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HONOR ROLL FOR THIS SIX WEEKS CONTAINS NAMES OF 107 PUPILS

36 High School and 71 Grammar School Students on List; Splendid Showing Made, Despite Absences Because of Flu.

Despite the large number of absences due to the flu epidemic, about 20 per cent of the enrolled pupils of the Merkel Public schools made the requirements for the honor roll this six weeks. The list contains the names of 107 students, 36 from high school and 71 from grammar school, 22 per cent of the High school students and about 20 per cent of the Grammar school made the requirements.

To be on this honor roll, the student must have been neither tardy nor absent during the period, must have made at least 90 per cent on department, must not have made less than 75 per cent on any one subject and must have made a general average for the period of 90 per cent or more.

The Seniors led with 31 per cent on the roll. With an average of 95 each, Nell Hughes, Senior, and Louise Tombs, Sophomore, top the list of High school students.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
First Grade, Mrs. Nash.
Dorothy Nell Haynes, 96; Billie Joe Dunn, 93.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Ann Patricia Leonard, 98; George Mack Owens, 98; Jack Haynes, 96; Don Hutcheson, 96; Mary Jo Hutcheson, 96; Willie Sue Morgan, 96; Allene Russell, 96; Bea Smith, 96; Peggy Joyce Tombs, 94; Matilene London, 93; Robert Edward Stanford, 93.

Second Grade, Miss Swann.
Marjlyn Sue Grimes, 98; Billie Clyde Haynes, 97; Billie Tom Hutcheson, 96; Joe Earl Kimbrough, 94; Joe Land, 94; Glynn Dunn, 92; Gwynn Dunn, 92; Bob Jenkins, 90.
Second Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Margaret Sharp, 92; He An-Per.
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Presbyterian Revival Continues Next Week

Beginning last Monday night, Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Winters and Tuscola, is conducting a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church here, in keeping with the plan of the committee on evangelism in this presbytery.

Services are held twice daily and much interest is being manifested. The morning services begin at 10 o'clock and the evening hour is 7:15.

Rev. Mr. Joiner will preach at both services Sunday, while Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the local church, will fill his pulpit at Winters.

It is announced that the meeting will continue into next week.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 31, 1913.)

January 28th the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock association met in regular session for the purpose of electing the following officers: E. H. Cordell, president; R. A. Ellis, vice-president; R. A. McClain, secretary, and H. M. Rose, treasurer. G. E. Holland, G. L. Baker and W. L. Diltz were elected to look after affairs of the executive committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd were in Abilene Saturday visiting friends.

Misses Maude Jenkins, Mattie Murphy and Melissa Smith were in Abilene Sunday.

Fritz Fulwiler of Abilene was here Sunday visiting R. O. Anderson.

Miss Annie Smith accepted a position this week with our local Uncle Sam, taking charge of the general delivery window.

Luther Woodroof of Waxahachie came in Monday morning and promptly removed his coat and went to work for his brother, W. D. Woodroof. The junior member of the family says Merkel still looks good to him after an absence of three years.

Mrs. H. L. Propst visited Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent.

167 PUPILS IN MERKEL HIGH

Some Observations by Superintendent at End of First Semester; Co-operation Urged.

(By Supt. Roger A. Burgess.)
The first semester is now closed with one hundred sixty-seven High school pupils in actual attendance and receiving report cards. Averages have been made for the first half-year. Some have dropped below the passing average for the first semester. This average can be brought up to a passing average by the end of the year provided it is not too low. Pupils in High school are much like adults in life. Many are satisfied to merely "get by." A student who merely gets by cannot hope to get much out of his work. It will never be of very much use to him in life.

FAILURES.
In school just as in after life, some pupils make failures of their undertakings. The causes are about the same as in after life. The main cause is lack of interest in his work which results in not working his best. The greatest percentage of failures come in the first year of high school. Of the total number of grades given in High school for the first semester, about 16 per cent or one-in-six were failing grades. For each failing grade (red mark) made, it should be remembered there were five passing grades; 84 per cent passing and 16 per cent failing.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED.
Parents of those who fail can materially help by doing everything possible to see that school work comes first. If the work of High school is worth spending time and money upon, it is worth doing well. Many students fail because the proper emphasis is not placed upon doing school work well. The child who passes through school by merely "getting by" will not gain very much from his having spent eleven years in school. We can save the child from having to realize that he has failed by helping him place more emphasis upon his school work.

Prohibition Rally at Butman Monday night

A prohibition rally at Butman tabernacle is announced for next Monday night beginning at 8 o'clock.

The principal speaker will be Rev. Mr. Yarbrough, pastor of one of the Methodist churches at Sweetwater.

All friends of the cause of prohibition are invited to attend.

COTTON CROP SETS RECORD IN TAYLOR CO.

Season's Total Up to Jan. 16 Thousand Bales Over Record of 1925-26; Jones is Banner County of State.

Cotton ginning figures released for Taylor county by Tobias Watson, government statistician, place the total, prior to January 16, at 56,809 bales. The sum is larger by almost 1,000 bales than the next highest production, a figure of 55,969 bales reached in 1925-26.

Ginning in the county continues at slow pace; and some have estimated that the final figure will be 58,000 to 60,000 bales.

The abundant production is shared by most of Taylor's neighbors this year, particularly Jones, Haskell and Lubbock counties, whose production places them among the first five counties of the state. Jones is Texas' banner county, with a ginning total of 98,809 bales. That is more than twice the figure of last year, 44,689.

Taylor, also, is well ahead of last year's total of 36,494 bales. The yearly average—based on production for the 14 years since the drought year of 1918 is 37,250 bales.

While the ginnings reported by The Mail include two Jones county gins, it is interesting to note that the combined total so far for the current season of the six gins at Merkel and the gins at Noodle, Stith and Blair has reached approximately 29,000 bales.

Out of Town Visitors CE Meet Number 73

Seventy-three visitors were present for the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Presbyterian young people of this presbytery at Grace Presbyterian church last Sunday. Towns represented were: Ranger, Abilene, Breckenridge and Merkel. While the meeting was sponsored by the Christian Endeavor, several pastors were among those in attendance, including Rev. L. B. Gray of Ranger, Rev. Mr. Markley of Breckenridge and Rev. E. B. Surface of Abilene, besides Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the local church.

Plans were outlined for attending the district Christian Endeavor at San Angelo, the C. E. International convention at Milwaukee, Wis., and the Presbyterian encampment at Buffalo Gap.

Dinner was served the visitors in the basement of the church at 6 o'clock, following the afternoon session. Gordon Weir of Abilene was toastmaster and talks were made by Miss Dora Garoutte of Merkel and Brooks Gilmore of Ranger.

The next meeting of young people will be held in July in Stamford.

NECROLOGY

JEFF HARVEY.
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Palava for Jeff Harvey, 45, who died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home in the Newman community.

Mr. Harvey, who had lived in that community for about 15 years, is survived by three children: Mary Ella, Alvin and T. J. Harvey. His wife died five years ago.

He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. J. E. Harvey, of Abilene; three brothers, W. T., of Palava; W. J. and Otis, of Abilene, and three sisters, Mrs. W. F. Turner, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Melton Harvey, all of Abilene.

ELONZO JACKSON HAYNIE.

Elonzo Jackson Haynie, age 66 years, a resident of Taylor county for nearly 36 years and who formerly lived near Merkel, died at 1 a. m. Tuesday at the home of his brother-in-law, G. P. Bradley, at Tuscola. His death was caused by a heart involvement. He was born in Georgia and came to Texas in 1897, settling in south Taylor county, near Dewey.

He is survived by two children, Mrs. Martha Grounds, of Paris, and E. J. Haynie, Jr., of View. Other survivors include his father, Rice Haynie, age 90, a brother living in Arkansas, and two sisters, Mrs. Effie Bryant and Mrs. Gene Ranson of Lawn.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Dewey cemetery, with Rev. W. J. West of Anson, Primitive Baptist minister, officiating.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Discontinuance of air mail service between Big Spring and San Antonio was announced from Washington effective the first of February.

Judge Ed R. Kone, 84, former state commissioner of agriculture and at the time of his death Austin corporation judge, died at Austin Monday.

Willie Henderson, convict lifer at the Central State prison farm at Sugarland, was shot to death by a guard, whom it is said the convict had attacked with a hammer.

When Joe McCasland took oath January 1 as county judge of Marion county he became at the age of 25 years the youngest county judge in Texas and possibly the youngest in the United States.

Less than 48 hours before he was due to be electrocuted, Hilton Bybee, 21, of Cottle county, received a commutation of life imprisonment. It was the first death penalty case coming before Governor Ferguson for consideration.

A motion for a new trial was filed Monday at Sweetwater by attorneys for L. M. Parks, who was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment on a charge of murder in connection with the drowning of his wife at Lake Trammel, north of Sweetwater, last July.

April 22 was fixed in a proclamation by Governor Ferguson as the date for a final election to choose a successor to Vice-President-elect John N. Garner, who will assume his new office on March 4. Two democratic primaries will be held before that date.

Joe H. Eagle, a former congressman, who served from 1913 to 1921, carried by an overwhelming majority the special election in the eighth congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Congressman Daniel E. Garrett. He was also elected to serve the next long term.

Both branches of the legislature Wednesday voted bills extending the limit on payment of 1933 motor vehicle taxes and Governor Ferguson has expressed approval of the plan as a relief measure, but due to a divergence between the houses as to how long the extension should be the legislation has still to be perfected.

Senate Rejects Two Sterling Appointees

Austin, Feb. 2.—The senate Wednesday night rejected two of three appointments made by former Governor R. S. Sterling, then confirmed six appointments made by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

Tom Garrard of Lubbock, reappointed to the board of education by Sterling, was confirmed. C. H. Chernocky of Houston and Ben F. Tisinger of Garland, also reappointed to the board of education by Sterling, were rejected.

The senate confirmed Mrs. Ferguson's selection for the University of Texas board of regents and the livestock sanitary commission. They were: board of regents, L. J. Sulak of La Grange, H. J. Litcher of Orange and Dr. K. H. Ayneworth of Waco; livestock sanitary commission, Dr. E. F. Jarrell of Smith county, Leo Callan of Bexar county and W. M. Glenn of Angelina county.

Merkel Cagers Lose To Noodle 21 to 8

The Noodle forward wall threw itself into the defense formed by the Badgers and tossed them for a 21-8 loss. The game ran in channels with the Badger name on them until the end of the half. At the half the score favored Merkel 7-4.

But the last half of a game is usually as long as the first half and it was in this last half that Noodle began executing an offense and forming a defense that Merkel couldn't penetrate. Noodle, for the last half tallied 17 points while Merkel chalked only 1.

Reese and Durham were the outstanding players of the game playing the whole fray. Church was out of the line-up.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, of Noodle, Thursday, January 26, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes, Saturday, January 28, 1933.

MERKEL POULTRY SHOW TO OPEN FEBRUARY 13; WILL LAST THREE DAYS

MANY CABINET POSTS "FILLED"

Newton D. Baker Likely Secretary of State and Carter Glass for Treasury Portfolio.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Although certain names seem to be nearer the selection point than others, it is taken for granted here that the cabinet of President-elect Roosevelt will not be definitely known before the middle of February.

Tentatively these are the names most likely:

Secretary of state—Newton D. Baker, Normal H. Davis or Bernard M. Baruch.

Secretary of the treasury—Senator Carter Glass of Virginia or Bernard M. Baruch.

Secretary of war—Several names mentioned but no indication of who will be selected.

Attorney general—Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana.

Secretary of the navy—Senator Swanson of Virginia or former Senator Cohen of Georgia.

Secretary of agriculture—Henry Wallace of Iowa or Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

Secretary of the interior—Senator Cutting of New Mexico or former Governor Dern of Utah.

Secretary of commerce—Jesse Strauss of New York or Senator Hull of Tennessee.

Secretary of labor—Frances Perkins of New York.

Postmaster general—James A. Farley of New York.

Association Divided Into Three Zones

Reorganization of the Sweetwater Associational Baptist Training school resulted from the meeting of the young people of the association held at the First Baptist church here last Sunday. According to the plans adopted, the association was divided, as it originally was, into three zones, Merkel, Abilene and Sweetwater.

Officers of the Merkel zone, which includes the churches of Capps, Mt. Pleasant, Salt Branch, Shep, Blair, Tye and Merkel, are: E. B. Milam, Capps church, president; T. D. Riddick, Merkel, vice president, and Miss Hassey, Tye, secretary-treasurer.

First zone meetings will be held February 26 and with the permission of the Salt Branch church the meeting of the Merkel zone will be held there.

BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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

BE OF JOY AND GOOD CHEER.

Something more than a hundred years ago a sermon was preached in St. John's Church, New York, which dealt very severely with the frailties of poor human nature, and put forth, with the assurance of the promise of eternal punishment for a lapse of unfortunate reputation but keen mind, whose name lingers to him in our history. As he left the church a lady spoke to him. "What did you think of the sermon, Mr. Burr?" she asked. "I think," responded Aaron Burr, "that God is better than most people suppose."

That was the message of Jesus—that God is supremely better than anybody had ever dared to believe. Not a petulant Creator, who had lost control of his creation and, in wrath, was determined to destroy it all. Not a stern Judge dispensing impersonal justice. Not a vain King who must be flattered and bribed into concessions of mercy. Not a rigid Accountant, checking up the sins against the penances of striking a cold hard balance. Not any of these... nothing like these... but a great Companion, a wonderful Friend, a kindly indulgent, joy-loving Father...

For three years Jesus walked up and down the shores of his lake and through the streets of towns and cities, trying to make them understand. Then came the end, and almost before his fine firm flesh was cold, the distortion began. He who had cared nothing for ceremonies and forms was made the idol of formalism. Men hid themselves in monasteries; they lashed themselves with whips; they tortured their skins with harsh garments and cried out that they were followers of him—of him who loved the crowd, who gathered children about him wherever he went, who celebrated the calling of a new disciple with a feast in which all the neighborhood joined!

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Besides Cash Premiums, Business Men of Merkel Offer Merchandise Prizes Totalling \$100; H. M. Rose Will Judge.

The third annual show of the Merkel Poultry association will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 13, 14 and 15. The show will be held in the Max Melling building just east of the "M" System store.

In addition to the regular cash premiums offered by the association the merchants and professional men of Merkel are offering special prizes of approximately \$100.00 in merchandise.

H. M. Rose of Sweetwater will judge the show; R. A. Ellis, association president, has been named superintendent and Castle B. Ellis, secretary. The committees have everything in readiness and hope to have a better show than ever before.

This year the entries are restricted to the Merkel trade territory. The association extends an urgent invitation to all poultry raisers to show with them this year. There will be a prize offered for every breed of chicken entered. If you have a breed not mentioned in the following premium list, enter them and receive a prize.

"The purpose of the show is to stimulate interest in good chickens. The best way known to learn your special breed is in the show room. That is why we invite you to show with us and help put the show over in a big way," said Secretary Ellis.

The show will be governed by the American Poultry association rules. All entries must be in not later than 4 p. m. Monday, Feb. 13, to compete for premiums. The judging will begin Tuesday.

The cash premiums on each variety of chickens will be: pens, first \$1.50, second \$1.00, third, ribbon, fourth, ribbon, fifth, ribbon; singles: first, \$1.00, second, 50c, third, ribbon, fourth, ribbon, fifth, ribbon.

Entry fees will be 25c each for single birds and \$1.00 for pens (one male and four females). Birds may be entered as singles and also in pens, which will entitle them to compete in all prizes offered. There must be seven or more entries in each class of each breed to receive first money, five or more to receive second money except pens where there must be three or more to receive second money or more. Otherwise ribbons and honors only will be awarded. All birds must be leg-banded with numbers on them so that proper entry can be made. Entry fees must be paid when birds are entered.

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cards of thanks, etc., are classed as
advertising, and will be charged for
at 1c per word.

**McDonald Grocery to
Hold Open House All
Day Saturday, Feb. 4**

In their modernized store, the J. H. McDonald Grocery company will keep open house all day Saturday, Feb. 4, to visitors, invitation being extended through their advertisement in this issue of The Mail and also through circulars.

During the past two weeks the store has undergone a complete overhauling, with new shelving arrangement and plenty of space for displaying goods. The interior has been completely refinished and painted, presenting a more inviting appearance.

Sandwiches, coffee and cakes will be served free all day Saturday, it is announced.

BRUCE BARTON

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His last supper with his disciples was an hour of solemn memories. Their minds were heavy with foreboding. He talked earnestly, but the whole purpose of his talk was to lift up their hearts, to make them think nobly of themselves, to fill their spirits with a conquering faith.

"My joy I leave with you," he exclaimed.
"Be of good cheer," he exclaimed.
Joy . . . cheer . . . these are the words by which he wished to be remembered. But down through the ages has come the wicked falsehood that Jesus never laughed.

Next Week: His Method.

PERSONALS

Miss Margie Coats is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Barbee, for a few days.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens has as her guest her brother, D. W. Green, of Chichasha, Okla.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens and son, Silas, visited Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. McCracken, in Hamlin.

After a week-end visit with her parents, Mrs. Bob Echols returned Monday to her home in Albany.

Mrs. Roy Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats and daughter, Margie, were shopping in Abilene one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent of Brownwood were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Frank Ferrier of Clovis, N. M., is spending several days here visiting his brother, Ross, and greeting old friends.

After a pleasant visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Miss Townner Key of Winters has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple accompanied Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little of Tuscola on a week-end trip to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. Armstrong returned Monday from Fort Worth where she went to carry her little granddaughter, stopped over Sunday at Cisco to her daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox. Norma Patton of Abilene was the week-end at home and was spanied by a group of college who enjoyed picnic outings riding to their great de-

rown and Willie Joe Largent, attending the Hereford sale at Hereford last week, also went on to Amarillo, Pampa and Miami, taking in most of the cattle country to the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coats and Charlie Coats of Big Spring visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats, of White Church Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Bill Winters and family of Noodle Saturday night.

Mrs. Clark Munday, who underwent a minor operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium recently, was able to be brought home Saturday. She is now recuperating at her father's, Mr. W. L. Hudson's home at Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King have as their guest a brother-in-law, Mr. B. H. Burns of Bloomfield, N. J. Recently Mr. and Mrs. King and Mr. Burns visited Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King on their ranch located on the Big Spring and Sterling City highway.

**"Fugitive" Picture
Shows at Queen**



Paul Muni, as the "Fugitive" in the picture "I Am A Fugitive From A Chain Gang," which shows at the Queen theatre tonight and Saturday.

"I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang," a Warner Bros. picture starring Paul Muni, which shows tonight and Saturday at the Queen, is a strikingly picturesque and realistic picturization of a wellbred man's experiences as a convict on a chain gang, with all the attendant thrills of two escapes in which the prisoner is pursued by armed posses and bloodhounds.

Not only is it said to carry more thrilling and sensational episodes than most screen dramas, but it presents a triple romance of strange and glamorous love. The picture is based on the novel by Robert E. Burns which caused so much comment recently, because of the incredible revelations of chain gang prison life.

Driven to desperation by the torture of the whipping post and other cruelties, the fugitive, portrayed by Muni, makes his escape and crosses to another state after almost unbelievable hardships. He made good under a new name only to be betrayed by a woman. He is returned to the chain gang only to escape again in one of the most exciting man hunts the screen has recorded in years.

Glenda Farrell, who made such a hit in "Life Begins," plays the role of the woman who betrays Burns, while Helen Vinson, is his real love. Preston Foster, Edward J. McNamara, Shelia Terry, Allen Jenkins and David Landau head a supporting cast which is one of the largest ever seen on the screen. There are 37 speaking roles, 53 "bit" parts and more than 2,000 extras. The screen play was adapted by Sheridan Gibney and Brown Holmes and directed by Mervyn LeRoy.

Begins Weekly Broadcast.

Beginning next Friday, Feb. 10, Rev. Sam Morris, of Stamford, will conduct a weekly broadcast over station KGKO, Wichita Falls. The time will be 1:15 p. m. and those interested are given this information so that they may listen in.

To Call Bankers.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Chairman Norbeck announced Wednesday night that Charles E. Mitchell and other high officials of the National City bank would be called in the senate stock market investigation February 21, for an inquiry into "the marketing of their own bank stocks to the public."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank you, one and all, for every act, deed or thought of kindness, sympathy and love shown us during the illness and death of Dorothy. May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hughes and Family.

DAVIS-FOSTER.

A surprise wedding of wide interest was solemnized Saturday night, Jan. 7, when Miss Lillie D. Foster became the bride of W. L. Davis, with Rev. Ernest C. Dowell officiating.

Miss Lillie D. Foster is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Foster of her Merkel.

W. L. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home in Merkel.

Their many friends wish this couple a successful and happy life.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the home of Brother W. G. Cyfert last Saturday afternoon, two couples were united in marriage. The first couple were Miss Ruby Hass and T. G. Deen, the latter of Robert Lee. The other couple were Miss Pearl Davis and David Watkins.

Specials Galore !!! For Saturday and all next week at Brown's Bargain Store.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

**"Strange Interlude"
Example of New Era
In Photoplay History**

Hollywood's history, despite the comparative newness of motion pictures in the historic sense, has its "eras." The annals of this industry are revised as often as a photoplay arrives which throws old ideas into the discard and ushers in a new trend.

Such a picture, it is claimed is "Strange Interlude," which comes to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, with Norma Shearer and Clark Gable as stars.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, producers of this amazing film, have labeled it a "revolutionary" production.

The revolutionary nature of "Strange Interlude" lies in the fact that it shows on the screen for the first time both spoken dialogue and the hidden, secret thoughts of the players. It is

brought to the screen just as the illustrious Eugene O'Neill wrote it for the stage—an epochal achievement in screen production. Other producers are expected to adopt the idea.

Robert Z. Leonard directed "Strange Interlude." In the cast supporting Norma Shearer and Clark Gable are Alexander Kirkland, Ralph Morgan, Robert Young, May Robson, Maureen O'Sullivan, Henry B. Walthall, Mary Alden and Tad Alexander.

Free Coffee and Cakes.

All day Saturday the Eli Case Grocery will serve Folger's coffee and Brown's cakes and crackers complimentary to store visitors.

NOTICE.

I have moved my drug store from old location near bus station to Daniels building, adjoining Hop-In Cafe, on Front street. Your continued patronage will be appreciated.

W. H. Dunning.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

THE RED & WHITE STORE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 3 AND 4

Spuds, 10 Lbs. 14c

Apples 1c
Oranges your choice, each 1c
Bananas 5c

BUNCH VEGETABLES—
CARROTS—BEETS—TURNIPS 5c
MUSTARD—COLLARDS—
ONIONS, each 5c

Lettuce, head 5c

APPLES, fancy Winesap, doz. 23c
ONION PLANTS, Crystal Wax, bunch 5c

SUGAR pure cane 45c
10 pounds

COFFEE, Sun Up, pound 19c
PEACHES, No. 1 can, each 10c

Pineapple No. 2 can, B & W, 2 for 25c

GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, each 10c
COCOA, B & W, 1 lb. 15c—2 lbs. 25c

Corn No. 2 can, R & W 23c
2 for

CATSUP, 14 oz. R & W, each 15c
KRAUT, Kuner's, 2 for 15c
HOMINY, Kuner's, 2 for 15c

Tomatoes No. 1 can each 5c

PICKLES, sliced, sour, quart 15c
OATS, B & W Glassware, pkg. 21c

Wheat Cereal R & W, pkg. 19c

FLOUR, R & W, 12 lbs. 35c—24 lbs. 59c
48 lbs. \$1.05

Compound 4 lbs. 23c

PINTO BEANS, 4 lbs. 15c
BACON, sliced, pound 15c

Cheese Wisconsin, pound 17c

READY TO HELP

Holding fast to the conservative policies which have kept it sound in good times and bad, this bank is ready to do its share in the promotion of local progress in the year ahead.

We hope we may have the privilege of serving you even more extensively in the future than in the past. If you want to bank where co-operation is assured—then we invite you to make this your banking home.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Ft. Worth Star-Telegram is offering 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.

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"Your Home Town Newspaper"

SPECIALS AT THE ARMY STORE
Abilene, Texas

15 Jewel Elgin Watches \$4.95
7 Jewel Elgins \$4.00 to \$3.00
6 Jewel Wrist Watches \$3.75
Single Action Colts Revolvers \$7.50
32 S. & W. Side Swing Revolvers \$8.45
Used Cowboy Boots 7, 8 1-2, 9 \$9.00 to \$2.50
1 Small Motion Picture Motor \$3.50
1 Small Motor \$2.25
1000 Shot Daisy Air Rifle, new \$1.95
18' 1 1-8" Wagon Lines
Leather Strips around 7 line 1', 1 1-8", 1 1-4" 35c, 40c, 50c
200 Short pieces of repair leather, per lb. 15c
1 \$15.75 American Gasoline Heater \$9.00
1 \$17.50 Coleman Gasoline Heater \$9.50
Rubber Knee Boots \$1.75
4 Buckle Artics \$1.50
1 \$7.50 American Gasoline Lantern \$3.50
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by RUBY M. AYRES



EIGHTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: 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 Pauline finds a new attraction in the man who plays the same cool and charming role as formerly. A fortnight after Dennis' return to New York, Pauline receives a letter from Pauline that Dennis is coming to New York for a little vacation. Upon their arrival Pauline and Dennis find a world of gay entertainment waiting for them—throwing Dennis into each other's arms.

THE STORY.

He asked. He did not answer. He knew he was wrong, and she knew he was wrong. Her frock—missing her buttons, her usual flaming red—Pauline will be down in a moment," he said.

Barbara moved to the fire, and he followed. "It's cool," she said. She looked up at him. "I hope you won't be very bored," she submitted with an effort. "I know you hate New York."

"He said nothing, and she went on, feeling that anything was better than silence. "It's good of you to come. It's for Pauline's sake, I suppose?" But she knew full well it was not.

O'Hara laughed. "I suppose I ought to say yes, but I've rather a preference for the truth. No, it's not for Pauline's sake."

"For whose, then?"

"For my own."

"I see. You thought New York would be a pleasant change after six months' suburban domesticity."

"No!" O'Hara met her eyes steadily. "Have you ever been told that if a song or a tune haunts you the best way is to get hold of it and hear it right through and that then you will be able to forget it?"

She shook her head. "No, I don't know what you mean."

"I mean that ever since you went away a fortnight ago the thought of you has haunted me against my will. I've hated it, tried to get rid of it. I can't, so I came to town to see you—" He broke off abruptly.

Barbara's eyes were like stars.

"You mean—so that you will be able to forget me?"

He made no reply, and she laughed with soft triumph.

"You won't be able to," she whispered. "I'll never let you!"

In the theatre Barbara told herself that she had behaved like a fool. Dennis was sitting next to her.

"I hope you'll like the show," she said casually. "It's the latest success; the usual three-cornered love affair, you know."

Pauline laughed. "How exciting. I love a play like that. It's two men and a woman, I suppose?"

"No, the other way about. Two women and a man. But this is a bit different form the usual story. The man goes back to his wife in the end like a good little husband."

"How nice," Pauline said happily. Barbara smiled.

The curtain went up, and she leaned back and closed her eyes. She had seen the play before, and it was

with deliberate intent that she had chosen to see it again tonight.

She did not listen to a word that was said on the stage, she could only hear the words that Dennis O'Hara had spoken to her a little while ago in the hotel lounge.

"I came to town to see you."

She opened her eyes with a sigh. He was sitting very still, quietly attentive, his broad shoulders rather hunched and his profile a little stern.

What was he thinking about, she wondered? Was he hating her very much—or loving her very much? The curtain swung down on the first act, and the lights went up. Dennis rose to his feet.

"They don't give you much leg room," he complained.

Pauline glanced at him anxiously.

"Why not go outside and have a smoke?" she suggested. "Most of the men are going."

She leaned across to Barbara. "You go too," she urged. "Mr. Barnett will stay with me, won't you?" She appealed to Jerry.

"Of course—delighted," but Jerry was not very enthusiastic.

"I don't care about smoking just now, thanks," Barbara said lazily. She felt angry with Pauline.

"We may as well get some air," Dennis said calmly. He took up Barbara's cloak, which had slipped from her shoulders.

"Oh, very well," she agreed, and rose. After all it would seem pointed to refuse.

They went out into the foyer, and Dennis gave her a cigarette and lit it.

"Most of the men have gone to the bar," Barbara said. "Why don't you join them?"

"I'm not thirsty, thanks."

"Do you like the play?"

"So far it seems quite possible."

Dennis answered.

There was a little silence, then he asked deliberately:

"Did you choose it purposely?"

"What do you mean?"

He met her eyes steadily. "I wondered if you intended it for an object lesson for me."

"I don't understand."

Dennis O'Hara frowned. He dropped his half-smoked cigarette to the floor and trod it out.

"Six weeks ago when I smashed you up," he said bluntly, "I made a very interesting discovery."

"Really?"

"Yes. I discovered the name of the man you love."

Barbara went white. For a moment she lost her self-possession; then with a great effort she laughed.

"My dear man, are you loving mad? There is no man that I love—once bitten, you know. Perhaps sometimes I have imagined—"

"Barbara!" He caught her hand.

"There are at least a dozen people watching us with the keenest interest," she said in a voice of flint. He released her at once.

"Very well. I beg your pardon."

"Not at all. My cigarette has gone out."

He struck a match and relighted it for her.

"It gives me no pleasure at all to be made a fool," he said savagely. "I am not like other men you have known. I don't believe in—this kind of thing."

She was once more complete mistress of herself. "What kind of thing?" she asked coolly.

"The kind of thing that has happened to you and me," he answered. "I know I'm just an ordinary sort of fellow." He was stammering a little. "I hate intrigue and—and this hole-in-the-corner kind of game. It's no use to me or—to any decent man. I dare say it amuses you to have brought me to New York."

"You're quite mad," Barbara said calmly, though her pulses were racing. "You came to town entirely to please yourself or Pauline."

"I came to see you."

His eyes held hers angrily. "You told me an hour ago that I should never forget you—that you would not allow me to forget you."

"I think the curtain is going up," Barbara said.

"Very well—if you don't choose to be honest with me..."

"Honest!"

"Yes, honest enough to admit that you love me as much as I love you. I know I ought to be shot!"

"That is a sentiment with which I entirely agree," Barbara said. "And

if you don't mind, I would rather see the second act of the play than listen to the utter nonsense you are talking."

They went back to their seats and were eagerly greeted by Pauline. "I thought you would be late."

After the second act the two men went out together.

"I knew they wanted a drink," Pauline said. She moved into Dennis' seat beside Barbara. "I don't believe in tying a man to one's apron strings, do you? I always let Dennis do just what he likes and go where he likes."

"I like Mr. Barnett," she said after a moment. "Are you going to marry him Barbie?"

"My dear child, he is married already."

"I know, but you said—well, I suppose he can divorce her."

"I think she will find it easier to divorce him."

Pauline's eyes clouded. "And he seems so nice!" she said.

Barbara moved restlessly. "It don't make him any less nice because he doesn't care for his wife, does it?" she asked a trifle impatiently.

Pauline sat silent, her eyes downcast. "If Dennis ever loves anyone but me I shall die," she said extravagantly. "I was only thinking just now, when that woman in the play took the man away from his wife—supposing it was Dennis—and me?"

"You may cheer up. In the play he goes back to her, so it's all quite satisfactory."

Pauline shook her head. "It couldn't be. Once he'd stopped loving his wife and cared for someone else. He would always be thinking of the other woman—and wanting her."

A sudden wave of pity swept Barbara's heart. She laid a hand on Pauline's arm.

"It's only a play," she said. "Don't look so tragic."

"But it's so real," Pauline said wistfully.

Afterward, when they were leaving the theatre, she caught her husband's arm. "Did you like it?" she asked.

He glanced down at her with pre-

occupied eyes. "Well enough. Did you?"

"I thought it was dreadfully sad."

"Sad! With the stereotyped happy ending?"

"I don't call that a happy ending. I am sure he really loved the other woman best all the time."

Dennis laughed. "Don't take it so seriously. It's only a play."

They went on to a night club for supper.

It was hot and crowded and garishly lighted and furnished with many gilt chairs and tables. Pauline had never been to such a place in her life. She kept close to her husband and talked almost in a whisper.

"Isn't it lovely? I've never seen anything so lovely. Look at the masses of flowers, and all the beautiful girls."

"They won't look very beautiful at nine o'clock tomorrow morning with

out their make-up," Dennis said ruthlessly.

Barnet had booked a table near the centre of the floor. Both he and Barbara seemed well known to the manager and waiters.

Pauline felt very important. She looked at Dennis. There was no man in the room so distinguished looking as he, she thought proudly, and a sense of humble gratitude filled her heart.

"I suppose you won't be able to dance," Barbara was saying to him casually. "I suppose your leg isn't really fit enough."

Pauline broke in eagerly. "Oh, but it is, and Dr. Stornaway said it would do him good to exercise it. Dennis is a lovely dancer! You must waltz with

him, Barbie—he waltzes perfectly. Before we were married—"

"I dare say your idea of a perfect dancer and Barbara's are very different," Dennis broke in calmly. "And hadn't you better sit down, my dear? You're in the way there."

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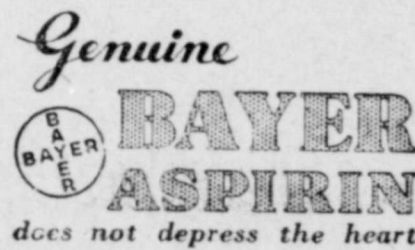
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Leona Lowrie of Abilene was the popular guest in the Bowers home last week-end. She returned home Sunday, accompanied by the Bowers family.

Marion D. Billings, who has been in Fort Worth the past three weeks, returned last Wednesday.

Joe Nally is having a new sleeping porch added to his home.

Mrs. W. R. Pressler of Abilene was a house guest of Mrs. Gordon last week from Tuesday till Thursday.

Miss Estelle Terry entertained in her home last Sunday Miss Mary Boyd of Hamlin together with three girl friends of the same place. We failed to get the names of the girls.

Mrs. Elbert Rogers spent the week-end with her parents at Hermleigh last week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Price is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle of Fort Worth came through last Thursday en route to Hermleigh to visit with Mrs. Dingle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English; returning Sunday, they stopped over with relatives till Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dingle's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, who will visit with them a while.

Mrs. W. A. Hogue has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Sherman and Okla. She was accompanied home by her brother, A. L. Paten and his son, W. H., of Madill, Okla. On her entire trip she was in company with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Awalt, of Clovis, N. M. Mrs. Awalt returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley, accompanied by the latter's sister, Miss Maurine Smith, left last Friday to visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith of Stanton, Miss Smith remaining at Stanton while Mr. and Mrs. Beasley continued their journey to Wink to visit with friends there, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner, also Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin. They then continued their journey to Carlsbad Cavern, accompanied by the Tarvin family. They returned home Monday by way of Stanton, Miss Smith returning with them. They report a wonderful time.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson entertained her Sunday School class Monday evening. Games were played until about 10:30 when everyone grabbed a sharpened stick to roast weiners in the old time fireplace. The meeting was dismissed after singing and prayer. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Franks, Misses Virgie Strawn, Anna Belle Bailey, Louis McRee, Andy Shouse, Lester Little, Delton Jones, Mrs. Johnson and R. B. Johnson, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and family were dinner guests in the Lowrie home at Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John White and son, Robert, of Oklahoma City were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards the early part of the week. Mr. White is a brother of Mrs. Edwards.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Complimenting her niece on her eleventh birthday, Mrs. Alex Williamson entertained ten boys and girls at Mr. luncheon Sunday at the home of companion C. T. Beckham. Valentine place of Tuscola were used on the dining table, las and Fome youngsters had a great time. Mrs. M. A. their places. The most interesting part of the day was the finding of for-carry her the birthday cake. Immediately after luncheon Helen entertained her guests by hunting gifts that were concealed about the spacious living room, several games were played and the children all voted the day as a very pleasant one.

The guests were: Helen McLeod, Dorothy Jo and Willadene Strawn, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Hazel Williamson, Jake Roberts, Glyn Reaves, Earnest Stewart and Mark Williamson.

High School News.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Senior class is getting larger. We have a new member in our class, Johnnie Terry. The Senior class is the best class in T. H. S. The Seniors are leading the rest of the classes.

BOYS' BASKET BALL.

The Trent basketball boys played Goodman on Trent's court Monday. The scores were 31 and 22 in Trent's favor. The points were evenly divided among the players. They will play A. C. C. academy Thursday evening on A. C. C.'s court.

BASKETBALL NEWS.

The Basketball girls motored over to Divide Saturday night, the score

being 31 to 16 in Divide's favor. The line-up for the game was: Sallie Freeman, "Jude" Johnson, forwards; Jewel Gabbert, center; Thelma Nalley, center; Odell Cooper, Mildred Steadman, guards; substitutes, "Wart" Hamner, center, and Vera Bright, forward.

HOME EC. NEWS.

The Home Ec. club met last week and elected the following officers: president Sally Freeman; vice-president, Idell Cooper; secretary and treasurer, Gladys Hamner, reporter, Veda Orand, and Lois Powell, sponsor and teacher.

Members of the Home Ec. class are: Vada Gabbert, Hazel Dell Clinton, Vera Bright, Idell Cooper, Gladys Hamner, Sally Freeman, Veda Orand, Odessa McDonald, Doreen Scott, Ida V. Estep and Clara Louise Allyn. Mid-term being this week we will start sewing next week. Everyone is invited to visit our sewing class, according to Sally Freeman, recently elected president of the class.

MOTHERS HONORED AT TEA.

The Home Ec. class, assisted by their teacher, Lois Powell, honored the mothers of the Trent public school children with a tea Friday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 o'clock.

The Home Ec. room served as a dining room at the tea hour. The table was laid with gleaming damask. In the center of the table stood an antique loving cup won by the school last year.

At the tea hour sandwiches, cookies, pickles, mints and tea were served to Mesdames John R. Payne, J. P. Roberts, H. D. Hutmoper, R. L. Reaves, Alex Williamson, Hale McRee, T. H. Williamson, Frank Allyn, Wallace Kelly, John Crain, G. C. McDonald, J. O. Hallmark, J. B. Hajre, T. L. Stevens, O. L. Reaves, W. L. Reynolds, John E. Winn, Marana Crvandez, Anita Tajata, J. S. Armour, Ben Howell, M. G. Scott, W. R. McLeod and Misses Lois Powell, Anna Bell Bailey, Virgie Strawn and Roy F. Elliott.

That Idell is learning to yodel?

That Johnnie Terry is a new member in the Senior class?

That Mr. Elliott is a hero?

That Foy Elliott has a new nickname?

That Vera is interested in a Freshman boy?

That Ida V. has dates on Sunday nights?

Hodges Happenings.

Here we are again after a very long absence. We have had lots of sickness and deaths since we wrote the "dots" last. Mr. Charlie Walker, Grandma Lee and a small child of Mr. and Mrs. Jones have answered the call of the Master and have gone to that great home where there will be no more parting, no suffering and no pain. The bereaved families have our sympathy.

C. E. Stephenson is better at this writing.

Among the others sick are Mrs. Chas. Walker, the Newman children and little Joe Wayne Walsh, but all are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bruton and son of Abilene were week-end guests of relatives in this community recently.

Miss Marie Walsh spent the week-end at Warren with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruton and son, Billy, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holder of Tye.

Mr. Bob Penecost and Misses Hortense and Jo Nell Barley plan to leave for Clark county, Arkansas, this week for an extended visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Penecost, who has been at Hot Springs taking the famous hot water baths for her health for several weeks, plans to return home with Mr. Penecost.

Mr. Eugene Cade and family of Hamlin visited relatives here and at Tye and at Noodle recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle Sunday.

We were sorry to hear of Mr. Jim Burns' boy of Stith getting hurt and hope he improves fast.

The Cook boy, who got his leg broken sometime ago, was able to be brought home from the sanitarium Saturday but will have to remain in a cast for several days. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook.

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STITH NEWS

A very interesting chapel program was given in the school Monday morning. The program consisted of a story, "Ransom of Red Chief," by Charlie T. McCormick, and two numbers by the choral club.

The girls' choral club was organized Friday afternoon with Gladys Bailey, president; Gladys Mashburn, vice-president, and Gertrude Stanley, pianist, sponsored by Miss Jeffie Lee Stegner and Mrs. Ruth McCartney.

We are very proud to have two new members enrolled in school this week: Sam Burns and Ray Ford. These boys are both fine ball players. We are very sorry to lose C. R. Rogers, one of our best ball players, to Marrs school.

J. T. Burns was injured while working in his father's field Friday afternoon when the team became frightened and J. T. fell off, hanging his foot in the stalk cutter. His right leg was broken below the knee. We hope he will soon be able to return to school.

The Stith ball teams played Noodle Wednesday afternoon at Stith. The scores of the Senior boys' team, were 13 to 15 in Stith's favor. The Senior girls' game was 13 and 17 in Noodle's favor. The Stith Junior team was defeated 8 to 0.

We were very proud of the Stith teams Friday afternoon when we played Marrs. The score for the Senior girls were 4 and 13 in Stith's favor. The Junior girls 8 and 12 in Stith's favor. The Junior boys were defeated. The Senior boys defeated an Abilene team from St. Joseph's academy. Scores were 10 and 1.

Stith is scheduled to play Noodle Tuesday afternoon at Noodle. Compete Wednesday afternoon at Comper, Marrs Wednesday evening in the Anson gym.

A party was given Friday night for the Stith young people in the home of Mr. Earl Dwiggin and everyone enjoyed the evening.

GOLAN NEWS

Some of our young people attended Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Hill returned Tuesday to Mrs. L. C. Williams' home from Sweetwater. While there she visited with a niece, Mrs. G. H. Johnson.

Mr. J. T. Williams returned several days ago from the Valley and is very much impressed with his place there.

Herbert Turner of Roscoe was a Golan visitor Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Hill and little son, Rollie J., have been very sick the last few days, but are better now.

Mr. A. J. Cook of Newman moved into our community last Tuesday.

E. S. Williams and family, Fred Walker and family and Orville and Alfred Hill were some of Golan's Sunday visitors.

Shiloh Happenings

The health of this community is good at the present time.

Rev. W. K. Horn and wife have been visiting home folks the past week.

Brother Horn preached at Shiloh Sunday morning. The attendance was good. There was singing at J. H. Grayson's home Sunday evening.

Mrs. N. B. Wheeler of Friona has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, the past three weeks.

The cemetery working at Shiloh last Tuesday was well attended; in spite of the high wind the work went on. We think we will try again in the near future, as there is a great deal that needs to be done to the cemetery.

County Honor Roll

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL.
The following pupils of White Church school are eligible for the honor roll, according to the county requirements: Ila Mae Snow, 9th grade, average 90.5; Fredia Farmer, 6th grade, average 90.1; Howard Shugart, 5th grade, average 90.

The following pupils made the average but are not eligible because of absence: Erma Dell Berry, 9th grade; Beulah Harrison, 9th grade; W. L. Brown, 2nd grade.

SALT BRANCH SCHOOL.
The following students have made the requirements of the county honor roll: second grade, Vannie Sue Pinckley, 90; fifth grade, Evelyn Garvin, 91; sixth grade, Annie D. Garvin, 90; and Lola Higgins, 90; eighth grade, Odell McCoy, 91.

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DORA DOINGS

The town team tournament staged at the Divide gym Friday and Saturday of last week was a big success and enjoyed by a large number of all games. Roby won first place, Goodman second and Divide third, with two star players in Goodman team, one in Roby, one in Loraine and one in Divide.

Farmers are busy putting up land for another year, with several planting oats.

G. W. Whiteaker and family visited his brother and family at Blackwell Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Hardy was called to the bedside of her brother in the sanitarium at San Angelo last Monday who was quite sick. The news comes that he is improving now.

We are indeed glad to report that Mildred McCoy is improving nicely at the Sweetwater sanitarium after a serious operation last Tuesday.

Miss Wilma Allen of Gustine was a pleasant caller in the home of Mrs. Ruth Jones last Monday night, leaving Tuesday for Lamesa to take up school work.

B. W. Porter, G. T. Rogers and O. C. Oliver are doing jury service in the county seat this week.

RURAL SOCIETY

GOLAN CLUB NEWS.

The Golan 4-H Girls club reorganized last fourth Wednesday morning, with Miss Bessie Nell Davis, president, Johnnie Ruth Montgomery, vice-president, Flora Mae Jeffrey, secretary, Cora Mae Lawlis, reporter, and sponsor, Mrs. L. C. Williams.

We will meet each second and fourth Wednesday at one o'clock, in one of the vacant school rooms.

The ladies' club will meet next second Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the church house at 2 o'clock. We will be glad for all to come and help us out. We need you and you need the club work, for prosperity, higher ideals and better living. Miss Bonner will meet with us at 2 o'clock Feb. 22.

NOODLE CLUB.

Various ways of canning meats were demonstrated by our county agents, Miss Sue Bonner and Mr. Johnson, Jan. 24, at the home of Mrs. Carl Jackson at Noodle, where 217 containers were filled with plain and rolled roast, steak, chili, liver paste, mince meat, soup, leaf and hamburger meats.

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Miss Bonner will be with us on our regular meeting day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock, giving us a demonstration on quality products and planting small plants.

PATTERSON-AKIN.

Mr. Vergil Patterson and Miss Reta Akin were united in marriage Saturday, Jan. 21, the ceremony being performed by Rev. John Walker of Abilene. Those attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, friends of the family.

The bride, of very striking beauty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin of the Blair community. She is very popular here and has many friends to wish her well.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, has lived all his life in Taylor county and practically all of it on the farm where the family now lives, near Castle Peak school. He is a young man of enterprise and determination, with all the qualifications for success, and stands high in this community.

The young people will live on Mrs. N. E. Harrison's farm for this year. Best wishes for success and happiness are being extended by a large circle of friends.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Madaline Brown is recovering nicely from a recent illness, while Mrs. Sam Phillips and Annie Clara Doan are on the sick list at this writing.

The prohibition message delivered by Mr. Yarbrough of Sweetwater was enjoyed by a large crowd, with many visitors from the surrounding communities attending the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison are the proud parents of a fine baby girl stepping over with them to brighten their home since Jan. 18. The little miss weighed eight pounds and has been christened Della Cleo.

Mrs. Cleve Lowery and children of Mt. Pleasant have moved to her home here. Mrs. Lowery is having a new house erected and it will be ready for them to occupy soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan and children have moved back to their home here after living in the Mt. Pleasant community for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and son have returned home from Alabama, after several months visit in school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan with their fine little son, Teddie Franklin, of Tuscola, visited Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and other relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith have gone on an extended visit to be with their daughter at Rotan.

Sam Province has returned home after visiting with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox, of Clint, for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and children of White Church visited home folks here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer and family attended the revival at Nubia last week-end.

The Rev. John Walker will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Jim Campbell of Caps is staying with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, for the week.

Britt Mayfield of Oklahoma is the interesting guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, and other relatives.

Mr. Johnson of Clyde is visiting in Mr. Charlie Chandler's home for the present.

Honor Roll

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ry, 92; Evelyn Sears, 92; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 91; Aubrey Shouse, 91; Dwight Swafford, 90; Wesley Owen, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Brown.

Pecky Gardner, 96; Dora Marie Gaither, 95; Walter Leonard, 90; David Gibson, 90; John R. Dye, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

Doris Clyde Miller, 97; Roy Owen, 97.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Billy Largent, 94; Anne Lee Blake, 93.

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Campbell.

Burt Reeves, 96; Don Wood, 96; Doris Gay West, 96; Geraldine Teague, 94; Joe Glenn Wells, 92; Syble Harris, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.

Mildred Bird, 93; Pearl Matthews, 95.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.

W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Billie Wood, 94; Don Warren, 94; Robert Rodden, 94.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.

Dorothea Sue Bird, 95; Jannett

RHEUMATISM

If you are one of those who has been trying to find relief from rheumatism through drugs, you will be interested in a natural relief that thousands have found beneficial.

No permanent freedom from rheumatism can be gained until the cause is removed. Poisons of the digestive tract must be eliminated properly before you can expect relief. A renowned mineral water—Crazy Water—literally washes away these poisons that cause all the pain and suffering. Crazy Water, favorably received for over fifty years, is now evaporated for convenience to produce Crazy Water Crystals for use in your own home. You will find Crazy Water pleasant and gentle, and the low cost will truly surprise you—fifteen gallons of the world's finest mineral water for \$1.50.

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Black, 95; Pauline Joyner, 94; Clyde Cribley, 93; Dana Derstine, 93; Preston Dickinson, 92; Frank Dye, 92; Billie George Gant, 91.

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.

Rosemary Lassiter, 94; Dick West, 93; Frances Higgins, 91; Marvin Hunter, 91; L. S. Tipton, 91; Emogene Hulsey, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.

Murphy Dye, 94; Betty Lou Grimes, 94; Billie Dunning, 93; J. C. Foster, 92; Vernelle Bland, 91; Ina Mae Berryman, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.

Vernon Mansfield, 91; Nell Pruitt, 91; Eula Sumpter, 91; Norman King, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

Clifton Bellamy, 94; Harold Morgan, 92; Billy Louise Nix, 92; Murray Toombs, 92; Finston Polley, 91.

Sophomore Class.

Louise Toombs, 95; Ethelma Tucker, 94; Clara Frances Largent, 93; Aline McAnich, 93; Jo Warren Cook, 92; Ben Sublett, 92; Lena Faye Harrell, 91; Vivian Davis, 91; Thelma Mathews, 91; Kathryn Russell, 91; Truett Patterson, 91; Zerk Robertson, 91; Ima Ruth Brown, 91; Loretta Cox, 90; Lena Mae Moore, 90; Dot Swafford, 90; Mildred West, 90; Mabel Butman, 90.

Junior Class.

Annie Lee Owens, 92; Faye Pinckley, 92; Raymond Wilson, 90.

Senior Class.

Neil Hughes, 95; Meyer Mellinger, 94; Mildred Richardson, 93; Albert Cade, 93; Duncan Briggs, 93; Frances Marie Church, 93; Gerald Derrick, 92; Ouida Mae Hulsey, 92; Margaret Miller, 91; Terrell Mashburn, 90.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Because I am selling lubric at 15c per quart, two quarts and 37c per gallon, (heavy cents per gallon,) it has been that I am selling re-run oil. A ter of fact, I am selling Si just as good as anybody's have tractor oil and good gasoline.

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 Joke Editor—Van Roberts.

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE EVENTS.

The things of the most interest in school at the present are the Interscholastic League events. Those contests that are now being worked on are: extempore speaking, debate, spelling, essay writing and declamation. Very soon those in one-act play, another event of extreme interest, will begin work. The play has not yet been chosen.

Those entering the various contests are: Terrell Mashburn, Van Roberts, Virgil Lee Perkins and Nell Hughes, extempore speaking; Margaret Dean, Frances Marie Church, Duncan Briggs, Annie Lee Owens, Lola Brabbin, Marizoe West, Ben Sublett, Jim Patterson, Charles Tipton and Howard Stanley, declamation; Helen Joyner, Lucille Campbell, Mardell Shouse and Virgil Lee Perkins, debate; Anna Lou Church, Mary Helen Mashburn, Margaret Miller, Nell Hughes, Lucille Campbell, Marizoe West, Jaunita Huskey, Ora Derrick, Frances Largent, Coehre Morrison, V. Patterson and Zerk Robertson, spelling; Walderine Huskey, Opal Huskey, Annie Lee Owens, Marybel Douglass, Aline McAninch and Anna Mae Harris, essay writing.

FOR NEWS.

The Seniors backed the magician that performed last Tuesday night at the Grammar School auditorium. Among the things especially liked by the audience were: the Hindu rope trick, the vanishing bird, the twenty faces that appeared under one hat, the "lady from nowhere," spirit paintings, Chi-magic, two doves changing, along with fifty models. Although a magician we always enjoy seeing. The Seniors wish to appreciate your performance because we are able to get our mem-

ber to present a play have presented in the past two years, but we are to be the best yet. The school club has had a few representatives to sing in chapel and they were also represented at the Laurant show of many wonders.

OUR SENIORS.

Duncan Briggs.
 Duncan is the president of the F. U. N. club. She is a very good sport and is liked by almost all the students of Merkel High school as well as many outsiders. The pep-squad could not have done without Duncan during her high school years. She is also a member of the high school chorus. Duncan, if you keep up your good work and always wear that pleasing smile, you can not keep from finding success in the future.

Word Berryman.

Ward is one of our quietest, best featured Senior boys. Maybe he isn't outstanding in the athletic field, but the Senior class would not be the same without his quiet humor. One thing we know Ward is good for is to be a friend and to have friends. Ward, we hope for you the very brightest future.

DESPICABLE PEOPLE.

The hefty "he" man who can not be polite for fear of being called soft.
 The girl who just can not get her mind off the good time she had with one other boy.
 The inconsiderate brute who just won't notice your new dress.
 The girl who just can't see you by herself but rushes all over you when he boy friend is along.
 The boy who uses your off-period thing to date he had the night.
 The busy bird who will lie to two in order to keep both of them.
 "Heart-breaker" that loves for war or money.
 A person who can't read this without feeling hurt.

Bob finally tired of waiting and went into the store. Sylvia was nowhere in sight! He asked the storekeeper about her and the man said she had gone while he was in the room. Bob, deciding she had just yed a joke on him, went on home. He became more and more angry with Sylvia, whom he really liked. Finally he went to her house to see what she

had to say for herself. Her parents had not seen her since noon and were quite worried about her. Bob soon became worried also and decided to go back to the store. The storekeeper still had not seen her since he went into the storeroom. As he talked with Bob, he happened to mention the stranger who had been in the store when Sylvia came in. He said that Sylvia had seemed rather surprised or frightened when she first saw the gentleman. Bob had been dreaming of some day being a great detective (he had been reading "Sherlock Holmes") and he asked the storekeeper for a detailed description of the man. The storekeeper did his best, but he was not very observant and had not particularly noticed the stranger.

Sylvia remained missing for three days. Her parents were almost hopeless, but Bob tried to be optimistic. He was employing his detective instincts to their utmost power, but no trace of Sylvia could be found. The third day after her disappearance, he saw a man who answered the storekeeper's description. Bob followed him for an hour and then found himself about a mile from town on the highway. The stranger had walked into a group of bushes and vanished. Bob tried to find some opening in the bushes but could locate none. He sat down near the place where he had last seen the man and waited. Darkness came, but Bob still waited. Drowsiness was creeping over him when he heard someone crawling in the bushes nearby. Suddenly he saw a small figure creep from the bushes. It was Sylvia, with her clothing torn and dirty and a tear-streaked face. She told Bob that she had been kidnaped for ransom but she had escaped a few minutes before.

Bob took her home where her parents were weeping over a note they had just received. The note demanded money or Sylvia would never be returned. There was great rejoicing in Sylvia's home that night and now, the girls at school envy Sylvia more than ever because she had had an adventure and had Bob.

Who will name our story?

CHAPEL.

All people enjoy a magician, especially school folks. This one, Laurant, was very entertaining. Mildred, Johnny and Terrell told us in chapel Tuesday morning that he would be.

Coach asked us if we didn't enjoy his speeches and then proceeded to make one, telling us about the things we do that we shouldn't. We can assure him that we do not enjoy that kind.

Mr. Burgess made his monthly talk about failing grades. We don't feel so sorrowful this time because he told us that there are more passing than failing.

FRESHMEN.

You don't see much news from us this week because we have spent a great deal of our time studying. We don't want to be caught asleep on the job when this six weeks is over.

A few Freshmen are going to enter the Interscholastic League contests this year. The League will be held at Abilene the last of March and the first of April.

TOMFOOLERY.

Mrs. Gamble: "Why are you reading that book on the education of children?"
 David: "To see if you are bringing me up properly."
 Rogene: "Gee, but that date last night was fresh!"
 Annie Lee: "Why didn't you slap his face?"
 Rogene: "I did; and take my advice—never slap a guy when he's chewing tobacco."

Mr. Burgess: "The doctor told Mrs. Burgess she should take exercise."
 Coach: "And is she doing it?"
 Mr. Burgess: "If jumping at conclusions and running up bills can be called exercise."
 "Have you any green lipstick?" asked the flapper.
 "Green lipstick?" asked the puzzled druggist.
 "Yes—my new boy friend is a railroad man."

Specials Galore!!! For Saturday and all next week at Brown's Bargain Store.

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.

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

FOR SALE—Some disc plows, double and triple, also double row cultivators and planters. M. Armstrong.

TRY OUR SWEETWATER Kerosene; satisfaction guaranteed 7 cents. We deliver. Blue Front Motor Co. Phone 101.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Safety Hatch incubator and brooder, 200-egg capacity. J. M. Garrett.

WANTED

WANTED—To buy your old furniture; will pay cash; also furniture repaired. J. T. Darsey.

INSURANCE FOR ELDERLY folks, ages up to 80, from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in each policy. Insure today; tomorrow maybe too late. It's better to be safe than sorry. J. S. Frederick, Agent, P. O. Box 764, Abilene, Texas.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—One five room house, partly furnished, also a three-room apartment furnished. S. F. Haynes.

WANTED—Some one to keep house and wait on my wife. Odis Clark at Busy Bee Cafe.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED FROM LOT—Red 2 or 3 year old milk cow. Notify Henry Ellerbe.

Poultry Prizes

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 SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

The following special premiums, donated by merchants, will be awarded:

1. Best male bird in show, all breeds competing—\$5.00 in gold, by Farmers and Merchants National bank.
2. Second best male bird in show, all breeds competing—One gallon lubricating oil, by J. D. Porter; 300 lbs. feed grinding, by E. H. Jowers; \$1.00 merchandise, by Earl Teague.
3. Best female bird in show, all breeds competing—\$5.00 in gold, by Farmers State bank.
4. Second best female bird in show, all breeds competing—One set Model T spark plugs, by Blue Front Motor Co.; one gallon high grade lubricating oil, by Joe Patterson; hair cut and shave, by Floyd McCoy.
5. Best display of 15 or more birds, with not less than 3 male birds in display, by one exhibitor—\$5.00 in poultry supplies, by West Co.
6. Second best display of 15 birds, with not less than 3 male birds in display, by one exhibitor—\$2.50 cash, by Abilene Hatchery.
7. Best display of 10 or more birds, with not less than 2 male birds in display, by one exhibitor—\$3.00 merchandise, by Bullock Hardware Co.
8. Second best display of 10 or more birds, with not less than 2 male birds in display, by one exhibitor—\$1.00 cash, by Houston Robertson; 5 gallons gasoline, by G. F. Woods Filling station.
9. Best pen in show, all breeds competing—\$3.00 in cash, by West Texas Utilities company; hair cut and shave, by Petty & West Barber shop.
10. Second best pen in show, all breeds competing—5 gallons gasoline, by Corner Garage Filling station; 1 can tire patch, by Fox Wrecking Co.; T. Bone steak, by Busy Bee Cafe.
11. Best solid color old pen in show, all breeds competing—\$1.50 office service, by Dr. W. T. Sadler.
12. Best solid color young pen in show all breeds competing—\$1.50 setting of eggs, by Ari Sharp.
13. Best parti-colored old pen in show all breeds competing—\$1.50 merchandise, by Bragg Dry Goods Co.
14. Best parti-colored young pen in show, all breeds competing—\$1.50 setting of eggs, by E. C. Richards.
15. Best pen of Rhode Island

- \$1.00 merchandise, by Arch Rose;
- \$1.00 merchandise, by J. T. Dennis.
- 16. Second best pen Rhode Island Reds—48 lb. sack flour, by "M" System.
- 17. Best Rhode Island Red male bird—100 lbs. ice, by Nichols Ice Co.
- 19. Best female Rhode Island Red—\$1.00 merchandise, by Barrow Furniture Co.
- 20. Second best Rhode Island Red female bird—100 lbs. feed grinding, by E. H. Jowers; 1 lb. can coffee, by Carson Grocery.
- 21. Best pen of White Leghorns—One year's subscription to Merkel Mail, by Merkel Mail; \$1.00 merchandise, by Merkel Motor co; hair cut and shave, by Petty & West Barber shop.
- 22. Second best pen of White Leghorns—3 lb. can of Bright and Early coffee, by Wood Grocery.
- 23. Best White Leghorn male bird—\$1.00 blacksmithing, by J. M. Meek.
- 24. Second best White Leghorn male bird—50c bottle poultry tonic, by W. A. Whitesley.
- 25. Best White Leghorn female bird—\$1.00 merchandise, Dr. M. Armstrong.
- 26. Second best White Leghorn female bird—1 set heels and taps, by Perry Brothers Shoe shop.
- 27. Best pen Silver Laced Wyandottes—48 lb. sack of LaFrance flour, by McDonald Grocery; \$1.00 cleaning and pressing, by Blake Dry Cleaners.
- 28. Second best pen Silver Laced Wyandottes—5 gallons gasoline, by Oasis Filling station; 1 pair rubber heels, by Dowell Top Shop.
- 29. Best Silver Laced Wyandotte male bird—\$1.00 merchandise, by Max Mellinger.
- 30. Second best Silver Laced Wyandotte male bird—50c merchandise, by L. M. Melton.
- 31. Best Silver Laced Wyandotte female bird—\$1.00 cash, by Dr. L. C. Zehnffennig.
- 32. Second best Silver Laced Wyandotte female bird—50c labor, by V. B. Sublett.
- 33. Best pen of Partridge Wyandottes—1 battery charge, by S. M. Hunter; 3 lb. can 1869 Coffee, by A. R. Booth.
- 34. Second best pen of Partridge Wyandottes—\$1.00 kodak finishing, by Rodden Studio.
- 35. Best Partridge Wyandotte male bird—\$1.00 meal ticket, by American Cafe.
- 36. Second best Partridge Wyandotte female bird—\$1.00 bottle chick medicine, by Sie Hamm Drug Co.
- 38. Second best Partridge Wyandotte female bird—100 lbs. ice, by Cox Ice Co.
- 39. Best pen of White Wyandottes—3 quarts of floor enamel, by Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.; 1 car greased, by Magnolia Filling station.
- 40. Second best pen of White Wyandottes—\$1.00 merchandise, by John Dunn.
- 41. Best White Wyandotte male bird—25 cents merchandise, by S. O. Owens; 5 gallons gasoline, by B. P. Middleton Filling station.
- 42. Second best White Wyandotte male bird—24 lb. sack LaFrance Flour, by McDonald Grocery.
- 43. Best White Wyandotte female bird—\$1.00 merchandise, by Merkel Drug Co.
- 44. Second best White Wyandotte female bird—50c merchandise, by Woosy's Cafe.
- 45. Best pen Buff Orpingtons—\$1.00 merchandise, by Wheeler & Vaughn Meat market; 2 lb. can Red & White Coffee, by Bob Martin Grocery.
- 46. Second best pen Buff Orpingtons—\$1.00 bread, by Dandy Bakery.
- 47. Best Buff Orpington male bird—\$1.00 merchandise, by Clay Lumber Co.
- 48. Second best Buff Orpington male bird—100 lbs. ice, by Merkel Ice Co.
- 49. Best Buff Orpington female bird—\$1.00 bottle Lucky Tiger Hair Dressing, by Bob McDonald Barber shop.
- 50. Second best Buff Orpington female bird—50c barber work, by Bell and Buford Barber shop.
- 51. Best pen Black Giants—\$1.00 merchandise, by Jud Sheppard Dry Goods; 1 gallon lubricating oil, by Morris Horton's Filling station.
- 52. Best pen of Brown Leghorns—\$1.00 furniture repair, by J. F. Campbell; \$1.00 blacksmithing, by Warren Higgins.
- 53. Best pen Black Minorcas—1 tooth pulled, by Dr. Wm. Gambill; 1 battery charge, by Dr. Curley's Garage.
- 54. Best pen Buff Plymouth Rocks—100 lbs. stock salt, by Eli Case Grocery Co.; 5 lbs. H. F. grease, by W. F. Golladay.
- 55. Best pen Black Langshangs—

- \$1.00 disc rolling, by C. P. Stevens;
- 3 lbs. steak, by Patterson's Meat market; plate lunch, by Pence's Cafe.
- 56. Best pen White Plymouth Rocks—One ladies' purse, by Brown Bargain store; \$1.00 repair work, by J. L. Speck.
- 57. Best pen Cornish Games—1 chiropractic treatment, by Dr. H. P. Hulsey; 1 pair half soles, by City Shoe Shop; 25c lunch by Wiman's Cafe.
- 58. Best pen Barred Plymouth Rocks—\$1.00 blacksmithing, by J. T. King; brakes adjusted, by Chas. Higgins Garage; 50c merchandise by Joe Garland.
- 59. Best trio Bantams—\$2.00 merchandise, by Camp Fair Tourist camp.
- 60. Best trio Guineas—5 gallons gasoline, by Thompson & Risinger; 200 lbs. feed grinding, by E. H. Jowers; 1 pie, by Cleo Bell; 5 gallons gasoline, by Woodrum Filling station.

Max Mellinger has kindly donated the use of his building for the show and J. M. Garrett has donated the feed for the birds while in the show. Also Frank Kirk of Kirk's Hatchery, Abilene, has donated free hatching of four trays of eggs. These will be assigned later.

NAME WANTED

We have already received many suggestions for the name of our new Shoe Shop, but it is not too late yet for you to win our offer of a pair of half soles and pair of rubber heels for the best suggested name. Offer is open up to and including Saturday, February 11.

- Following are some of our prices:
- Ladies' shoes, half soled —50c
 - Men's shoes, half soled —75c to \$1.00
 - Rubber heels, men's —35c
 - Rubber heels, ladies' —25c
 - Ladies' leather taps —20c
- Come in and give us a trial. Satisfaction guaranteed.

PERRY BROS. SHOE SHOP
 Front Street

J. H. McDONALD GROCERY CO.

We invite you to visit our new store

Saturday, Feb. 4th

TEN BUSHEL BASKETS OF GROCERIES

will be given away, one every hour, starting at 10 o'clock,

ABSOLUTELY FREE

to our visitors

Specials for Visitors Day Only,

SATURDAY, FEB. 4th

- 2 lbs. Saltine Wafers, (one bag of cakes free) —25c
- 1 lb. Sandwich Cakes —19c
- 1 lb. Vanilla Wafers —19c
- 2 lbs. White Swann Coffee, (one box White Swann Oats free) —75c
- Delicious Apples, per doz. —19c
- Lettuce, per head —5c
- Spuds, No. 1 Idaho, 10 lbs. —17c
- Bananas, per doz. —20c
- Brooms, each —19c

Free! Free!

All Day Saturday

We will serve Sandwiches made from Hormel's and Swift's Meat Products, White Swann Coffee furnished by Waples-Platter Grocery Co., and cakes and crackers by courtesy of Brown Cracker Co.

We have modernized our store with plenty of room for display of our large stock of high class groceries and the price of everything will be plainly marked for the benefit of our customers.

Everybody invited to come visit our new store—DON'T MISS IT.



OUT OF TOWN GUESTS
COMPLIMENTED.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent was the scene of a most enjoyable in-honor luncheon given for Miss Ruby Carlyle of Ranger and G. C. Ferrow of Dallas by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and Miss Lou Largent.

A most delectable luncheon was served at noon and the afternoon hours were spent in informal diversions. The guests were Misses Ruby Carlyle, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Largent, Messrs. G. C. Ferrow, Guthrie Keel, Sterling Sheppard, Clyde Mayfield.

CONTEST WINNER.

Miss Modene Sheppard will be remembered as the very attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, who, until several years ago, made her home in Merkel but is now enrolled in Sunset High school, Oak Cliff, Dallas. In an enrollment which included nineteen hundred pupils Modene was chosen the most beautiful in a recent annual contest and friends in Merkel are very pleased and proud of her.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

An interesting and inspirational program was given Monday evening when the women of the Baptist W. M. U. met in social session. The rooms were made beautiful, carrying out the Valentine motif.

Following prayer by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Joyner led the devotional on "Love." The program included a solo by Mrs. Ann Brown, a reading by Lona Joyner and a duet by Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Lassiter. Discussion centered on the duties of chairmen.

At the conclusion of the program a refreshment plate with small Valentines as plate favors was served to Mesdames Claude Perry, Dent Gibson, Bob Gonder, Swann, Ollie Cox, Clarence Perry, Matthews, Jud Sheppard, Causseaux, Joyner, O. R. Dye, W. J. Largent, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter, Ann Brown, Booth, Campbell, McGeehe, Reeves, Misses Lona Joyner and Maye Lassiter, and Mrs. L. B. Scott and Nancy Jean from Abilene.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

On the first of the month, Ben Smith became the owner of the bowling alley opened and operated for the past several months by O. T. Wagley. With this popular young business man in charge, the pastime will prove even more popular than it has already been.

E. C. Davis, operator of the Merkel Hatchery last year, will return this week to re-open for the season. The local hatchery announces that they are ready to take care of eggs for customers at any time.

The iron stairway leading up to the abandoned gallery of the building on Front street where a man fell through a couple of weeks ago has been torn

CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. We are holding a good record for the New Year. Let's keep it up.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Joiner, of Winters, who is holding a series of meetings for us.

The pastor will fill Brother Joiner's pulpit at Winters Sunday.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

For last Sunday, the fifth Sunday in January, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was 735. With the exception of the first Sunday in the month, the attendance exceeded 700 each of the other Sundays, having reached 775 on next to the last Sunday.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bible School is growing every Sunday. Brother Woods from Abilene will be here the third Sunday, with a great message and a supply of Bibles and New Testaments.

Remember everybody bring a new member for Bible School Sunday. Brother Reynolds, who is a new man in the field, will preach for us Sunday at 4 p. m. We preach on "What Missionary Baptists believe" Saturday night, on "What we believe about the church" Sunday morning and on "Christ and His ordinances, what we believe about the Bible," Sunday night.

Sunday night we will make "the most peculiar announcement" that the whole town should be interested in. We are expecting a full house on that night. We want to welcome everybody to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

down and a new gallery has been constructed.

Within the next few days it is expected that the refinery being erected on the highway west of town and just about a mile east of Trent by the Trentex Oil and Refining company will begin operations. Interested parties are all Merkel men.

A force of men, working for the city under direction of City Marshal Dickinson, after cleaning weeds and trash from vacant lots in the downtown district, have been busy the past few days going over the cemetery grounds, with the result that Merkel's burial place is free of weeds and all unsightly rubbish.

Specials Galore !!! For Saturday and all next week at Brown's Bargain Store.

COMMON TABLE SALT OFTEN HELPS STOMACH
Drink plenty of water with pinch of salt. If bloated with gas add a spoon of Adlerika. This washes out BOTH stomach and bowels and rids you of all gas. Merkel Drug Co.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Officers and teachers prayer service at 9:45.

B. T. S. meets at 6:15 p. m. The evening service will be in charge of the Baptist Students Union of Simmons university. This program has been presented at other churches throughout our association and is appreciated by everyone. We urge a large attendance for the evening service. It will not only help you but will be an encouragement to these fine students.

—Reporter.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

"What Christians Need Most and Use Least." Find out at B. Y. P. U. at 6:15 next Sunday.

Introduction, Albert Cade. Discussion No. 1, Mildred Hamm. Discussion No. 2, Harry Boaz. Discussion No. 3, Ona Lee Hathaway. Discussion No. 4, Floyd Ash. Discussion No. 5, Mary Parrish.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, our former pastor, and family are expected to arrive this week from Whittenburg as pastor of our church. A cordial invitation is extended to all the church and friends to be at church and Sunday School next Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45. Those who are not in Sunday School somewhere else are invited to come and worship with us. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Rev. R. S. Watkins, pastor of Hale Center, Rev. C. C. Wright of First Church, Abilene, Rev. Tom Brabham, president of Texas Woman's college and Rev. W. M. Murrell were in our city during the week with good reports of work accomplished in their fields.

Services Sunday morning by pastor. Evening service suspended—all go to the revival at the Presbyterian church.

We will possibly be able to announce our spring revival next Sunday.

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5c	Potatoes, No. 1 Idaho's, 10 lbs. 15c	

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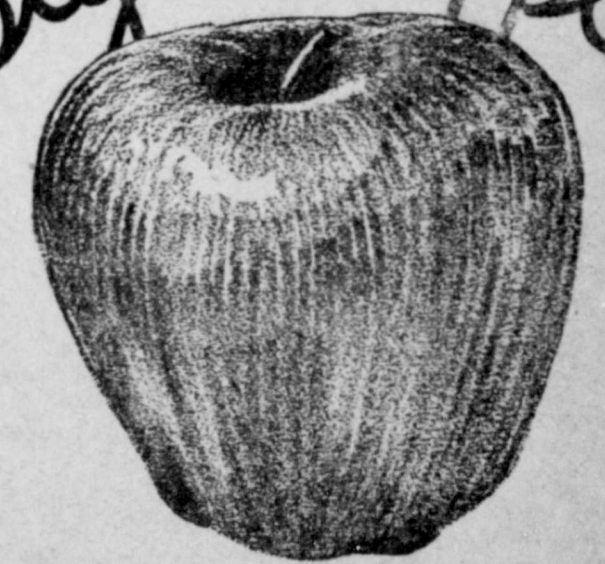
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