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## HOUSE PASSES REPEAL WITH HEAVY VOTE

### Eighteenth Amendment Resubmitted to Vote of States; Ratification in Seven Years; Dry States Protected.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Congress Monday proposed to the states that national prohibition, after its 13 years of turbulent trial, be done away with by repeal of the 18th amendment.

The house by a vote of 289 to 121, fifteen more than necessary, approved the repeal resolution passed last week by the senate. Under it for the first time in American history, conventions of the people are to decide whether the states shall ratify or reject a change in the constitution.

Thirty-six of the 48 states must ratify to carve the 18th amendment out of the national charter and substitute for it a twenty-first. By its terms, also, the ratifications must all occur within seven years from the date of passage. With repeal, the amendment carries a specific prohibition of importation of intoxication liquors to any states remaining dry.

The house approval came in dramatic fashion as the dry minority fought with its back to the wall against the flood of anti-prohibitionist's votes.

Confident from the first victory, Speaker Garner and party leaders forced the vote under suspension of the rules, a drastic debate-curbing procedure. Fifteen members, who voted against the speaker's outright repeal proposal the first day of this session, shifted their strength for the Blaine amendment, adopted only last Thursday by the senate, to 23.

### HOW TEXANS VOTED.

Texas members of congress voted in favor of the repeal amendment, while three were against. Those voting for were: Briggs, Buchanan, Cross, Dies, Eagle, Johnson, Jones, Kleberg, Lanham, Mansfield, Rayburn, Summers, Thomason and Williams; against were Blanton, Patman and Sanders.

In the senate, Morris Sheppard, staunch pro, voted against while Connally supported the amendment repeal.

### Denison's Name Up Thursday.

Austin, Feb. 23.—The senate Monday instructed its committee on governor's nominations to report by 10 a. m. Thursday its recommendation or confirmation of F. L. Denison of Temple as chairman of the state highway commission.

### Pershing Sent to Bed.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 23.—Gen John J. Pershing was placed in bed at his hotel here Monday and orders were issued that he would see no one. The nature of his illness was not divulged.

## CABINET LIST IS COMPLETED BY ROOSEVELT

### Senator Hull of Tennessee to Be Secretary of State; Woodin Gets Treasury Post; Woman Named as Labor Head.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Heralding the imminence of a new administration, it was authentically revealed Wednesday that President-elect Roosevelt had just completed a cabinet of national pattern and turned to other major appointments.

Barring an unexpected shift at the last minute, three of those to sit around the White House council table with the next chief executive will be from the east, three from the south, two from the mid-west and two from the west.

Of the ten, but one name has remained a secret until now—that of Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina, as secretary of commerce.

Homer Cummings, of Connecticut, is understood to be slated for governor-general of the Philippines; putting at rest reports that Mr. Roosevelt intended to leave in that high post, for the time being at least, his distant relative, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Norman H. Davis, by invitation of the president-elect in New York, will remain as head of the American delegation to the Geneva arms conference, assuring continuity of this country's policy there.

Although only the first two of the ten have been formally announced, the cabinet set-up is expected in Washington to be:

State—Cordell Hull of Tennessee. Treasury—William H. Woodin of Pennsylvania and New York.

War—George H. Dern of Utah.

Justice—Thomas J. Walsh of Montana.

Postoffice—James A. Farley of New York.

Navy—Claude A. Swanson of Virginia.

Interior—Harold Ickes of Illinois.

Agriculture—Henry A. Wallace of Iowa.

Commerce—Daniel C. Roper of South Carolina.

Labor—Miss Frances Perkins of New York.

### Bob Beasley Injured In Gin Accident

A dispatch from Lubbock in the daily papers carried the information that R. J. Beasley, formerly of Merkel, was injured Monday when the fly-wheel of a gin on the 9,000 acre Beasley farm near Ropesville burst. J. D. Betts, about 50 years old, was instantly killed, his head being crushed. Bob Beasley suffered a broken skull and other injuries. He, with his brother, J. D., operate the large cotton farm.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Port Arthur's growth as a shipping center is seen in the announcement that its standing as a port climbed from 21st place in 1931 to 7th place in 1932.

Two little girls, Patricia Gash, 4, and Nell Roberts, 14, both of Dallas, died from burns received in two different accidents but brought about in each instance by their dresses catching fire.

Clyde Thompson, youthful "thrill killer," and B. Allen, accused slayers of Tommy Reis, a fellow convict at the Retrieve state prison farm, were indicted Monday for murder by the Brazoria county grand jury.

B. L. (Black) Shirley, 114, who served in the Union army from Hamilton county, Tenn., and claimed by his friends to be the oldest man in Texas, died Friday morning at his home in Springtown, 18 miles north of Weatherford.

Tom Jones, 20-year-old son of Morgan Jones, wealthy Abilenian, was found guilty of murder without malice in the death of Eli Perkins, fatally injured in an automobile crash in January, and his punishment was set at three years in prison.

Two robbers held up the Arp State bank, 20 miles southeast of Tyler, and looted it of \$3,200, one of them escaping while the other, giving the name of C. L. Adams, shot by D. T. Allen, Arp merchant, was lodged in jail, probably mortally wounded.

Milton Everett, 66, Texas newspaper man of the old school, former agricultural agent of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, and recently publisher of a magazine, Texas Industry, was found fatally shot in a San Antonio downtown office building.

A group of Fort Worth business and professional men, styled a "Secret Five," has been drafted by the local General Ministers' association there to help bring about strict enforcement of the laws against gambling, bootlegging and other vices which, the ministers say, have been rampant in Fort Worth.

## See 'Mammy's Minstrel' At Cozy Theatre Friday

Have you heard about "Mammy's Minstrel" to be presented at the Cozy theatre Friday night, Feb. 24, at 8-15 o'clock? This big minstrel consisting of only local talent is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church, who have selected the best talent in our city. The entire cast of 21 have been rehearsing for two weeks.

The proceeds from this show go for a worthy cause; therefore, your presence is urged. Admission prices are reasonable; 10 cents for children under 12 years, and 20 cents for adults.

Mesdames R. B. Irvin and C. B. Gardner are directing the show and they are said to have worked it up in grand style. Whatever type of amusement you enjoy will be there. The full program consists of a short play, "The Pink Tea," choruses, solos, duets, jokes, talks, musical readings, acrobatic numbers, jiggling and tap dancing. The choruses and songs range from the old Southern ballads that "Mammy" used to sing to the latest popular hits. If you want to forget the depression, forget you are rich, forget you are poor and also help a worthy cause; be sure to come to this minstrel show.

Two hours of the cleanest, most wholesome and funniest entertainment you have ever had is promised, making it one of the snappiest and best home talent shows ever presented in Merkel. Madam Queen, the heart specialist, "is gwine to be heah also." Including the play, specialties and minstrel proper, the cast includes: Mesdames C. K. Russell, Verner Sublett, Orpha Campbell, J. H. Cook, McSpadden, Burgess, Homer Patterson, Cyrus Pee, L. D. Boyd, Duncan Briggs, Lola Sheppard, L. B. Scott, J. T. Dennis, Roberts, Misses Betty Lou Grimes, Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Doris Durham, Mary Collins, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning and Mr. Charlie Jones. Billy Gardner and Iris Garrett "participate" at the piano. Mrs. W. S. J. Brown is the efficient president of the missionary society and has charge of all arrangements.

## SENATOR HITS LAWYER WITH HEAVY PITCHER

### J. F. Hair, San Antonio Lawyer, Deeply Gashed on Forehead By Pitcher Hurlled by Woodward When Lie Is Passed.

Austin, Feb. 23.—Senator Walter Woodward of Coleman struck J. F. Hair, a San Antonio attorney, with a water pitcher during a hearing in the senate Monday on allegations that the state highway department had mishandled some of the state road funds.

Hair, who was addressing the president of the investigation committee at the time, was knocked down by the heavy pitcher, which was half filled with water. Woodward threw it at Hair from the opposite side of a counsel table, the two being about six feet apart.

The San Antonio attorney received a gash on his head and was taken to a doctor's office for treatment. He struggled desperately to get to Woodward after he received the blow. He scrambled half way across the table trying to release himself from several senators who were endeavoring to restrain him. He tried to wield a chair, but was prevented from striking with it.

Woodward resumed his place in the hearing after order was restored and the proceeding resumed. The controversy arose over a communication signed by Hair, which had been read and offered for a place in the record. It was proposed for the record by Senator Sanderford of Belton, who had introduced Hair to the committee on Saturday as an attorney representing Bell county, involved in the matters under investigation.

The letter severely criticized action of the committee in promulgating a ruling after he had attempted to propound some questions last Saturday. It accused the senate committee of being inclined to "whitewash" the highway commission of any wrongdoing.

Hair signed himself as a representative of all 22 counties whose highway construction funds were involved in a transaction Governor Miriam A. Ferguson told the legislature in a message had caused a loss of \$1,000,000 to the state road fund through mismanagement of the highway commission.

## Dr. Crenshaw, Well Known by Many Older Residents Here, Dies

Dr. J. O. Crenshaw, 56, a practicing dentist in Fort Worth for 30 years and well known by the older residents of Merkel, whose wife's family lived here for many years, died at Fort Worth Wednesday night, February 15, having suffered a stroke in his office about 4 o'clock that afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the Central Methodist church in that city Thursday afternoon, with burial in Greenwood cemetery there.

Survivors are his widow; a son, James O. Crenshaw, Jr., of Fort Worth; a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Deane Trulove of Amarillo; a brother, W. K. Crenshaw of Timpson, and three sisters, Mrs. Lilly Evans of Dallas, Mrs. William Jackson of Timpson and Mrs. Hulien Sanders of Shreveport, La.

His wife was formerly Miss Mae Boring. Her sister, Miss Bert Boring, has always made her home with Dr. Crenshaw. Other members of Mrs. Crenshaw's family who lived at Merkel are R. V. Boring, Fort Worth; Emmitt Boring, Chicago; Will Boring, Tyler, and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Fort Worth.

## Agree to Extreme Economy.

Austin, Feb. 23.—Regents of the state teachers' colleges not only have agreed to a 25 per cent reduction in appropriations for the next biennium, but have adopted formal resolution, filed with the legislature Thursday, in favor of meeting present day conditions with policies of extreme economy.

## COMPLETE LIST OF MERKEL SHOW

### Prize Winners in All Classes Listed Below; Large Number of Individuals Share in Honors of Third Annual Show.

In announcing the complete list of prizes for Merkel's third annual poultry show, which appears below, the association as a body wishes to express its thanks to the West Texas Utilities company for lights; to the Community Natural Gas company for furnishing gas and to Max Mellinger for the use of his building, all three donating these services without charge.

The complete list of prizes follows:

### BUFF ORPINGTONS.

1st and 2nd cockerel; 1st, 2nd and 5th pullet; 1st and 2nd young pen; best male bird in show, all breeds competing; second best 10 bird display in show; best pen in show, all birds competing—A. R. Sharp.

3rd and 4th pullet; 3rd young pen—Mrs. A. R. Sharp.

### SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.

1st and 2nd cockerel; 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet; 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hen; 1st and 2nd young pen; 1st old pen; 1st and 2nd Silver Laced Wyandotte male; 1st old pen; 1st and 2nd Silver Laced Wyandotte female; best 15 bird display in show, all breeds competing—Castle E. Ellis.

2nd pullet; 4th cockerel; 4th young pen—A. B. Hodges.

3rd cockerel; 3rd young pen—T. M. Smith.

### BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th hen; 1st young pen; 1st old pen; best pen Barred Rocks; best Barred Rock male bird; best Barred Rock female; 2nd best male bird in show—R. J. Miller.

1st and 2nd pullet; 2nd young pen; 2nd Barred Rock female—Ira Cross. 2nd best Barred Rock male bird; 2nd old pen; 5th hen—J. R. Baze.

3rd young pen—T. N. Jacks.

### SINGLE COMBED R. I. REDS.

1st and 3rd cock; 1st and 2nd hen; 5th cockerel; 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet; 1st old pen; 2nd young pen; 1st parti-colored old pen; 1st and 2nd Rhode Island female; 2nd Rhode Island Red male bird; 2nd Rhode Island Red pen—Bob Mayfield.

1st and 3rd cockerel; 2nd cock; 3rd and 5th hen; 2nd pullet; 1st young pen; 2nd old pen; 1st Rhode Island Red male; 1st pen Rhode Island Reds; 1st parti-colored young pen in show—E. H. Cordill.

2nd and 4th cockerel; 4th hen; 3rd young pen; 3rd old pen; best 10 bird display in show; 2nd pen in show—R. A. Ellis.

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## OPERATIONS AT TRENTEX PLANT START MONDAY

### 200-Barrel Refinery, Erected by Merkel Men, Makes Trial Run And Shapes Plans for Active Operation at Once.

Operations at the Trentex Oil and Refining company, West Texas newest enterprise, will begin Monday, according to statement of one of the officials Thursday to a representative of The Mail.

The plant was fired up Wednesday for an initial test run, which proved entirely satisfactory.

Located on the Bankhead highway between Merkel and Trent and about one mile east of the latter place, the Trentex refinery, with a 200-barrel daily capacity, will produce gasoline, kerosene, distillate and fuel oil. It is also announced that the company will sell and distribute lubricating oil.

Incorporators of the Trentex Oil and Refining company, all Merkel men, are: J. C. Comegys, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Nat Anderson and Bill Comegys.

Because of the enterprising progressiveness of this body of men who have gone forward in the face of existing conditions, erecting their plant right at this city's door, The Mail joins with citizens of Merkel and Trent in extending a hearty welcome to the new refinery and in wishing the owners much success.

## Former Merkel Banker Chairman 5th District

At the meeting of the bankers of the fifth district, held at the Baker hotel in Dallas on Feb. 13, Thos. A. Johnson, a former district banker, district chairman, presided at the sessions.

Mr. Johnson is now at McKinney where he has been connected with the Collin County National bank as vice-president and executive officer for many years.

Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank of this city, accompanied by Owen Ellis of the Citizens National in Abilene, attended the fifth district meeting.

## To Elect Garner Successor.

Uvalde, Feb. 23.—Democrats in 23 South Texas counties will choose Saturday, Feb. 25, from nine candidates a nominee to succeed John Nance Garner in congress as representative of the far-flung, 30,000-square mile district he carved out for himself in 1902 and has served continuously since.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 21, 1913.)

uitar, manager of the Cotton and Oil Co., of Colhere the first of the week on

is Mary and Flay Gunn returned to San Marcos Monday afternoon where they have been in school some time.

he Cordell, local representative of the Greene Company, was in Abilene Wednesday taking orders for panorama views of the Abilene fire department, the views being of the parade there last Saturday.

J. M. Folgerman, peace officer of Noodle, was on the streets Wednesday.

Miss Rose Norris has returned to Merkel after an extended visit in Capitan and Tucumcarie, N. M., with relatives.

James Bright and family of Trent were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore at a Washington birthday dinner Saturday, the entire party leaving for Abilene in the afternoon to supper with friends there.

## SAVAGE-THORNTON.

Roy Savage, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Savage of 1601 North Water street, and Miss Lulu Thornton of Merkel were quietly married at ten o'clock this morning. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of the groom's brother, A. D. Savage, on Chaparel street, with Pastor D. B. South of the First Baptist church officiating minister. The groom is a well known young man of this city.

The bride is the daughter of a prominent business man of Abilene and has resided in central west Texas all of her life.

—Corpus Christi Democrat, February 20, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Maxwell of El Paso stopped off here Wednesday morning on their return home from Ennis where they went to attend the funeral services of Walter Maxwell, who was killed at Van Alstyne in a railroad accident the first of last week. Mrs. Maxwell will be here several days.

Wesley Edwards, J. S. Bond, D. O. Huddleston and H. Hamm left Monday on a hunting and fishing trip down south.



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**PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR OIL.**

"By next fall crude will be selling at \$1.50 or more a barrel." These words are quoted from Dr. A. D. Lloyd, geologist whose name is famous through the East Texas field. It was he whom Dad Joiner called in to map the terrain and give his opinion before the famous wildcatter brought in his first producer there.

"The oil business today is on a more sound basis than ever in its history, taking its proper place among the primary economic activities of the world," he said.

"The world's richest man made his money from petroleum. Not only that, but the world's second richest man could not have made his money but for existence of petroleum and its third richest citizen owes a large proportion of his wealth to oil. Interest does not stop with Rockefeller, Ford and Mellon, but extends closer to home to the great activity of oil industry in Texas. Every man in the oil business in Texas today is busy. There is no unemployment in our ranks. What the development of the past has been is nothing to what it will be in the future. This state is still rich in lands with oil-producing possibilities and in my opinion we will see more great discoveries and development within the next few years. The machine age has made an unlimited market for oil."

James J. Corbett, upon whom was bestowed the sobriquet of "Gentleman Jim" long before that memorable day in 1892 when he won the most coveted of ring titles from the great John L. Sullivan, died Saturday in the arms of his wife. It was a colorful ending for the most romantic figure the sport world has ever known.

There are those who favor economy in government and economy we must have. But few there are who are fearless enough to endorse efforts to reduce expenditures when the "cutting" comes home. Facing protests from Arlington citizens on its advocacy of severing some schools from state support as an economy measure, the Dallas News says: "It is the duty of good citizenship, however, to put the interests of the whole state ahead of those of the individual or of the group of individuals."

The editor of The Mail has a personal interest in Sterling Sheppard. We followed his advancement with pride from high school days through Southern Methodist and on to the school of journalism at the University of Missouri. Now he has a foot on the ladder which has carried other writers to the heights; he is a member of the Dallas Journal force, mingling with some of Texas' best newspaper men and taking his assignments along with the other boys.

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**Poultry Awards**

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**WHITE LEGHORNS.**  
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2nd, 3rd and 5th pullet; 2nd, 4th and 5th hen; 2nd and 3rd cockerel; 2nd and 3rd young hen—G. H. Smith.

**WHITE WYANDOTTES.**  
1st cock; 1st, 3rd and 4th hen; 1st old pen; best solid color old pen in show—R. A. Walker.

2nd and 3rd cock; 2nd and 5th hen; 2nd and 3rd old pen—F. Y. Gaither.

**PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES.**  
1st cock; 2nd cockerel; 2nd, 3rd and 5th pullet; 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen; 1st old pen; 2nd young pen; 1st pen Partridge Wyandotte; best Partridge Wyandotte female; best Partridge Wyandotte male—E. Yates Brown.

1st cockerel; 1st and 4th pullet; 1st young pen; 2nd pen Partridge Wyandotte; 2nd Partridge Wyandotte male; 2nd Partridge Wyandotte female—W. T. Curb.

2nd old pen; 3rd young pen—R. A. Walker.

Best pen Black Giants—Emery Jones.

2nd best Black Giant cockerel—R. L. Griffin.

Best pen Black Minorcas—John West.

Best pen Cornish Games—R. N. Campbell.

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**BRUCE BARTON**

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Almost any remark from his lips would have kindled her anger. She would at least have turned away in scorn; she might have summoned her relatives and driven him off.

An impossible situation, you will admit. How could he meet it? How give his message to one who was forbidden by everything holy to listen? The incident is very revealing: there are times when any word is the wrong word; when only silence can prevail. Jesus knew well this precious secret. As the woman drew closer he made no move to indicate that he was conscious of her approach. His gaze was upon the ground. When he spoke it was quietly, musingly, as if to himself:

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**Robert Walker, Age 26, Passes Away at Baird**

Rev. R. A. Walker and family attended the funeral at Baird last Saturday afternoon of Robert Walker, for several years connected with the Baird Star as printer-pressman. He was 26 years of age.

Rev. Mr. Walker, who is part time pastor of the Baird Presbyterian church, conducted the funeral services which were held at the church there at 1:30 p. m. Saturday and the body was shipped to Dallas for burial Monday.

While not related to the Merkel Walkers, Robert Walker and his wife had visited frequently in their home here. Mrs. Walker, it will be remembered, has given some clever readings on church programs here.

Besides his wife, Mr. Walker is survived by his parents, who reside at Dallas, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Padgett, of McKinney.

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- Oats B & W package ..... 19c
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Synopsis: Pauline, sentimental, trustful, sincere and loving love, is married to Dennis O'Hara. Barbara, her closest friend, comes to visit her. Between Barbara and Dennis is a seeming wall of personal dislike by both. Barbara confesses to Pauline there is a man she really loves, despite her pretense of disillusionment, but she refuses to tell her name. Following an automobile accident Dennis learns who the man is that Barbara loves. It's himself. Much against his will, Dennis finds a new attraction in Barbara, who plays the same cool and detached role as formerly. The O'Haras go to New York for a vacation visit, throwing Dennis and Barbara much into each other's company. Dennis, in love with Barbara, breaks through all barriers and tells her of his love. Pauline is called home by the illness of her mother. Dennis stays on. Barbara is happy. Both fight against love but it's overpowering.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

Dennis was silent for a moment, but he said, the blood deepening in his face, "I want to say that, if it would not hurt Pauline terribly, I hope she would—let me go."

"And you have been married only a few months," said Barbara.

"It doesn't take so long as a few months to discover a mistake."

"I think life is horrible," she said fiercely.

"It's horrible because we know we mustn't do the thing we want to do," Dennis agreed hoarsely. "Because there is a so-called code of honour that says a man and a woman shall stick together no matter how much they hate each other."

Barbara cried out: "You couldn't hate her. Nobody could."

"No, no, I didn't mean that. She's the best—sweetest—"

There was a long silence; then Barbara said suddenly.

"When we say goodbye after this lunch, Dennis, it is to be goodbye."

His face flushed and his lips sneered.

"For Pauline's sake, or for mine, or for your own?" he asked.

Sudden tears started to her eyes.

"The world is upside down," she said tremulously. "Only the other night I told Jerry Barnet that it was the end of romance when a man called a woman 'my dear,' but now you've said it it seems to me like the very beginning."

"The beginning of a love that will never end, Barbara."

She drew her hand away. "We're talking like a sentimental boy and girl," she said. "Ask for the bill, and let us go."

It was raining a little when they left.

"I'll take a taxi—don't wait," Barbara said.

"Do you imagine we are going to say good-bye like this?"

"Why not? It's as good a way as any."

"Not good enough for me."

The concierge had fetched a taxi. Dennis and Barbara drove away.

er.

"I never seen your home," Dennis said suddenly. "I've often tried to see where you live."

"Very unromantic."

"It wouldn't be to me. Let me to your home, Barbara, just once."

"I wouldn't be the first, Dennis. Barnet often comes."

"It makes no difference."

"Try well, your blood be on your head."

But her heart beat with a happiness that was yet half pain. It would be something to know he had once been in the rooms where she had dreamed of him so often; something to remember when all this foolishness was at an end.

"You'll hate it," she told him as they went up in the lift to her flat.

"It's like me—as you thought I was when you first knew me." She opened the door with her key.

He followed her into the sitting room, and Barbara stirred the fire into a blaze and looked around her with critical eyes.

Hitherto she had been rather proud of her flat, with its queer coloring and very modern lighting, but today she felt vaguely dissatisfied with it. She knew quite well why she felt dissatisfied. It was the presence of

Dennis O'Hara that made her choice of furniture and fittings look tawdry and bizarre. Dennis himself was so wholesome, so clean. There was nothing artificial or pretentious about him; he had come into her life like a fresh breeze into a stuffy, scented room, with which she knew she would never again be satisfied.

She sighed again and came back to the fire.

"Take off your coat, won't you? There's whiskey on the sideboard, and cigarettes. Mix me a whiskey please."

She sat down in one of the big velvet chairs and leaned her head back, watching him with grave eyes.

He looked so at home there in her sitting room, in spite of his tweed suit, which was oddly at variance with his surroundings; he looked somehow as if he belonged, she thought, and a little shiver of joy shook her as she realized how wonderful it would be if it was really his home as well as hers, if they had the right to shut the door on the world and be happy.

Unconsciously her eyes raised over as she looked at him. So dear! so beloved, but the husband of another woman.

Dennis came back with two whiskeys.

Barbara rose to her feet.

"I want to talk to you. No—stay there at a nice respectable distance, please." She moved close to the fire and held her hands to its warmth.

Barbara had beautiful hands, slender and white, and suddenly Dennis found himself contrasting them with Pauline's.

Barbara went on after a moment in a brisk, unemotional voice.

"All this—nonsense has to stop, Dennis, you know that." She looked round at him and quickly away again.

"We're behaving like—like a couple of rotters. There's Pauline."

She paused, but he did not speak, and she went on: "Are you going to break her heart?"

Dennis said, "If it's a question of her heart or yours—"

She cut in harshly. "Mine isn't the kind that breaks—you've only got to look at me to see that." She dared not look at him as she spoke, but she could have laughed at the contrast between her carelessly spoken words and the stark desolation in her heart. "If he would only speak—only say something," she told herself in despair.

And then she heard him move, and she felt his hands on her shoulders, gently turning her to him, and she raised her eyes slowly, slowly till they met his. There was a little silence then Dennis bent and kissed her lips.

"If this is what you call trying to play the game Barbara don't try any more. I know you, and I know that you belong to me as much as I belong to you, and that nothing will ever change it even if—as if as you say—'it's got to end. Well?' he queried, as she did not speak.

Barbara's lips moved, but no words came. Then quite suddenly she put her head on his shoulder.

"Love me, love me! Please love me," she said wildly.

At that moment he was far more

to her than just the man she would have married if he had been free; he was all the different loves of life that had never been hers, father, mother, lover, child—everything.

He held her very gently, his face against her hair, speaking words of which he had never believed himself capable. So often had he told Pauline that he could not "talk like a poetry book" and that she must take his love for granted. Poor little Pauline, who, although she was his wife, had never been his love.

And then Barbara gently disengaged herself.

"I'm sorry, it's your fault. I've never been such a weak idiot before."

The tears were streaming down her face, and though she tried to brush them away they still fell. "If I'd met you years ago, Dennis, I might have been quite a nice woman," she said sobbing. "And, oh, look at your coat, all wet with my tears. Let me wipe them away."

But he held her wrists, preventing her.

"No, let them be, they are mine, any way," he said; then he kissed her hands, the palm of each, and let her go.

"And all this doesn't help us or tell us what to do," he said ruefully.

Barbara laughed shakily. "We don't need to be told—we know already. You're married to one of the sweetest girls in the world, who adores you, and I—though I've got the reputation of being a husband stealer, somehow I can't steal you, Dennis. Perhaps it's the one decent streak in my nature coming to the top at last, I don't know. I can't understand myself. I'm not given to decent actions. It's not for Pauline, either. I'm fond of her, but not fond enough to wear a martyr's crown for her sake."

She was standing by the fire again now, her arm resting on the mantelshelf, her eyes bent on the leaping flames. "It must be because I love you so much," she said after a moment. "You know, the sort of thing you read about in books. She loved him too well to spoil his life sort of thing," she said cynically; then suddenly her head went down on her arm.

"Why need this have happened to me? I've never been given any happiness; all my life everything's gone wrong."

Dennis watched her silently; his arms ached with their longing to hold her, but he was afraid.

Barbara spoke suddenly: "You'd

better go, Dennis. There's nothing more to say, and it's getting late. You've got to dine with Dr. Stornaway, you know."

"I can put him off."

"Nonsense." She turned and faced him bravely. "I look a sight, don't I? Women always do when they've been crying, and that's why they cry when there's nobody to see—I cry torrential tears at night."

He took her in his arms and kissed her. "Some day—" he said hoarsely, but she would not let him finish, she laid a hand on his lips, silencing him, and at that moment there was a sudden knock at the front door.

Barbara gently disengaged herself.

"I expect it's Mellish. I'll let her in." She gave a hurried glance in the mirror. "I look a sight, but she won't notice."

She turned to go, then came back and put her arms round his neck and kissed him, but then, when she would have gone, he held her and kissed her many times, and Barbara said breathlessly, "Do you remember the story of the plain princess who only looked beautiful when the man she loved kissed her, and so she always looked beautiful to him? Well, I think that must be me," and then, as the knock was repeated, she went swiftly away, and Dennis mechanically lighted a cigarette and walked over to the window.

As he stood there looking out into the gray afternoon his only emotion was one of passionate gladness that his great love for this other woman had been given to him. He had not lived until he kissed her; she only had brought rapture into the calm serenity of his life.

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### OUR SENIORS.

#### Bill Hamm.

Bill is not outstanding in the athletic field nor is he as brilliant as Lucille, but just the same he is a jolly good fellow and we're glad he is a Senior. Bill is unusually quiet because he likes to sleep; however, he is lively enough in the Dramatic club. Anyway, here's hoping for you the best of luck, Bill.

#### Eleanor Mae Hogan.

Eleanor Mae came to our school from Mt. Pleasant. She is quiet, good natured and very friendly. We have learned that she is always ready for fun when fun is due. She is a member of the M. H. S. Players' club and the F. U. N. club. Let "ever upward" be your motto and you'll succeed, Eleanor Mae.

### THE JUNIORS.

The debate teams this year are doing well. Last Tuesday the girls debate team, Helen Joyner, a Junior, and Lucille Campbell, a Senior, debated against Oplin. They won by a 2 to 1 vote. Then last Tuesday they went to Sweetwater, but it was not a decision debate. Mr. Riddle is working hard, and we know his teams will come out on top at the county meet.

The Juniors, this year, have not shown up so well, but this is the time of the year when the Juniors get popular. Wonder why?

### FRESHMEN.

We gave our "Big Sisters" a Valentine party on Tuesday of last week. We played the game of pitching small hearts into a ring of larger ones. Also we chose sides and drew a piece of candy out of a box and, if our partners drew one like it, we were allowed to draw again. Refreshments were served to the Senior and Freshmen girls and Mrs. Irvin and Miss Martin.

### CHORAL-GLEE CLUBS.

The Choral and Glee clubs presented a play last Friday night. It consisted of two main one act plays, "The Choir Rehearsal" and "The Country Store." There were features of songs between acts and also two minor acts. One featured Mrs. Haynes' pupils and the other was a negro scene. The clubs only hope that the audience enjoyed watching the play as much as they enjoyed putting it on. At the last of school, they will present their annual operetta.

### BASEBALL GAME.

Mr. Irvin's Sunday School class played a game of baseball after school last Monday afternoon. The boys played the girls. The final score was 11 to 6 in favor of the boys.

A feature of a "three up, three down" was put on by the girls.

### TOMFOOLEY.

Miss Patterson (to Gerald in geometry): "What is a polygon?"  
Gerald: "I'm not sure, but I think it's a dead parrot."

Margaret Dean: "Oh! what beautiful pearls. Do you mind telling me where they came from?"  
Joyce: "Certainly not. They came from oysters."

Roberts: "What is an application for the electromagnet?"  
Jaunita: "Bells."  
R.: "What kind of bells?"  
L.: "Dumbbells."

He: "It is midnight, the moment when miracles happen."  
She: "I think—"  
He: "There, didn't I tell you?"

"They're comparatively rich aren't they?"  
"I wouldn't say 'comparatively,' but 'relatively.' They have a rich uncle."

### TOP SHELVES.

The jar of peaches on the top shelf is the most trying object imaginable. They laugh teasingly down at you as if to say "Come on, get me if you can." And, alas, if the step-ladder is not at our fingertips, how often we try using a pole or else climb up on something which cannot hold our weight in order to get the peaches.

The best things of life are always on the top shelves. Why they are, I cannot say; maybe they are put there out of the reach of lazy passersby; perhaps they are concealed and like to be looked up to.

Whatever the reason, the fact remains that they are. One has to be sure-footed to reach them ever. The famous old ladder of success still has

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Last Friday night Miss Helen Bright, assisted by her mother, entertained in her home the pupils of High school with a party which was a very nice affair.

Mrs. Nugent and son, Freeland, in company with Miss Jackie Andrews, were visitors in Merkel last week.

Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe visited a short while with friends here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Henderson of Lubbock spent Thursday night here with the latter's sister, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.

Clell Dowdy is at home now after being away for sometime.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Jr., of Abilene, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Paul Steager of Greenville passed through our city last week en route to New Mexico. He visited over the week-end in the Scott home.

Last Saturday night about 8 o'clock the home of Mr. Wallace Kelley was completely destroyed by fire, the house and contents, nothing was saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter, Louise, visited Mr. Smith's mother of Sweetwater last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and daughter spent Sunday with the latter's father, Mr. B. S. Rutherford of Cottonwood. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Junior, from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Joe English of Hermleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers of this place.

Last Monday, after Mr. Hampton had arisen and built a fire in the heater, he discovered after a short while that his house was on fire. He turned in the alarm in time that only slight damage was done.

Mr. Granville Nugent left Monday for Little Rock, Ark., where he will play ball this season.

Miss Edith Hale of McMurry college spent the week at home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elery Smith and family visited with Mrs. I. C. Rutherford and family of Tuxedo. Mrs. Smith is expecting her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Rutherford, and baby this week for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Boswell and daughter, Annie Laurie, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, of Merkel last week-end.

Last Monday night a few of our boys met and organized a ball team for Trent. There were 18 in attendance at the meeting and a lot of interest was shown. We are really counting on this team, the officers of which are: Bry Burkhardt, manager, John Payne, captain, and Mr. Poor, secretary. We offer this as a challenge to any team that wants to play us.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and sons, J. H., Bobby Jo and Billy Othel, of Canyon, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel.

VALENTINE PARTY.  
On Valentine night, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves entertained a few of their friends with a Valentine party, in which Valentine contests and games were played. Winners were Luther McCubert, Lillian Grace Reeves, Miss Virgie Strawn, Mr. Roy F. Elliott and Miss Lois Powell.

At the refreshment hour heart-shaped chicken salad sandwiches and cake were served with cherry punch and Valentines as plate favors to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Garland P. Franks, Mr. Roy F. Elliott, Misses Lois Powell, Anne Belle Bailey, Virgie Strawn, Lillian Grace Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and son, Glyn, Mr. Luther McCubert and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves, the hosts.

TURKEY FEAST.  
Last Sunday a party of twenty-six went to Clyde to partake of a turkey feast, each one taking a covered dish. A buffet luncheon, served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry, was surely a gala occasion. The history of the turkey was unique. Last April Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Strawn went to Clyde and were walking through the pasture of Mr. Terry and in crossing a small ravine Mr. Strawn saw a turkey egg in the driftwood, he picked it up and made the remark when the turkey was hatched and grown he would ask his friends down for a feast. So last Sunday, Feb. 19, the turkey was ripe for the feast and when dressed it tipped the scales to 30 pounds. "Believe it or not," those having the honor of being guests of this occasion were: Messrs. John Strawn and family, Algie Steen and family, Mrs. Billings and son, Marion, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and Glyn, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark, Mrs. C. M. Strib-

to be climbed, step by step, rung by rung. You might jut as well stand on mother's antique chair to reach the peaches as to try some haphazard method of gaining success. The real ladder is always around, even though it takes sharp eyes to see it at times.

Of course, this is wholly optional. You can pass on by and pay no heed to Old Man Opportunity when he knocks on the ladder you hadn't seen; or you can stand there below the shelf all your life, holding your hands, and letting those things up there mock you. Maybe you like being teased; some people do. Maybe it doesn't bother you to have challenges shouted at you all day. Maybe you are naturally peaceful and not inclined to start anything.

Be that as it may, there is always a top shelf to climb towards; there is one of those provoking things in everyone's life. You know what yours is, and it is up to you to grin back at it, try to fly to it, or grasp the step-ladder firmly and ascend with patience and perseverance.

And this to those who are somewhere on the ladder now: "There is plenty of room on top without crowding anyone off."

### LET'S BE A FRIEND.

The wind, the whirling angry wind, Around me fierce may blow; Still I press along with Life's surging throng Till I reach the distant goal.

The weary sometimes grow my feet And thorny grows the way; How happy we would be to meet Our old friends of yesterday.

But they too are treading life's dark highway; They too may need a helping hand To guide them by the byways, A friend to understand.

So let's be a friend to the one beside us, They lonely too may be; And they in turn may show us The happier things to see.

—Nola Mae Anderson.

### SOPH NEWS.

Here are some more of our Sophs: Mary Helen Mashburn and Clara Frances Largent—the dancers.

Fat Bellamy—silence personified. Ima Ruth and Thelma—songsters.

Bussie—the cute "little" boy.

Milton—"capt."

Jo Earl—sheriff.

Joe—"cookie."

If you see a boy going around saying words, it's Lynn, our poet.

### HEAD TO KUM

A three-act comedy drama, "A Wild Flower of the Hills," will be presented Saturday at Batman tabernacle at 7:30 p. m. It is announced that the building will be enclosed and will be warm inside. Everybody is invited. There is no admission charge.

The cast of players follows:

Mammy, Miss Bertie Yoakum; Lily, Miss Laura Wallis; Mose, Melvin Montgomery; Mrs. Caroline Burke, Mrs. Ruby Montgomery; Chloe, Mrs. Lotie Butman; Sue Jackson, Mrs. Mary Russom; Snow White, Sam Butman, Jr.; John Burke, Tommie Russom; Jed Burke, Virgil Turner; Zack Jackson, Huland Alexander.

### HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Coats at Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton entertained the young people Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Merritt are on the sick list.

Mrs. Clark's group presented an interesting program Sunday night.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy in the death of our son and nephew and for the beautiful floral offerings. We especially express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson for their gracious kindness in opening their home to us.

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## BEAUTIFUL LOVE TEMPTRESS



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ling, C. C. Stribling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrel of Abilene, Miss Virgie Strawn and the host and hostess.

### LEAGUE PROGRAM.

The Leaguers of Merkel came over last Sunday, Feb. 19, and gave a good program. Everyone sure enjoyed it and we hope to have them again soon. "I'm sure everyone has learned to smile after the talk by Margaret Turner."

### High School News.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PICNIC.

Happy times were ours again. We went over to Adrian's ranch for a picnic last Tuesday. Most everyone climbed the mountain and joined in the games afterwards. Then a picnic lunch was spread. Roy Elliott, Anna Bell Bailey, Lois Powell and Virgie Strawn chaperoned the following high school students: Helen and Vera Bright, Sara Julia Johnson, Sally Freeman, Ruth Stanley and Victor Coppage, Bob Howell, Johnnie and Harold Terry, Charlie, Dave and Ed Howell, Fanny Vessel, Jewel and Vada Gabbert, Idell Cooper, Mildred Steadman, Thelma Nally, Fred McMan, Doreen Scott, Henry and Wilburn Bright, Clarence Martin, John Boyd, Cullen Tittle, Luther McCubert, Gladys Hammer, Fay Elliott, Edgar Lee Mangum, Clara Louise Allyn and Elmer McDonald.

FACTS, FOLKS AND FIGURES.  
The volley ball girls are getting good.

Parties are rather popular with high school gang.

Mr. Elliott is always lame.

DID YOU KNOW?  
That Mildred likes to go to the show.

That the volley ball team is going to Eskota.

That Fay likes golden hair.

That the Seniors have changed their play to "Closed Lips."

That Thelma, Fanny, Idell and Jewel like salted peanuts.

That Helen was made happy last Friday night.

That the high school went on a picnic.

That Fanny had a birthday Friday.

That the whole school misses Dorothy Vessel who had the misfortune of hurting her back Sunday. She will remain in bed ten days.

HIGH SCHOOL PARTY.  
The students of Trent High school were entertained by Helen and Vera Bright Friday night. Many interesting games were played. Helen named Robert Williams and Bob Holt as her honored guests. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to Gladys Hammer, Sallie Freeman, Sarah Julia Johnson, Anna Belle Bailey, Lois Powell, Fanny Belle Vessel, Jewel Gabbert, Louise Allyn, Lillian Grace Reeves, Vera Bright and Doreen Scott, John Hammer, Foy Steadman, Charlie, Ed and Dave Howell, Johnnie and Harold Terry, Bud and Bob Howell, Jack Perkins, Cullen Tittle, Henry and Wilson Bright, Foy Elliott, Earl and Zed Bright, Freddy Allyn, John Boyd, Bob Cole, "Happy" Vessel, Melvin Horton, Elmer McDonald, Robert Williams, Bob Hot of Breckenridge and the hostesses.

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## Hodges Happenings.

Health doesn't seem to improve very much in our community, as some one else gets sick as soon as others are on the mend.

Mrs. L. M. Walsh is on the sick list again. Junior Walsh missed several days of school last week on account of sickness.

Mr. Bruton, Shorty Bruton and Alphas Bruton visited Mr. Bruton's brother at Haskell a few days ago.

Mrs. Helen Johnson and Miss Pinkie Marie Davis of Abilene called on friends here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Penecost have returned from Arkansas. Mrs. Penecost's health is no better, we are sorry to say.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh was the scene of an enjoyable occasion Sunday, Feb. 12, when a large group gathered to honor the birthdays of Mr. Ed Stephenson, Coda Stephenson and Mr. L. M. Walsh.

At the noon hour a turkey dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stephenson and son, Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson and C. E., Mrs. Chas Walker, Sam Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker, Miss Akens, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spradlin and George L. of Tye, Mrs. Neely Spradlin, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Miss Hazel Thomas, Mrs. Jewell Thomas and baby of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh, Miss Marie Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walsh and boys, Charles, Jr., Jimmie and Joe Wayne.

## RURAL SOCIETY

### THE STITH CLUB.

The Stith Home Demonstration club will meet at the home of Mrs. Elbe West on March 1 at 2:30 p. m. A program on "The Art of Living" will be given.

All members are urged to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

—Reporter.

### HONORING MRS. JOE WESTON.

Mrs. Elmer Patterson and Mrs. A. D. Barnes were joint hostesses for a Valentine party in the home of Mrs. Barnes on Feb. 17 in honor of a recent bride, Mrs. Joe Weston, who will be remembered as Miss Lena Lee Demere.

Various contests were enjoyed until 4 o'clock when Mrs. Weston pressed the key to open a huge heart filled with some forty gifts from friends from this and adjoining communities.

A Valentine refreshment plate was passed to the following: Mesdames Leon Toombs, S. L. Scoggin, Hugh Campbell, Leon Coats, W. E. Malone, J. H. Fulton, Joe Weston, Wade Ensminger, Roy Hunter, B. D. Presley, Z. E. Snow, E. W. Turner, H. E. Farmer, R. A. Riggan, J. H. Dye, Will Campbell, P. R. Demere, Allen D. King, W. C. Hunter, Ada Shugart, M. H. Farmer, W. H. Brown, Frank Demere, Frase Demere, Raymond Demere, O. W. Reed, Tommie Patterson, W. A. Harrison, Dewey Rodgers, Virgil Patterson, Misses Melia Riggan and Margie Coats and the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Dourard Douglas and son and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Douglas of Rockwell were recent visitors in our community.

## White Church News

Quite a few of the farmers from this place are almost through plowing.

Mrs. D. D. Coats had the misfortune of falling one day recently and breaking her arm. We are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey have returned to their home at Justiceberg after a week's visit in the home of Mrs. Lindsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Presley.

G. S. Phillips and A. D. Barnes have been doing jury service in Abilene the past week.

Friends of H. West will be glad to know he is improving some.

Mrs. M. H. Farmer visited her mother and brother's family at Knox City over the week-end.

Miss Bessie Fish, our school teacher, received a message last week that her mother is very ill in Cottle county and she visited her bedside the last of the week. We hope her next news will be better.

Little Robbie Barbee of Merkel is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats, this week.

Two Merkel boys, Roy Patterson and Paul Collins, filled the pulpit here Sunday morning and evening in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Click,

who preached at Merkel. We welcome the boys again.

Our school children are putting on a program Friday night with two short plays in connection with the program. The public is invited.

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## LOST AND FOUND

TAKEN UP—Stray pig. Owner can get same by proving ownership and paying for this ad. W. L. Blair.

STRAYED—Brown mare mule, greyed, weight about 950 pounds. No Jewel Thomas, Route 1, Merkel.

## A Scornful, as Set, Asks More

Feb. 23.—As scornful when he tried to assassinate-elect Roosevelt last night, Giuseppe Zangara Monday to four counts of attempted murder, and was sentenced to 80 years' imprisonment.

"Oh, judge, don't be stingy. Give me a hundred years," the 33-year-old prisoner shouted as he was led from the courtroom. Then, laughing in evident amusement, he fell in step with his guards and was led back to his prison cell.

Zangara's sentences of 20 years on each count, running consecutively, constitute life imprisonment at Raiford state prison or hard labor in the Florida road camps.

However, should Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago or Mrs. Joe H. Gill, prominent society woman, die of wounds they received from bullets fired by the assassin at the president-elect, the state will seek a first degree murder indictment and the penalty. Cermak and Mrs. Gill are expected as continuing to show up at the hospital here.

Advertisements in this message in every one may enable you to save you will know where you want without doing and asking questions, now the merchants' patronage because they business and make special their goods.

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## "Sign of the Cross" Greatest Spectacle of Talking Screen Plays

Cecil B. DeMille's "The Sign of the Cross," the greatest dramatic spectacle of our generation, will play a three day engagement at the Palace theatre in Sweetwater, opening Sunday. This will be an advance showing effected by special arrangement with Mr. DeMille. Prices for the engagement will be forty cents for adults, ten cents for children, matinee or evening—popular prices for this two dollar road show attraction.

Two and a half hours of glorious entertainment are promised by Manager Henry Rogers, who states that "The Sign of the Cross" is drama as deep as all humanity; grand spectacle of a pagan world that was all spectacle. It is spectacle stunning with its storied power, glowing with its majestic romance—for it is a pictured chronicle of Nero's destruction of Rome by fire as he reveled in the sight strutting his feticular; of his ering fear of consequences and of his plotting with Tigellinus to lay the blame on the Christians both were so diligently persecuting.

And so an epic of the day when the Word of God was finding its way east to Rome, where even the most inhuman persecutions of mad Nero could not destroy the Faith. One witnesses the pagan revelry and bacchanalian orgies of that glamorous era; Poppaea in her bath of perfumed asses' milk—Poppaea, sensuous goddess of silken flesh, the red-headed woman of 65 A. D. who swayed Nero's unbalanced mind. And Nero himself—with the body of a woman, the heart of a hyena, the soul of a snake! History records no more scarlet a character nor one more interesting.

One witnesses, too, in the great climax of this riotous spectacle Nero's gigantic Circus Maximus where the insatiable blood lust of Pagan Rome is whetted by the merciless combats between Dwarfs and Amazons, men fighting with spiked fists, wretches trampled by maddened elephants, other wretches pitted against leopards, women staked to be attacked by anthropoid apes; and lastly, as a climax to this gory spectacle, the martyrdom of the Christians who are led unarmed into the blood-stained arena to be devoured by lions.

The leading roles in "The Sign of the Cross" are played by Fredric March as Marcus Superbus, prefect of Rome; Elissa Landi as Mercia, a Christian maiden whose example leads all Christians to accept death, as had before them their beloved Master; Claudette Colbert as Poppaea, the courtesan queen; and Charles Laughton as Nero. There are many other well known screen players and 7500 extras in the big scenes.

"The Sign of the Cross" is commended to the attention of all Christian people. Go to Sweetwater and see it.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Dye, Saturday, February 18, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, of Stith, Wednesday, February 22, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Daniels, Thursday, February 23, 1933.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and family of Rawls were week-end visitors with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas were week-end visitors with his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Charlie Hubby of Brownfield, Texas, is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney returned Sunday night from their honeymoon trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. M. L. Holden had as guests for the week-end her cousin and his wife Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holden, of Tuscola.

Miss Pauline Pierce of Albany and Harold Davis of Coahoma were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis.

For the week-end Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz was home from Simmons university and had as her guest Miss Alma Williams of Gallup, N. M., also a Simmons student.

Miss Sallie Mary Campbell left Thursday morning to be joined at Big Spring by Mrs. Dr. Bennett of Lamasa and together they will visit relatives at Falfurrias.

S. I. Foster has returned from Fruitvale where he has been for the past several months. It is with regret that we learn that his mother passed away on January 27.

A. T. Sheppard of the Barrow Furniture company has returned from Dallas and Fort Worth furniture markets where he made extensive purchases for his firm.

Supt. R. A. Burgess was among those in attendance at the annual Boy Scout conference in Abilene Monday, which culminated that night in a banquet at the Hilton hotel.

Mr. W. H. Byrd of Wills Point, Texas, is attending the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Mary E. Hubbard, who has been seriously ill in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Mrs. W. E. Jones and daughter, Miss June, and Mrs. Charlie Withrow of Oklahoma City are visiting Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. M. E. Hubbard, in the home of Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis spent last week-end in Albany, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis. Misses Nell Durham and Sis Grimes drove over with them to visit Mrs. Bob Echols.

Allen McGehee has leased his bakery at Ranger and has returned to take charge of his bakery interests here. He and his family have taken residence in one of the Haynes' cottages.

Reports Thursday morning from the bedside of Mrs. R. A. Ellis was that she was doing fairly well. Her son, Lester Ellis, from San Antonio, and daughter, Miss Maimie Ellis, from Fort Stockton, are both here and Owen Ellis was over from Abilene Tuesday. Dr. I. D. Ellis and wife of Troy are also here for a few days.

Mrs. B. E. Dalton returned Sunday afternoon from Fort Worth where she underwent a major operation at the Eastie sanitarium three weeks ago and is now improving nicely. Mr. Dalton states that they are well pleased with the fine and successful service received at the sanitarium of which Dr. Frank Armstrong is principal surgeon.

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## Will Present Play, "Wild Flower of the Hills" at Butman

A three-act comedy drama, "A Wild Flower of the Hills," will be presented Saturday at Butman tabernacle at 7:30 p. m. It is announced that the building will be enclosed and will be warm inside. Evarybody is invited. There is no admission charge.

The cast of players follows: Mammy, Miss Bertie Youkum; Lily, Miss Laura Wallis; Mose, Melvin Montgomery; Mrs. Caroline Burke, Mrs. Ruby Montgomery; Chloe, Mrs. Lotie Butman; Sue Jackson, Mrs. Mary Russon; Snow White, Sam Butman, Jr.; John Burke, Tommie Russon; Jed Burke, Virgil Turner; Zack Jackson, Huland Alexander.

## Three Days Showing "Sign of the Cross"

Of interest to theatre-goers throughout the Southwest is the announcement of the engagement of Cecil B. DeMille's road show film production, "The Sign of the Cross," at the Paramount theatre in Abilene Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 26, 27 and 28.

In keeping with the magnitude of the attraction, the management of the Paramount has announced that there will be only two shows daily: 2:30 and 5 p. m. on Sunday, and 3 and 8:15 p. m. on week days. By special arrangement with the producers, bargain road show prices of adults 40c and children 10c will prevail at both matinee and night shows.

"The Sign of the Cross" is something more than an inspiring spectacle within itself. It is proof of the fact that Cecil DeMille, who produced "The Ten Commandments" and "King of Kings" as silent film epics, can bend sound to his will and produce a film of even vaster proportions than in the past.

The telling of the film's strong story, moreover, has been placed in the hands of an exceptionally talented cast. Fredric March scores as Nero, the Roman patrician, Marcus Superbus, who loves a Christian girl; Elissa Landi is lovely as the Christian, Mercia; Claudette Colbert surpasses her every past performance as the wicked Empress Poppaea; Charles Laughton is no less than magnificent as Nero, and Vivian Tobin, Ira Keith, Jayzelle, Robert Manning, Ferdinand Gottschalk, Harry Beresford, Arthur Hohl, Nat Pendleton, Clarence Burton, Richard Alexander, William V. Mong, Tommy Conlon, Joe Bonomo

and Harold Healy are excellent in supporting roles. "The Sign of the Cross" is a great religious story, a great love story and a great spectacle. No matter what your taste in entertainment, you cannot fail to enjoy it.

## 50-Gallon Still Is Seized Near Merkel

Charges were filed in Justice of the Peace Wheeler's court Saturday against two Mexicans, following the seizure of a complete still of 50 gallons capacity, nine barrels of mash and a small quantity of whiskey on a farm about seven miles southwest of here.

The Mexicans, Pete Ortiz and Frank Martinez, were released under bond of \$750 each.

The plant was found in a tent near

a farmhouse by Constable N. A. Dowell, who was assisted by City Marshal P. F. Dickinson, Mack Buzbee and J. A. Stanford. The officers visited the place about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it was 9 o'clock before arrests were made as the Mexicans came to work.

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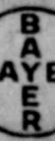
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IN-HONOR PARTY.

On last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay entertained a number of friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. McCandless of Los Angeles, Calif. The evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation and in progressive "42". Little Misses Mary Joe Russell and Doris Gay West assisted Mrs. Golladay in serving a delicious plate consisting of fruited jello topped with whipped cream and cherries and angel food cake to Messrs. and Mesdames Harry McCandless, C. K. Russell, L. W. Cox, Oscar Buford, John West, R. A. Burgess, Herbert Patterson, Bishop Hunter, Len Sublett and Mr. T. H. Christopher.

CLASS MEETING.

When the Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church met in the home of Misses Lizzie and Jennie Keny, a very interesting program was given.

Mrs. R. A. Walker led the devotional. Mrs. Fannie McConnell gave a very interesting talk on "The Second Coming of Christ." She also entertained the ladies with a reading.

Those present were Mesdames John Russell, W. D. Butler, Sam Derstine, R. A. Walker, William Elliott, Emory Jones, Fannie McConnell and Misses Mary, Lizzie and Jennie Keny.

QUILTING.

A quilting was given at the Nazarene parsonage Wednesday afternoon, the quilt to be sold for the church. A nice time was reported and refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and sandwiches were served to Mesdames Fannie King, A. J. Stapleton, Lois Henry, John Earnest, J. T. Spencer, Tom Ward, McCormick, Misses Mildred Stapleton, Katherine Mashburn, Bennie Lawson, Aline Davis and the hostess, Mrs. Ola Bolls, and her daughter, Ineta.

BRIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. Milton Case was first hostess last Thursday afternoon for the Dealt-A-Han-Aroun bridge club, just recently formed. At the culmination of the games a delicious canberry dessert was served.

Club members are: Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfennig, Orion Tittle, Charlie Largent, Bob Mayfield, Ernest Higgins, George West, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Milton Case, Ed McCrary, Misses Doris Durham, Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Lennah Rose Black of Big Spring.

The club will meet Thursday of each week.

Mystery Background In "Haunted Gold"

A different type of western picture, with a mystery background, is "Haunted Gold," which shows tonight and Saturday at the Queen. Dealing with the old "ghost towns" of California's gold rush days, and present-day specks, it presents John Wayne and his devil horse, Duke, in a series of the most unusual experiences this popular riding and roaming star has offered the followers of his western productions.

One of the many peculiarities is a colored cowboy, Wayne's bodyguard, whose terror of everything he sees—or imagines he sees—in the eerie, deserted mining camp, keeps an audience in roars of laughter.

Bring a dozen people, all strangers to the theater, into a "ghost town" like this, all bent on the same errand, all terrified and mystified by the strange apparitions in the vicinity of the deserted mine in which they are interested—and almost anything can happen.

Before Wayne finally solves the mystery of the haunted mine, he has gone through fights and hair-breadth escapes in sufficient number to make half a dozen ordinary "thrillers."

In the supporting cast of this Leon Schlesinger production are Sheila Terry, Harry Woods, Erville Alderson, Otto Hoffman, John Prince and Blue Washington. Mack V. Wright directed the picture.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

CHURCHES

Nazarene Revival to Begin Friday Night

Our revival begins next Friday at 7 p. m., with Rev. Walter Patterson of Dodsonville, Texas, as evangelist. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and hear this young preacher. He will do you good. Come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Last Sunday was a good day for us, with quite an increase in attendance at both services.

Our ladies society is doing fine in the quilt making.

Program for next Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Mr. Patterson, evangelist. N. Y. P. S. at 7 p. m.

Special songs at each night service through the week. Meeting will run ten days, with services each day at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Again we say come and help us. Every Christian in our town is invited to come and help in the battle against sin.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Reports were received from all six of the Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, showing an attendance of 788 and well near the 800 mark. On the previous Sunday there were 773 present and since the first Sunday of the New Year the attendance has stayed above 700 every Sunday.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday of Art Month. The following have been gracious enough to loan us paintings for the month: Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Miss Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames W. A. McSpadden, M. A. Sears, T. G. Bragg, D. O. Huddleston, Juanita Dowell, T. E. Costephens, Tucker Yeats.

Don't forget the revival, March 19-April 2.

In the absence of the pastor last Sunday the attendance and service was extra good. Possibly it would be well to send him away once each month.

Regular services next Sunday.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Instead of the Bible study under direction of the pastor, which had to

be postponed because Brother Joyner was in Sweetwater on another mission, the ladies of the W. M. S. were taught the missionary lesson by Mrs. T. E. Collins last Monday afternoon. There were 17 ladies present. The Bible study will be the program for next Monday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All regular services Sunday. Preaching by Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Officers and teachers meet in the T. E. L. class room at 9:45 for prayer service. B. T. S. meets at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A steady increase in attendance has been noted in the past few Sundays. If you are not in Sunday School elsewhere, we should be glad to have you join us.

No preaching services Sunday, as this is the pastor's day at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We are happy to see efforts being put forth to enforce the law. We sincerely hope that every citizen will cooperate in seeing that every law violator receives the penalty due him.

We are ordering some new song books, good ones, too, and we expect them here by Sunday. So be sure and come help us sing.

Brother Woods from Abilene brought us some very inspiring messages Sunday.

We are having some very interesting prayer meetings every Wednesday night. We invite all to come. We want all the young people to be present Sunday night at 7:30. Della Miller will be the leader of the Young people's Bible study. We wish to urge everybody to be on time for Bible School Sunday at 10:15 a. m. Preaching every Saturday night. If you are one of the redeemed and want to grow in grace, read your Bible every day, be

much in prayer, go to church and win souls, then you will be happy even through the shadows of sorrow. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

West Zone Ladies to Meet Here March 1

The west zone of the Abilene district of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Methodist church will meet in Merkel on Wednesday, March 1, according to announcement of Mrs. R. A. Burgess, zone leader.

The program opens at 10 o'clock. All Methodists who are interested in missionary work are urged to come, bring a covered dish and spend the day. A good program has been planned.

Churches represented in the west zone are: St. Paul's auxiliary, Mary Martha auxiliary and Bass auxiliary, Abilene; Trent, Tye, Stith, Capps and Merkel auxiliaries.

Opening on Tuesday, April 11, the Texas league has adopted a schedule of 154 games to be played in 147 days, ending on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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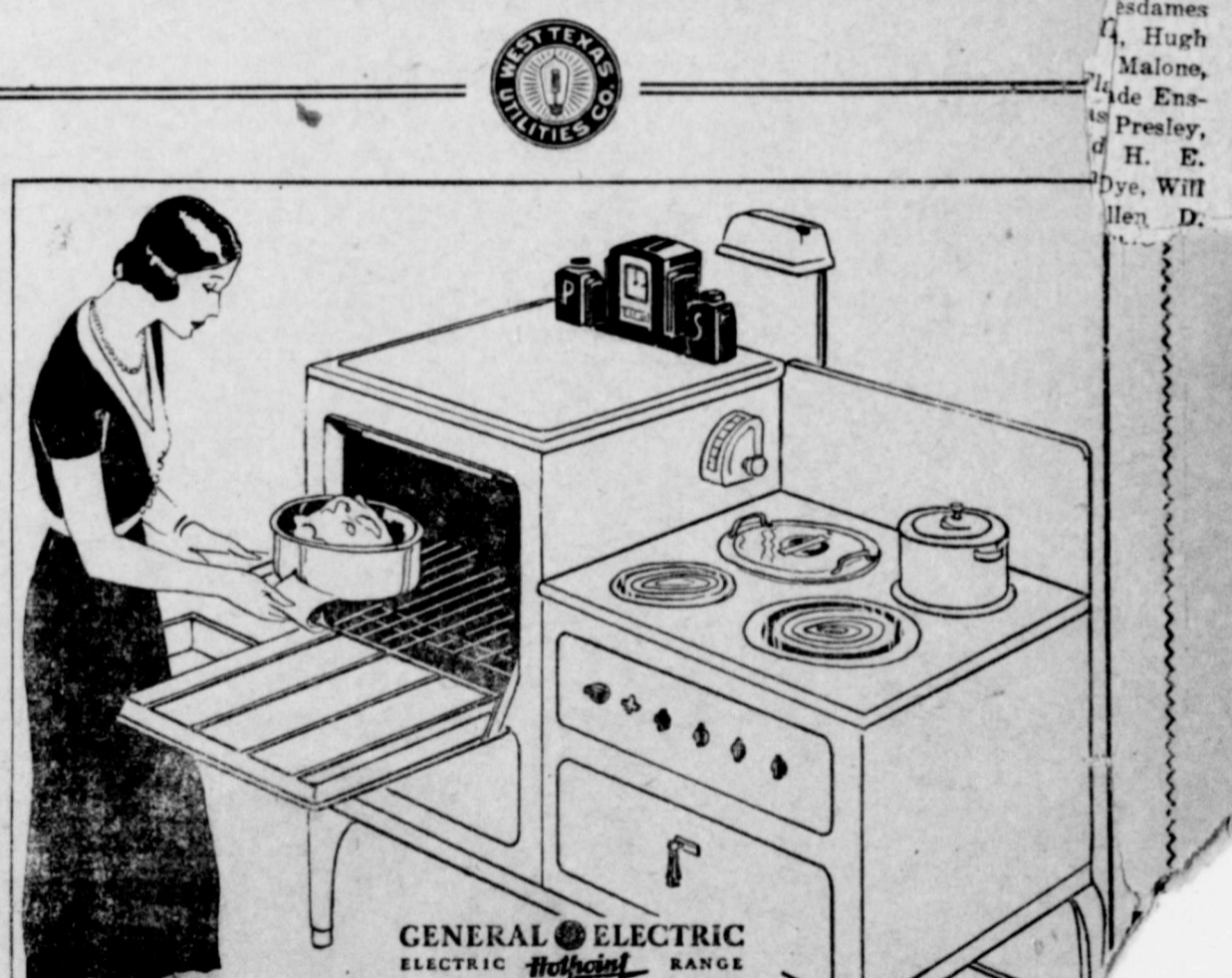
Get some Syrup Pepsin; protect your household from those bilious days, frequent headaches, and that sluggish state of half-health that means the bowels need stimulating. Keep this preparation in the home to use instead of harsh cathartics that cause chronic constipation if taken too often. You can always get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at any drug store; they have it all ready in big bottles.

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