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On the "Broadway of America"

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FLAY DANCING IN BUILDINGS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Baptist Convention Opposes Any Plan to Restore Liquor; Fort Worth Selected As 1933 Meeting Place, Nov. 8 to 11.

Abilene, Nov. 23.—Use of public school buildings for dancing, proposed repeal of the Texas race track gambling law and all activities in connection with alteration of the state and national prohibition laws were condemned Thursday by the General Baptist Convention of Texas in adopting recommendations of its committee on civic righteousness.

The committee commended "The citizenship of our nation for its orderly conduct in the change of administrations by popular vote," but deplored "the motives that have actuated leaders in deceiving enough of our citizenship to believe that the return of the liquor traffic, and its corruption, will bring prosperity and peace to our people."

MESSINGER DISMISSED.

The Rev. Sam Morris, who had been accepted as a messenger from the First Baptist church at Stamford, was given his dismissal from the floor of the convention by what seemed to be a unanimous rising vote, after he had unsuccessfully tried to gain recognition during an address of Dr. Lee R. C. Scarborough of Fort Worth, immediate past president of the Baptists.

This was the only untoward incident that marked a three-day session, participated in by 2,116 messengers. During the convention which ended Friday night with an address on evangelism by Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, spiritual, educational and benevolent affairs of the more than 3,000 Baptist churches of Texas with a combined membership of approximately 500,000 were discussed.

The convention voted to hold its 1933 meeting in Fort Worth next Nov. 8 to 11. Dr. W. W. Chancellor of Mineral Wells was selected to preach the convention sermon next year and Dr. E. D. Head of Houston was chosen alternate for that assignment.

Ginnings for Season Total 21,414 Bales

Only five days are figured in this week's report of ginnings, as tabulated by The Mail, up to Tuesday night, but the total for the five days was still more than 3,000 bales, the exact number of bales ginned at the six gins in Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle being 3,051.

Ginnings for the season at these nine plants total 21,414 bales.

Puts 1500 Back to Work.

New York, Nov. 23.—The New York Central Railroad company announced Sunday that 1,500 additional men would be put back to work in its car shops at East Buffalo, N. Y., and Indianapolis, Md., beginning Dec. 1.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 22, 1912.)

SHARP-JOBE.

Mr. Olly Sharp and Miss Ina Jobe were quietly married in Sweetwater Sunday evening. Miss Lizzie Calvert accompanied them as chief witness, flower girl and bridesmaid, the party going up on the late evening train and returning on the 10 p. m. Miss Jobe is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, while the groom is a successful young business man, being connected with the firm of Sharp and Sons.

REYNOLDS-PRUITT.

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. R. A. Clements was called upon at his home to officiate in the marriage of Mr. Ely Pruitt of Haskell and Miss Effie Reynolds of Inkom. After the marriage the newlywed Mrs. Pruitt telephoned to a former suitor at Inkom that she was here and asked that a conveyance be sent but incidentally failed to mention the marriage. When the young man arrived with his buggy he found the lady to be in charge of another and promptly refused to place his buggy and horse at their disposal.

The disappointed bridal couple remained in Merkel for the night, going to the bride's home Tuesday for

On Wednesday, before Thanksgiving — By Albert T. Reid



DEBT PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED

Considered Probable That Plea For Extension of Moratorium Will Be Rejected.

Washington, Nov. 23.—While silence cloaked an historic conference Tuesday between Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, rejection of pleas for an extension of the moratorium and no definite promise to revise war debts stood forth as the probable answer America will give European debtor nations.

That the decision will be put squarely up to the present congress was the outlook.

The conference between the president and the president-elect under the twinkling chandeliers of the famous red room brought a 40-word statement from the White House. It said: "The president and Governor Roosevelt traversed at length the subjects mentioned in their telegraphic communication.

"It is felt that progress was made. "The president confers with the members of congress tomorrow when the subject will be further pursued."

To a suggestion that the war debts commission be re-established to (Continued on Page Six.)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Jim Moss Inks, age 10, of Llano, killed a seven-point buck while hunting in Llano county Friday with his father, Roy B. Inks.

M. D. Clark of Strawn, employed with a Texas and Pacific pilerdriver crew working near Denton, lost two fingers on his right hand when it was caught in the machinery.

Clarence Harrison, 35, invalid son of Rev. M. S. Harrison, retired Christian minister, was burned to death when fire destroyed the family's two-room house at Borger.

Following the death of Arthur Dowd, manager of the Nueces hotel at Corpus Christi, last Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Davis were indicted Saturday as the alleged murderers.

Autrey Monsey, manager of the San Angelo airport, and Truett Young, young airplane owner, were killed instantly when their plane took a nose dive from about 700 feet and crashed near the landing field there Sunday night.

Governor Ross Sterling was slightly injured about noon Saturday when the automobile in which he was riding to San Antonio with Representative Pat Dwyer overturned near Kyle, after being forced off the road by an oncoming car.

A young federal prisoner in the Tarrant county jail early Monday morning risked his life by sliding from the roof of the six-story structure on a flimsy rope made of torn blankets, after sawing his way through the roof of the cell, and made good his escape.

Demos Will Have 193 Majority in Congress

Washington, Nov. 23.—The democratic party will have a majority of 193 over the republican and farmer-labor membership in the house in the new congress after March 4.

Results of close races in Minnesota and California now having been cleared up, the standing of the next house is:

Democrats 314.
Republicans 116.
Farmer-Labor 5.
Total 435.

On election day the standing of the house was: democrats 217, with four democratic vacancies, or a total of 221 in democratic membership; republicans 209, with four republican vacancies, or a total of 213. There is one farmer-labor member in the present congress.

The democratic gain in the election was 93 seats, the farmers-labor gain was four seats and the republican loss was 97 seats.

OIL BELT TITLE HINGES ON GAME

Outcome of Ranger-Breckenridge Game May Bring Eagles Back in Race for First Place.

With the Oil Belt title in the balance, as far as three teams are concerned, the Thanksgiving tilt between the Ranger Bulldogs and the Buckaroos at Breckenridge takes on statewide interest.

Abilene, while playing a non-conference game at Wichita Falls that day, will be put back in the running if Breckenridge succeeds in stopping the Bulldogs. The game, therefore, between Ranger and Breckenridge becomes momentous for both parties concerned and for the Eagles as a third party.

After the tie game Friday between Ranger and Brownwood, the Bulldogs top the percentage with two wins and a tie, while Abilene has won three games and lost one and Breckenridge has two victories and one loss.

There are three possible ways for the game at Breckenridge on Thanksgiving to end: (1) in a victory for Ranger; (2) in a tie; (3) in a victory for Breckenridge. The first would eliminate both Breckenridge and Abilene; the second would eliminate only the Buckaroos, and the third would eliminate only Ranger, leaving Breckenridge and Abilene in a tie, which would have to be played off. If the Bulldog-Buckaroo tilt should end in a draw, it would then be Ranger and Abilene in the play-off.

Badgers vs Rotan in Final Game of Season

The Badgers were defeated last Friday in a game that was no disgrace to lose. They were overwhelmed in scores all right, but that was not all. The Snyder Tigers had a line that would have made a college critic sit up and take notice. Merkel was held on defense most of the time.

The final score was 45 to 0.

In practically any field that a person could enter, some time or other that field has had its hero. Just as Napoleon was a hero in war, Al Capone a hero, once king of the underworld, and an inspiration to every gangster, Edison was a hero in the inventive world. Football, too, has its heroes. When "Red" Grange won his fame in 1924, scoring four touchdowns in twelve minutes, his name was personified; he was admired and became famous throughout the United States. He was a hero in the sport world. Little was thought of the charging and blocking line that helped him do this. It was his long runs and spectacular plays that the world admired.

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ENTIRE FACULTY OF MERKEL SCHOOLS TO ATTEND STATE MEET

IS RE-ELECTED LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess Will Again Be in Charge County Interscholastic League

Wendell Foreman, principal of Elmdale school, was elected president of the Taylor County Teachers association, and Roger A. Burgess of Merkel was re-elected director general for the county interscholastic league, at the first fall meeting of the association, held Saturday at Abilene. Foreman succeeds H. O. Harris, Bradshaw superintendent.

Warren H. Randolph, Tuscola superintendent, was chosen vice-president of the association and Miss Mary Dean Baucom of the Mulberry school was elected secretary-treasurer. She succeeds Mrs. Johnnie Teaff.

League directors were named as follows: K. O. Ellington, Lawn, athletics; M. H. Carr, Tuscola, debate; Leroy Stone, Potosi, extemporaneous speaking; T. M. McGehee, Caps, declamation; Mrs. Lucille Shankle, North Park, displays; S. Ozell Murdock, Wylie, choral singing; Jessie Williams, Bradshaw, music memory; Anna Belle Bailey, Trent, essay writing; Estelle Hornburg, Ovalo, picture memory; Jesse H. Morgan, Mt. Pleasant, rural schools; Christine Cunningham, Hamby, spelling; Velma Sharp, Wylie, one-act play. Director of arithmetic contests is to be appointed by the director general.

Twenty-one of Taylor county's 59 schools had 100 per cent attendance at the meeting. These were Potosi, Union Ridge, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Elmdale, Cedar Gap, View, Cedar Creek, North Park, Moro, Wylie, Lisman, Bradshaw, Mulberry, Cross Roads, Iberis, Dewey, Tye, Colony Hill, Bluff Creek. Thirty-three schools were represented, with total attendance of 103. There are 138 teachers in the county system.

Ginnings to Nov. 14 In Texas 3,448,736

Washington, Nov. 23.—Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to Nov. 14 was reported by the census bureau to have totaled 10,532,745 running bales, including 474,442 round bales, counted as half bales and 5,073 bales of American-Egyptian.

To that date last year 14,207,613 bales including 484,680 round bales and 6,184 bales of American-Egyptian had been ginned.

Texas ginnings for November 14 were 3,448,736 bales.

One Hundred Per Cent in Membership, Local Teachers Will Go to Fort Worth Meeting One Hundred Per Cent Strong.

The annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers' association will be held in Fort Worth on Thanksgiving and the Friday and Saturday following. The meeting promises to be one of the best the association had had in its history. Many notables, including Harold Rugg of Columbia university, W. T. Foster, economist of Newton, Massachusetts, State Supt. L. W. Rogers, State Supt.-Elect L. A. Woods and others, will appear on the program. Dr. Truett will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. The attendance will probably be the largest in history.

The faculty of the Merkel Public school is 100 per cent in membership in the association, and this year will be 100 per cent in attendance. Every member of faculty of twenty-one teachers plans to be present at its meetings. Some will go by auto, others will take advantage of the cheap rates being offered by the T. and P. Most of the teachers will be going early Thursday morning, while others will leave Wednesday afternoon and Thursday night.

The complete faculty of the Merkel Public schools, all of whom will attend the Fort Worth meeting of the state association, includes: Roger A. Burgess, superintendent; R. B. Irvin, principal of high school; Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of grammar school; Miss Julia Martin, Miss Helen Patterson, Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Mr. T. D. Riddle, of the high school; Mrs. Elsie Sharp, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Misses Nell Swann, Evelyn Curb, Inice Brown, Vennie Heizer, Imogene Hayes and Orpah (Patterson) of the grammar school and Misses Opal Sloan, Pauline Pinckley, Carrie Coffey, and Virginia Welch and Mr. Ralph Duke of the intermediate grades.

Female Italians Predominate.

Rome, Nov. 23.—Italy's census returns show an excess of female population over male in 1931 of 666,065. Out of every thousand inhabitants, there are 508 females and 492 males. This is the first time since recent censuses have been kept that the female population shows an excess over the male.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Riley Whisenhunt, residing near Nubia, Tuesday, November 22, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris, of White Church, Wednesday, November 23, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Woodard, residing north of Stith, Wednesday, November 23, 1932.

BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a much-needed inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every business trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

NERVES OF STEEL

All of Jesus' days were spent in the open air—this is the third outstanding testimony of his strength. On the Sabbath he was in the synagogue because that was where the people were gathered; but by far the greatest part of his teaching was done on the shores of his lake, or in the cool recesses of the hills. He walked constantly from village to village; his face was tanned by the sun and wind. Even at night he slept outdoors, when he could—turning his back on the hot walls of the city and slipping away into the healthful freshness of the Mount of Olives. He was the type of outdoor man whom our modern thought most admires; and the vigorous activities of his days gave his nerves the strength of steel.

He stepped into a sailboat with his disciples late one afternoon, and, being very tired, lay down in the stern and was almost immediately asleep. The clouds grew thicker and the surface of the lake which had been quiet a few minutes before, was broken into sudden waves. The little boat dived and tossed, and still he slept. His disciples had grown up on the shores of the lake; they were fishermen, accustomed to its moods and not easily frightened. But they had never been out in such a storm as this. It grew fiercer; water began to come in over the side, every moment seemed to threaten destruction. At last they could stand the strain no longer; they went to the stern and woke him.

He rose without the slightest suggestion of hurry or alarm. A quick glance was enough to give him a full understanding of the situation. He issued a few quiet orders and presently the maddened boat swung round into the smoother waters of safety.

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Greyhound Racing
Program at Abilene

Missie, belonging to Weldon McAninch of Merkel, is one among a long list of dogs entered in the cold blood stake of the American Legion greyhound racing program to be staged in Abilene on Thursday, Thanksgiving, afternoon. Entries have already been made from Altus, Okla., Hamlin, McCaulley, San Angelo and Abilene, besides the Merkel dog.

Officials for the meet were announced as follows: L. Butterworth, judge; Waco Summers and Bascomb Thornton, committeemen; Riley Horton, paddock judge; Lee Baker, flagman; Wood Oliver, rabbit slipper; Jim Watts, dog slipper; L. S. Daniels, assistant paddock judge; Jiggs Smith, timekeeper.

BRUCE BARTON

Call it a miracle or not—the fact remains that it is one of the finest examples of self-control in all human history. Napoleon said that he had met few men with courage of the "two o'clock in the morning variety." Many men can be brave in the warmth of the sun and amid the heartening plaudits of the crowd; but to be wakened suddenly out of sound sleep, and then to exhibit instant mastery—that is a type of courage which is rare indeed.

Jesus had that courage, and no man ever needed it more. In the last year of his public work the forces of opposition took on a form and coherency whose significance was perfectly clear. If he refused to retreat or to compromise there could be but one end to his career. He knew they would kill him, and he knew how they would kill him.

Next Week: Strength, Assurance, Calm.

Last Game

They didn't think of the line that ran his interference. Such it is in practically any football game, the line is left out of the glory.

But in the Snyder game the result was exactly the opposite. The only thing the backfield did was to walk along behind the charging line. The backfield was nothing out of the ordinary; it was the line that was spectacular.

The outstanding players for the Badgers were: Shannen, end; Toombs, half, and Capt. Mashburn, tackle.

The last conference game, and final game of the year, will be played before local fans, today at two o'clock. This last game is with Rotan.

Everyone come out and watch the Badgers win the final game of the season. They have something to fight for, and the goal is going to be attained.

Tickets, if bought before the game, will be only 30 cents.

NOTICE W. O. W. CIRCLE
The November assessment will have to be paid. See your secretary by the first of December.
Dora A. Talley.

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday

Sally Eilers in
"HAT CHECK GIRL"

Sunday-Monday

PAUL MUNI of "Scarface"
Fame in
"I AM A FUGITIVE FROM
A CHAIN GANG"
A True Story

Tuesday-Wednesday

Our 3rd New Palace Screen
Triumph
"SIX HOURS TO LIVE"
Will hold you spellbound every
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Thursday-Friday

Richard Barthelmess
"CABIN IN
THE COTTON"
VISIT THE PALACE

An Array of Stars in
Week's Bill at Queen

This week's bill for the Queen theatre has on it five of Hollywood's best stars: Victor McLaglen, Edmund Lowe, Richard Arlen, John Mack Brown and George Arliss, in three exciting pictures. One a murder mystery, one a story of Spanish California and the other a story of the idle rich.

"Guilty as Hell," the first attraction for Thursday and Friday of this week, is one of the year's best murder mysteries, and displays some clever detective work as well as careful planning on the criminal's part. The interesting feature of the film is the fact that the audience knows who the murderer is, but the detectives in the picture do not. An innocent man is pronounced "Guilty as Hell" and sentenced to die. How the police finally get the truth is quite interesting. Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe, the "Cockeyed World" pals, and Richard Arlen are the stars of this picture. Don't miss it.

There will not be a matinee Thanksgiving Day due to the local football game.

Actual incidents in the history of the state of California form the basis for the story of "The Vanishing Frontier," a film starring Johnny Mack Brown, and featuring Evalyn Knapp, ZaSu Pitts, Raymond Hatton and J. Farrell MacDonald, which comes to the Queen Theatre Saturday.

The picture is set in the state in the period immediately following its ceding to the United States by Mexico. During this period in California history, a military force ruled the state. As martial law is enforced everywhere, here it was enforced summarily and, at times, harshly. It is on this situation that "The Vanishing Frontier" was written. Brown is cast as a "bandalero," resentful of the hard military law, who robs the rich to aid the poor. When he falls in love with Miss Knapp, daughter of one of the military officials, his outlook remains unchanged. But there are many dramatic incidents, before they are finally united.

The attraction for Thursday and Friday of next week is one starring George Arliss, America's foremost actor, "A Successful Calamity" is Mr. Arliss' latest picture and deals with a wealthy gentleman whose home life is not exactly perfect. The picture is the first of a series of Warner Brothers pictures to be shown at the Queen.

House slippers—House slippers—House slippers. See our special table this week. Brown's Bargain Store.

RUPTURED?

Mr. G. A. Nichols, truss expert and factor, representative, will be at Sie Hamm Drug company Friday, November 25. Examination free. Come.

Honored at Tarleton.

Stephenville, Nov. 23.—Ethel Hamilton of Merkel has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Fine Arts club at John Tarleton Agricultural college. She is also a member of the Girls' Glee club and a favorite soloist at the college.

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PERSONALS

C. E. Summers of Clyde, a former resident of this section, spent the week-end here.

Miss Vivian Berger and Mr. Jack Jones of Wink were guests Sunday of Miss Mary Collins.

Guests in the T. G. Bragg home this week were Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Spearman. Mrs. Nichols is a niece of Mr. Bragg.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson left Wednesday morning for a visit of several days with her son, Elvis D., and other relatives at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burfeind had as their guests Sunday Troy Irwin, Curtis Rodgers, Travis Grindle and Craig Burt of Henderson.

Mrs. W. P. Brown of Fort Stanton, N. M., who has been visiting relatives in Merkel, Noodle and Goodman, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. George E. Caple and Miss Mary Eula Sears spent the week-end in Waco, Mrs. Caple with her family, and Miss Sears as the guest of a cousin there.

Miss Maurine Smith of Ballinger spent the week-end with Miss Ola Ellen Smith and Miss Smith plans to spend Thanksgiving in Ballinger as Miss Smith's guest.

To attend the funeral of R. M. Ech-

ols, father of their son-in-law, Bob Echols, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, accompanied by Jack and Wren Durham, went to Albany Sunday.

Misses Addie Fae Patterson, Valentine Oliphint of Quanah, Marie, Pauline and Ruth Pinckley and Norah Foster were the guests of Misses Louise and Mollie Lee Pyron of Sylvester Sunday.

Dr. Albert Benting of the Baptist Southwestern Theological seminary at Fort Worth paid a brief visit to his aunt, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and family, while he was attending the Baptist General convention.

Leaving Wednesday for a Thanksgiving deer hunt in Mason county was a party of six prominent local sportsmen: Jim Williamson, A. R. Booth, Rev. R. A. Walker, Booth-Warren, W. J. Brown and Gene Reese.

Mrs. Dora Wharton of Wichita Falls was last week's guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, and on Thursday, Nov. 17, which marked the thirteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harwell and also the forty-second anniversary of her own wedding, was the honored dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell of Abilene were also present for the happy occasion.

Office supplies—Mail office.

THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 24, 1932

Let us be thankful for life and what it offers—for past accomplishments—for future opportunities—for the privilege of living in a progressive community. Recognize true values, and there's much to be thankful for.

So look on the bright side—and be thankful!

This bank will observe Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) November 24, as a Holiday.

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GRAPES, Tokays, pound	5c
Apples extra large, Delicious, doz.	35c
ORANGES, Navals, dozen	27c
SUGAR 10 lbs. pure cane cloth bag	45c
PINEAPPLE, No. 1 B & W, 3 cans	25c
Prunes fresh Oregon No. 10 can	37c
TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c
CORN No. 2 can, 3 for	25c
PEAS, Kuners Economy, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c
Wheat Cereal R & W, 28 oz. pkg.	19c
BEANS, Pinto, 5 pounds	19c
Coffee Sun Up, 1lb. pkg.	21c
FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 59c—48 lbs. 1.05	
SOAP all varieties, giant bars, 6 for	25c
SALMON, Nile Brand, 2 cans	19c
Catsup Gibbs, 14 oz. bottle, 2 for	25c
Shortening 4 pound carton	25c
BACON, 1 lb. sliced	17c
Bologna, pound	10c
CHEESE, Wisconsin, full cream, pound	20c

FIRST LOVIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

FINAL INSTALLMENT.

John had refreshed himself in the dressing room. He looked in the mirror appraisingly. The deep tan of the open was being leached out by the city of shadows. He brushed back his stiff hair. He smiled so like Gilbert Van Horn. He hardly cared. What did Josephine want?

After dinner they sat in the familiar library. "I leased the house, you know, after Gilbert's death. They changed almost everything, everything but this. I love the room." A fire was crackling in the open hearth, a wide deep chair, Van Horn's chair, was near the glow of flames. John, standing till Josephine curled on the lounge, sat down. Tashi brought a tray and Josephine lit a cigarette. Then she jumped up. John had a cigar and she lit a match, cupped the flames in her hands and held it for him, bending close to him. Tashi had gone.

Josephine drew her feet up on the lounge, and propped by cushions, blew smoke wreaths toward the fire. Tashi returned with a tray. Both took Curaco.

"John, you must tell me about your adventures, in South America."

For a long while they talked, aimlessly. The noises of the city were dim. Memories grew about the flames. John glanced up at the painting of Gilbert Van Horn, lifelike under the light.

Then they sat in silence. Suddenly Josephine reached in a fold of her bodice and drew forth a package, handing it to John. "These belong to you, John—I've kept them, you see." The letters were in his hand, the outpouring of his fresh enthusiasm, the ones in which he told her of the aqueduct, and of his plans. She had kept them through it all. She stood before him, against the firelight, a presence outlined, her shimmering dress aflame.

An uneasy fear held his breath. "John," and then she was on her knees, her head buried in his lap, sobbing. Her soft breasts pressed against his knees, her hair glowed under him in the light, "I have always loved you—always!" She looked up, tears glistened like stars; oh, she was beautiful!

His cigar had fallen, he lifted her. Her face so close to his. The years sped away. Over the mantelpiece, Gilbert Van Horn looked down on them while Josephine poured out her heart. John, caressing her, his hungry soul crying for love, held her close. Life, what is it? What are the things that count? Why are we here? In the subconscious half-light of the mind, under the patter of love, he seemed to know. Josephine, in feverish impulse, poured forth her strong affection. She had jilted him, and now, at last, she had relented!

"I am tired of this place. We will leave, John, leave it all. We will travel, we will live in sunshine. The world has much to offer us." Josephine and John sat on the wide lounge, he held her, her head on his shoulder, her hands clasping his. It had been a long, long road, but at last, at last—

"You know I've sold the house, they are going to build an annex to the hotel next door. Everything is changing, the people are changing. The best New Yorkers now live abroad most of the time. Oh, John, how glad I am that you found me."

John was on fire, he kissed her brutally, carelessly. He held her close and looked into her eyes. "Why can't we get married, now, tonight?"

"No, John, dear. No! no! I will leave tomorrow—night. I have so many things to settle. The movers and storage people will be in early tomorrow. I want to get some of my things in order. Go back to the club, like a good boy, tonight. Get your things packed. I will put my things in the small car trunk. We'll take the coach, motor to Philadelphia, get married, John, at last. And then, after a while, we can come back and settle things here, and go, go away for a few years. Oh I am so tired of New York."

Late, very late, John Breen kissed Josephine and left.

John's last day in the realms of uncertainty passed swiftly. He got up early, tubbed and took a brisk walk. Then he sent off a cable to London. "Cannot accept China post." That, for that! He packed a small trunk, whistling the while. Several times he almost phoned Harbord and Pug. "No use, I'll wire from Philadelphia." Were they to be married before, or after? He wondered. Josephine had a very puzzling way about her.

He called her up at noon. "Come after dinner," she laughed deliciously. "There's a moon tonight, for the elopement. We'll pick up your things as we go through Thirty-ninth Street. Good-by, dear, till eight." Something sounded like a kiss, or a smack, over the phone.

He had several hours on his hands. He sat and smoked. What a washout the old town was! What a place. Still, he would never be lonely again. He kept trying to picture the years; the years ahead.

John had an uncanny imagination. He kept saying to himself, "This is not, this is bally rot." He kept conjuring up pictures of John Breen, perhaps even John Van Horn, loiling about the world, the lucky husband of a very attractive woman, a wealthy woman constantly followed by admiring glances, and sly comment. In the years to come he would drop out of the famous company of the unknown few. Engineers would no longer refer to him, seriously, among themselves. Newer and greater works would rise, men would forget him, long before his death.

Such dreams came to him. He tried to enthrone himself with visions of Josephine, with mind pictures of soft nights, velvet nights of love, and long delicious mornings, in bed. "Rats," he kept repeating. The inactivity of the afternoon was wearying.

He dared not look out on the streets. He had dinner in the club.

He arranged to give up his room. "I'll be back for my small trunk tonight. A motor trip. Hold my mail."

John grew nervous, as the time came for his departure. He kept wondering what he would do. Josephine certainly was a superb woman. The experiences of the night before kept gripping him. He hardly knew whether he had captured her, or whether she had captured him. Several messages came for him at the last moment. "Tell everybody I'm gone, for a few days."

Mr. Wild of the old aqueduct fight came in as John was leaving. He had not seen Wild for years. It was with a genuine pang of regret that he hurried out, and walked up Fifth Avenue in the cool dusk. So he severed one of those loyalties men feel for each other, those strong bonds of friendship transcending even love; love which demands so much because of its giving.

As he walked north, he gradually increased his pace. He would get to Josephine at eight o'clock. It was a splendid idea of hers to start the journey by night, in that huge luxurious chariot, rolling like a separate little universe across the smooth roads of New Jersey, under a clear moon. The curtains would be drawn. The driver and footman, automatons, efficient nonentities, looking ahead, might think their heads off, for all she or he cared. It was this flair for unusual adventure which made her so entrancing. John wondered what she would wear.

As he turned east, past the hotel, he stopped for a moment. His hand was in his pocket. He should have sent flowers, brought a ring, or have done a half dozen things that any competent lover would have attended to. His hand fished up an envelope. He remembered the note amid the crowd of things that came to him on leaving the club. With the sight and hand-shake of old Wild, in the flurry, he had forgotten it.

He stood in front of the Van Horn house. He was about to go up the steps. Then he thought. Perhaps there was something in the note he should know, before leaving with Josephine. He tore open the envelope, under the street light. His eyes followed the brief lines, they blurred and clarified, and magnified. His coat seemed very warm. He hooked his stick over his arm and stepped nearer the light. A huge black car had come to rest behind him, silently, a great car with curtains drawn. It was behind him with dimmed headlights, like great eyes, as if a monster eavesdropper was trying to read the note also.

John glanced up at the lighted windows. He seemed to hear the notes of the piano. Josephine was evidently singing, playing. She was no doubt ready, waiting for him. The footman passed him. John caught a waft of scent; a man with a scent, possibly parfum Josephine. The area door opened. Tashi and the footman brought out and were strapping a patent leather trunk on the car carrier. It was all real enough. John

looked. There was plenty of room for another trunk. The area door changed behind the men. He thought he saw Josephine part the heavy library curtains and look out. He must be quick. Again he read the note, it was very concise; it was insistent.

The whole overwhelming problem swam before his eyes. Josephine, and foreign lands, palace hotels, long hours in exotic bedrooms, caresses, kisses, endearments her rich hair tumbling over white pillows in a cataract of gold. Soft whispering allurements. Stupid dinners, tiresome people, alien towns, queer uninteresting time-destroying play; spats, boredom. There was the beginning of the road; she was ready to take him from his city, to carry him away, to make him forget.

Perhaps she had seen him. The curtains were drawn to. Even then she might be coming down, running eagerly toward him. The great car frightened him. It would carry them far, far away from the city, forever.

The lines of the short letter burned in his hand. He had no need to again peruse them.

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The house door opened; it was only Tashi, but John Breen without looking, turned hastily and walked east toward Madison Avenue, across Park Avenue, toward Third. Halfway down the block his attention was attracted to a lighted window of a basement residence and within was a scene that paused his steps. A mother, seated with a child on her lap, both looking up in smiling assurance into the face of the father bending over them. John Breen stood transfixed. Slowly he turned; slowly he started to retrace his steps.

Suddenly the full import of the decision he had yet failed to make came

upon him. As his fine mind grasped the facts his step quickened. "My work . . . or my Josephine . . . which?" he muttered aloud as if seeking to know that all the years were summed up in those few words.

"First love wins," said John Breen a great light of happiness coming to his face.

He pressed the bell. Josephine, herself, stood in the door before him. In her eyes was that look which only one man ever sees . . . deep into the soul. "My love . . . my first, my only love," said Josephine as John Breen took her in his arms.

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THE ORIGIN OF THANKSGIVING DAY.

In America, Thanksgiving Day, which originated in New England, is the name of a National holiday. After the first harvest of the New England colonists in 1621, Governor Bradford made provision for a day of thanksgiving and prayer. In 1623 a day of fasting and prayer in the midst of drouth was changed into thanksgiving by the coming of rain during the prayers; gradually the custom prevailed of appointing Thanksgiving annually after harvest. These appointments were by proclamation of the governors of the several New England colonies. During the revolution a day of national thanksgiving was annually recommended by congress. In 1817 New York adopted it as an annual custom, and it spread through many of the states by the middle of the nineteenth century. In 1864 President Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving, and since then the presidents have issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, generally designating the last Thursday of November. The memory of its origin as a state appointment survives in the proclamation of the governors of the state which follow that of the president.

PEP.

Pep! Pep! Pep! three cheers for our boys. Even though they haven't won every game, we are proud of them. The last game is over! How we hate it. We will look forward to next year when we can back the boys again through another season.

The banquet is all planned and we hope every one will be looking forward to it.

F. U. N. CLUB.

Perhaps you should like to know just "Who's who" in the F. U. N. club.

Nola Mae Anderson comes from the country, but we certainly could not do without her. Without her our club would be incomplete.

Orada Hay, too, comes from the country. She certainly is a "find."

Eleanor Mae Hogan is a very good example of a brunette. If you do not think you have ever seen a real brunette, try to get someone to introduce you to Eleanor Mae. By the way, she is a country lassie also.

Maurine White is just the same quiet, lovable Maurine every time you see her.

Duncan Briggs is essential to the club because, you see, she is our president.

It seems the main part of the girls of the club come from the country, but we couldn't do without them. We have Margaret Dean, Gwendolyn Vick and Faye Vantrees. Faye is secretary of the club.

Margaret Miller—Nell Hughes are two, but one rarely sees them apart; therefore they must not be separated here either.

Joyce Wheeler is our blonde beauty. Francis Marie Church is another member we could hardly do without because of her helpful suggestions.

Mildred Richardson is the very life of nearly everything she is in. She is a bright light in the F. U. N. club.

Opal Huskey never has much to say, but, believe us, that is just the type that makes the world go round.

Florence Rider is like Opal; she never says much, but she is essential.

Lucile Campbell, too, is a shining light not only in our club, but everywhere she is.

Imogene Middleton is our "Shoulder." If you want to know why we call her this, read G. Henry's "The Third Ingredient."

And last, but not least by any means, is the brightest light of all—Mrs. Irvin, the sponsor. By her always helpful leadership we feel our club will be entirely successful.

Watch out, everyone, for those Senior dresses!

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The box which is to be placed in the hall will be filled with questions asked by the Sophomores. We have questions of all kinds to be asked and answered for us.

In about two weeks the honor roll will be published for the second six weeks' period. We are hoping to have about one-half of our class on it, if not more. We are sure we will have more on the honor roll than we had last time.

The Sophs are still doing their best to be the best class in school and to have the most or largest per cent of the class on the honor roll.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshmen met last Wednesday and elected officers for the 1932-'33 session. Those elected were: L. V. Moore, president; Clifton Bellamy, vice-president; Murray Toombs, secretary-treasurer; and two reporters, Billy Louise Nix and Ora Derrick. We have a good class this year and watch us shine when we get started.

We are all excited over the football games and the banquet. There are a great many Freshmen in the Pep Squad and they are going to put the banquet over in a big way. Just wait until December 2!

SEE THE JUNIORS—

Stop! Look! Listen! Here're the Juniors. And say, did you see in the paper that Bud Toombs, a Junior, by the way, was one of the outstanding players in the backfield when we played Snyder? A few more Juniors that the paper failed to mention were: David Gamble who played two different positions and he played all the game except just a few minutes before the final whistle blew; Kennedy Whiteley and Jack Patterson certainly showed up well as well as Kenneth Cribley, Jack West and J. A. Graham. Three substitutes: Kit Carson, J. B. Moore and Lloyd Robertson, witnessed the game; however, they did not get to go in the game. If they had, don't you ever think they wouldn't have done their best to fight for the Badgers. Anyone that says the Juniors aren't popular doesn't know anything because just look how many football players we have besides lots of good-looking and popular girls. Don't you agree with us?

Oh, yes, some of the girls of the Junior class haven't dates. Boys, get busy and see if you won't pick a girl from the Junior class.

ASK—
Lois why she got all excited last Thursday.

Sarah where she went last Friday night.

Caribel who she made sweat at the football game at Snyder.

Julia whom she is going to the banquet with.

Kit Carson what coach told him he looked like last Friday night between Merkel and Trent.

Frances who came after her at school one day.

Vivian who is second baseman.

CHAPEL.

The new Baptist pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, spoke in chapel Monday. He said that some of the most outstanding heroes are Bible characters. He chose Daniel as an example. Daniel was wise and he was well educated. He kept his mind and body clean, and when his test came he was prepared. Brother Joyner asked that we keep our minds and bodies clean.

We heard something else very interesting also. Holidays—Thursday and Friday and a football game Thursday! Hot dogs? Just invite us to a turkey dinner and see what happens.

WHAT THANKSGIVING MEANS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

I'm wondering which means more to High School students—turkey or getting out of math.

Some of the students are going away; for instance, Wanda and Julia. I imagine they will have a big turkey dinner and a good time, while some of us may stay here and enjoy pork and beans.

There are some of us, I know, who are not planning anything extra to do for Thanksgiving, and are going to see the great game between Merkel and Rotan. I guess the football boys will have to wait till supper to get their turkey, and they'll be hungry by then.

Here's hoping that every Merkel High school student, and teachers also, have a grand time during the Thanksgiving holidays.

TOMFOOLERY.

Ray: "Say, I believe there is something wrong with this candy."
Lucile: "It must be your imagination. The cook book says it is delicious."

Bussie: "I wish I had some insect powder."
Lois: "What's the matter? You haven't any cause to commit suicide."

Mr. Burgess: "If you take ten per cent of a hundred and one tenth of

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone are here to spend a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Boone, driving through Saturday from their home in Memphis, Texas. While here he gave us \$1.00 to have The Mail sent to him each week for one year. We would like for some others to do likewise.

Mrs. W. L. Boyd, who has been visiting her son who has recently been very ill at Lamesa, spent Tuesday night in the Beckham home, coming over with Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham from Lamesa and going on to attend the convention at Abilene before returning to her home at Hamlin.

Mrs. Latham is suffering with a sprained ankle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Volly Vessel drove to Slaton last Sunday and spent the day with the latter's mother, Mrs. Russell. They were accompanied by Mrs. Tom Vessel and daughter, Miss Fannie. Before their return they visited Mr. and Mrs. Deck Vessel of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and son, Jeff, of Hermleigh spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn last Sunday. Jeff is sporting a new car, they say.

Last Wednesday morning Brother Beckham was delivering milk as usual and unthoughtedly failed to look as he crossed the highway and a car driving west hit his car causing both cars to go in the ditch. No serious trouble resulted as neither party was hurt and slight damage to each car being the only offense. It pays to look first.

Mrs. R. B. Gordon of Strawn has returned home after a short visit with her son, W. B. Gordon and family. She also visited with her niece, Mrs. Ernest Nemir, and family while here.

Mr. Jessie Elder and family of Hamlin were guests of the former's uncle, M. G. Scott and family, last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. O. P. Wheeler of Cisco, accompanied by Mr. Montgomery, stopped in our city a few hours one day last week, calling on his son-in-law, Jack Frost.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., left Sunday morning for Lubbock to spend the week with her sister and family who live there. She will be joined by her son, Louie, from this place to spend the noon hour with them also to accompany his mother home.

Among the sick that are absent from school this week is D. A. Hutchinson who was in bed the first of the week.

Last Saturday night while working with his crew west of Trent on a bridge, Mr. Norwood happened to a very painful and perhaps serious accident. When he saw he was sure to fall he jumped to keep from falling, spraining both ankles and being bruised up considerably. He is resting very well at this writing.

ARCHER-ARCHER.

On Sunday afternoon, November twentieth, Mrs. Mary E. Archer of Trent became the bride of Mr. Andrew Archer, formerly of Easterly, Texas. Elder W. G. Cypert of Merkel read the wedding ceremony in a very simple home setting, with only the members of the families present.

Those present included seventeen children and grandchildren: Mrs. B. L. Falkner, Easterly, Texas; Mr. Jack Reneau, Easterly, Texas; Eddie Lee Falkner, Trent; Maurice Falkner, Trent; Miss Zoe Mobley, Hermleigh, Texas; Mrs. Bruce Coke, Mrs. H. L. Forbes, A. L. Coke, Jimmie Coke, Hobbs, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock, Trent; Ruth Marie Murdock, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Rodo Archer, Trent, Rodo Archer, Jr., Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Archer are at home to their many friends in Trent in the old Archer home place.

a hundred what's the difference?"
Jim: (very softly) "Yeah. I think it's a lot of foolishness, too."

Mildred: "The man I marry has to be square, upright and simply grand. That's what my father says."
Tommy: "Shoot, he wants you to marry a piano."

BLAIR ITEMS

Blair school began its 1932-33 term Monday morning with the following faculty: Clyde Deavers, principal; Miss Thelma McAninch, 6, 7, and 8 grades; Miss Mary Hutcheson, intermediate, and Miss Gladys Laine, primary. Patrons and friends were invited in for the opening, a nice crowd being in attendance. Trustees of the school are: Zeb Moore, R. E. Windham and George Clinton. The principal address was given by Clyde Deavers, with responses by all the teachers. With Miss McAninch at the piano "America" was sung and prayer was led by Uncle Johnnie Neighbors. The patrons should give their best co-operation and help to the teachers to make this the best school ever at Blair.

Mrs. L. A. Tigue of Vernon is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith, and will remain until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pribble of New Mexico have moved back into our midst. They formerly lived here and we hope they will stay this time.

Roy Abbott of Corpus Christi visited friends here this week-end.

J. R. Bryan, son of Mr. J. A. Bryan, who was accidentally shot the first of last week, is convalescing nicely and we hope he will continue to do so.

Carl Walker of California made a surprise visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, the past week.

Mrs. R. M. Doan went down on the Santa Fe to Tuscola to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Purl Sandifer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore of Port Arthur have moved here to be with their home folks and will live on one of his parents' places for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Huston and daughter, Miss Verna Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darr and two children, Mrs. Scott and babies, Miss Maurine White, of Knox City, and Mrs. Abb Tittle of Brownfield visited their mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, for a midweek stay. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Beasley of Trent spent Saturday night in this home.

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The election of officers is the main business. If you are at all interested in having a club in Salt Branch community please come. The attendance at this meeting will decide whether we will have a club the coming year or not.

Miss Chambers will be present and she wishes each one to bring their canning and other reports.

MRS. JOWERS HOSTESS.

The home of Mrs. J. J. Jowers of Tye was the scene of a lovely Thanksgiving dinner Monday at one o'clock.

The receiving rooms carried out the Thanksgiving motif in decorations. The dining table was laid in white, centered with yellow chrysanthemums and flaked with yellow tapers in antique holders.

A delicious four course dinner was served to the following guests: Mesdames A. M. Hinds, Jeff Hinds, Glen Moore, Tom Moore, Wesley Rister, Mac Herad, Ben Reese, Ray Millard, John Russell, Frank Smith, H. L. Barnett, Will Moore, Cross Maulden, Boswell, Martin and Miss Laura Barnett. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Misses Edna and Lillian Jowers.

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"Love doesn't last. . ."

Those were the words that haunted Pauline as she sat up in bed on her wedding day morn, her fair hair rumpled childishly, her blue eyes blinking in the sunshine. The present Barbara had sent was standing on a small carved statuette in ivory and silver, of a small Cupid beating his hand in vain against a barred door, and underneath was the word "Denied."

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Shiloh Happenings

The health of this community is very good at this time.

Mrs. Edrie Buchanan of Putnam spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner.

Mrs. Bessie Bonner for Whitney is visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. B. L. James.

Mrs. Phoebe Greene visited in the homes of her sons, Rapp and Tom Greene, the first of the week.

Mrs. M. L. Cummings and Mrs. W. Webster and son spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. Grayson and Mrs. Tom Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson visited his parents at Noodle Sunday.

Rev. O. B. Tatum and C. W. Seago and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and Mrs. Tom Greene visited Mrs. C. A. Howard near Trent Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge Sunday.

Master Wilmand Barnes has been suffering with a sore throat the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bimberry from Ranger spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Charlie Murphy.

Last report from Mr. Joe Jackson was that he was doing fine and had been removed from the hospital.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. Johnny Lovell will preach at Shiloh. A hearty welcome is extended to all. Mrs. W. R. Grayson of Bovina visited relatives here and at Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Womack and baby are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers.

Little Doyle Howell, who had the misfortune of getting one of his eyes put out, is doing nicely at this time.

Don't forget Sunday School at 10:30 next Sunday. Everybody welcome.

House slippers—House slippers—House slippers. See our special table this week. Brown's Bargain Store.

RUPTURED?

Mr. G. A. Nichols, truss expert and factory representative, will be at Sie Hamm Drug company Friday, November 25. Examination free. Come.

Paul Muni in Film That Exposes Prison Chain Gang Conditions

With Paul Muni in the title role, Glenda Farrell, Helen Vinson, Sheila Terry, David Landau, Noel Francis, Preston Foster, and Edward J. McNamara in supporting parts, 32 "bit" players, and more than 2,000 extras, the spectacular Warner Bros. picture "I Am A Fugitive From A Chain Gang" showing at the Palace Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, has one of the largest casts assembled in years.

Only with such a large cast could the gigantic power and scope of this expose of prison chain gang conditions be presented. The stirring escapes of Muni, as the fugitive, and the important parts which women played in his subsequent rise and fall, demanded stellar support. This cast, together with the performance of Muni, the "Scarface" of the screen, and the magnificent directions of Mervyn LeRoy, who numbers such hits as "Little Caesar" and "Five Star Final" among his successes, has made the present Palace theatre attraction one of the most talked about pictures shown in Sweetwater in many months.

To saturate the picture with realism, Director LeRoy hired many ex-convicts for the prison sequences. These men aided materially in the technicalities of the production and the authenticity of the chain gang conditions is attributed to them, as well as to a technical advisor, who gained his knowledge first-hand as a member of a prison camp chain gang.

Woman Bags Deer.

A news dispatch in the morning papers of Wednesday that was of special interest to Merkel folks was one telling that Mrs. Blanch Dennis, wife of Carlton Dennis, a former Merkel boy, now in the United States border patrol service, stationed at Alpine, was the first woman in that section to bag a deer this season. She killed a five-point buck a short distance south of Alpine.

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1789. Both houses of Congress by joint committee made the request of the President that he issue a proclamation setting apart a day of general expression by the people of thanksgiving to God for His blessings during the preceding year.

The First Thanksgiving

President Washington's proclamation reads as follows:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us."

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the People by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good Government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best."

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Shakespeare Story Telling Club Will Organize on Dec. 2

Permanent organization will be effected and officers elected at the first formal meeting of the National Junior Shakespeare Story Telling club, a branch of which is being formed here, through the assistance of Miss Mary Eula Sears.

The meeting will be held at the school building at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon of next week, Dec. 2, the school room to be designated and announced in next week's issue of The Mail.

Membership is open to children between the 3rd and 8th and 9th grades, and a good number have already been enrolled. The club, of an educational and social nature, affords good foundation for high school work and develops self-expression and parents and teachers everywhere have endorsed the plan with enthusiasm.

Dust-Covered Canvas, Found by Boys, Proves To Be Worth \$15,000

Ossining, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Two schoolboys will have plenty of money for Christmas shopping if a customer can be found for an old painting salvaged from an attic. They tried to sell it for \$2 before it was found to be the work of a master, Adelbert Guy.

The boys, whose names were withheld because it was feared they might be victimized, took the dust-covered canvas to C. J. Dreier's art shop. They wanted a few dollars to buy Christmas presents for mother and dad.

Dreier cleaned the canvas and was struck by its perfect execution and stroke. He took it to an expert and was told that the painting was an original by the Dutchman, who lived from 1625 to 1709. It is worth about \$15,000, the expert said.

Dreier gave the picture back to the boys and promised to find a customer for it.

Monte Owen Weds Sweetwater Girl

Sweetwater, Nov. 23.—Marriage of Miss Orlean Sanger and Monte E. Owen was solemnized here Friday in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sanger.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen left immediately after the ceremony for a trip to Dallas, San Antonio and South Texas points, after which they will make their home at 1633 Belmont boulevard, Abilene.

Following her graduation from the Sweetwater high school, Miss Sanger attended school at Baylor university. For the past two years she has been assistant secretary of the Sweetwater board of city development.

Mr. Owen is West Texas representative for the Texas Insurance company of Waco, and formerly was secretary of the Sweetwater board of city development.

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Mr. G. A. Nichols, truss expert and factory representative, will be at Sie Hamm Drug company Friday, November 25. Examination free. Come.

Debt Discussion

(Continued from Page One) duct a fresh examination of the debt problem, Governor Roosevelt replied the subject was one for the present congress to consider if Mr. Hoover should recommend it.

The exchange took place at the new historic meeting between President Hoover and the president-elect before a crackling log fire in the austere red room of the White House.

The New York governor, it was said by one in a position to know what happened, declined to make any commitments, and for the most part made his role in the conference that of a listener.

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We wish to express to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Patterson and all who so kindly helped during the illness and death of our loved one, Thurman, our deepest heartfelt thanks for the many kind words and deeds and for the beautiful floral offerings.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

No report was received this week from the Fundamental Baptist church, so attendance figures are for only five churches, showing that 698 were present at Sunday School last Sunday. This exceeds, however, the number of 611 on the previous Sunday, as reported at six Sunday Schools. On the same Sunday a year ago 672 were present.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Rev. M. R. Pike, pastor of Rochester, was in our city the first part of the week.

Rev. H. A. Nichols, pastor at Spearman, and Mrs. Nichols are visiting in Merkel this week. Rev. Mr. Nichols attended the officials' banquet at the church Tuesday evening.

Thanks to the ladies of the church who sponsored the banquet Tuesday evening. It was a fine way to get the officials together and start the year's work. It makes the work of the church easy and delightful with such co-operation.

More than five hundred people enjoyed the union Thanksgiving service last Sunday night. The sermon by Rev. C. R. Joyner was greatly enjoyed.

Services at the regular hours next Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A large number of former members of the Sunday School and church were present for the home coming service last Sunday. We want all of you to continue to attend Sunday School, if possible.

There will be no preaching service Sunday, as it is the pastor's Sunday at Baird.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Introduction. Leader, Billie Bernice Gambill. Scripture, 1 Cor. 4:6-16.

"Our Churches," Kenneth Cribley. "Missionaries Work," Mildred Richardson.

"Church Building Societies or Board," Lois Whiteley.

"What is Missionary Activity," Imogene Middleton.

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BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

All of the regular services next Sunday, morning and evening, B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Introduction and Discussion One, Lona Joyner.

Discussion Two and Three, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Piano solo, Iris Garrett. Bible quiz, Comer Haynes.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Good interest continues throughout each week with an increase in attendance for each service. Come to church with us and enjoy the services for next week as follows: Bible study Lord's Day 9:45, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., ladies Bible class Wednesday 6:30 p. m. and preaching 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

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Respectfully, The Elders.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. "Knowing God" is subject. The evening sermon at 7:30 is entitled "Bringing Home the Ark." Both sermons by the pastor, N. Y. P. S. at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:30. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Cecil Ambrose, Pastor.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church last Sunday night, which featured appropriate musical numbers under the direction of Miss Christine Collins and a sermon by Rev. C. R. Joyner, was attended by over five hundred people. Heretofore the Thanksgiving service has been held on Thanksgiving night.

Returning from a deer hunt in the southern part of Kimball county, Homer Patterson and J. T. King brought back two deer, one 3-point and the other 11-point.

At a meeting of the Allied Theatre Owners of Texas, held at Dallas this week, H. T. Hodge, owner of the Queen theatre here, was elected as one of the vice-presidents.

Early Wednesday morning a fresh norther struck Merkel and by mid-afternoon the thermometer had fallen considerably, with indications of a severe cold spell.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. Warren Smith extended gracious hospitality on last Thursday evening, complimenting her husband's birthday and that of Yates Brown. A delectable chicken menu was served after which games were played until a late hour. Guests enjoying this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Allen McGehee entertained on Tuesday afternoon of last week in honor of the twelfth birthday of her daughter, Billie. The honoree was the happy recipient of many lovely little gifts. Games were played during the hours from 4:30 to 6 o'clock and at

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Guests for this enjoyable occasion were Billie McGehee, Ann Louise Lepard, Dora Marie Shelton, De La Vergne Teague, Bettye Lou Grimes,

Mary Frances Cook, Ann Lee Blake, Helen Heeter, Verne Moore, Elmer Maye Gamble, Mabel Murray, Comora Hughes, Bettye Jane Diltz, Mary Joe Russell, Mildred Bird, Laverne Howell, Jerry and Sammie McGehee.

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