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BUTMAN ENTRY TAKES PRIZE AMATEUR NIGHT

Eight Year Old Delbert Garner Wins by Applause of Audience in Merkel's Major Bowlers' Radio Program.

Singing "My Hat is on the Side of My Head" with captivating naturalness, Delbert Garner, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner of Butman, was winner of the \$5.00 cash prize in the Community Amateur Night at High School gymnasium sponsored Friday night by the Lions club to raise funds for the purchase of sweaters for Badger lettermen. Miss Ruth Weathered is principal of the from Butman school sponsoring the number.

14. This to a quartette from Salt Branch, Anson, consisting of Zerk Robertson, Bryan standing gins, Lela Higgins and Pauline Kel. Higgins, in a comic song novelty in costume, went the second prize of \$3.00 cash, while award for third place winner, a two weeks pass to the Queen theatre, went to a girls' trio from Noodle, Misses Lucile Justice, Mozelle and Mildred Sosebee, who sang "Lights Out."

Honorable mention was given a quartette from the Cross Road school and a string band from Union Ridge. The Cross Road representatives were: Julia Ella Holden, Nettie Lee Teaff, Ruby Bigham and Katie Bigham, singing "Old McDonald Had a Farm." The boys' string band from Union Ridge included Billie Wade Williams, James Williams and Herbert Rogers.

Occupying the shoes of Major Bowls, Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig presided before the microphone as master of ceremonies, assisted by Yates Brown. At intervals Postmaster Wrenn Durham in typical hick outfit, also the whiskers, broke into the smooth routine of the program, impatiently awaiting time for his "piece." Needless to say, he got the going in the best studio fashion.

Music for the evening was furnished by the Stith orchestra known as "The Plowhands," consisting of Weldon Hudson, E. L. Regeon, C. L. Sherrill, C. R. Rogers, Clovis Stanley, Fred Horton and Albert Evans. Non-competitive numbers included: the Noodle Playboys, Burtis Sharp and Norman Bicknell, accompanied by Miss Leona Sosebee; Miss Hollis Perry singing "Breakin' in a Pair of Shoes" and going into a tap dance; the Union Ridge Choral club, winner of county meet in the rural school class, directed by Mrs. Andy Shouse; song selections by Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene; the Mashburn sisters, Aleen, Doris and Dorothy, singing "Weeping Willow Tree," and one number by the Merkel High school choral club under direction of Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

Contestants representing the following other schools also entered: Divide, represented by Morris McDonald. Goodman: Joe McLaughlin, W. T. Brown, J. B. Campbell. Trent: Mieses Maxine and LaVerne Abernathy. Stith: Horace Browning. Warren: Wanda Jones, Winnie Kelso, Muriel Kelso.

Castle Peak: Madelene Addison, Madelene Brown, Louise Addison, Evelyn Latimer. Blair: Eva Fay Bush. As announced, winners were determined after the fashion of radio amateur nights by applause, the five winning the greatest applause having been selected out of the group and then being presented again for place in the prize list.

Judges were Mesdames John Grable, Len Sublett and Elmo Collins.

Ben Smith Accepts C-C Job at Pecos

In the same week when Merkel welcomed Bill Blanton, vice-president and general manager of the Houston chamber of commerce, who got his baptismal in C. of C. work in Merkel 19 years ago, announcement is made that Ben Smith, a former Merkel boy, has assumed his new duties as manager of the Pecos chamber of commerce.

For the past several years Ben has been advertising manager of the Colorado Record.

The Mail records with much pleasure Ben's climb up ladder's success and feels sure that he will most capably and satisfactorily fill his new post.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Edward Penny, 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Penny, of Austin, burned to death when a pot of boiling beans spilled into his buggy as a stove collapsed.

Welton Dickey, 17-year-old Crockett high school football player, died of injuries received in spring grid training two weeks ago.

Paul B. Jones, 38, and L. D. Littleton, 55, oil field workers, were killed instantly when two rig boilers exploded near Kilgore.

Jewel Grant, 4-year-old, was burned to death in her bed at a river-edge house in Austin, when sparks from a flue ignited the canvas-covered structure.

Madalyn Rogers, age 8, was killed when she was struck by an automobile as she and a companion, Mary Lou Mitchell, also 8, attempted to cross a Strawn street.

Raymond Henry, 25, was convicted at Eastland of the "ice pick" slaying and "skeleton" hanging of H. L. McBee, 42, whose body was found in a Rising Star wood Dec. 22, 1934.

W. H. Coon, Dalhart rancher, and Miss Irene Caldwell, "Bluebonnet Belle" of the Texas Centennial, who were married in Dallas, are spending their honeymoon in Corpus Christi.

Dallas county's 29th traffic fatality for this year was registered Wednesday when Lewis Paris, 17, died of injuries received Saturday when an automobile knocked him from his bicycle.

Sandra Mints, age 16 months, died at Vernon Saturday night from the effects of poison tablets she thought were candy. Her sister, 3, became ill after licking coating from the tablets, but recovered.

Mrs. Kate Veck, 78, pioneer florist and resident of San Angelo 64 years, who was credited with naming the Concho trading post, "Santa Angela," from which the name San Angelo grew, died Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Bettie Branch Davis, 93, who led the grand march with General Sam Houston when he was inaugurated governor of Texas and who was the oldest living graduate of Baylor college at Old Independence, died Tuesday in a Houston hospital.

Wilbur Garton, wholesale liquor dealer, was arrested at Corpus Christi on warrants charging him with murder in connection with the deaths of a woman and a girl, whose bodies were found in the Pecos river about six years ago.

Pleading guilty to negligent homicide in connection with the highway crash which killed Mrs. W. B. Stokes of Gladewater, youngest sister of Governor James V. Allred, J. R. Johnson, a Dallas truck driver, was sentenced to 60 days in the Wood county jail.

Division of the sixth district, Texas Federation of Women's clubs, was made effective at the spring meeting in Abilene this week with the election of Mrs. T. Y. Casey of Pecos as president of the new eighth district, and Miss Ethel Foster of Sterling City as sixth district leader.

Patterson and Church Re-Elected to Board

Herbert Patterson and C. P. Church were re-elected to the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district in Saturday's election. 38 votes were cast, of which Patterson received 36 and Church, 34.

Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. Opal Sheppard, F. Y. Gaither, J. E. Smith and Yates Brown were each given a single complimentary vote when their names were written on the ballot.

Holdover members of the school board are: S. D. Gamble, Fred Hughes and W. O. Boney, whose terms expire in 1937, and Roy Reid and O. J. Adcock, who carry on until 1938.

While complete returns for county trustee of precinct 2 and for county trustee-at-large cannot be secured until officially tabulated by the commissioners court Monday, returns were near enough complete to assure the election of D. I. Shelton in precinct 2 (Merkel). A total of 315 was received by James E. Freeman, present trustee-at-large, and 224 for M. A. Williams, former county superintendent.

Neither was a candidate, nor was Dave Shelton, voters writing in their names.

In the Merkel box, Shelton received 23 votes and Freeman, 18.

HOUSTON GROUP VISIT MERKEL ON TRADE TOUR

Vice-President Blanton of the Visiting Body Started His C. of Career Here Nineteen Years Ago.

A trainload of 80 Houston business men on a five-day tour advertising their city's San Jacinto Centennial celebration, stopped 20 minutes in Merkel Wednesday morning, arriving here at 8:05 o'clock.

While no formal program was arranged, the Houstonians paraded through the downtown section, and, by way of greeting to W. N. Blanton, vice-president and general manager of the Houston chamber of commerce, sponsors of the trip, C. J. Glover welcomed the visitors, calling attention to the fact that it was a homecoming for Bill Blanton, who started in commercial executive work here as secretary of the chamber of commerce in 1917. (Later he was secretary of the young men's business league of Waco, then the largest organization of its type in America, and following this was manager of the East Texas chamber of commerce.)

The visitors were also reminded that Earl Stallings, a former Merkel boy, was cashier of the South Texas Commercial bank, Houston, which made their presence doubly welcome.

In referring to his activities in Merkel Blanton had recalled he was successful in inducing a laundry to open in Merkel but at that time Merkel being without adequate sewerage facilities, a citizen had caused the closing of the laundry by his protest against the water standing in the street.

As a sequel to the story, one of the Houston group, posing as a representative of the "Merkel chamber of commerce," just before the departure of the special train, presented Blanton with a carefully wrapped gift from the city, which package proved to be a suit of full-length underwear.

Name Three Aldermen In Tuesday's Election

With three to be named, Fred Hughes and W. W. Haynes were re-elected aldermen in the annual city election Tuesday and Dee Grimes was added as a new member of the city council, to succeed D. H. Vaughn, who did not stand for re-election. Only 33 votes were cast. Hughes and Grimes received 33 votes each, with 32 for Haynes.

S. D. Gamble and Fred Baker are holdover aldermen, constituting, with Mayor W. M. Elliott, incumbent, the city's governing body.

Suggestions Offered For Beautifying Park

At a group meeting of the highway beautification committee, held Sunday afternoon in the home of the chairman, Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, suggested plans were mapped out to be submitted to the proper authorities of the highway department as to method of laying out and improving Darstine park, on which work started Saturday, Mar. 28.

The chairman, Mrs. Sheppard, and Booth Warren were named a committee to present these suggestions.

Present at the group meeting were: Mesdames Frank McFarland, R. A. Burgess and A. T. Sheppard, Messrs. Booth Warren, A. T. Sheppard, R. A. Burgess, Herbert Patterson, Fred Hughes, and C. J. Glover.

Thursday morning Mrs. Sheppard, as committee chairman, reported that the city had agreed to lay two water lines under the highway pavement, one to the original plot, first improved, and the other to the one just to the west sponsored by the Home Demonstration club. Pipe has been purchased to carry the water to the various subdivisions.

A further accomplishment of this committee was also evidenced this week when crews working for the T. & P. railway began a thorough clean-up of the railroad right-of-way, as directed by orders from A. E. Pistole, division superintendent.

"Frontier" Signs Whiteman. Fort Worth, Tex., April 9.—Paul Whiteman's orchestra was signed by the board of control for a six-week engagement at the Fort Worth frontier centennial, beginning when the show opens on July 1.

FIRE AT WAGON YARD DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK

Early Morning Conflagration Takes Lives of Eleven Head of Livestock; Fireboys Prevent Spread of Flames.

Fanned by a terrific south wind, fire at an early hour Saturday morning totally destroyed the barns of the Pence wagon yard here, wiping out an old landmark and carrying in its wake the loss of ten head of stock; four horses, three cows and three pigs. A fourth cow, after persistent efforts to save her, was killed Thursday morning, bringing the total to eleven head of livestock lost. Quantities of feed and cotton planting seed were also included in the loss.

The flames were beyond control on being discovered and it was only due to the wind holding steadily from the one direction that no surrounding property was burned. Firemen exerted every effort to prevent spread of the conflagration, which was confined to the buildings occupying the eastern part of the half block premises of the wagon yard.

Amount of the damage was impossible to estimate, as the buildings were all of considerable age and not in the best of repair. Origin of the fire is unknown. No insurance was carried.

Livestock losses were divided as follows: Henry Ellerbe, four horses and one cow; A. D. Hallmark, one cow and one hog, with a second cow that had to be killed, and W. H. Pence, two hogs and one cow.

Seven head of horses belonging to Lester Smith in an adjoining lot were released and fled to safety.

W. H. Pence, owner of the wagon yard, stated Thursday that the yard would be fenced and ready for regular "Second Monday."

Merkel Interested In Sylvester Road

With a view of looking after Merkel's interest on the proposed Sylvester road, a committee of six was named by President Roy Reid at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, with the following personnel: A. T. Sheppard, S. M. Hunter, Booth Warren, W. O. Boney, Henry West and C. J. Glover, the first named being chairman.

Including three visitors, Mrs. Len Sublett, Emil Hutto and John Toombs, the latter now of Abilene but a former well known Merkelite, there were 35 seated at the luncheon table at Wooley's cafe.

As principal of the Grammar school, Mrs. Sublett called attention to the fact that Merkel Grammar was winner of ward school county championship in the interscholastic league, citing the places won in the various events. Emil Hutto, as principal of the High school and football coach, expressed appreciation to the Lions club for the following assistance: training camp, transport for football players in surrounding communities, warm-up hoods, furnishing means for carrying players to games in other places, park fence and, lastly, sweaters for the Badger lettermen.

Supt. R. A. Burgess took occasion to commend the Lions club for the plan inaugurated this year of rewarding the honor students in the four high school grades by inviting them to the club luncheons.

Report of Community Amateur Night, as submitted by General Chairman L. C. Zehnpennig, showed total receipts, \$70.65, net \$59.65, leaving residue of \$35.60 not covered in the original cost of the sweaters.

Stanley King, as chairman of the "On-to-Divide" committee, told of the wholesome enthusiasm of Merkel merchants in participating in the visit to this thriving community.

Reports as to the summer program were also made by Dee Grimes, president of the Merchants Trade Extension association, who asked Booth Warren, rodeo chairman, and Joe P. Self, speaking for the baseball committee, to give further details.

Fire Destroys Home of Mrs. L. W. Gilmore

The home of Mrs. L. W. Gilmore in South Merkel, together with practically all household goods, was destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Origin of the fire is unknown, according to Fire Chief N. A. Dowell, as no one was at home at the time. No insurance was carried.

BLEACHERS TO ACCOMMODATE 320 PERSONS AND USED FOR BOTH RODEO AND BASEBALL

RULES GOVERNING RODEO CONTESTS

Complete Regulations for Calf Roping, Cow Milking and Steer Riding Events.

A folder containing the complete rules and regulations for rodeo contestants has been printed by the rodeo committee of the Merchants Trade Extension association and will be mailed to all prospective contestants in the various events of the 1936 series of shows.

These rules will be strictly adhered to, stated Chairman Booth Warren, and, therefore, every contestant should make himself familiar with them.

Spectators as well would like to be informed along the same line and for their benefit. The Mail is printing these rules in their entirety, as follows:

GENERAL RULES.

1. This is strictly an amateur show and professionals will be barred from competition.

2. Entry lists for contestants in all events will close promptly at 12:00 o'clock noon on every show day. Contestants must register with T. C. Jenkins and pay entry fee by 12:00 o'clock. There will be no exception to this rule.

3. Each show will start promptly at 1:30 p. m. on the following dates, to-wit: Apr. 25, May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20 and July 18. When rain causes postponement of a rodeo session, that show will be added or two weeks after the last one on the schedule. The management estimates that approximately 2 hours will be required for each show.

GENERAL PRIZES.

The Association will offer as special prizes in Calf Roping and Cow Milking events, two pair of shop made boots to be awarded, one pair in each event, to the contestant making best average time during the series of shows. To be eligible for these seasonal prizes contestants must participate in at least four (4) shows. Average time to be figured by total number of shows contestant actually participates in.

CALF ROPING.

1. Entry fee \$1.00. Money to be divided 40-30-20-10. Limited to 30 contestants.

2. This is a catch as catch can contest, but calf must be roped in such manner as to hold the calf until rope reaches him.

3. Contestants must use approved neck rein adjusted to prevent his horse busting calf. There will be a 10 second penalty if, in the opinion of (Continued on Page Five)

Six Clubs to Constitute the Inter-Community League; First Game, Apr. 18; Opening Rodeo, Apr. 25.

Contract for the erection of bleacher seats to accommodate 320 persons was let Thursday morning by the special grandstand committee of the Merchants Trade Extension association, which body decided this year to build its own stands in lieu of those which the school board allowed the association to use last year.

Plans provide for five sections, each on runners, eight rows high and seating eight persons to the row. Two of the sections will be constructed on the baseball lot for use for the opening game of the season on Saturday, Apr. 18, after which they will be shunted to the rodeo arena and joined with the other three sections.

Burton-Lingo Co. were the successful bidders.

The committee on grandstand construction consists of W. O. Boney, chairman, S. D. Gamble and Roy Reid.

SIX CLUB CIRCUIT. Six clubs will constitute the circuit of the Inter-Community Baseball league for 1936: Truby, Union, Tye, Noodle, Trent and Divide. They will play each other twice through for a total of 30 games. Winners of the three cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be determined according to the Shaughnessy play-off plan, as heretofore.

Organization of the circuit was completed Wednesday night at a meeting of the baseball committee with club managers, with C. J. Glover as president.

The respective club managers are: Truby, Henry Eason; Union, Ross Bartlett; Tye, Jess Jowers; Noodle, Jack Good; Trent, Leonard Quattlebaum; Divide, J. B. McCoy.

Playing schedule to start Saturday, Apr. 18, will be printed in full in next week's issue of The Mail.

RODEO PRIZES.

Two pairs of shop made boots, one pair in each event, calf roping and cow milking, will be awarded to the contestant making the best average time during the series of shows.

First rodeo has been set for Saturday, Apr. 25, other dates being given in the story in next column.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

A list of subscribers to the Merchants Trade Extension association for 1936 will be published in The Mail next week. Any firm or individual who has not yet subscribed should notify Dee Grimes, president, or Joe Self, treasurer, by Monday, Apr. 13, so as to be included in this list.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 14, 1916.)

C. L. CASH VICTIM OF SUDDEN DEATH.

Congestion of muscles and nerves brought on by a chilled condition was responsible for the death of C. L. Cash, which occurred at his home Monday at 12:30 p. m.

There are no little fish in Jim Ned. The news brought back to Merkel by H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Wesley Edwards, Will Brown and Ross Ferrer, who returned Monday evening from a fishing trip on Jim Ned in the vicinity of Coleman.

Among those driving down to Abilene Sunday afternoon for the county singing convention were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shelton, Mrs. C. E. Conner, Misses Mamie Rister and Susie Penn. This party returned Sunday night; the time after the convention was over was spent visiting with friends.

For Sale—My home in Northwest Merkel where I now live. A bargain. T. J. Evans.

COX-McKEE.

The marriage of Miss Mina Cox and Mr. Jack McKee was performed in the presence of only the relatives and most intimate friends. The bride is

the charming daughter of Judge and Mrs. B. A. Cox and never looked lovelier than on this occasion, gowned in a lovely gray taffeta with pink carnations and accessories to match. Mr. McKee is of a prominent family of Cleburne, Texas, but is at present engaged in business at Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. McKee left immediately for Merkel, accompanied by Miss Zoe West and Luther Grimes, and are located at the Templeton house on Oak street.

MISS MARY TEAFF ENTERTAINS.

Miss Mary Teaff gave an evening of unalloyed pleasure to her Senior classmates of the high school when she opened her home to them on last Friday evening. The guests were driven to the J. N. Teaff home four miles north of town in four cars. All enjoyed this car ride and games of "42" picks and flinch were played. A game of picks was a new one as Lewis Swann was given a stick of candy as a prize. It was assisted by her sister in serving ambrosia, cake to Misses Osie Minnie Coats, Mamie Garret; Messrs. son, Sidney and N. J. Moore, Arl S.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The M. E. meeting is still in progress, with good crowds in attendance, even though the weather has not been so favorable. Every one is invited to attend.

The school trustee election resulted in 67 votes cast, with Malcolm Beasley re-elected and Joe Nalley as the new board member.

At a meeting of the school board Monday evening, Supt. Scott, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Reaves and Miss Payne were re-elected for the next school term.

Rev. Huston Scott of Abilene filled the pulpit of the Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour. He with Mrs. Scott were guests in the J. E. Bowers home at the lunch hour, visiting in the afternoon with different friends and relatives.

Brother Pruitt of A. C. C. preached at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse, who has been quite ill for the past ten days, is reported somewhat improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trent of Eskota were shopping here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlert O'Kelley were visitors to Abilene on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Winn has been on the sick list for the past several days. Mrs. Boots Brown took her place at the telephone office.

Mesdames Ed Burks and G. C. Johnson were Monday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep of Sweetwater. They reported Mrs. Estep and little daughter, Clifton Gene, ill with the "flu."

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, and Messrs. Hugh McLeod and Alvin Statser were guests Sunday of Mrs. Pearl King of Seymour.

S. H. Estep spent Sunday in Lubbock. He reported the sandstorm as awful. (We also report it as mighty awful here.)

Mrs. J. I. Leamon had as her guest last week-end her niece, Mrs. Loraine Patte, of Oklahoma City. While here, she accompanied her aunt, Mrs. Leamon, on a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathews near Merkel and they visited with Mrs. M. A. Dowdy, who has been ill for some time. They report her condition much improved.

Little Miss Johnnie Wheeler, who underwent a tonsil operation recently, is reported to be improving.

Cliff Newberry of Wylie and Mrs. Newberry of Union Ridge were guests Sunday afternoon in the Ed Burks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, once residents of this place but now of Snyder, were passing guests of friends here Friday. Alton Boone left Tuesday for South Texas.

Mrs. O'Neal spent several days last week visiting in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. J. P. Stevens. On Sunday Mrs. Charles O'Brien and Mrs. Verle Little, on their return from Temple, stopped over for the day and they were Sunday guests in the T. L. Stevens home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tittle and daughter, Miss Irene, of Wichita Falls

were guests over the week-end with relatives, dividing time with Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Mrs. A. Williamson and in the C. C. Stribling home.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Venable have recently removed to San Angelo. Pap Burks has gone to McCamey, where he has employment.

W. I. Decker, an old timer of this place but now living in other parts, was greeting old friends here Saturday.

Mrs. E. L. Mangum spent the first part of the week visiting her daughter, Miss Imogene Mangum, who has a music class in Eldorado. She had the pleasure of attending a recital of Miss Mangum's class.

Mrs. Andy Shouse attended the Major Bowes' program at Merkel Friday night.

W. E. Chitwall, who for the past several months has been living near Lamesa, has moved back.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts went to Gladewater on Thursday of last week for a visit of several days with her mother, Mrs. Jones, who was injured in a car accident on the first day of the year and who is still not able to be out.

Mrs. Phillips of Big Spring visited with her nephew, Mr. Scott, on her ranch south of town.

Mesdames N. O. Bright, Hale and Jackson Bright and Miss Edith Hale were week-end guests of relatives in Breckenridge.

On last Tuesday evening, Apr. 1, Mrs. W. F. Steadman was hostess in honor of her son, Kirby's 14th birthday. A number of his friends were invited to help him celebrate the occasion. Games and contests were enjoyed and refreshments served. Kirby received a lot of nice gifts and good wishes for many more happy birthdays.

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I am justly proud of the fact that for the past two years the county has operated on a fifty-seven cent tax rate, the lowest this county has enjoyed since before 1920. During all this time the county and all its precincts and road districts have been operated on a cash basis, and at the end of 1935 had a cash surplus on hand of approximately one hundred thousand dollars. No bonds, machinery warrants or any other kind of warrants have been issued during my tenure of office. In fact, the indebtedness of the county and its precincts and road districts has been decreased steadily during these three years. In 1935 alone there was paid on the indebtedness of the county and its road districts the sum of \$95,100.00.

We have eliminated the unfair road district taxes which caused our rural precincts to have to pay a very high ad valorem levy for road district purposes. This indebtedness is now paid out of motor vehicle registration fees and now placed is very fair to all of our citizens.

The county commissioners are entitled to credit for the careful and efficient economy in handling the

county's finances and in their road and bridge work.

All outstanding bonds that gave us the option to do so have been called during the last year and refunded at lower rates of interest and with shorter maturities, which will effect a great saving to the citizens of our county in the long run, even though the increased maturities by coming due at once prevented us from having a fifty cent tax rate this year.

My work in handling juvenile cases and other matters relative thereto, and in handling the probate court of this county has been commended highly by those familiar with same.

If you good citizens of our county desire to return me to the office of county judge I pledge a continuance of the policies of economy and fairness and justice. The duties of my office will prevent me from seeing every citizen and I hope that you will consider this as my request for your vote and influence.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN CAMP.

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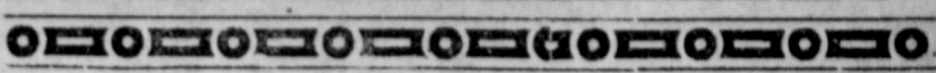
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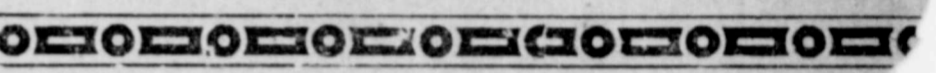
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DISTRICT MEET.

On Friday and Saturday the survivors of the county meet will go to Sweetwater to contest for district honors. Alice Carey, sponsored by Miss Alyeen Ater, will go as our essayist. Betty Grimes, Juanita Huskey, Sis Gamble, Opal Buzbee and Harold Morgan are the cast that will present the one-act play, "Judgment Comes to Dan'L." Both extemporaneous speakers, Willie Mae Nelson and Clifton Bellamy, will complete the forces bearing the purple and gold standard.

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT.

On Tuesday, Mar. 31, volley ball teams from various schools staged a tournament in the gymnasium. Roscoe and Hermleigh led off, Roscoe winning both games, 16-14, 15-7. Elm Dale won the second set from Merkel, 15-5, 12-15, 15-3. In the third set Hermleigh won two straight games from Anson, 15-13, 15-4. Roscoe won the fourth set over Elmdale, 15-7, 16-14. The fifth set, between Merzel and Anson, was cut short with the score standing 15-9 for Anson, 15-5 for Merkel.

AMATEUR PROGRAM.

Many of the high school students appeared on the Amateur Contest sponsored by the Lions' club. Among those competing were Aliene, Doris and Dorothy Mashburn, Mildred Sosebee, Eva Faye Bush, Bryan, Lela and Pauline Higgins. Hollis Perry gave a very entertaining non-competitive number—the song "Breakin' in a New Pair of Shoes" supplemented by tap dancing.

ONE-ACT PLAY.

Tuesday morning the cast gave the one-act play, "Judgment Comes to Dan'L," for the general public. This play is one of the best, modern comedies for a high school cast. This presentation helped the cast greatly in smoothing down any rough edges; so that it will be in perfect condition for the district Interscholastic League meet in Sweetwater.

DEBATE NEWS.

Mr. Meyers, the debate coach of Merkel High school, took his boys' debate team to Abilene Friday night to debate the Wylie debate team. The Merkel boys were Roy Hagler, first speaker, and John Leonard, second speaker.

When they drew for sides the Merkel boys got the affirmative. Then the speaking began. Around and around they went. First one and then the other. Finally on top. However, when it came to the judges to say who won, the Merkel boys were on bottom. Despite this defeat Mr. Meyers said he was proud of his debate boys.

CHORAL CLUB GOES ON TOUR.

Friday morning of last week the Choral club assembled in the Stith bus, with Mr. Burgess as driver and their sponsor, Mrs. Haynes, and went to several schools south of town to sing. Those schools were as follows: Blair, White Church, Butman, I. X. L., Castle Peak and Mount Pleasant. We arrived back at the High school at 12:15 o'clock. Every one enjoyed singing for the students of those schools.

ANNUAL NEWS.

Miss Martin has released the announcement that the last shipment has been sent to the factory and that the finished product should be back to school by May 14.

SPRING FEVER OR ELSE?

Just a little note Oscar wrote while Betty was so ill:
I'm in a 10-der mood today,
& feel poetic, 2;
4 fun I'll just—off a line
& send it off 2U.
I'm sorry U've been 6 o long;
But don't B discossed;
But bear your ills with 40-2d,
& they won't seem so gr8.

ASK?????

Mattie Lou how she and Opal slept Saturday night.
Harold Morgan when you can always find his Ford (in front of a stucco house.)
Dickie Sharp whom he is going with to the Junior-Senior banquet.
Eva Faye Boney whom he is working in cooperation with.
R. T. Blair where he went Sunday night.
Oscar Adcock what was so funny in the show Saturday night.
Griffin Barnett if he is going to put up a nudist colony.
Ora Derrick what would happen if there was no mail service in the U. S.
Mildred S. why won't two pass for

BLAIR ITEMS

After going through all of March with moderate temperatures, winter took another fling at us on the first day of April, again on April 5, and then a cold norther all day Monday. It will take warmer weather to determine the exact damage. Many garden plants were advanced, but for the most part they are of the variety that can stand low temperatures.

Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., of Butman spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer. Mrs. Butman's health has not been of the best for some time. We hope she will soon regain her health and be out among her friends again.

Mr. O. D. Pruitt, Mrs. R. B. Horton and Miss Sarah Malone have been on the sick list since our last news letter.

Miss Sophie Howard of Abilene spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson and children of Rad Spring spent the week-end with relatives here, leaving on Monday for Hamlin to visit a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meeks, en route home.

Rev. John Walker of Clyde delivered two interesting discourses at the Baptist church Sunday.

There will be preaching service at the M. E. church next Sunday.

Miss Frances Scoggins has accepted a position with Wozy's cafe in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley and family attended church services at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips and Mrs. Howard Brown and family spent the past week with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips, of

White Church. Mr. Phillips has the pneumonia, but it is reported he is getting along fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatas and little son visited several days the past week with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gatas of Claud.

Mrs. Carl Doan and children visited Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of thanking friends and neighbors for their sympathy, help and kindness during the recent serious illness of our loved ones. Especially do we thank Dr. Sadler for his prompt and kind attention.

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Our Seniors

Missie Spurgin. Missie ("Mutt") to her friends at Noodle where she lives is known everywhere for her ability to play the piano, having studied music ten years. She is now pianist for the Choral and Glee clubs. At Noodle she played basketball three years and volley ball two years. She represented Noodle at Anson in Interscholastic League spelling one year and declamation three years, winning one first place, one second and one third. This year she is in the M. H. S. Players' club, Pep Squad and Choral club. She wants to go to John Tarleton Agricultural college next year and later be an expression teacher.

Lloyd Vick if he likes Trent boys. Murry Toombs if he likes Wahoo. Willie B. Toombs how he liked amateur night.

Lucille why John don't like to go with her.

Fannell Gray what her latest side kick is.

Don Swafford if he likes to go round and round.

Lucy Fae if her lover is coming back to her.

Mary Helen M. if she is unconscious.

Laverne Moore if she is deserving.

JOKES.
Lucy Faye D.: "Say sap, it's twelve o'clock. Are you going to stay here all night?"
Norman K.: "I don't know. I'll have to call my mother and ask her."
Sis: "Why did you refuse Zerk, if you really loved him as you say?"
Phillis S.: "Well, you see, he said he couldn't live without me, and it aroused my curiosity."
Hollis P.: "I was so disappointed to learn I was out the other day when you called."
Doyle G.: "So was I. I felt sure I'd find you, for I saw you go in just as I turned the corner."

The president of a small college was visiting the little school of Merkel, and had been asked to address the student body. In order to assure them that his career had not caused him to put on airs, he began his address thus: "My dear friends—I won't call you ladies and gentlemen—I know you too well for that."

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ANOTHER MILE POST.

(Texas Press in Waco News-Tribune.)
The Merkel Mail, edited by C. J. Glover, formerly of Waco, has the following in last issue:
With this issue, the Mail, "your home town newspaper," begins its 47th year of service to this community and section. The paper, founded by "Mary Jane" Cox, one of the most colorful of early day newspaper men of the Lone Star state...

The Mail has ever been a progressive local paper, and is well handled at the present time by C. J. Glover, a native of Belton, and later a citizen of Waco. "Mary Jane" Cox, who founded the Mail, is remembered by all old-time editors. He has gone hence, but his fine work remains. Good luck to Glover, in gliding forward the Mail.

NOODLE NEWS

The farmers have their land all prepared and are waiting for a rain to plant maize and other feed crops.
Woodrow Justice went to Ballinger Sunday. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. O. L. Justice, who expects to stay several days with her daughter, Mrs. Vera Roden, who is the proud mother of a baby boy born Friday, Apr. 3.

W. C. Thompson and wife of Las Cruces, N. M., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring, other relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Prichard and Mrs. Prichard is visiting her parents and brother at Merkel, also a brother here.

Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Merkel is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Odell Eoff.
Mrs. R. L. Griffin of Merkel was a week-end guest of Mrs. J. R. Murdoch.

Fred Bicknell and family and Leonard Jinkens and family of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan.

O. C. Vick and wife, S. C. Vick and wife and Jennings Vick of Las Cruces, N. M., spent Sunday in the home of Hergie Vick.

Jack Pierce and B. F. Weeks were visitors in Stamford Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. Weeks' sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crow and family of near Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Crow Sunday.

We are glad to report all the sick of our community on the road to recovery.

Joe B. Sosebee, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is able to be up.

J. W. Cox has been on the sick list, but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Boyd Tarpley and Grandma Tarpley have been confined to their beds with influenza, but are better now.

Harold Sosebee has been very sick with an infection of the mouth and throat for the past ten days, but his condition is greatly improved at this writing.

J. L. Dixon and family were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley Sunday.

WOW Camp Entertains Local Circle Members

On Tuesday evening, Mar. 31, members of the W. O. W. camp 719 invited the members of the Woodmen Circle and their families to meet with them and partake of an ice cream and cake social.

Council Commander Watt Blair called the meeting to order and introduced Mayor W. M. Elliott, who gave the words of welcome, and the response was made by Mrs. Katie Church, guardian of Merkel Grove No. 563.

The floor work was carried out by the Merkel drill team and the Woodmen degree team in a very impressive manner.

Special string music was rendered during the evening by the Hillbillies. About two hundred were present to enjoy the affair.

Rubinoff Engaged by Chevrolet Motor For 39 Radio Programs

Dave Rubinoff, who under Chevrolet sponsorship has made good in a big way as a radio headliner in his own right, takes another long upward stride this spring, to become, probably, the most widely-heard artist on the air.

He has been engaged by Chevrolet dealers to appear on a series of 39 programs for the dealers' "Musical Moments" program, which holds the all-time record for radio coverage. His music will be heard at the rate of three programs a week on 387 stations. His supporting artists, Jan Pearce, tenor, and Virginia Rea, soprano, will each appear in 13 programs, and other leading radio artists will be engaged as guest stars for 13 additional programs.

All 39 of the new programs will be announced by Graham McNamee, and the 33-piece supporting orchestra featured on the present Chevrolet Saturday evening hour will be heard throughout the series.

Using a station list as large as that now scheduled for "Musical Moments," as a basis for computation, Rubinoff will be heard in 15,093 separate broadcasts. His programs will add up to 3,773 solid hours of entertainment,—or more than a year and a half, figured at eight hours a day six days a week.

Attend Eastern Star School of Instruction

A school of instruction of the Eastern Star was held in Sweetwater on Apr. 1 in the Masonic hall. Sweetwater had as her co-hostesses Roscoe and Blackwell chapters. The luncheon carried out the Bluebonnet, or Texas flower theme, and the 6:30 dinner carried out the Centennial theme, Texas under Six Flags and the five-pointed star in its colors.

Mrs. Rebecca Miles of Jacksonville, worthy grand matron of the grand chapter of Texas, assisted the district deputy grand matron, Mrs. Ethel Adams, of Amarillo, in conducting the school of instruction. Mrs. Florence Read of Coahoma, associate grand matron, and Mrs. Norma Allen of Edna, grand conductress, were introduced and also eight appointive grand officers.

Thirty-five chapters in section 5 and 6 of district 2 were represented and Mrs. Robbie Dyer, grand examiner for district 2, reported 140 certificates.

The following members from Merkel chapter 212 attended the school and secured certificates as indicated: Mesdames Bessie Cummins, Bessie Merritt and Lilla Rea, "A" certificates, and Mesdames Priscilla Williamson, Nannie Catusseaux, Aura Johnson, Georgia Allday, Viola Ensminger, Mrs. Neal and M. S. Cummins. "B" certificates.

GOODMAN NEWS

We are glad to report that there is very little illness in our community Mrs. Vessel, who is in the hospital at Abilene, is improving nicely, so we hear.

Mr. and Mrs. Veachie Payne of Paducah spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson of Lamesa are visiting her mother, Mrs. Tom Winter.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are leaving to live in New Mexico.

Our school district elected 5 trustees Saturday. C. A. Cox and W. S. Barnes were re-elected. New ones are: Carl Bonneaux, Houston Tiner and Marvin James.

We are very anxious to get started to work on our new gym. We hope to begin in a very few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fleming and little son, Jackie Gene, and Miss Delia Northcutt spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Hoyt Barnes.

Sunday night is our regular singing night. We invite all singers to help us, or, if you can't sing, come and visit. Since our singing school we think our singing class has improved 100 per cent. Our juniors will surprise you. So come on and help us out.

We hope to have a write-up each week from Goodman, also news from our school.

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Motorists of Hungary have been ordered to turn corners at not over four miles per hour.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLAIR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Blair Home Demonstration club will meet Apr. 15 in the home of Mrs. Pet Patterson. The program for the day will be a demonstration of mattress making. Miss Lottie Butman and Mrs. A. J. Russell will assist in the demonstration.

All club members are asked by Mrs. W. L. Whatley, president of the club, to please remember to bring a covered dish, as this will be an all-day program.

WARREN 4-H CLUB.

The Warren 4-H club met Friday, Apr. 3, at 10:30 in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelson, with the president in the chair. Songs were led by the song leader, after which the meeting was turned over to the county home demonstration agent, Miss Jewel Faulkner. She discussed plans for the club's summer encampment to be held July 9-10 at Lueders. To be able to attend this encampment, we must have our sewing boxes equipped, garden plans made and cap-towels, slips, smocks or aprons completed.

Miss Faulkner then discussed materials, seams and patterns for our slips, showing how to alter patterns to fit different people. Kinds of materials and patterns to be used for our aprons and smocks were also discussed.

We checked our garden plans, showing 95 per cent completed; sewing boxes, 100 per cent, and cap-towels, 90 per cent finished.

The meeting was then turned back to the president.

Next meeting will be held in the home of the sponsor Friday Apr. 17, at 10:30 o'clock.

PERSONALS

Miss Vera Adams of Spur, niece of Mrs. Turner, is visiting in the Ed Turner home.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned Tuesday from an extended visit to Abilene, Albany and Clyde.

Mrs. Elsie Burrows and children of Portales, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wright and Mrs. Hester Williams and son of Lamesa spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Wright.

Mrs. T. F. Lasater and son of Sweetwater, former residents here, spent Tuesday in the W. D. Butler home.

Mrs. Johnny Lee Everett of Headley was a recent visitor with her sisters, Mrs. Oda Clark and Mrs. Roy Baccus.

Rev. E. B. Laneth of Clarendon was a week-end guest in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus.

Miss Iris Garrett returned Saturday night from a visit to Waco and Fort Worth, having been accompanied by her brother, Doy's Garrett, and Miss Louise Buggin, both of Waco, who were guests Sunday in the J. M. Garrett home.

Miss Clara E. White spent the week-end with Miss Hortense Armstrong of Salt Branch. She was also a guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent returned home to Brownwood Wednesday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, and old friends here.

Jim Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, was sufficiently recovered to be brought home. Jim had been attending Teachers college at Denton, but was compelled to leave school because of his illness.

Singers to Hold Two-Day Session at Lawn

Taylor County Singing convention meets at Lawn on Saturday night and Sunday, Apr. 11 and 12. New officers will be elected for the coming year, which will take place Saturday night.

Those now serving the convention are: Buster Horton, president; Eedo Dowdy, vice-president; Silas Abbott, secretary, and Luther J. Webb, chaplain.

Singers are expected from Jones, Callahan, Nolan, Runnels and Fisher counties.

NBC quartette will be featured Saturday night with popular numbers, also Leola Marie Clark with piano-ac-cordion. The Tucker Twins of Winters are expected for specials.

The Saturday night session will begin at 8 o'clock. Buster Horton, president, and Silas Abbott, secretary, extend an invitation to the public to attend.

Livestock Receipts Way Up.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 9.—Livestock receipts at the local stockyards for the first three months of 1936 showed a 42 percent gain over the corresponding period last year, the stockyards company announced Monday.

"Horse Sense" Advice Offered Motorists

Good old horse sense goes a long way in the proper care of an automobile motor and in obtaining maximum mileage at a minimum cost, say the laboratory scientists of Gulf Oil Corp. Gulf Refining Co. Stressing the need for a proper grade motor oil and a gasoline especially refined for the spring season, Gulf urges motorists to heed these simple facts:

To begin with, it has been necessary to use a very light oil in the crankcase during the extreme winter weather just past. Even if this winter-grade oil were in prime condition, it might not lubricate properly in warm weather. Moreover, frequent use of the choke, when practically pure gasoline has entered the cylinders, has tended to thin out the already light lubricant.

During cold weather when the motor has been running, the crankcase has contained warm, moist air which has condensed when the motor has cooled off. In extreme cases ice has formed on the bottom of the crankcase, or frozen in the oil pump. In ordinary cases sludge has formed from the mixture of water, dirt and oil. Sludge is nothing more or less than a thick gooey mass which tends to block the screen on the oil pump and clog oil lines.

The need for changing motor oil with the changing seasons has been pretty well impressed upon the motoring public, but few car owners are aware that the Gulf refineries in various parts of the country, keeping an eye on the calendar and weather condition, automatically change the properties of gasoline to insure the best and most economical performance according to the season. The properties of Gulf gasoline are changed several times a year. Hence the term, "Kept in Step With the Calendar," used in Gulf advertisements currently appearing in The Mail.

Elever Killed in Crash.

Uniontown, Pa., April 9.—Eleven persons—nine passengers and two pilots—were killed Tuesday as the Transcontinental and Western Air-liner Sun Racer crashed into fog-shrousted Chestnut Ridge, seven miles from here, and burned.

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Merkel Girl to Get Diploma at Tarleton

Stephenville, Apr. 9.—Margaret Miller of Merkel, student in John Tarleton college, is on the list of 144 prospective graduates, according to announcement by Charlie S. Wilkins, registrar at the college. The list is the longest in the history of the school. Taking a conservatory course, Miss Miller expects to receive her diploma in May. She is a member of the fine arts club, the girls' college sextette, the chorus and the Aggettes club.

Pershing Pinched for Speeding.

Modesto, Cal., April 9.—General John J. Pershing was cited Tuesday for speeding, three highway patrol officers who once served under the wartime commander as enlisted men, making the charge.

BAKE SALE.

The Methodist ladies will have a Bake Sale at Brooks Patterson's market on Saturday of this week. All kinds of cakes and pies for sale.

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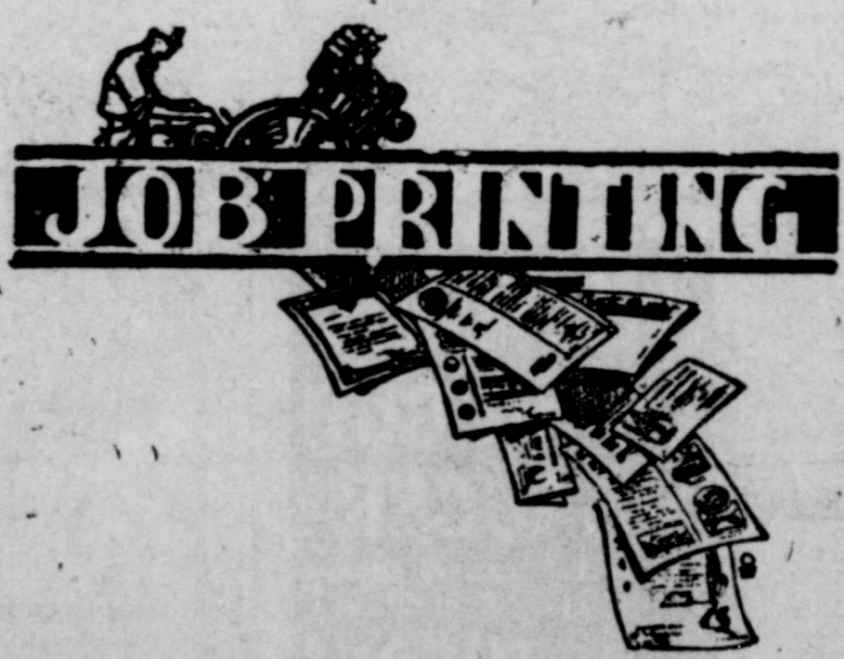
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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
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HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
P. A. DILTZ.
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:
E. F. VANTRESE.
L. R. CADE.
For County Clerk:
(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DRYAN.
E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.
W. B. HALE.
For Sheriff:
S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.
BURL WHEELER.
MERVYN MEEKS.
ROSS L. MILLER.
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)
For District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)
For County Attorney:
ESCO WALTER.
For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.
W. P. BOUNDS.
For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:
S. C. VICK.
N. D. COBB.
For County Judge:
A. A. HEATHINGTON.
JOHN CAMP (Re-election.)

Attends Magnolia Educational School

Wholesale agents for Magnolia Petroleum products from 17 towns in this area attended an educational school in Abilene this week, which was in charge of G. C. Witte, supervisor of retail sales out of the Fort Worth division office, and J. R. Lanus, educational director for the company from Dallas headquarters office.
Merkel's wholesale agent, Charles H. Jones, has been in attendance at the school.

Select Three to Serve On New Farm Program

At a meeting of farmers held Tuesday afternoon at the city tabernacle, Walter Hammond of Tye, John Crain of Trent and John Curb of Mt. Pleasant were named community committeemen for precinct 2 for the new farm soil conservation program.
Hob Robertson and Clark Perkins were named alternates.
County Agent Knox Parr presided, other visitors being O. W. Ewing, assistant county agent in charge of cotton, and Leon Ranson, assistant agent.

Light Shower Falls.

While rainfall in other sections was heavier, Wednesday's showers here did not produce enough moisture to measure, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Extends Thanks to Fireboys.

J. M. Garrett has asked The Mail to extend his thanks to the fireboys for their splendid work in extinguishing the fire in the wash house at his home last week.

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FOUND—Pair of glasses. Owner can get same by describing and proving ownership and paying for this ad. T. L. Grimes.

Rodeo Rules

(Continued from Page One.)
the judges, calf is willfully busted. Roper must dismount and go down ropo and throw calf by hand. Should calf be down when roper gets to him, he must be let up on his feet and thrown by hand. Must cross any three feet and tie so as to hold calf until passed upon by the judge.

4. Ten second fine for roper's mount being over foul line when starter's flag drops.

5. Each roper will be allowed two loops and should he miss with both loops he shall retire from the arena.

WILD COW MILKING.

1. Entry fee 1.00, 50c day money to be added by Association, divided 40-30-20-10. Limited to 15 contestants and their helpers.

2. Contestant must throw first loop. Each roper must have neck rein or strap around horse's neck, adjusted to avoid busting cow. There will be a 10 second penalty if, in the opinion of the judges, cow is willfully busted. Loop must go over cow's head. Rope put on cow in any other manner must be immediately loosed from roper's saddle horn.

3. Cow must be milked standing up. Either man may do milking. Must have enough milk in bottle to show and take it to judge for time.

4. Ten second fine for roper's mount being over foul line when starter's flag drops.

STEER RIDING.

1. Entry fee \$1.00, 50c day money added by Association, divided 50-30-20. Limited to eight (8) steers at each show, to be ridden by the first eight (8) contestants signing entry and paying entry fee.

2. Rider must be ready when name is called or forfeit ride and entry fee.

3. Must come out of chute with spurs in steer's shoulders and then kick back. Must get off when whistle blows. Must have one hand in the air and not change hands during ride. Must ride eight (8) seconds to qualify.

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James Swann Shows First Prize Etching

James Swann, son of Mrs. J. S. Swann of this city, has been awarded the Lila May Chapman prize for the best etching in the Southern States Art League exhibition now being held at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Mr. Swann has three prints in the exhibition: "Southern Oaks," "Galveston Bay" and "Street in Taxco," the latter receiving the first prize for etching.

James Swann is at present studying in Chicago, Ill., under Morris Henry Hobbs. He has recently been elected to active membership in the Chicago Society of Etchers and a group of his prints is included in the permanent collection at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

An exhibition of prints and drawings by James Swann was shown at the Studio Gallery in Abilene in November, 1935.

Feed and Seed Loans.

The Mail has been asked to announce that feed and seed loans are now being made in the county farm agent's office, on the third floor of the court house, Abilene.

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Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Former Resident of Area Dies at Longview

Ody Jerden, who was a police sergeant at Longview and whose family lived on a farm north of Merkel until 1934, when they moved to Longview, died Sunday, Mar. 29, at 3 a. m., death resulting from pneumonia which followed an operation. Funeral services were held at Beaumont on Wednesday, Apr. 1.

Mr. Jerden is survived by his wife and two sons, Larry and Ody, Jr., Longview; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jerden, Longview; two brothers, T. T. Jerden, Beaumont, and Lasco Jerden, who was last reported somewhere in West Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Aubrey Nichols, Longview.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas is a maternal aunt of the deceased.

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Goes to East Texas For Sister's Funeral

J. H. Witcher returned Sunday from East Texas where he attended the funeral of his only sister, Mrs. Fannie Belle Dutton, who died Mar. 26 and was buried at North Honey Grove on Mar. 27.

This was the first time Mr. Witcher had been to his old home in 28 years.

Mrs. Dutton is survived by eleven children and three other brothers besides the Merkel man, A. L. and V. T. Witcher, Honey Grove, and J. L. Witcher, Seminole.

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THE DIVORCE COURT MURDER

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SEVENTH INSTALLMENT.
SYNOPSIS . . . Six persons are in an inner office of the law firm of Dawson, McQuire and Locke at Philadelphia. A master hearing in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland is under way. Mrs. Rowland, represented by her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard; Mr. Rowland, the defendant, and his attorney, Mr. Trumbull; the court clerk and Mr. Dawson, the master, are the six persons. There is a new development in the case. After failing to defend himself against the charge of adultery in earlier hearings, Mr. Rowland digs up evidence and asks the court's permission to produce witnesses and resist the suit. Judge Dawson overrules the heated objections of Mr. Willard, and orders the witness brought in. Rowland's lawyer goes to get the witness but finds her dead—chloroformed. She is Mrs. Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, Judge Dawson phoned for the police. Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case. He is now questioning all of the parties involved in the case. **NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

Inn, and what did he expect to find there?
 Instinctively, Rankin perceived that an immediate answer to these questions was essential to the solution of the crime. Going to the office door, he called Jenks to summon Miss Edmond.
 When the secretary appeared, he motioned her to a seat and returned to the lawyer's swivel chair.
 "Sit down, Miss Edmond," he said brusquely. "You know, of course, that I have charge of the investigation of this crime. I am questioning everyone connected with the divorce hearing. You are the correspondent, I believe; I suppose then that you recall all that happened the night of Wednesday, February first, at the Sunset Inn."
 Perfectly composed, the girl smiled quietly. "Yes, quite clearly," she admitted freely. "I could hardly forget it as I was unfortunately involved."
 "You've also been told," the detective pursued, "that the dead woman is Mrs. Keith—Mrs. Mortimer Keith. Are you acquainted with her or her husband?"

nodded, her very silence an indication of her vigilance.
 "What I want to learn, Miss Edmond, is why he appeared like that? How was he connected with this affair between you and the Rowlands?"
 The secretary shook her head. "I don't think I can tell you that, sir," she answered. "I don't know why he came. In fact, he was a total stranger to me until some time later when Mr. Rowland identified him as Mortimer Keith."
 "Surely he must have offered some explanation for his intrusion into an embarrassing domestic scene in which he had no concern," Rankin pressed.
 "I don't believe he said a word," Miss Edmond returned. "He didn't remain over a minute; he just came in from the hall and looked about; then he seemed to realize he was meddling and turned and went out silently."
 Rankin sensed that she chose her words carefully. "You have no idea

what brought him to that particular place at that time?"
 Imperceptibly the secretary hesitated, but her reply was positive and direct.
 "Not the least, Mr. Rankin. He probably had no reason. If he happened to be stopping at the Inn that night, he couldn't help coming forward when he heard the commotion."
 The detective placed small stock in this idea.
 He retired to the library where Dr. Sackett waited, impatient to present his report and get away. His examination of the body confirmed Dr. Clark's original diagnosis.
 "Thanks very much, doctor," Rankin said, when the physician completed his summary. "Now, I'd appreciate it if you'd do one more service for me before you leave. Attend to shipping the body to the morgue."
 Grumbling, Dr. Sackett nevertheless proceeded to supervise the disposal of the corpse. Hardly had he gone when Johnson appeared from 1505, tying his fingerprint kit together.
 "I'm just about finished in there, Tommy," he said. "I've located plenty of prints all over the place—on the table, the desk and the bookcase. All I need now is to find out who owns them."
 "Well, I've had the entire staff detained," Rankin returned. "so you can take their prints. And prac-

tically every visitor who entered fifteen-o-five is here too. Get Jenks to help you with that." He paused. "How about marks on the doors and windows, Johnson? Did any come from there?"
 The expert shook his head. "Nothing doing, I'm sorry to say, I examined the sills and knobs thoroughly, but they were as clean as a whistle."
 "And the chloroform bottle? Were there any prints on that?"
 Again Johnson shook his head and the detective pursed his lips in disappointment.
 The expert raised a hand and smiled quizzically. "One moment, Tommy, not so fast. Have you searched the office that held the body at all?"
 "No, I haven't had time," Rankin replied.
 "I made a pretty complete canvass of the place while collecting my prints; and I located something I supposed you had missed. These were stuffed way down in the bottom of the wastebasket under the desk—out of sight."
 Johnson produced a pair of yellow sport suede gloves, of expensive quality. Turning back the cuff, the detective disclosed the label of an exclusive haberdashery on Chestnut Street. They were clean and little worn, and he eagerly noted their size, 7 3-4.
 The expert started to leave. "All right, Tommy, I'll do the best I can," he promised. "I rather expected you'd be interested in my find."
 Now he returned to Mr. Dawson's office, switched on the central light and summoned Allen Rowland.
 He motioned the young man to a chair. "Now I'm ready to discuss more important matters with you," he said; "primarily about your evidence of your wife's infidelity with Campbell."
 Rowland made himself comfortable, lit a cigarette and offered Rankin one.

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According to the court reporter's record, that was all he said—namely, that at 11:30, a stranger, who Mr. Willard later informed him was Mortimer Keith, husband of the murdered woman, appeared unexpectedly from the hall, looked about as though puzzled, and then left quickly without a word.
 To Rankin, now, the incident was of utmost significance. Months before it could even have been conjectured that his murdered wife would be a leading witness to Mrs. Rowland's own infidelities. Mr. Keith had been present at the scene of Rowland's apprehension! What could his interest in that intrigue possibly have been? How was he apprised of the rendezvous at the

Though Jill Edmond's tone did not change, he caught an expression of wariness in her gaze before she could veil it.
 "No, not personally, Mr. Rankin. As Mrs. Rowland's secretary, I never had occasion to deal with them. Of course, I've vaguely heard of them as people prominent in Philadelphia society."
 "I have here the complete story of the . . . or . . . escapade at the Inn," Rankin tapped Mr. Simpkins' stenographic report. "Among other facts, it states that at eleven-thirty, just after Mrs. Rowland invaded the bedroom, Mr. Keith arrived and entered behind her. At least, you remember that?"
 As he paused, the girl merely

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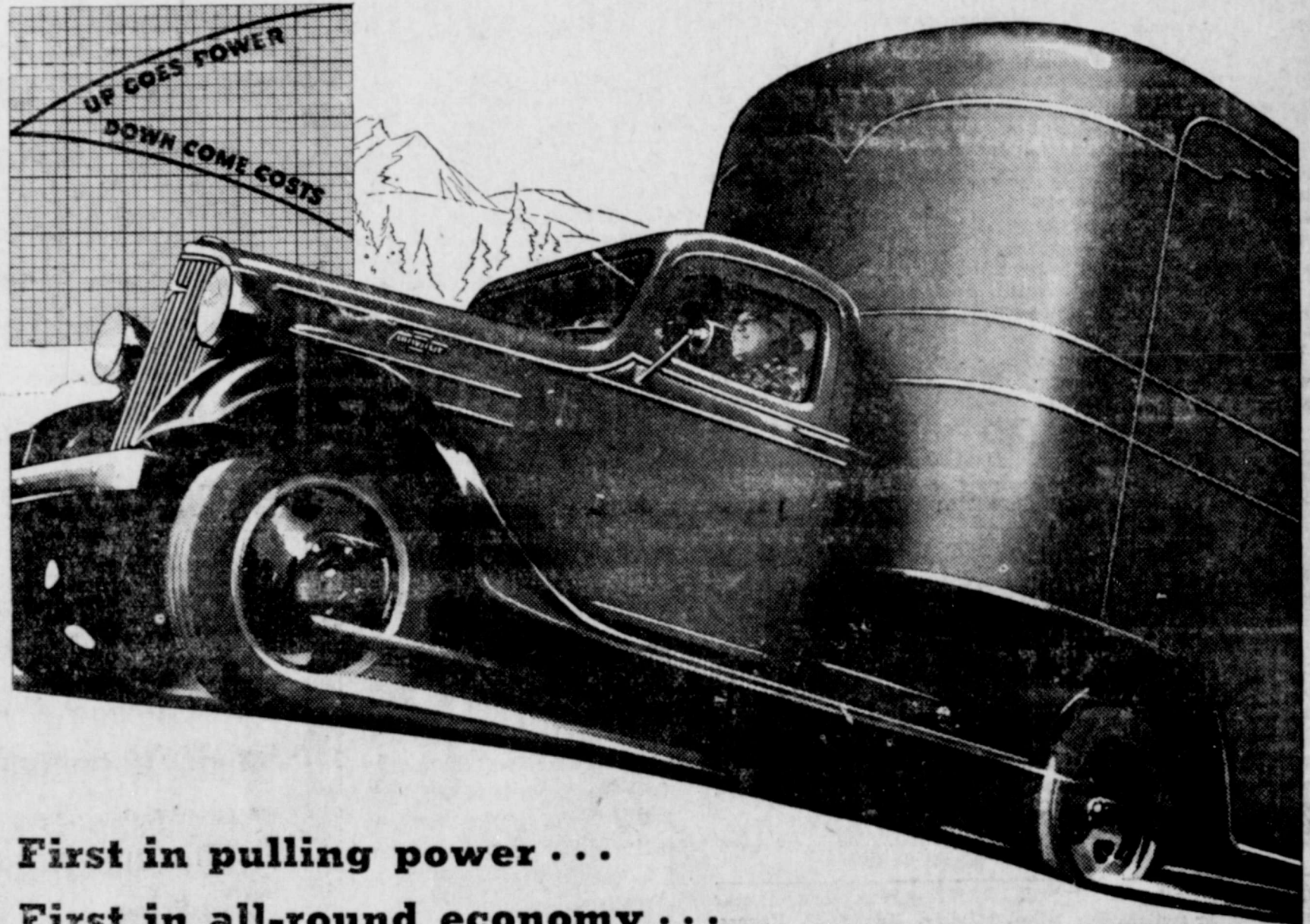
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Divorce Court Murder

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"My lawyer doesn't know any thing about it personally," he returned easily. "Only what Mrs. Keith and I were lucky enough to discover two weeks ago; we both went to him and gave him the details."

"Well, exactly what was this occurrence that gave you the chance to defend? And how did Mrs. Keith happen to be a witness to it?"

"Only accidentally; when I needed some one to bear out my story, she was fortunately in a position to help me." Rowland plunged into his account. "But long before my affair with Miss Edmond, my wife and I disagreed because of her friendships with other men. I knew she had many admirers; but I had no reason to believe she was misbehaving with any of them. After she brought suit, however, I moved into my own apartments and began to watch her closely. What was sauce for the goose, I decided, was sauce for the gander, and I hoped, in the end, to get evidence that she was being unfaithful. I was my own detective. First, I paid her chauffeur, Donald Finley, to keep me posted as to when she went out in the evening—both when he drove her himself, and when she dismissed him, because some one else was taking her. On these nights, I waited outside the estate in my car. When she and her visitor left, I would follow them all over town—to parties, theaters and dinners. And Hugh Campbell was her most frequent companion."

"How long has he been acquainted with your wife?" Rankin asked. "Where did they meet?"

"At Saratoga last summer. Adele bets on the races regularly, and Campbell had a couple of horses entered on which she placed bets. They won, and afterward mutual acquaintances introduced them; that was the beginning. Then, last winter, we were at Palm Beach where he had taken a villa; she attended his parties and they saw much of each other at the casino and on the beach. He visited Philadelphia fairly regularly and has been a guest at the Willard home."

"Was the divorce entirely Mrs. Rowland's wish? You opposed it

and would have done all in your power to prevent it?"

The young man spread his hands to emphasize his reply. "Certainly I opposed it," he declared vehemently. "I had everything to lose by it—the income Adele settled on me, plenty of leisure, and social position. And I was trustee of my wife's first husband's estate; that was most important. For that, I was as anxious to stay married as Mr. Willard was to force us apart."

Rankin's voice held a note of fresh interest. "Mr. Willard? How did it affect him? Had he a personal concern in the divorce besides his professional desire to win the case?"

"He benefited by it decidedly!" Rowland gave a short, scornful laugh. "The minute Adele was single, the executorship of Tom Marshall's estate—and with it the power to manage its income—reverted to him. But as long as the marriage lasted, I had charge. It was all part of Marshall's clever arrangement to make it difficult for Adele to marry a second time."

"Difficult?" The detective frowned his perplexity. "You'll have to explain, Mr. Rowland. How did he expect to accomplish such a purpose?"

The other shrugged. "Quite simply, through his will, Rankin. You see, Tom Marshall was a smart man and understood his wife as well as I do. And a jealous husband. It seemed inevitable that at his death she would marry again and he intended to forestall that. So in his will, he fixed it that whoever she married next would be independent of her. In fact, he would actually manage her financial affairs and, through them, her, at least with regard to his property."

"Exactly what did the terms of

the will provide?" Rankin inquired.

"In the first place, he made her brother executor of his estate so long as Adele remained single after his death," Rowland elaborated. "He was to direct all investments for both their benefits and turn over to her at least seventy per cent of the annual income. Or, if she married again and was then divorced, the control reverted to him. Naturally, it was to Willard's advantage to keep her a widow; and if she should remarry, induce her to separate."

(Continued Next Week.)

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Meal, 20 lbs. Verifine	49c	Compound, 4 lb. carton	50c
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Sugar 10 lbs. Pure Cane Cloth bag **53c**

Lettuce, head	5c	Spuds, No. 1, New Red, 5 lbs.	19c
Vegetables, bunch	5c	Onions, Crystal, Bermuda, lb.	5c

FISH Fresh Cat, dressed No collar bone, lb. **29c**

Sable, sliced, no waste, lb.	27c	Fillets, tenderloin trout, lb.	28c
Chuck or 7 Steak, lb.	15c	Cheese, pound	19c

Coffee Morning Bracer, we guarantee it to satisfy, lb. **15c**

Soap, 6 bars	25c	Coffee, Folger's, 2 lb. tin	61c
Big Ben, Crystal White, P & G		Tomatoes, No. 2 tins, 3 cans	25c

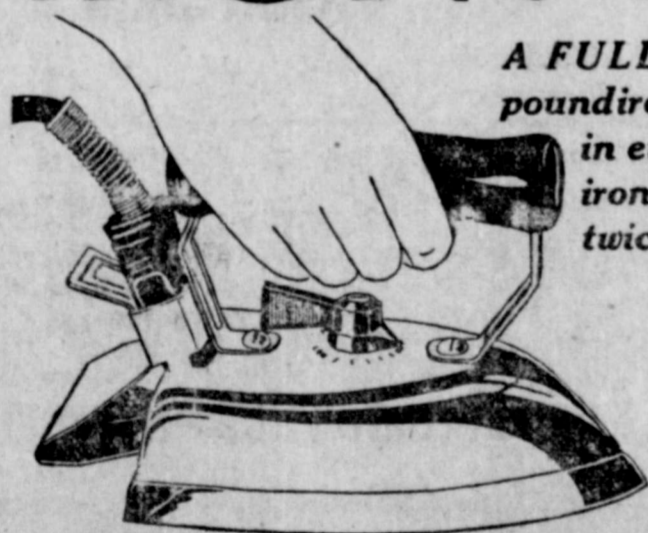
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Pineapple Juice, can	10c	Orange Juice, Treesweet,	10c
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- Christian Herald 6 mos.
- Flower Grower 6 mos.
- Household Magazine 1 year
- Junior Home (for Mothers) 1 year
- McCall's Magazine 1 year
- Movie Classic 1 year
- Needlecraft 1 year
- Open Road (Boys) 2 years
- Parents' Magazine 6 mos.
- Pathfinder (weekly) 1 year
- Pictorial Review 1 year
- Progressive Farmer 2 years
- Romantic Stories 1 year
- Screen Book 1 year
- Southern Agriculturist 1 year
- True Confessions 1 year
- Woman's World 1 year

- Modern Mechanic & Inv. 1 year
- American Girl 1 year
- Deliseler 1 year
- Judge 1 year
- Physical Culture 1 year

- GROUP A
- Select One Magazine
 - Better Homes & Gardens 2 yr
 - Christian Herald 6 mo
 - Flower Grower 6 mo
 - Household Magazine 2 yrs
 - Junior Home (for Mothers) 1 yr
 - McCall's Magazine 1 yr
 - Movie Classic 2 yrs
 - Open Road (Boys) 6 mo
 - Parents' Magazine 1 yr
 - Pathfinder (weekly) 1 yr
 - Pictorial Review 1 yr
 - Romantic Stories 1 yr
 - Screen Book 1 yr
 - True Confessions 1 yr
 - American Fruit Grower 1 yr
 - Camper's Farmer 2 yrs
 - The Farm Journal 2 yrs
 - Progressive Farmer 2 yrs
 - Southern Agriculturist 2 yrs

- GROUP B
- Select three Magazines
 - American Poultry Journal 3 yr
 - Country Home 1 yr
 - Dixie Poultry Journal 1 yr
 - The Farm Journal 1 yr
 - Gentleman Magazine 1 yr
 - Good Stories 1 yr
 - Home Circle 1 yr
 - Home Friend 1 yr
 - Housewife Magazine 1 yr
 - Illustrated Mechanics 1 yr
 - Mother's Home Life 1 yr
 - Needlecraft 1 yr
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 - Progressive Farmer 1 yr
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