, beets and cucumbers to add to the many jars and cans of nice beans and what fruit most people will put up, we feel that we have no room to complain.

The farmers have been terribly in the weeds, caused from so much nice rain, but most of them can now see their way clear.

The Baptist people are planning a cream supper next Saturday night at the church.

We are glad to report Mrs. Allred in an improved condition. She was badly burned while using her pressure cooker.

The party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin was greatly enjoyed by the young folks Saturday night.

Miss Mildred Reynolds of Lueders and Miss Helen Sorrels of Anson were over night guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ramsey recently.

Little Robert E. Spurgin is recovering fast from a broken limb.

CANYON NEWS

Well, well, we've been so busy chopping and plowing cotton that we've been absent quite awhile, but here we are again.

Miss Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry spent Sunday with Miss Nelma Riney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eual Ray and family of Coleman were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and son, Billy Wayne of Dora visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair of Fort Worth and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins and Miss Dixie Blair of Merkel attended the party at B. H. Riney's Saturday night.

Members of the missionary society of Divide are to present a play, entitled "The Gate to Happiness," at the Butman tabernacle next Saturday night, June 25. Admission 10c. Everybody come and bring your dimes.

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THE SUNSHINE CLUB.
The Sunshine club met at the home of Mrs. Houston Clark in the afternoon of June 10.

There were five members present, six new members and five visitors including Mrs. A. H. Jones from the Goodman community.

In spite of some on program being absent substitutes served and a fine program was rendered.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Williamson on June 24 and we are planning on the county demonstration agent being there to demonstrate and cut the foundation pattern. All visitors are welcome. —Reporter.

STITH CLUB NEWS.
Planning and organization of 4-H pantries was discussed by Miss Bonner in a program held by the Stith Home demonstration club Friday afternoon in the club house.

Members present were Mesdames M. J. Shaw, C. L. Sherrill, F. B. Kelson, Bryan Dunagin, Walter Ford, T. E. Woolsey, P. B. Bradley, J. H. Beard, B. C. Berry, Sam Mashburn, Ernest Hardy, Walter Vantrees, Edgar Bradley, W. C. Church, Guy Glenn, Britt Baker, Elvie Berry, Adrian Berry, Walter Kelso and Misses Nora Kelso and Louise Hudson.

The club is sponsoring a play, "Wild Ginger," to be given at an early date.

Miss Louise Hudson was elected delegate to the short course to be held in August.

On July 1 an all-day meeting will be held at the club house and a quilt will be quilted. All invited and bring a covered dish. —Reporter.

ORGANIZE LITERARY SOCIETY.
Last Thursday night a number of young people met at the Salt Branch school house and organized a literary society. This organization will take the place of the P. T. A. until school starts.

Officers elected were: Vernon Hudson, president; Norah Foster, vice-president; Evelyn Robertson, secretary; Marcella Pinckley, reporter; Marie Pinckley, Norah Foster and Pete Petty, program committee.

Meetings will be held the third Friday night in each month.

Plans have been made for the program in July. Everyone is invited to come. This organization is not just for young people. Anyone who wishes may join. —Reporter.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.
The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. J. S. Pinckley Friday, June 17. Roll call was answered by "My Favorite Flower and How to Grow It." After the program and business meeting the hostesses served ice cream and cakes to seven club member and four visitors.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 1, at Miss Selena Teaff's. —Reporter.

GIRLS' 4-H CLUB.
The Salt Branch Girls 4-H club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Norah Foster.

Willie Mae Hudson was elected assistant secretary and Marcella Pinckley assistant reporter. Miss Foster suggested that each club girl make or buy a little notebook to put new recipes in and record of work done. The club voted for each member to bring a penny to each meeting. Each girl is to make a quilt protector and learn the pledge for the next meeting. The girls hemmed and embroidered cup towels.

The next meeting will be with Miss.

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es Annie D. and Evelyn Garvin on July 4. The date of meeting has been changed to Monday after the Home Demonstration club meets. Frances Hester and Evelyn Garvin will cook bread at the next meeting. Each girl is requested to bring a stocking to mend. —Assistant Reporter.

BLAIR ITEMS

We are having some hot, high-windy days the past week; all garden crops are fairly good and the people are busy with the canners. Feed and cotton are good and the farmers are making a crop with as little expense as possible. Pastures are fair, with stock in good shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore left Friday in response to a message telling of the death of Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Hayne Blackburn, of Seymour. In the early eighties Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn were pioneer settlers of the Canyon, moving to Baylor county a number of years ago. Other relatives from here attending the funeral were: Arthur Moore, John Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson. The entire community deeply sympathizes with the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Jim Burfeind and children of King county were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors. Mrs. Neighbors' health is not of the best of late.

Miss Jessie Clark of Sweetwater was a recent guest in Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield's home.

Robert Meeks from the Plains spent the first part of the week with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, and family.

Mrs. Thompson and two daughters of Abilene were here the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mrs. George Anderson of Butman and Mrs. Jewel Butman and two attractive children of California were guests Wednesday in the J. W. Moore home.

Donald Latimer of Nubia was the charming guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pruitt and family of Elida, N. M., were passing visitors of their brother, Emmitt Morris, while en route to Santa Anna to see another brother of Mrs. Pruitt's.

T. H. Harris left last week for

Eastland to visit a sister, who is sick at that place.

Evelyn Latimer enjoyed a week's stay with relatives in the Canyon recently.

Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and Peggy visited Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle of Trent Monday.

Master Bobbie Joe Swafford was the proud recipient of a nice birthday quilt and package from his grandmother, Mrs. Swafford, of Alabama the past week.

The people of this community and the surrounding communities came Monday with their plows and hoes and worked out Mr. Pat Addison's crop. Mr. and Mrs. Addison have requested us to express their appreciation and gratitude to everyone that helped clean out the crop and they ask God's guidance be upon them.

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Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, June 23.—Steady prices were paid for all classes of cattle and calves on the Fort Worth market Wednesday and order buyers added competition to the trading and took some of the supply.
 Receipts, 3,500; 1,000 calves, slaughter cattle about steady; steer quality better than usual; slaughter calves steady to slightly lower; very good fed steers 5.50-6.00; plainer grass slaughter steers 3.15-4.25; better fed yearlings 5.25-6.00; grassers 4.50; fat cows 3.00; butcher shorts 2.00-5.00; bulls 1.75-2.00; medium stock yearlings 3.75-4.10; heavy fat calves to 2.00 and above; plainer grades 3.75-3.50; culls 1.50-2.00.

State Fair to Show "Dreamgirl Follies"

Dallas, June 23.—"The Dreamgirl Follies of 1932", an extravaganza built around Alice Joy, the dreamgirl of radioland, and Henry Santrey's band, will be the Auditorium attraction at the 1932 State Fair of Texas, it has been announced by Otto Herold, president of the State Fair.
 With Alice Joy and Henry Santrey's band holding the center of the stage and surrounded with some fifty beautiful girls and some of the headline musical acts of the country, Ernie Young, famous producer, is expecting to present one of the most pleasing Auditorium attractions ever seen at the State Fair of Texas.
 The "Dreamgirl Follies of 1932" is an entire change from the seven-year policy of the State Fair Auditorium—operetta. The coming attraction is a huge revue, and will be one of the most elaborate to be presented on the American stage during the coming season.

New Rotary President.

Seattle, Wash., June 23.—Clinton P. Anderson, 37, insurance man of Albuquerque, N. M., was elected president of Rotary International here Tuesday, succeeding Sydney W. Paschal of London.

Foresees Improvement.

Pampa, June 23.—Melvin Rouff of Houston, president of the Texas Bankers' association, told the annual convention of the Panhandle association Tuesday that business might be expected to make some improvement by next autumn.

Recent explorations in Asia by Dr. Sven Hedin indicate that there were other great walls in the Far East besides the famous Great Wall of China.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Blanton Writes Open Letter to Opponent Congressional Race

Thos. L. Blanton, 17th district congressman, detained in Washington on official duties, has opened his campaign for re-election with an open letter to his opponent, Joe H. Jones of Eastland county, sending a copy to The Mail with request for publication. Judge Blanton says:
 Hon. J. H. Jones, Eastland, Texas.
 Dear Joe:
 While for six months I have slaved here day and night, stopping waste, extravagance and graft, you have actively campaigned my district, friends mailing me your effusions, which I notice only to keep the record straight.
 Joe, you never shined my shoes in your life. I shined them myself. Such work is honorable, but it alone does not qualify one for congress, for to render service worth while, one must know how to do well a thousand other things.
 Honest ambition is worthy, but you mustn't get too ambitious too suddenly. When I was elected to congress, you were studying law in Post City. When you were in high school, I was a district judge, and my "place" was the district bench. If you first obtain and fill it worthily for eight years and clear the docket, as I did, you may eventually qualify yourself for congress.
 It never pays to pretend or to deceive. In your January announcement in all newspapers, you intimated that you served in the World War, stating "Millions of young men my age answered the call of their country," and you headed your later documents with "Send a fresh soldier to Washington." You wrote Commander Brown that you are not an ex-service man, that you "couldn't pass the physical examination," sending him the affidavit of Dr. Johnson, of the draft board, who stated that you "were afflicted with organic heart trouble, were in a bad physical condition, and wholly unfit for military service." Being that badly afflicted, you can't stand the grind here. And you wrote Brown that the American Legion in Eastland, Cisco and Ranger are for you 100 per cent. Many write me denying this, expressing appreciation for my help to them, and pledging me their loyal support.

Even "wets" hate a straddler. You claim to be a strong prohibitionist, favoring strict enforcement. Howell Beakley wrote you that the Literary Digest had shown Texas for repeal, and asked if they would elect you, could you be counted on to vote for repeal, and you assured him that "you would vote the views of the people."
 Your platform is copy-catted from my work. What you propose, I have already done.
 You are telling people that my daughter receives government pay, when in reply to your telegram the disbursing clerk wired you that my entire allowance is paid to my three capable clerks, none related to me, all of whom support Texas relatives. Your campaign cry is turn me out and give you the salary. I have never looked upon public office as a financial gain, but as a means of rendering service. During my public career, I have spent each year, above a bare living for my family, my entire income in fighting rotteness, such as padded accounts. The official records will show I have saved many millions, and have caused many crooks to be kicked out. The people's concern is which of us will do the most for them. Let our records answer that. I can't campaign yet. But when my work is done, I'll be seeing you and the people.

Sincerely,
 Thomas L. Blanton.
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Taylor County Ballot, Longest on Record, Lists 132 Candidates

First name on the July 23 primary ballot for Taylor county is Ross Sterling, candidate for re-election to the office of governor. Tom F. Hunter's name appears in second place and Mrs. Miriam Ferguson fourth in the field of nine contestants for the chief executive's chair.
 The 1932 ballot is the longest on record, with 132 candidates for state, district, county and precinct offices. Nine are running for the two places on the railroad commission and 38 for congressman-at-large.
 The ticket for state offices, as certified by the democratic executive committee, was printed in last week's issue of The Mail, their place on the Taylor county ticket having been determined by drawing of candidates' names at the meeting of the county committee at the court house, Monday morning.
 Only three committeemen were absent when Chairman Jas. P. Stinson called the roll. Stinson appointed a ballot committee of six to meet next Monday and wind up details of having the official ballot printed, well in advance of July 3, when absentee voting will be starting.
 As determined by the drawing, the ballot for county and precinct offices, where there are contests, will read as follows:
 For county judge: Joe E. Childers, John Camp.
 For tax assessor: W. J. (Dub) Young, C. W. Boyce, C. A. Cockrell, H. F. (Henry) Long. The incumbent J. T. Howard, who has held the office for six years, is not a candidate.
 For tax collector: R. S. (Bob) Walker, Earl Hughes, Grady Parmeley.
 For county treasurer: Austin Fitts, Roy C. Fuller.
 For county commissioner, precinct 1: Luther J. Webb, G. B. Tittle.
 For county commissioner, precinct 2: A. J. Canon, Phillip A. Diltz, L. L. Murray.
 For county commissioner, precinct 3: R. E. Dillard, W. C. Burleson.
 For county commissioner, precinct 4: Sid H. McAdams, B. W. Riddle.
 For constable, precinct 5 (Merkel): John T. King, N. A. Dowell.
 For public weigher, precinct 5 (Trent): John Payne, W. R. McLeod.
 Judge W. W. Wheeler, candidate for re-election to the office of justice of the peace, Merkel precinct, is unopposed, as is also Houston Robertson, candidate for re-election as public weigher.
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Personal Mention

Mrs. Wade Campell, who has been on the sick list, is able to be up.
 Mrs. Ira Davis has been sick the past week and is still not able to be up.
 Miss Jess Sutphen has returned from a visit with friends in Fort Worth.

Friends of Mrs. Bonnie Griswold will be glad to hear that she is up after a week of illness.
 W. L. Davis returned lately from San Antonio where he has been visiting his grandmother.

Miss Ruth Fritz of Taylor is due to arrive Thursday afternoon as the guest of Miss Aileen Childress.
 Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were in Stamford Wednesday, paying a visit to Mr. Elliott's mother.

Friends of Mrs. Allene Castleberry will be glad to hear she is able to sit up after several weeks of illness.
 Dr. W. T. Sadler visited his mother at Palestine the latter part of last week, returning Saturday night.

It is reported that Mrs. Eddie Walker, who underwent an operation at Abilene Monday, is doing nicely.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton are spending the week with their son, D. I. Shelton, and family at Union Ridge.

After a pleasant visit with Miss Christine Boyd, Miss Mary Marshall has returned to her home at Clyde.
 Master George Franklin Campbell of Abilene visited little James Wade Griswold and Harvey D. Davis this last week.

Returning from a visit to East Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Parks were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.
 Mrs. Ira Davis has received word that her father, W. G. Pylant, of Gould, Okla., is very low and not expected to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither have as their guests, Mrs. Gaither's sister, Mrs. Lee Davis, and little daughter of Elk City, Okla.
 Miss Athelda Yeats, who is doing summer work at McMurry, was over Wednesday to visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats.

Mrs. Oliver Calloway and two sons, Jimmy and Junior, of Lubbock are guests of Mrs. Calloway's sister-in-law, Mrs. Stanley King, and Mr. King.
 Mrs. Leroy Weaver of Hobbs, N. M., who has been the guest of her brother, Mayor W. M. Elliott, and wife went to Stamford Wednesday to visit her mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox and Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, of Abilene.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson left Tuesday to visit relatives in Burleson. They were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Mrs. W. A. Thornton and Mrs. Jim Tucker and daughter, Miss Elna.
 Mrs. T. M. Murdock of Noodle and Mrs. J. F. Pace and son, Houston, and daughters, Lucille, Pauline and Virginia, of Sweetwater, who have been visiting in East Texas, were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, Carroll and Miss Maggie King and the latter's houseguest, Miss Blankenship, have returned from a visit to Brady.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and family attended church at Buffalo Gap last Sunday.

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.

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Low Rates for Four.
 Agent J. C. Childress has called attention to the very low rates for July Fourth holiday offered by Texas and Pacific railway. Round trip from Merkel to Dallas is only \$4.60, to Fort Worth \$3.90 and to El Paso \$7.75. Tickets are on sale only on Saturday, July 2, with ten day return limit.



FOR SALE
 FOR SALE—Nichols and Sheppard separator; will sell right. See Joe Higgins.

FOR RENT
 FOR RENT—Two south rooms, nicely furnished, all conveniences. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

WANTED
 FURNITURE repaired and exchanged. J. F. Campbell and Son, next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.

WANTED TO BUY wheat, oats, barley, maize and all kinds of grain, also cottonseed; will pay best market prices. Paul Douglass.

FOR SALE
 Cash or Approved Note

6 good mules, 3 horses, 2 mares, 1 heifer.
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 Merkel, Texas

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SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNE 24 AND 25

APPLES, fancy Winesap, dozen	30c
ORANGES, California, dozen	23c
LEMONS, extra fancy, dozen	22c
New Potatoes 10 lb. 19c	
LARGE FANCY HOME GROWN	
LETTUCE, fancy crisp, head	6c
TOMATOES, fancy pink, pound	10c
SUGAR 10 lbs. pure cane cloth bag	45c
TEA, Lipton, yellow label, 1-4 lb.	22c,
1-2 lb.	43c
COFFEE Chase and San burns, 1 lb.	35c
10c Package of Chase & Sanburns Tea Free	
CORN FLAKES, R & W, package	10c
CHEESE WAFERS, 1-2 lb. package	18c
PINEAPPLE, R & W, No. 1 can	10c
SALMON, No. 1 tall	10c
LUNCHEON SPREAD, R & W, 3 cans	25c
Olives full quart	39c
PEANUT BUTTER, quart jar	25c
FLOUR, R & W, 24 lb.	59c—48 lb. \$1.00
BLACKBERRIES gal.	39c
CREAM-O-COTTON	
Compound 8 lb. pail	55c
BACON, 1 lb., sliced, sugar cured	15c
JOWLS, dry salt, lb.	6c
WEINERS 2 lbs.	25c

JOE E. CHILDERS Candidate for County Judge



I am making the race for County Judge of Taylor County on my own record which is as follows:
 I was born and raised on a farm near Temple, Texas.
 1918-19, I was principal of Little Elm School, Bell County.
 1919-20, I was a teacher at Bryan Station, Milam County.
 1920-21, I was principal of Bryan Station school, Milam County.
 1921-22, I was a law student in Baylor University.
 1922-23, I was principal at Mt. Calm High School, Hill County.
 1923-24, I was a law student in Baylor University, and received the degree of Bachelor of Law, with honor, Aug. 27, 1924.
 1924-25, I was coach of Winters High School, Winters.
 June, 1925, I became member of law firm of Wilson and Childers at Abilene.
 1925-26, I was principal of Bethel School near Hamlin.
 1926-27, I was principal of Winters High School.
 1927 to date, I have been active in the practice of law in Taylor County.
 I will appreciate your vote and influence.
 Joe E. Childers.

Mrs. Walker's Aunt Passes Away at Paris

The sad news of the death of Mrs. J. M. Barr of Paris, aunt of Mrs. R. A. Walker, was received by other members of the family Monday night, Mrs. Walker having gone to be at her aunt's bedside last week just as soon as the message came telling that she had suffered a paralytic stroke.

The funeral was held at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Central Presbyterian church in Paris, with Rev. F. L. Wear, the pastor, officiating. Misses Maimie, Vera and Velma Walker and their brother, Ralph, went to attend the funeral.

Attend Funeral at Weatherford.
 Upon receipt of the news of the death of his brother-in-law, W. L. Spracklen, a farmer of the Weatherford section, John Mansfield went to attend the funeral which was held at 3:30 Friday afternoon in that city. Mr. Spracklen is survived by his wife and seven children.

Lumber exported from the Philippines last year was valued at \$1,380,000.

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Will pay 8c per lb. for fryers—Leghorns and all under two pounds, including colors; 10c, 2 to 3 pounds, including reds, Plymouth Rocks and white heavies.

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 All kinds of feed ground 12 1-2 and 15 cents per hundred.
E. H. JOWERS
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CHURCHES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Rev. W. M. Murrell will preach Sunday morning.

Quarterly conference date has not been set, but it will doubtless be within the next two weeks.

The marriage service at the league hour next Sunday evening promises to be of special interest to the young people. This unique program has created considerable comment.

The increase in Sunday School attendance was pleasing to all and came as a surprise, as the day was unfavorable.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

Song.
Roll call.
Song.
Prayer.
Song, Janet Hayes and Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Leader, Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Part 1, Janet Hayes.
Part 2, Faye Pinckley.
Part 3, Melba Taylor.
Part 4, Thelma Patterson.
Benediction.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

David said: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." God's people are always glad of the opportunity of service.

Pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. and Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m. A warm welcome to all.

J. T. King, Pastor.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Shall I Go to College?"
"What is Education?" Louise Tarlton.

"How to Get an Education?" Ora Derrick.

"Why Go to College?" first part, Joe Earl Lassiter; third part, Sarah Sheppard.

"What College?" Frances Tarlton.

"Christ in College," John A. Jones. Let's come and have a good number out Sunday evening. Bring your friends. B. Y. P. U. meets at 7 o'clock, come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Total attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 767, as compared with 660 the same Sunday a year ago. The figure for the previous Sunday was 806.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

The scripture lesson for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be read from the 6th chapter of 1 Corinthians by Ted McGehee and it will be commented on by S. M. Hunter. If you want to join with us in the study of God's word and man's opportunity to serve his God and his fellowman, come and work with us in these weekly meetings.

—Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance was a little below the average last Sunday. Let's make an effort to have nearer the enrollment present next Sunday.

There will not be preaching Sunday as it is pastor's day at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Our revival begins July 24 with Rev. J. W. Dodd and wife of Quanah, Texas, as evangelists. Begin now to attend the revival. They are good singers, fine at piano as well as in the pulpit. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come.

Sunday School at 9:45, preaching 11 a. m. every Sunday. Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. preaching 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8:15 p. m.

Your presence was greatly missed last Sunday. Be there next Sunday and on time.

Religion to some men is like a headache; they do not want to get rid of their head, but it hurts them to keep it. The best place to criticize your neighbor is in front of your own mirror. We should be content with what we have, but not what we are.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Peculiar people" they call us. Praise God His word says "My people shall be called a peculiar people." Come next Saturday night and see the most peculiar wedding you have ever witnessed.

Sunday at 11 a. m. we will show

"What Happens During the Millennium." The day of Pentecost was an "unusual day" in the history of the early church. Next Sunday night is expected to be the "most unusual service" in the history of our church.

We want every member present and urge everybody who believes in the "old time religion" like our forefathers had, minus all modern style and formality, to come dressed in common, plain clothing.

The pastor will preach in overalls on the subject: "The Shouting Religion." You cannot afford to miss seeing the contrast between "the modern girl" and "her mother." Everybody welcome to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and everyone who so kindly gave a helping hand toward working and cleaning out our crop. May God's richest blessings ever be upon you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee and Children.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.



DAVIS-LANEY.

A marriage of wide interest was solemnized at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning when Miss Rose Laney became the bride of Floyd Davis.

Elegant simplicity marked all arrangements for this beautiful home wedding. Rev. R. A. Walker read an impressive ceremony in the presence of only the immediate members of the bride's family.

Miss Rose Laney is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney; has been for a number of years an employee of the Farmers and Merchants National bank. Rose is one of the best loved girls ever to grow up in Merkel; popular in all religious and social activities of the town, she has the admiration of every one.

Mr. Floyd Davis came here less than two years ago and in that time he has made a host of friends, genial always and displaying marked traits of sterling character. The Mail joins in heartiest congratulation for them both.

Mrs. Joe Bickley of Corsicana, sister of the bride, Homer Laney, a brother, accompanied by Mrs. Bonnie Wilhelm, both from New Mexico, were here for the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are in Hamlin at present where he is employed as an oil driller but will make their home soon in Merkel.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST.

Miss Rose Laney, who was married on Tuesday morning to Floyd Davis, was complimented with a delightful sunrise breakfast on Monday morning, which surprisingly turned into a kitchen shower for the honoree. The breakfast was prepared in the open near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee and was a most enjoyable affair for Misses Rose Laney, Emma Toombs, Flossie and Virgie Maye Campbell, Mesdames Bonnie Wilhelm, of New Mexico, Joe Bickley of Corsicana, Cyrus Pee, Cecil Guthrie, Joe Risinger, Kenneth Sharp, Warren Higgins and Kenneth Pee.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Minnie Alice Mayfield was made very happy on Tuesday afternoon, June 21, when her mother entertained several of her little friends in honor of her seventh birthday.

The gifts were very pretty and admired by all. Outdoor games were enjoyed on the lawn.

Then they were called into the dining room and each had a try at blowing out the candle on the birthday cake, after which they were served to delicious banana cake and punch and all-day suckers.

Guests were Minnie Alice Mayfield, Dora Marie Gaither, Theda Lou Lassiter, Louise Patterson, Margarite Sharp, Rachel Patterson, Jeanet Neff, Rosemary Lassiter, Jimmie Etta Mayfield, Cheatham McFarland and Billy Clyde and Jack Haynes.

HENDRICKS-SMITH.

Miss Madie Smith and Mr. Earnest Hendricks, popular young people of

this city, were united in marriage at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Nazarene parsonage, with Mrs. Ola Bolls, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith, residents of this section for the past six or eight years, and has attended Merkel schools. Earnest Hendricks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hendricks and comes of a well known pioneer family. The Mail joins many friends in extending best wishes to the happy couple.

Foy Wilburn.

Immeasurably sad was the death of Foy Wilburn, 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. E. B. Wilburn, of the Comper community which occurred at a late hour Sunday afternoon. Shortly after she had returned from a young people's meeting at the Zion Presbyterian church at Comper, her mother found her dead in the back yard where she had gone to feed the chickens.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon from her mother's home, conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Merkel.

Just approaching young womanhood, Foy was one of the most popular girls in the community where she lived, always ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed. About six years ago she was converted and joined the Baptist church.

Her loss to mother, father, brothers and sisters, is irreparable, but the grief of the loved ones has been assuaged to some extent by the loving ministrations and sympathy of friends and neighbors.

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At W. J. Sheppard's

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COMPOUND, full 8 pound pail	55c
TOMATOES, fancy pinks, per lb.	10c
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds	95c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	27c
BLACKBERRIES, gallon size	37c
APRICOTS, PEACHES, PLUMS AND PINEAPPLE, gallon size	45c
DRIED FRUIT, apricots, peaches, prunes and apples, 2 pounds	23c
BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can	10c
CORN, Country Gentleman, No. 2, 2 for	21c
WHOLE WHEAT FLAKES, 2 pkgs.	19c
PORK & BEANS, 2 cans for	12c
SOAP, P & G or Crystal White, 10 bars	33c
SALT, table, 5 pounds	12c
MUSTARD, quart jar	15c

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