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NEAR HUNDRED GUESTS ENJOY GALA BANQUET

Merkel Fire-Fighters in Compliment to City Dads and Those Who Had Participated in Staging Benefit Plays.

Nearly a hundred guests enjoyed the hospitality of the fire fighters at their annual banquet Tuesday evening at the American Cafe. The occasion was one to promote community cheer, good fellowship and patriotism and was the largest affair of its kind to be held in Merkel in some time.

C. H. Jones, ex-president of the association, was chosen toastmaster and his humor and wits were at their best. Parker Sharp, the president, gave a sincere welcome from the boys and expressed deepest appreciation for the support tendered his organization and promised heartiest co-operation always.

Mayor Elliott, in the main address of the evening, reviewed the history of the local organization, beginning with the bucket brigade through the campaigns of voting in the waterworks system, and the applause that greeted his dream of a puppet for Merkel evidenced his appreciation of the growth and efficiency of our fire department and of our city as a municipality. Alderman Buford gave much praise and encouragement to the local fire-fighting organization. A spirit of friendliness was brought out in the impromptu speeches by every one present.

As a nice affair, reflected much upon the fireboys as well as the achievements of Mr. and Mrs. Barbara and served so expertly. The dads and their wives, all from the city and a few staunch ones of the firemen are included in the following guest list:

Messrs. and Mesdames W. M. Elliott, J. A. Buford, C. E. Jacobs, Len Sublett, John S. Hughes, P. P. Dickinson, J. E. Tucker, C. H. Jones, Virgil Hassey, Tom Allday, M. B. Bell, Olan Lusby, J. W. Mansfield, Earl Tesque, William Sheppard, Alvin Bird, Sam Bankton, J. E. Grisham, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnfein, Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, Misses Vera Ritchie, Iris Garrett, Estelle Terry, Mary Collins, Ollie Hobbs, Lou Largent, Missie Dye, Lillian McRee, Maurine Tipton, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Betty Lou Grimes, Anna Belle Martin, Myrtle McDonald, Messrs. Jimmie Toombs, Morris Horton, Comer Patterson, Spencer Bird, Bob Fowler, Wren Durham, Byron Patterson, Bob Dennis, Herbert Dennis, Zebbie Sharp, W. L. Burns, Parker Sharp, Raymond Neal, Harold Boney, Fred Baker, J. D. Ashby, Leonard Reeves, Woodrow Wozneraft, Warren Smith.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 17, 1913.)

During the last week the Anchor Hardware Co. has placed two more popular Ford autos in the Merkel country, one sale being to Roe McCoy of the 8th country and the other sale being to Raz McCoy of the same community. The Anchor people have also booked other orders for the Ford car and have made arrangements for the delivery of a Studebaker E. M. F. 3 during the month.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rudmose of Fort Worth came in last week to visit relatives. Mr. Rudmose returning some Thursday while Mrs. Rudmose remained for a visit.

Mrs. Pearl Rains is in Duro this week visiting relatives.

J. S. Blair and Mrs. Watt Blair of the Blair community are in Alabama visiting relatives and old friends.

Ruford and Duke Evans, both advocates of the printers trade in the city of Dallas, were here during the holidays visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Evans.

Miss Eva Walters spent from Friday of last week until Monday of this week in Bronte visiting.

BONDS FIXED AT \$25,000 IN 9 COMPLAINTS

Ben A. Chaney Said to Have Admitted Burglary of Two Merkel Homes; Russels Recover Stolen Articles.

Following arraignment in two justice courts at Abilene Wednesday afternoon, Ben A. Chaney, self-admitted house burglar, is under bonds totaling \$25,000 on nine complaints of burglary.

Two of the complaints charge burglary of the homes of C. K. Russell and Dr. W. T. Sadler, which occurred here at \$1,000 in each of these cases. The charges include burglary of three homes in Abilene and four at Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Monday recovered everything that was lost in the burglary of their home, including a quantity of household linens, silverware and canned goods.

It is alleged that Chaney is also wanted in Louisiana and California. From Abilene he will probably be taken within a day or two to Abilene, for arraignment on a charge of attempt to kidnap the 11-year-old daughter of Homer Shanks, prominent Clyde citizen, and for four charges of burglary in connection with the entrance of homes at Clyde, Putnam and Baird.

Street Tax Must Be Paid Before Feb. 1

Among his other duties, City Marshal Dickinson called to the collection of the street tax each year and he has asked The Mail to call the attention of citizens to the fact that the street tax is now due.

It must be paid before February 1st.

Pass Philippine Bill Over President's Veto

Washington, Jan. 19.—Congress Tuesday enacted the Philippine independence bill over President Hoover's veto and cast the issue into another phase of uncertainty arising from the insular legislature's attitude toward the measure.

The island lawmakers must approve the bill before it becomes effective and indications from Manila are that strong and determined opposition may be expected from a faction that wants immediate and unrestricted freedom, as contrasted with the 10-year transitional period provided by the bill passed.

Cemetery Working at Shiloh.

Tuesday of next week, Jan. 24, has been set as the date for a cemetery working at Shiloh cemetery and everyone is asked to come and help in the work. It is a matter of interest for the entire community to have its cemetery kept in good condition.

SELECTION OF SUCCESSOR TO GARNER HELD UP

Ruling May Postpone Time of Election to Late Spring; Primary Cannot Be Called Before Election Ordered.

Austin, Jan. 19.—Possibility that a successor to Vice President-elect John N. Garner as congressman from the 15th district might not be named until late spring is seen here. It is learned that Ganor Kendall of the state attorney general's department has advised D. W. Price, chairman of the district democratic executive committee, that the first primary should not be held until April 1.

The district executive committee, meeting at Uvalde Saturday, received Kendall's opinion. Advices were received here that the committee adjourned without taking any action.

The original plan of democratic leaders was to hold the first primary February 18, the run-off, if one was necessary, March 4 and to ask Governor-Elect Miriam A. Ferguson to call the general election for March 28.

Kendall told the committee that it could not issue the call for the primaries yet, because the date of the final election had not been set. He held that the executive committee could not order the primaries until the final election had been called by the governor.

Continuing, Kendall said: "The date of the first primary should not be fixed earlier than April 1, since a tax collector has until that time to prepare certified lists of voters which must be used at the special primaries in order that they may be validly conducted." He quoted article 1975 of the revised civil statutes of 1925.

Kendall held further that the second primary should be held more than twenty days before the special election since the nominee's name should be printed on the special election ticket and a period of 20 days is allowed for absentee voting.

The assistant attorney general told Price that the limitation of \$1 per county to be assessed against each candidate did not apply to special elections and that the executive committee might assess a higher amount.

Poultry Show Dates Set for Feb. 13, 14, 15

Dates for Merkel's third annual poultry show were set for Feb. 13, 14 and 15 at a meeting of the Merkel Poultry association held at the Lions club hall on Saturday afternoon.

R. A. Ellis, president, called the meeting to order and Castle Ellis was named secretary in place of Bob Hicks, who has moved to Wills Point but who in the past has so capably filled this post.

The place will be determined later and the list of prizes is now being prepared. It will be ready for publication at an early date. Entries will be restricted to Merkel's trade territory this year, it is announced.

Twenty-three Runs By Fireboys in '32

Twenty-three runs were made by the Merkel fire department during the calendar year of 1932, it was revealed in a report furnished to the city council by Virgil Hassey, recorder for the department. In making these 23 runs, 12,400 feet of hose were laid.

Approximately \$7,625.50 was paid out in insurance claims during the year. No large conflagrations occurred neither were there any false alarms. Most of the fires were in dwellings, none taking place in the business district.

It's a record of which Chief Jimmy Toombs and his volunteer fire fighters have a right to be proud.

Lon Smith Named Chairman.

Austin, Jan. 19.—Lon A. Smith said Tuesday he had been named chairman of the state railroad commission. Smith stated his elevation to the chairmanship of the commission was in accordance with the policy to rotate the chairmanship among the three members.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The first issue of the Coleman County Chronicle, to be published by A. A. Autrey, is due to leave the press on Friday of this week.

Two bandits, who robbed the Security State bank at Cranfills Gap, Bosque county, 40 miles northwest of Waco, escaped with \$700.

Pat O'Keefe, 84, of Dallas, colorful political figure, who for many years entertained democratic conventions with his jig dances, died Thursday of last week.

John Popejoy, 55, prisoner in the Hutchinson county jail at Stinnett, was shot to death and Jailer Dan Cambren suffered severe bullet wounds when the prisoner attempted to escape late Sunday afternoon.

An explosion occurring immediately across an alley from, and at the rear of the Paramount theatre, in Amarillo, rocked the business district and shattered windows in nearby residences but no serious damage resulted.

Two persons, Joe Boesch, 23, and Joe Stratton, 21, were killed and two others dangerously injured Sunday when the light sedan in which they were riding crashed into a freight train at a grade crossing near Eagle Pass.

Refusing to concur in a senate resolution reducing the pay of legislators from \$10 to \$8 per day, the house on Saturday passed a resolution providing for \$10 per diem pay for themselves. The senators took no further action and went payless for their first week.

When wind-driven waves swamped a powerful rowboat on Lake Worth late Sunday, two of the occupants, Howard Meggs, 23, and Jack G. Webb, 37, were drowned, while three others, two men and a woman, clung to the sides of the overturned craft until rescued.

When the Texan, crack westbound flyer of the Texas and Pacific railroad, was wrecked Friday morning near Gladewater, six coaches were thrown into a ditch and two others derailed but no passengers were seriously hurt and only three required medical assistance.

As the result of a hearing at Winters, Ernest Whitfield, Wingate barber, probably will receive the Texas Bankers association reward of \$5,000 for the killing of Archibald Harten, and may get, or share with Ross W. Bethea, a similar reward for the death of Herschel C. (Pewee) McMinn.

Standing for fifty minutes in water up to her knees in a roadside ditch, a woman tourist from Oklahoma Saturday saved the life of R. H. Pulliam, a Waxahachie farmer, who had been forced off the road and was held in the water in the ditch under his car, the woman succeeding in holding his head above water, while her husband went for aid.

Victim of a poison sold him through mistake, Robert Meeker, 35, who had been held in the Jones county jail for 30 days on a burglary charge but who had been released only 30 minutes before the accident occurred, died when the grand jury failed to indict him, died in an ambulance on the way from Anson to a Stamford hospital Wednesday morning.

Plans Drafted for Texas Centennial

Austin, Jan. 19.—Suggestions to guide the legislature in planning the Texas Centennial observance in 1936 were drafted here Tuesday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Centennial governing board. The suggestions will be presented to the legislature without recommendation.

The report will include proposals that one large central observance be held; that the celebration be held in three or four central units and that there be one main observance with short programs at points of patriotic interest throughout the state.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Davis of Dora, Sunday, January 8, 1933.

Twins, a boy and girl to Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett, residing south of town, Friday, January 13, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Sunday, January 15, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brown, residing north of Blair, Monday, January 16, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Patterson, Blair, Wednesday, January 18, 1933.

MRS. MIRIAM FERGUSON TAKES OFFICE SECOND TERM AS GOVERNOR

FERGUSON ASKS FOR SALES TAX

New Governor in First Message Urges Strict Economy and Proposes Sales Tax.

Austin, Jan. 19.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson's first message to the state legislature, Wednesday, was a call to return the state to a pay-as-you-go basis by means of rigid economy and a three per cent sales tax.

She spoke to a joint assembly of the legislature in the hall of the house of representatives.

Balancing a budget, she reminded them, is only the problem of how to pay for what you get and keep out of debt.

It is going to be a difficult job—the hardest ever facing a Texas legislature—she said, and it may call for action, radical and unusual.

Summarizing state finances, Gov. Ferguson said that \$37,521,336 must be raised to meet the needs of the state, take up the deficit and pay the full \$17.50 per capita to schools. She adds four per cent collection cost to the amount and proposes to raise \$39,029,871.

It can be done with the sales tax, she said, and create a balance of \$5,900,000 to help pay off state debts.

With the message was submitted a draft of a gross receipts sales tax bill drafted by Luther Nickels of Dallas. Her figures on the sales tax proposal, summarized are:

Federal reports show net commercial sales in Texas in 1929 of \$2,074,164,554. Reducing this 25 per cent for changed times, she estimates that sales will be a billion and a half a year. Three per cent on that will raise \$45,000,000.

Figures were submitted on a tax running through the state fiscal year. It would be advisable, Mrs. Ferguson said, not to wait, but to make it effective at once and overcome the deficit which she estimated on Jan. 1 had reached \$11,949,214.

Acres of Wheat.

The world's largest wheat field is at Hardin, Montana. It comprises 200,000 acres leased through the Interior Department to Thomas Campbell and is part of two Indian reservations. About one-fourth of the land was planted in wheat in 1922, and over a million bushels were yielded.

BRUCE BARTON

••• writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE" •••
Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

A TEST OF GENIUS.

The shortest verse in the New Testament is "Jesus wept." That tragic note in his story the Gospel record has carefully preserved. How we wish it might also have told us what occurred on the night after the chronic old grumbler was healed at the river. Did Jesus stop suddenly in the middle of the supper, and set down his cup, while a broad smile spread across his wonderful face? If he did the disciples were probably puzzled—they were so often puzzled—but surely we have the reverent right to guess what was in his mind, as he pictured the home-coming of that cured old man. On that evening surely Jesus must have laughed.

Some one has said that genius is the ability to become a boy again at will. Lincoln had that type of genius. Around his table in Washington sat the members of his Cabinet silenced by their overwhelming sense of responsibility. It was one of the most momentous meetings in our history. To their amazement instead of addressing himself directly to the business in hand, Lincoln picked up a volume and began to read aloud a delightful chapter of non-sense from Artemus Ward.

Frequent chuckles interrupted the reading, but they came only from the President. The Secretaries were too shocked for expression! Humor at such an hour—it was well nigh sacrilegious! Heedless of their protesting looks, Lincoln finished the chapter, closed the book and scanned their gloomy faces with a sigh. "Gentlemen, why don't you laugh?" he exclaimed. "With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die; and you need this medicine as much as I."

With that remark he turned to his tall hat which was on the table and drew forth what Secretary Stanton described as a "little white paper."

The "little white paper" was the Emancipation Proclamation. (Continued on Page Two.)

Colorful Inaugural Ceremonies Tuesday Attend the Occasion; List of 39 Appointments Handed to Newspaper men.

Austin, Jan. 19.—Miriam Amanda Ferguson became the governor of Texas for the second time within a span of eight years at 12:14 o'clock Tuesday at colorful inaugural ceremonies.

Edgar E. Witt of Waco was inducted into office for his second term as lieutenant governor immediately prior to the inauguration of Mrs. Ferguson, whose legal residence in recent years has been transferred from Temple to Austin.

The walls of the hall of the house of representatives reverberated with military airs played by three bands, the roar of a squadron of army airplanes, the seventeen-gun Capitol dome and the seventeen-gun governor's salute on the completion of the oath of office, which was administered, according to custom, by Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the supreme court.

Millions throngs that clogged the first two floors of the Capitol and filled every corner of the legislative chamber were quiet and refrained from any demonstration during the induction into office of the only woman who twice has been governor of a state. But when the ceremony was over they were then interrupted with applause the new governor's inaugural address.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

A list of thirty-nine appointments to serve during the second administration of his wife had been handed to newspapermen by James E. Ferguson on Saturday.

Brigadier General Henry Hutchings of Fort Worth was selected to be adjutant-general.

W. W. Heath, former county judge of Grimes county, was named secretary of state.

Jack Flynn of Houston was chosen commissioner of labor.

R. L. Daniel of Victoria county was picked for commissioner of insurance.

F. L. Denison of Temple was designated to be a member of the highway commission.

H. J. Lutes Stark of Orange, Dr. K. H. Ayneworth of Waco, and L. J. Sulak of LaGrange, were named to the board of regents of the University of Texas.

E. J. Kiest of Dallas was renamed to membership on the board of directors of Texas A. and M. college, a place he held under the administration of Governor R. S. Sterling.

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BRUCE BARTON

(Continued from Page One.)

Stanton could hardly restrain his impulse to walk out of the room. No one of his Cabinet really understood Lincoln. He was constantly scandalizing them by his calm disregard of convention, and his seemingly prodigal waste of time. The friends and advisers of Jesus were similarly shocked. How could any one with such important business allow himself to be so casually interrupted to heal a self-pitying old man at the river? One of the surest marks of greatness, of course, is accessibility and the appearance of having an unstinted allowance of time. "Extreme busyness is a symptom of deficient vitality," says Stevenson. The disciples were extremely busy, Judas most of all. He was the treasurer of the group, harassed because expenses ran high and there was no certainty of tomorrow's income. Jesus brushed away such petty worries with a smile.

"Consider the lilies of the field," he exclaimed, "they toil not neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Next Week: Time for Everything.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF M. C. GRAHAM.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Brother M. C. Graham, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1932, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, M. C. Graham, in his 59th year, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and whereas, Brother Graham, was an honored member of this lodge during the 12 years he held membership with us, and during which time he served as Worshipful Master of Merkel Lodge, and also served as District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic district; he was always faithful, patient and loyal to every duty and to his brethren, and was punctual in attendance upon the meetings of the lodge,

And whereas, in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God,

Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother, or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in His hands the soul of our deceased brother;

Therefore, be it resolved by this lodge that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the charter of this lodge be creped for a period of thirty days, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. WHEELER.
E. O. CARSON.
C. L. BOSWELL.
Committee.

Passed and approved this 7th day of January, A. D. 1933.
Attest, C. L. Boswell, Secretary.
Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., (Seal)

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF J. M. WILLIAMSON.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.:

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Brother J. M. Williamson, beg to submit the following:

Whereas on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1932, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, J. M. Williamson, and to transplant him a member of the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and whereas Brother Williamson being at all times loyal to the principles of the order, during his membership here and was punctual in attendance upon the meetings of the lodge;

And whereas in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member, one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order and in his every day life was a living example of these great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity, having faith in

SAFETY FIRST

THE PUBLIC should be prudent in seeking relief from pain. Take nothing which does not have the approval of the medical profession.

BAYER ASPIRIN will never do you any harm, and almost always brings the desired relief. But remember that the high medical endorsement given Bayer Aspirin does not apply to all tablets for relief of pain.

THE DOCTOR is careful to specify Bayer Aspirin for these important reasons:
It has no injurious ingredients. No coarse particles to irritate throat or stomach. Nothing to upset the system. Not even any disagreeable taste. The Bayer process insures a pure, uniform product.

INSIST on the tablet you know to be safe. And the one that has speed. Bayer tablets dissolve so quickly, you get immediate relief from your headache, neuralgia, or other pain.



God, Hope in immortality, Charity toward all mankind and ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or friend to aid him in his efforts at reformation and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our Maker and leave in His hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Therefore be it resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of the deceased brother and a copy published in the Merkel Mail and the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Signed,
O. R. DYE.
J. M. BEASLEY.
H. C. BEASLEY.
Committee.

Passed and approved this 7th day of January, A. D. 1933.
Attest, C. L. Boswell, Secretary.
Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., (Seal)

The Red & White store at Blair will give away as much merchandise Saturday as some so-called grocery stores will sell. (Advertisement.)

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Letters From the People

New Years Resolutions.

New Year resolutions, especially in times of depression, as we are all going through, should be more as an expression of gratitude to God and also to our fellowman. If we will only look around us and pause to think, we have so many things to be grateful for. Most of us have enjoyed reasonable health during the past year and have been able to secure enough food and clothing to give those depending on us reasonable comfort; we have also been able to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves.

So why shouldn't we look at the cheerful side of life and try to be an inspiration to others? Pray that God will give us strength and courage to meet the conditions as they come instead of finding fault and complaining of hardships? I hope you will all join me in trying to be more thoughtful, more cheerful and more grateful for our many blessings during the year 1933.

Very cordially yours,
A. E. Wiman.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank

Close of Business December 31st, 1932

RESOURCES

Loans Time and Demand	\$123,819.81
Overdrafts	157.21
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$ 17,950.00
Bills of Exc. (cotton)	10,664.65
Cash & Due from banks	214,084.14
AVAILABLE CASH	242,698.79
Total	\$395,324.60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	15,942.19
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	323,132.41
Total	\$395,324.60

The above statement is correct,
Booth Warren, Cashier.

READY TO SERVE

This bank is ready and able to do its share in the promotion of local progress in 1933. We invite you to use our many services and let our helpful co-operation assure you of complete banking satisfaction.

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FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

DIRECTORS:

J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Sam Batman, Sr., Geo. L. Paxton, Booth Warren

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY JANUARY 20 AND 21

Spuds 10 lbs. 15c

LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c

Cabbage lb. 2c

ORANGES, med. size, doz. 23c

APPLES, Winesap, doz. 25c

Bananas fine fruit pound 5c

SUGAR pure cane 10 pounds 45c

BEANS, Pinto, 4 pounds 15c

PEARS, R & W, No. 2 can 17c

CHERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c

Beans green or wax No. 2 can, each 10c

HOMINY, med. can, 2 for 15c

KRAUT, med. can, 2 for 15c

PEAS, Kuners Economy, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

Dried Fruits 2 lbs. 21c
PEACHES, APRICOTS, APPLES

COFFEE, Sun Up, 1 lb. pkg. 19c

WHEAT CEREAL, R & W, 19c

Pancake FLOUR R & W pkg. 10c

SYRUP, Pure Georgia Cane, No. 10 59c

No. 5 35c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lb. sack 59c

48 pound sack \$1.05

Compound 4 lbs. 25c

BACON, 1lb. sliced, sugar cured 15c

Chili Brick lb. 15c

SPECIAL OFFER ON Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Star-Telegram is offering now and until February tenth a special subscription rate of \$5.79 for eleven months. (This includes Daily and Sunday editions.)

We can include one year's subscription to The Merkel Mail, renewal or new, with the above eleven months offer of the Star-Telegram for

\$5.79

If you let your Star-Telegram lapse, you will want to take advantage of this big money-saving offer. Mail us your check at once.

THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

CUSTOM HATCHING

I will receive eggs at the Merkel Hatchery Saturday, Jan. 21

BABY CHICKS

On and after Feb. 13th we will have Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Rocks, White Wyandottes, Silver Laced Wyandottes and White Leghorns.

Let me help you with your poultry problems.

FRANK W. IRVINE
Merkel Hatchery

CRAZY CRYSTALS

KEEPING FIT FOR TOMORROW

Thousands of cases of lost vigor and waning pep are directly caused by faulty elimination. No wonder you feel half-sick—there is a reason. The poisons of the colon are being absorbed into the blood stream. This is the chief cause of such chronic ailments as rheumatism, neuritis, colitis, etc. That is why Crazy Water, made available to you in your own home through its concentrated form, CRAZY WATER CRYSTALS, has been of such great service to mankind for over fifty years. Keep fit for tomorrow with Crazy Mineral Water—the gentle, pleasant, natural way. Write to the Crazy Water Company, Mineral Wells, Texas.

JUST ADD THEM TO YOUR DRINKING WATER

THE OTHER MAN

by RUBY M. AYRES
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SIXTH INSTALLMENT.

Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, becomes engaged and marries Dennis O'Hara in the belief that their blissful happiness will continue unchanged thru all the years. On her wedding morning she awakens with a strange premonition that maybe love does change, a thought buried in her mind by a letter from her closest friend, Barbara the night before. Pauline adored Barbara who had been married, was the mother of a child which died, but now divorced and living a life which some of her friends could not understand. Between Dennis and Barbara is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Six months after Pauline's wedding, Barbara comes for a short stay. During this visit Barbara confesses to Pauline that there is a man she really loves, but she refuses to tell his name. Barbara decides suddenly to go home and Pauline insists Dennis drive her to the station. Irritated, Dennis drives recklessly, and they are in a crash. Barbara escapes injury but Dennis' leg is broken. As he returns to consciousness he learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself. Dennis spends several weeks in the hospital. Barbara returns to stay with Pauline, but on one pretext or another fails to visit Dennis with Pauline at the hospital. Pauline plans highly for Dennis' return home. . . . Barbara stays only one day after Dennis' return from the hospital. Much against his will Dennis finds a new attraction in Barbara, who plays the same cool and detached role as formerly.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"That's very unkind. What mischief am I in? I've never done you any harm, have I?"
"I should never give you the chance," he answered grimly.
Barbara laughed, a cool laugh of she moved away from the fire and sat down on the couch. "Well, tomorrow I shall be gone," she said with a little yawn.
"Home—you must come and see me some day. Get Pauline to bring you," Barbara said with a faint mockery, "if you don't care to come alone."
He turned round, looking at her squarely. "Do you imagine that I am afraid of you?" he asked angrily. Barbara opened her eyes wide; they looked very dark, like deep pools of still water. "My dear man, what a question! Of course not."
"That's fortunate," he said "because I've never been afraid of a woman yet, and I'm not likely to begin now."
Brave-sounding words! when in his heart he knew that he was more afraid of Barbara Stark than he had ever been of anyone in his life.
Barbara left on Friday morning by the first train.
"There is no need for anyone to get up and see me off," she, told Pauline. "If the maid will bring me some toast and a cup of tea—that's all I want. I'm catching the nine something."
"It used to be Dennis' train," Pauline said reminiscently. "I know it's wicked of me, but I'm so glad he can't go back to business yet. It will be heavenly to have him all to myself for a little while."
"A second honeymoon," Barbara said lightly. "Well, make the most of it, but not too much of him."
Pauline's eyes clouded.
"I wish you wouldn't always say things like that; it just spoils everything. Of course, I know you think love doesn't last, but—"
"It depends whose love," Barbara interrupted. "But why argue? We can only speak of life as we find it. Run along to bed, but don't tell Dennis I am leaving early." Pauline related Barbara's words to Dennis and was surprised at the anger in his eyes.
"That woman's always sneering at me," he said angrily. "I'm damned if I'll have it. I'll get up and see her off."
His wife looked disappointed. Like all women of her type, she loved to make a fuss of a man; she would have been perfectly happy to keep Dennis bedridden for another month; it would have been bliss for her to wait on him. But secretly she rather admired Dennis for showing Barbara he was not a mollycoddle.
They had just finished breakfast when Barbara came downstairs.

"Oh, good morning, my children!" she said benignly.
"Have you got everything packed?" Pauline asked. "I know you're so forgetful. I'll just run up and look round your room." She clattered away upstairs, happily assured that she was doing the right thing and looking after her departing guest in the proper fashion.
"You're an early bird," Dennis said.
"Yes!" Barbara did not turn round from the mirror, "I've got to catch the worm, you see."
"Isn't that rather hard on Barnett?" Dennis asked maliciously. "I hear from Pauline that you are lurching with him."
"He's not the particular worm I was referring to," Barbara said coolly. She turned round now and met his gaze steadily. "You don't look in the least like an invalid, you know."
Dennis half rose from his chair: "Look here—" he began impulsively, then stopped as Pauline came clattering downstairs again.
"You've left a handkerchief and a pair of bedroom slippers and a comb," said Pauline all in a breath. She plumped them down on a chair. "Where's your dressing case? They'll all go in," she said. "And the taxi's at the door. I do wish you weren't going. When shall I see you again? Come down soon, won't you, if you can stand such a quiet couple."
She liked to think that she and Dennis had been married for years; she was sure he was as happy and satisfied to be alone with her as she was with him. She would have been bewildered if she could have seen into his mind at that moment. Barbara gave Dennis the tips of her fingers in farewell.
"Good-bye. Get well quickly," she said, and was gone.

Dennis went back to his seat at the breakfast table. He could hear Pauline's affectionate farewells and adulations to come again soon.
Something in him badly wanted to get up and go to the window to see the last of her, and something else kept him sitting unwillingly where he was. Before they turned the corner of the street Barbara leaned out of the window and looked back at the little house with its shining windows and dainty curtains. Pauline still stood in the doorway, waving her hand, but it was not for her that Barbara looked.

Jerry Barnett met Barbara in New York. He was a square-shouldered, cheery soul, with a loud laugh and an absolute gift for making a hash of things. He boasted rather proudly that nothing ever went right for him. "Born under an evil star," he would chuckle. "Well, it's all in the game of life, I suppose. Awful!"
He had failed in business and failed in marriage, and at the moment was keeping his head above water and having what he called a "bon time" because his father had recently died and left him a considerable sum of money. "I shall lose it all, you see if I don't," he told Barbara cheerfully. "The only hope is for you to take me in hand and look after things a bit."
Barbara raised her delicate brows. "My dear man! What would your wife say?"
He grinned. "She'd say what she always did, I suppose—'Jerry, you're a damned fool!' Not so sure she's not right, too."
"Thought you were never coming back," he told her, as they drove away in his car. "Gave me an awful turn when I heard about that smash. Supposin' you'd got killed. Awful!"
"I got off with a sprained wrist. Dennis O'Hara was badly hurt, though."
"So you said in your letter. Rather nice chap, isn't he? Friend of mine—Stornaway—knows him very well; doctored him, didn't he?"
"Yes, I believe so."
"He likes him—said he felt rather sorry for him, too."
"Sorry for him?"
"Yes, unhappy marriage, isn't it? Like the rest of us—eh? Awful!"
Barbara paled a little. "My dear man," she said calmly, "Dennis O'Hara has only been married six months, and his wife is a great friend of mine, charmingly pretty, and she adores him."
"Dare say she does; it's generally one-sided," Jerry agreed, unabashed.

Barbara looked ahead of her down the busy street; there was a little smile on her reddened lips—rather a wistful smile.

It was nearly a fortnight later that Pauline wrote that she and Dennis were coming to town.

Barbara was breakfasting in bed, with blinds drawn against the bright morning sunshine because her head ached.

She had had what she called a hectic time since her return to town—late nights, and too many cocktails, and too little sleep.

She had dashed off a short note to Pauline thanking her for her hospitality and hoping Dennis was progressing favorably, to which Pauline had replied at her usual length of four closely written pages.

"I adore waiting on him, of course," she wrote, with many underlinings. "But, poor darling, he hates being ill, and he isn't quite a saint over it. Still, I don't mind anything as long as he gets well." Barbara had not answered. There seemed nothing to say—besides, she had been too busy racing about with Jerry Barnett, turning night into day and getting herself talked about.

She opened Pauline's second letter with a yawn, but after the first glance she sat up and read intently.

Darling Barbara:
I have some news for you which I hope you will be pleased to hear, though I am not sure whether I am pleased or not. . . .

Barbara's face hardened. "Going to have a baby, I suppose," she said herself cynically. With an effort she turned again to the closely written pages.

We are coming to New York for a fortnight's holiday. The doctors say Dennis must not go back to business yet. You can imagine how

amazed I was when he suggested coming to town and doing some theatres and things! Can you imagine it? He said he thought New York would do me good. We are coming next Wednesday, and are staying at the Albion. It's quiet and not smart, but it's central, isn't it? and not far from you. I hope you are in town, and not thinking of dashing off anywhere just yet. Dennis has told me to get some new evening frocks, and gave me quite a big check. I shan't spend it till I come to New York, of course, so that you can go with me. Your taste is so much better than mine. Dennis is much surer and walks quite well. I am sure you will think he has made a wonderful recovery. I asked Dr. Stornaway if he thought it was the right thing for Dennis to go to New York, and he said, "Let him do what he fancies." So, of course, there was no more to be said. Anyway, I shall see you—I have such a lot of things to tell you, darling. . . .

Barbara laid the letter down and closed her eyes. Somehow she was not at all surprised. Experience had taught her that people—especially men—did the most unexpected things.

Wednesday! and today was Monday. Well, she must have a look at her wardrobe and furbish it up a bit. She stretched out a languid hand and rang for Mrs. Mellish—a quiet little widow who looked after the flat.

"My bath, please," Barbara said briskly. "Oh, and get Mr. Barnett on the 'phone."
She got up and went over to the mirror, jerking up the blind as she went. Sunshine, warm and beautiful, fell all about her, and with sudden incongruity she wondered why on earth Dennis wished to come to New York.

(Continued Next Week.)

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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.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '33—Mrs. R. E. Irvin, sponsor

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Assistant Editor—Florene Rider.	Society Editor—Opal Huskey.
	Joke Editor—Van Roberts.

NOTICE!

The Badger Weekly staff is trying a new plan. Here is your chance to help. We are publishing a three part story. The first issue is to be found below. The next two issues are for you to write and we are eager to accept any number of continuances for this story. If you have a clever idea for the second issue, hand it to Mildred Richardson or Florene Rider. Now read the first issue and start writing a second.

When all three issues have been printed, we will then name the story.

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Sylvia Reed, aged twelve years, was enjoying herself immensely. How cool the crystal clear water of the little brook felt to her toes as she dangled them into it from the low bridge.

It was a beautiful spring morning. Everything in the woods was just now putting on its summer coat. Wild flowers were peeping out from under every rock and the carpet of green grass looked like velvet. The trees were budding into their most beautiful coat of foliage, birds of every description twittered gaily in the trees. Everything seemed happy. Sylvia, too, seemed completely entranced as she sat there humming a tune.

Suddenly she seemed to come to herself when, in the distance, she heard a bell ringing. It was time for her to hasten on to school. Just as she was picking up her lunch pail and slate, she heard another noise which made her face brighten. It was a distant whistling. How well she knew that whistle! She waited. It was not long before a blue-eyed boy of thirteen made his appearance around a bend in the lane.

"Hi, Silly!" he shouted, for he always called her that.

"Hello!" she cried happily.

He came up, took her slate and lunch pail in one hand, and her hand in the other. How contented they seemed to be as they strolled off toward school. But, alas! Fate isn't always kind. Never did either of them dream of the tragedy about to befall them.

OUR SENIORS.

The Senior class held a class meeting last Wednesday to see what we could do about our memory books. Mr. Burgess gave us some facts about how much hard work and money it would take; however, I believe we will get one anyway!

Maybe you would be interested in reading something about our Seniors.

We'll start with our president, Terrell Mashburn. Terrell is a real football star. He has been on the Badger squad four years and this year he was captain. Some people call Terrell conceited, but he says that he is just dignified. At least, we know he is quiet, good natured, and friendly. He has made us a good president so far, and we know that he is capable of making a good one all year.

Next in line is Lucille Campbell, secretary and treasurer of the class. Lucille is the type pupil that makes teachers proud of their profession because she is so smart. She leads every class with a 97 general average. Although she is smart, it doesn't seem to go to her head. She is sweet, lovable and always ready to help a struggling classmate. Keep that smile, Lucille, and we know you'll win.

FRESHMEN.

To define the word "flunk," we would say that it means to fail completely. That is something we are trying to avoid, since this week is mid-term. We have half a day for each exam and we are going to pass. That might not be so hard if we really try.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

This is the last day before examinations. How we wish that every one could be exempt in all their subjects! We'll have to do our best on the examinations. May luck be with you.

The Sophs are very sorry because Louise, a Sophomore, is moving to Abilene. We hope that she will do her best and make good grades. We shall never forget Louise because she is so good in her studies and she is a friend to all.

TOMFOOLERY.

It seems that Merkel High school is blessed with several Sophomores who are clever joke-writers. Here are three many original jokes written by Mrs. Haynes' English classes:

During the war a patriotic old

lady was walking along a country road. Across the road she saw a farm boy milking a cow. She crossed the road and engaged in a conversation with him.

"My boy," she said at last, "why are you not at the front?"

"Because there ain't no milk at that end," he replied at once.

One day a teacher in a little country school was having her geography lesson. They were studying China. The teacher illustrated the population by saying:

"There are so many people in China that one dies every time a person in the United States takes a breath."

Noticing one of the pupils breathing rapidly, she asked him what was the matter.

He replied: "Nothing, I'm just killing Chinese."

Once there were some tourists passing through Arkansas. They came to a river where several little negro children were playing in the water. Just as they passed over the bridge they saw an alligator come up and take one of the little negroes under the water. The tourists were distressed, but there was nothing they could do about it. They started up the road where they found an old negro woman washing. The driver stopped the car and said, "Dinah, are those your children down there in the river?"

"Yes, suh," the negro replied.

"Well, I just saw an alligator take one of them under the water," he replied.

"Sho' nuff, I done been tellin' Mose somethin' was a gettin' them chilluns."

SCRAMBLED RADIO.

A certain radio fan tuned in on three stations on the same wave length. One was a minister, one was a man telling of the conditions of the roads, the other was a lecture on poultry. Here is what he heard:

"The Old Testament tells us that the baby chicks should detour one mile south of Bandera and listen to the words of the prophets—be careful in the selection of your eggs and you will find hard surfaced roads on to Kerrville. We find in Genesis that the roads are muddy just west of the hen-house and clean straw is essential if you would save your soul.

"After passing through Austin turn south of San Marcos. Three wise men bought a large size incubator on account of a bad detour. The baby chicks were troubled with the pip and bond issue is talked of in the Holy City. Keep the feet clean and dry, live a life of righteousness and turn south one mile west of the schoolhouse. Much care should be given in commanding the sun to stand still, as there is a bad washout at the bridge to Luling and the road to Salvation is under repair, making it necessary for 70 degrees in the brooder house at all times.

"When you leave Winfield, unless you do these things the wrath of the Lord will cause the pin feathers to fall out and detour one mile south. Many are called but few have any luck unless the gravel road between Corpus Christi and Laredo is mixed with the feed. Out of 5000 eggs one should get roads from New Braunfels to Uvalde to build the ark just one mile west of San Antonio. It rained 40 days and 40 nights and caused an 8 mile detour west of the brooder house. Many tourists from the House of David are trying the Plymouth Rock mixed with concrete and a desire to do right."

RURAL SOCIETY

POLLARD-HUNTER.

A marriage, which came as a complete surprise to Blair friends, took place at Anson on January third, the contracting parties being Mrs. Maggie Hunter and Mr. Oscar P. Pollard, of Sweetwater. As the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey of Merkel, the bride was born and reared here and limits her friends by her acquaintances. In her residence here she has made a mighty fine contribution to our citizenship. Mr. Pollard is a successful salesman for the West Mutual Life association of Sweetwater, where they will make their future home.

Sincere wishes of a large number of friends are extended this fine couple.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gordon visited with their cousin, John Talbert, of Abilene recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Collin Perkins have gone to Sagerton to visit a week or so with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Masters. They were accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

Little Helen Martin, daughter of Sam Martin, had the misfortune of getting her arm broken last Sunday evening, falling from a horse.

Mrs. Johnson returned to Houston last week after attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Roy Stewart, two weeks. Mrs. Stewart is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reid have moved to the Goodman community where they will farm on the Cade place.

Grandpa Adams, who has been here with his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Scott, for the last four months, returned to his home in Ireland last Friday.

Messrs. Elery Smith and Will Hamner, accompanied by the latter's daughter, Miss Gladys, have returned from Wink after a day or two hunting. While there they visited Mr. Hamner's son, B. C., and family. They came home reporting a good time.

Our readers will regret to hear the news of the death of Uncle Isaac Bright, who succumbed last Saturday in the home of his son who lived at Hugo, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McLeod of Sweetwater were callers on Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gordon last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nemir of Roscoe spent the week-end with their son, Ernest, and family. Mr. Nemir, accompanied by his son attended business in Abilene while the ladies returned to Roscoe.

Mrs. M. G. Scott is spending a few days with her daughter in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. E. Nemir Gordon and the two Mrs. Armours motored to Merkel sight-seeing last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock have a new car, another "Chivie."

Mrs. Clifford Esten was called to Dallas the first of last week to the bedside of her sister. She was accompanied by Mr. Estep. They returned home Monday and report her sister better.

Mr. T. B. Sorrels of Fort Worth called on relatives here a short while last Monday.

CLUB MEETING.

The Trent Demonstration club met Jan. 11 in the downtown clubroom. The business session was held with Mrs. A. C. Wash, president, and Mrs. T. G. Hamner, secretary, in charge. The minutes were read and approved by members. A report was given by Mrs. Wash on the council meeting held recently in Abilene; also reports were given by committee chairmen. Financial reports of the fiscal and ensuing year were read and discussed. Mrs. John Payne was elected reporter. Demonstrators for the various departments of club work were appointed as follows: pantry, Mrs. Roger Williams; yard beautification, Mrs. Pen Howell; bedrooms, Mrs. John Payne; wardrobe, Mrs. Alec Williams and Mrs. John Strawn.

A delightful social hour was enjoyed, in which games and contests were played. Mrs. Reuben Reeves and Mrs. Lelia Churchwell were successful winners in a word and chewing gum contest. Appropriate prizes were awarded these lucky women.

Cake and coffee was served to the following members: Mesdames A. C. Wash, Reuben Reeves, John Crane, Buddie Burks, T. G. Hamner, John Payne; new members, Mesdames Hosea Winn, W. B. Gordon, Lelia Churchwell.

Next meeting will be held January 25 and every member is urged to be present. Miss Caroline Chambers will have charge of the demonstration. Mrs. R. L. Reeves, and Mrs. A. C. Wash will be hostesses for this occasion.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

A beautifully planned party and shower were surprise compliments for Mrs. John Rudd, who was Rosalie SoRelle before her recent marriage. She had been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Saturday.

Mrs. Buddie Burks and Miss Gladys Hamner were hostesses of this charming affair held at the W. E. Hamner home in West Trent. Mrs. Rudd was escorted to the head of the line of friends by her mother, Mrs. E. K. SoRelle. Mrs. J. Cal Hamner then introduced Mrs. SoRelle to the group of visitors.

Preceding the presentation of the gifts, games and contests were played in which Mesdames Hosea Winn, Eud Winter and John Payne shared honors. Prizes received were presented to the bride. The bride was directed to a "Throne of Love" by drawing a

small wagon along a path of "rocks and roughs" of which she gathered and carried until the end of the road was reached. Gifts represented the rocks and as she "reposed" these were displayed and admired.

Favored colors of pink and white were carried out in the refreshment plate. Heart sandwiches and toasted cheese was served with cake and hot chocolate by the hostesses and their mother, Mrs. Will Hamner, and sisters, Mrs. Murtel O'Kelley, Mae Hamner, and Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Guests were: Mesdames John A. Woodard, Annie Boone, Cecil McRee, Royce Dowdy, Hosea Winn, Joe Brown, John Strawn, J. Cal Hamner, O. L. Reeves, Wesley Beasley, Hale McRee, Bud Winter, John Payne, Clark Hamner, Walker Steadman, Reuben Reeves, Misses Sarah Julia Johnson, Doreen Scott, Vera Bright, Lillian McRee, Lillian Grace Reeves, Florene Sherman, Mildred Steadman and Virgie Strawn.

High School News.

TRENT HIGH STAFF.

Editor-in-chief, Fanny Belle Vessel.

Senior reporter, Sara Julia Johnson.

Junior reporter, Stanley Coppage.

Freshman reporter, Gladys Hamner.

Sponsor, Anna Bell Bailey.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

The Sophomore met Thursday evening and elected the following officers: president, Davis Howell; secretary-treasurer and reporter, Doreen Scott, and vice-president, John Boyd. Miss Lois Powell is sponsor.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trent beat White Flat girls in basketball?

That Fanny was interested in the boys basketball games?

That Jewel likes to sing "why should I be so lonely?"

That Stanley catches all the girls going to town from school?

Ida W. and Lillian Grace are about to fight over Erle and Bob?

That Miss Powell is often called Edna Lois?

The basketball girls won a game? That "Milly" brought "Wart" an ice cream cone to tell on some one.

The girls "flooded" around "Bo" Terry last Thursday?

Sally was having trouble this week? Miss Powell and Miss Bailey liked to go to shows?

A few of the boys like to sing? Sara Julia is a basketball forward?

Jewel can write poetry?

The Home Ec. class can really cook? The Juniors are a "peppy" bunch of fellows?

WANTED ADS.

Wanted: Idell a round trip ticket to Sun Set.

Wanted—A cloak that will get Cullen to school on time.

Wanted—A poetic education by Jewel.

Wanted—A haircut by Fanny.

Wanted—A letter from Cisco by Ruth and Helen.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

The Senior league met Sunday evening with a very large attendance. The program was a H. C. M. program. The program was under the advice of Miss Fanny Bell Vessel. Rev. Coppage led in prayer. Special music by Ida V. Estep. Talks by Fanny Bell Vessel and Ruth Coppage. Miss Idell Cooper was the song leader, accompanied by Ida V. Estep at the piano.

BASKET BALL NEWS.

The basketball girls played White Flat on Trent's court Jan. 16, the score being 20-8 in Trent's favor. The girls are scheduled to play Divide on Divide's court one night soon.

The basketball boys attended the tournament at Colorado, but without very much success. They were beaten in two games by Roscoe and Iatan.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors have received their rings. Many pupils have asked to wear them. Watch the Seniors and you find their class to be the best in T. H. S. The Seniors are planning on many things, such as parties, picnics and the Junior-Senior banquet.

JUNIORS NEWS.

The Juniors seem to have a very "peppy" class, as all the boys and girls are good basketball players. We have four boys and four girls in our class which makes an even number. We are going to plan some good parties and entertainment soon.

NOTICE.

Have supply of stalk cutter spiders and blades. If you need a stalk cutter, call around. Also have your disc plows rolled.

C. P. Stevens.

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BUTMAN NEWS

(Omitted last week.)

The people of our community are enjoying this pretty sunshine.

Mr. Grady Neill has been sick for the past week.

Moving has been the leading occupation for several days. We welcome the new neighbors.

The young people of this community enjoyed a party at M. L. Montgomery's Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pyle have returned from an extended visit with his relatives near Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn have received the sad news that their son-in-law, Joe Denton, of Big Spring, was on his way to Baylor hospital for an examination. We hope him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Hester Reeves and children spent the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Lewis Pyle.

Several friends of Mrs. Mina Holiday enjoyed the go-away party Monday night at Mrs. Reynolds'. We are wishing her good luck on her return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner had as their Sunday guest Mr. John Frazier of White Church.

Mrs. Wade Ensminger entertained a few friends with a "42" party Saturday night.

Miss Lottie Butman visited with her sister, Mrs. Tommie Russom, Sunday.

DORA DOINGS

Brother Young of View preached at the Nolan Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Accepting the call to the church, he will preach here the fourth Sunday in each month. We are very glad indeed to have Brother Young for our pastor.

Homer Oliver, Tom Oliver and Mrs. Julia Smith of Phoenix, Ariz., came in Saturday for a visit with their brother, W. G., who is quite sick.

Brother Standlee filled the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday morning, with Rev. J. W. Watson preaching in the evening.

Mrs. S. E. Porter is spending the week in Sweetwater, visiting Mrs. G. W. Koerth and attending the revival at the First Baptist church.

Ford Phillips and Lloyd Magee made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday.

Edgar Elliott and family were Merkel visitors Sunday.

Relatives of Mr. Marsh Moore of Blackwell were called to his bedside last Wednesday morning and at 4:15 a. m. Thursday he answered the call, after an illness of a year. Mr. Moore had been a resident of this community for several years, from 1910 for several years later. He was laid to rest in the Blackwell cemetery.

Those on the sick list this week: Mr. and Mrs. Seward's baby, Mrs. Louise Tyrone and Miss Ouida Cross.

HEBRON NEWS

Mr. Rogers and family from Noodle have moved to where the Burlesons did live and Mr. Burleson has moved in the Ponder's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and children were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Jones, at Anson.

Miss Anna Mae Harris entertained her friends with a party Saturday night.

Mr. Bill Goza and wife returned from East Texas.

We were glad to welcome visitors from Union Ridge, Goodman and Noodle Sunday night at the B. Y. P. U. and we hope they come again.

Mr. Jack Pannell and son, Paul, went to the Divide on business last Tuesday.

Mrs. Gene Reece is on the sick list.

ALL DAY AT NOODLE.

Dear friends, as our Fifth Sunday convention is near at hand, I would be glad everybody will announce it at the different churches Sunday. So everyone will understand the place of meeting. You know Noodle has always met the needs of everything and entertained this convention royally. Our good friend, W. J. Bicknell, will have charge of the grounds, choose such help as he may need and let's meet and begin not later than 10:30 and have a real convention.

I know you will, because you have never failed. Remember this is time for the election of a someone in mind to serve you.

Come early and invite all your singing friends; if you have some singing friend, please drop him a postal card telling him we want him. Bring your dinner and song books. Be at the high school building at Noodle, ten miles north of Merkel, on the gravel road, at 10:30. Please do not forget to mention this in your church Sunday. All preachers are cordially invited.

Your president,
Tom Spears.

BLAIR ITEMS

Miss Anna Addison, who had her tonsils removed at the Merkel sanitarium Thursday, is resting as well as could be expected and we hope for her early recovery.

Madaline Brown, who has been a mighty sick child for several days, is not improving at this writing.

Orval Brown, Billie Campbell and Jewell Moore are recovering from recent illnesses.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Elworth Bell happened to a painful injury to his hand one day this week.

Brother Cyfert of Merkel delivered an interesting discourse at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.

Marshal Probine, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel, attended the funeral of the latter's nephew, Morgan Rice, of Dallas, the first of last week.

Mrs. Robert Moore has returned from a visit to Muleshoe, Texas.

Earl Pribble and his brother-in-law, Mr. White, of New Mexico, visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Odio Pribble, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield attended the bedside of their nephew, who was critically ill in Oklahoma, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors graciously entertained their daughters from King county recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson and son, Pete, of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rogers and Miss Harriet accompanied them back to attend school. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Russell and Mrs. Berry of Merkel were visitors in this home also Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan of Roscoe over the week-end, also Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton at Trent.

COMPERE NEWS

We are happy to be back again, after a siege of "flu" and other diseases. The health of the community seems to be fairly good at this writing.

Quite a few new students have enrolled in school since the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorden Clemmer entertained with a party Saturday night. A large crowd was present and an enjoyable time reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Tavin and family are moving to

The teachers and pupils have been wearing smiles since the school piano arrived on the scene. The school wishes to thank the merchants of Merkel for their nice donations, and Mr. George Smith for time spent in securing the articles for auction.

Mrs. Gene Bumpass and Mrs. Touchstone and daughter, Ruby, visited the teachers Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family of Abilene were Sunday guests in the Roman Palmer and George Smith homes.

L. C. Brown of Milver visited his sister, Mrs. M. K. Milner, Wednesday afternoon.

The singing at Zion Chapel Sunday night was enjoyed by a nice crowd.

Several in the community have been canning beets the past two weeks.

Mrs. S. S. Sherrell, Mrs. Lon Laven and Mrs. Dink Straley were school visitors last week.

Our Junior boys played the Stith Junior boys basketball team a fast game Friday afternoon, which resulted in a tie 2-2.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Watch Your Kidneys!

Don't Neglect Kidney and Bladder Irregularities

If bothered with bladder irregularities, getting up at night and nagging backache, heed promptly these symptoms. They may warn of some disordered kidney or bladder condition. For 50 years grateful users have relied upon Doan's Pills. Praised the country over. Sold by all druggists.

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...of the omission of the ... showing "cashier's checks outstanding" in the condensed statement of the Home State bank of Trent, as published in The Mail last week, the corrected statement appears in this issue.

The omitted line read: "Cashier's checks outstanding, \$2,167.25," and the statement as printed was out of balance this amount.

Appointments

(Continued on Page Five)

Members of the livestock sanitary board were named as follows:

Leo Callan of San Antonio, chairman; Dr. E. F. Jarrell of Smith county, and W. M. Glenn of Angelina county.

A. J. Power of Fort Worth was made assistant secretary of state, and Henry Owsley of Denton, a brother of Colonel Alvin Owsley of Dallas, was designated bluesky commissioner in that department.

Miss Frederick Turner of Washington county was appointed cashier in the secretary of state's office.

Mayo Neeland, Jr., of Greenville who served as a lieutenant in the 144th infantry overseas during the world war, was named assistant adjutant-general.

Lawrence McGee of Dallas was made quartermaster-general.

Ranger captains designated were J. E. Vaughn of Presidio county; D. E. Hamer of Dallas county; James Robbins of Bexar county; H. T. Odneal of Pecos county; R. W. Aldrich of Travis county, and E. H. Hammond of Harris county.

J. H. Davis, Jr., of Temple was named confidential secretary to Mrs. Ferguson. Others placed on the executive secretarial staff are John Wood of Timpson, Miss Gladys Little of Bosque county, Miss Kathleen Trigg of Bell county, and Miss Cora Langston of Milam county. Miss Langston was designated as stenographer.

Hunter McLean of Fort Worth was designated deputy commissioner in the insurance department.

Daniel will succeed W. A. Tarver who is chairman of the insurance commission.

CARD OF THANKS.

We appreciate every kind deed of good to us during the illness and death of our Raymond; especially do we thank doctors and nurses for their untiring efforts to save his life. The floral offerings were indeed beautiful and we are grateful to all who remembered our son in this thoughtful way. May God's blessings rest upon you all is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and Children.

THOMPSON-HENSON.

Saturday evening at 8:30, Miss Beulah Henson and Mr. J. M. Thompson, both of whom reside north of Trent, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the home of Rev. G. D. Pruitt, who performed the ceremony. The Mail joins many friends in extending them best wishes for a long and happy married life.

QUEEN

Tonight and Saturday



Richard ARTHELMESS
in
CABIN in the COTTON

...Another sensational First National hit with

Bette Davis
Dorothy Jordan
and hundreds of others



Also "JUNGLE MYSTERY"
and "MERRIE MELODY"

STARS IN SOUTHERN PICTURE

Richard Barthelmess and Bette Davis in one of the scenes from "The Cabin in the Cotton," a story of Dixie, which shows at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.



CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FIRST CLASS SINCLAIR Kerosene, 7 cents delivered. J. D. Porter, Agent, Sinclair Refining Co. Phone 288.

FOR SALE—Bargain Burroughs adding machine and stand, excellent condition; price \$60, first cost \$170; steel filing cabinets, wood filing cabinets, typewriters and typewriter desk. Grapotype machine, Addressograph plates, Office desk, swivel chair, steel safe, lovely dining room suite, Frigidaire, all in excellent condition. Will consider milk cows or truck or hogs in trade. Address "E. D." or inquire at Merkel Mail office.

SWEETWATER KEROSENE, guaranteed to be as good as the best, 7 cents. Blue Front Motor Company. Phone 101.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good disc plow for team or tractor. See Burl Scott or Earl Lassiter.

A-1 MILK COW for sale. E. C. Richards.

FOR SALE—Setting eggs, Rhode Island Reds, good winter layers. See Joe Stalls at L. L. Murray Ice Station.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Fine, clean seed oats; also wheat, maize, cane and higuera; one almost new double row McCormick-Deering cultivator. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

WANTED

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE for elderly people, ages up to 80, maximum \$3,000. Write Postoffice box 764, Abilene, Texas.

WANTED—Smocking and sewing, especially children's clothes. Mrs. H. C. Reid at Judge Cobb's home.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—From home, six months old Jersey heifer calf. Notify Roy Baccus, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

W. P. Derrington, 71 years old and one of our well known pioneers, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Tuesday for major surgery. His condition Wednesday was reported by attendants as fair.

J. T. Kellum, a state barber shop inspector, was seriously hurt in a fall from the second story gallery of a building on Front street last Friday morning. Both arms were broken near the wrist, the right eye was injured and Mr. Kellum received body bruises. After emergency treatment here, he was taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. Mr. Kellum went up a stairway which had been abandoned and the flooring of the gallery gave way, causing him to fall about 18 feet.

The city, under the direction of City Marshal Dickinson, is doing some much needed work in burning weeds and trash and clearing vacant lots in the business district. A force of about 25 men was engaged in the work Thursday.

A predicted cold wave with temperatures down to 20 degrees did not materialize Tuesday evening, according to prognostications of the weather bureau. Instead Merkel has been enjoying the mildest sort of weather this week.

Form B-76 No. 1398

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 20th day of January, 1933.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 63,810.02
Loans secured by real estate	19,484.32
Overdrafts	23.11
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	3,293.51
Banking House	3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Cash in bank	6,260.50
Due from approved reserve agents	96,753.56
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	6,489.31
Total	\$200,114.33

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	23,273.86
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	149,673.22
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,167.25
Total	\$200,114.33

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1933.

ROSIE LANEY,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
T. L. STEVENS,
A. WILLIAMSON,
G. F. WEST,
Directors.

Form B-76 No. 1619

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31 day of December, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 20th day of January, 1933.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 81,171.84
Loans secured by real estate	12,235.60
Overdrafts	68.62
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	4,000.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	2,400.00
Cash in bank	9,031.47
Due from approved reserve agents	24,402.69
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	298.52
Other Resources	7,958.17
Bills of Exchange, cotton	23,040.59
Total	\$187,107.50

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	130,344.64
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,989.33
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,778.53
Total	\$187,107.50

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, C. M. Largent, as President and Herbert Patterson, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.

HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, A. D. 1933.

N. D. COBB,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
W. L. DILTZ,
J. S. SWANN,
DAVID HENDRICKS,
Directors.

Methodist W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met in regular session last Monday evening in a very profitable meeting, each officer pledging herself to give of her best to her duty as designated by her office, thereby co-operating with the president to make this the best year in their history. The society will meet next Monday at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess in a social meeting.

See the mystery rooster at Red & White Store at Blair. (Advertisement.)

FOR SALE.

Any variety of state certified seed at lowest prices they can be bought anywhere. See me before you buy. C. V. Shelton.

UNPRECEDENTED BARGAINS IN

USED FARM IMPLEMENTS FOR SALE

Cash or approved note

1 Avery Bob-Cat double disc	\$20.00
1 Sandres Pony Disc	15.00
1 John Deere Pony Disc	17.50
1 Case dou. row planter	35.00
1 John Deere dou. row planter	25.00
1 Case sin. row planter	15.00
1 Grain drill 9 ft.	35.00
2 Walking turning plows, choice	5.00
6 Walking Middle busters, choice	5.00
1 Standard dou. row cultivator	35.00
1 Case dou. row cultivator	25.00
2 sin. row cultivators, choice	12.50
5 section harrows, choice	3.50
1 Wagon, complete with cotton frame	12.50
1 Wagon, running gear only	5.00

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel, Texas



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Unimpaired eyesight is essential to the growing child... for two reasons: First, because good vision enables him to keep pace with his schoolmates and his playmates. Second, because strong eyes, guarded in youth, will last a lifetime.

Improper lighting is one of the largest causes of weakened eyes. If you permit your child to study or even to play where there is not enough light, or where there is a blinding glare, you are making a mistake that may prove disastrous.

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One of our trained employees will be happy to inspect your lighting arrangements... without charge or obligation, of course. Chances are, a simple rearrangement of your present equipment, with larger or smaller lamps in a few of the fixtures, is all you need. Call for an inspection TODAY.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 738 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, a gain of 10 over the previous Sunday's attendance. On the first Sunday of the year only 536 were present, last Sunday's attendance being over 200 more than on the first Sunday of the year.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service, as it is the pastor's day at Baird.

According to the committee of evangelism to work out meetings throughout the presbytery, Rev. J. W. Joiner of Winters will be here Monday, Jan. 30, for a few days meeting. All the pastors and church people of the city are invited to take part in these services. Further announcement will be made next week.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject: "How unselfish should we be?"

Introduction, by leader, Duncan Briggs.

Opening statements, by leader.
"Sweet but selfish," Caribel Mansfield.

"Giving life to save life," Milton Shannon.

"The generous," Neil Durham.
"Jane Adams' decision," Lois Whiteley.

"A camp leader's spirit," Cephas Wozenercraft.

"In school competition," Lucille Campbell.
Business.
Benediction.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All regular services will be held Sunday. Preaching services at 11 o'clock and 7:15. Sunday School starts promptly at 10 o'clock. B. T. S. is held at 8:15. All officers and teachers are requested to be present Sunday morning at 9:45 in the T. E. L. room for a short prayer service.

Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:15.

Everyone be sure and come to Sunday School Sunday morning and to B. T. S. Sunday evening and bring someone with you. We are trying for a goal of 300 at Sunday School and 100 at B. T. S. next Sunday.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

"Should the eighteenth amendment be repealed?"

Come to Senior B. Y. P. U. and hear it discussed at 6:15 Sunday evening.

First part, Comer Haynes.

Second part, Yates Brown.

Third part, Mrs. Claude Perry.

Fourth part, Mary Parrish.

Fifth part, Leonard Reeves.

Sixth part, Mildred Hamm.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

We were made happy with the good increase in Sunday School and church attendance last Sunday.

Rev. Rex Kendall of McMurry visited among us this week. His pleasing smile is always welcomed.

Regular services Sunday morning and evening.

The contest between the Business Men's class and the Kings Daughters is proving right interesting. The men won out last Sunday.

We want a picture of the old depot, the old Methodist church and the old original school building that stood where the tabernacle is now. Want to have engravings made of them. Who has the picture?

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Because I am selling lubricating oil at 15c per quart, two quarts for 25c and 37c per gallon, (heavy oil, 42 cents per gallon,) it has been charged that I am selling re-run oil. As a matter of fact, I am selling Sinclair oil just as good as anybody's oil. Also have tractor oil and good serviceable gasoline.

T. W. WARD

At the Campbell station, east of town on highway.

Doctor Cancels All Bills.

Texarkana, Jan. 19.—Cancellation of all bills owed him for professional services dating back to 1883 was announced Monday by Dr. F. M. Leonard, pioneer physician.

26 States Favor Amendment.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Twenty-six states, only 10 less than the required number, have completed ratification of the constitutional amendment changing the terms of the president and members of congress.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Johnny Lovell, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, Abilene, will preach at the Fundamentalist tabernacle next Sunday at 3 p. m. Singing will begin at 2 p. m. Be present promptly at 2 o'clock and hear a special song, "The Romish Lady," who died a martyr in flames and fire, their father and mother consenting to her death, while she prays for them.

Our Bible School is growing in interest and attendance. We urge every member to be present Sunday at 10:15 a. m. If you want a New Testament all your own, be at Bible School and turn your name in to your teacher.

If you enjoy music on the the accordion, be at service Saturday night. Saturday night we preach on "Music in the Church."

We want all Juniors to be present Sunday and take your place in the new Junior choir. We will elect some new teachers Sunday and begin some new classes. We kindly ask all who attend our services to be in tabernacle during the time of our services, for an officer will be stationed at the front of the building to see that this request is carried out. Sunday night sermon, "Voice of Our God through Pick and Spade."

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Sallie Mary Campbell is spending the week with relatives in Sweetwater.

Mrs. T. F. Compton, who has been seriously ill for sometime, seems to be improving.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider of Brownwood is spending a few days as guest in the A. T. Sheppard home.

Miss Eula Sears has just returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Douglas at Sunset.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble have as their guest Mr. Gamble's niece, Miss Sue Craven, of Paducah, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford have been in Austin this week for the inauguration of Governor Ferguson.

G. W. Winter of Abilene, but who lived in Jones county more than 48 years and who is well known here, was a Merkel visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and little daughter, Nancy Sue, of San Angelo spent the week-end with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey.

Arriving Monday from Prescott, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes, accompanied by Horton Williams, a brother of Mrs. Holmes, are guests of Mr. Holmes' father, Joe Holmes.

Miss Selma Lee Russell, a student nurse at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, who recently underwent a major operation, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

J. B. Thomas and son, J. S., of Fort Worth were week-end visitors with his father, J. S. Thomas, who continues (spite ill. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and two daughters of Breckenridge were also here to see their father.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. McCandless and little daughters, Mona Merial and Barbara Ann, arrived Friday from Los Angeles. They will visit Mr. McCandless' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, and Mrs. McCandless' father and sister, T. H. Christopher and Mrs. Len Sublett.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

The club met Tuesday for its usual lesson. "Twelfth Night" was studied and discussed. These stories, which are written in child language by Miss E. Nesbitt of London, are beautiful and inspiring as well as educational.

During the business session of the meeting, plans were made for a party on next club day, in which the mothers will be guests. It will be a happy occasion indeed to have the mothers present.

—Reporter.

S. J. T. Williams to Preach.

Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at Salt Branch Sunday, Jan. 22. At the morning service Mrs. Williams will sing, "Life wears a different face to me since I found my Saviour." The whole community is invited to come to church.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

NURSE TELLS HOW TO SLEEP SOUND, STOP GAS

Nurse V. Fletcher says: "Stomach gas bloated me so bad I could not sleep. One spoonful Adlerika brought out all the gas and now I sleep well and feel fine." Merkel Drug Company.

News of Sudden Death Of Mrs. Mollie Adams Reaches Friends Here

News of the death of Mrs. Mary Agness (Mollie) Adams, who lived in Merkel for over twenty-five years, leaving here in 1925, was received with sincerest regret by a large circle of friends of the family.

Mrs. Adams died of paralysis, or heart failure, in the early morning of January 10 at her home at O'Donnell. She had been taken with the flu on December 17, but her condition never seemed really serious, and she seemed well on the road to recovery, having sat up on two occasions. On the morning of her death she had arisen about 2 o'clock to wait on herself. Her daughter, Mary, hearing her make an unusual noise, went to her and found her unconscious. She died before a physician could reach the home.

She was born in Mississippi on Nov. 7, 1864, and removed with her parents to Freestone county, Texas, at the age of three years. On Nov. 10, 1891, she was married to W. E. Adams. Removing to Merkel in 1900, they resided here until Nov. 25, 1925, when they moved to O'Donnell.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Adams is survived by all five of their children: Ray Adams of Tahoka, Roy Adams of O'Donnell, Mary Adams, who lived with her parents, and Lewis and Joe Adams of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren, Peggy Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams, and John L. Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Adams; three brothers, Paul Fulton of Jewett, Texas, W. A. (Bill) Fulton of Brownfield, Tom Fulton of Donie, Texas, and three sisters, Mrs. J. C. McKinney of Mexia, Mrs. E. C. Colbert of Jewett and Mrs. Florence Cobb of Brownwood.

At the age of 17, Mrs. Adams was converted and joined the Baptist church, being the first member of her family to join the church, the others all following later.

She was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery at Brownfield, funeral services being held from the Baptist church of that place. The Rev. Vincent, a long time pastor and friend of the family, assisted by Rev. Hale, pastor of the Brownfield church, conducted the services. Pall bearers were two nephews of the deceased and four cousins of her husband. Flower girls were four cousins of her husband.

A friend of the deceased has written the following beautiful tribute: "To me and to her other countless friends, she was known to be the most shining example of true motherhood

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday
Spencer Tracy
Marion Nixon
Stuart Erwin
"FACE IN THE SKY"
Just the picture you'll want to see.

Sunday-Monday
DID YOU LIKE
"Hell Divers"—"Min and Bill"
and "The Champ"
Wallace Beery in
"FLESH"
Dwarfs them all as the wrestling champ who trains in a beer garden.

Tuesday-Wednesday
Robert Montgomery
Constance Cummings
"BILLION DOLLAR SCANDAL"

Thurs.-Fri.
Harold Lloyd in
"MOVIE CRAZY"
He only makes one a year but they're worth it.

ANNOUNCING

PERRY BROTHERS
INSTANT SERVICE
SHOE SHOP

Just opened in former location of Dunning Drug Store

We have bought the shoe repair shop equipment and stock of N. A. Dowell and will be glad to serve all old patrons as well as new ones.

Satisfaction guaranteed

and unflinching Christianity that it has ever been my privilege to know. And she did not have to pass away for her friends and family to realize her true worth. Never before have I known a woman so generally loved and adored as this woman was, both by her friends and family."

Barthelme's New Film Tale of Modern South

After "The Birth of a Nation"—what?

"The Cabin in the Cotton," Richard Barthelme's latest starring vehicle for First National, which comes to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday, attempts in epic style to tell the story of what happened to the great American inland empire known familiarly as "The South," after it was "born."

America, in spite of democracy, does have "classes," as this picture shows. Planters and "share-croppers," ruling class and negroes, are all shown here as they are today, a heterogeneous mass of mixed humanity all working out their individual destinies against the background of the new and fast-awakening south, though retaining much of the romantic sweetness of the "old" South.

It is not, however, a "problem" play. Vivid drama vies with light-hearted comedy, and stark tragedy with the gaiety of the colored, flows throughout the movie. In it is the passion of the hot-headed planters, the "aristocrats" of the south; the deep suffering of the "poor whites," the happiness and revelry of the negro, are so expertly blended that the story is told without the slightest preachment.

The story is by Harry Harrison Kroll, the screen adaptation by Paul Green, Pulitzer prizewinning playwright. Dorothy Jordan, Bette Davis, Henry B. Walthall and others support Mr. Barthelme, Michael Curtiz directed.

The Queen management announces that due to business conditions only one show a week will be run every Friday and Saturday until business justifies more. Local patronage will be appreciated.

WOMAN LOST 20 POUNDS IN 4 WEEKS

Mr. Mc West of St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I'm only 28 yrs. old and weighed 170 lbs. until taking one box of your Kruschen Salts just 4 weeks ago. I now weigh 150 lbs. I also have more energy and further more I've never had a hungry moment."

Fat folks should take one half teaspoonful of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water in the morning before breakfast—it's the SAFE, harmless way to reduce as tens of thousands of men and women know.

For your health's sake ask for and get Kruschen at any drug store—the cost for a bottle that lasts 4 weeks is but a trifle and if after the first bottle you are not joyfully satisfied with results—money back.

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Big Names in Sport World are Found in New Beery Picture

Wallace Beery is surrounded by some of the greatest names in the sport world in his new starring picture, "Flesh," showing at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday.

In addition to the regular cast which includes Karen Morley, Ricardo Cortez, Jean Hersholt and John Miljan, the picture employed a crew of huskies which by comparison makes Captain Kidd's pluguglies look almost effeminate.

Among Beery's pals in "Flesh" are Wladak Zbyszko, former world's heavyweight champion wrestler, who is Beery's opponent in the "big scene" of the picture; "Wild Bill" Betts and Nat Pendleton, also matmen; Jack Herrick and Larry Williams, formerly Jack Dempsey's sparring partners; Kid Wagner, Willie Keeler and Charlie Sullivan, one-time fighters; Fredrick Peters, the old-time naval "gob" who put on a tuxedo to box Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, millionaire sportsman, in Philadelphia more than twenty years ago; Jack Perry, the terror of New York's early gang wars; and Ward Bond, ex-U. S. football tackle.

Beery has the role of Polikai, a wrestling waiter who becomes champion of Germany, and comes to America, where he runs afoul of a crooked wrestling ring, besides getting himself entangled in an illicit love affair between Karen Morley and Ricardo Cortez.

See the mystery rooster at Red & White Store at Blair. (Advertisement.)

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Death Claims Before 20th

Not yet twenty years of a Monday Stapleton, oldest child of Mrs. A. J. Stapleton, passed away Monday morning at 9:25. He took to his bed on October 7, last, and had never been well since, having suffered over three months. During this extended illness, all that loving hands could do was gladly and cheerfully done by his immediate family and by a large circle of friends but God, in His wisdom, saw fit to call him to a brighter world.

It was on Sunday morning, December 11, last, that he surrendered his life to Christ. He was known throughout the city as one of its finest and most promising young men and his death indeed brings sorrow to many.

Funeral services were held at noon Tuesday from the Church of the Nazarene, conducted by Miss Leona Forbes, now at Buffalo Gap, but formerly pastor here. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: J. D. Sandusky, G. W. Hughes, Virgil Patterson, Ed Wright, Otis Peterson and Leo Tucker.

Besides his parents, Raymond is survived by one brother, John Andrew, and three sisters, Ada May, Mildred and Eula Mabel.

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BANANAS, extra nice, per lb.	15c
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GREEN BEANS, Stokley's, No. 2 can, 2 for	19c
MILK, baby size, 6 cans for	19c
SALT, Table, 5 pound package	12c
CRANBERRIES, per quart	15c
CORN, No. 2 size, 2 cans	19c
PICKLES, sour, whole, per quart	15c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lb. qt. jar	25c
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