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SERVICE CLUB ROSTER EVEN HALF HUNDRED

Seven New Members Elected at Tuesday's Luncheon; Miss Iris Garrett Named Club Pianist and Lion Sweetheart.

Membership of the Merkel Lions club was increased to an even half hundred with the election of seven new members at Tuesday's luncheon. These new members are: Clyde Shouse, Will Sheppard, Alvin Wozencraft, Meyer Mellinger, Tom Keane, J. D. Porter and Wilbur Thomas.

Special guests of the club were honor pupils from the four high school grades: Mildred McLean, eighth grade, with an average of 94; Billy Wood, ninth grade, average 95; Frances Higgins, tenth grade, average 91, and Sylvan Mellinger, eleventh grade, average 94.

Other guests were J. J. Toombs of Abilene, C. S. Childers of the Compere community and Dr. G. D. Thurmond, of Houston, here to care for Dr. Sadler's practice in his absence.

The entertainment committee, consisting of W. O. Boney and Booth Warren, the latter substituting for Yates Brown, (doing jury service,) adopted a St. Patrick theme in table decorations, with Shamrock buttonieres and roses for the ladies, and Mrs. Wilhite as a special program number read, in keeping with the general scheme, "The Inimitable Irishman."

By vote of the club Miss Iris Garrett was named club pianist and Lion Sweetheart.

After a talk by C. S. Childers, one of the visitors, on the need of good roads in the Compere community, especially along the mail route, the matter was referred on motion of Joe Self to the civic improvement committee, which includes Norman T. Hodges, A. T. Sheppard and O. R. Dye.

Proposal of the Home Demonstration club to assist in the welfare work of the Lions club by providing glasses in deserving cases was referred to the committee on health and public welfare, which includes Dr. W. T. Sadler, A. E. Higgins and S. D. Gamble.

A membership key, which is the award for securing two new members, was presented to Joe P. Self.

Death Claims George D. Bryant, Age 78

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon of last week from the family home for George D. Bryant, 78, who died at 6 o'clock Thursday evening from a heart involvement. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted the rites, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: C. K. Russell, Thaxton Neill, Grover Blair, Jess Anderson, Joe Stalls, Oscar Buford.

Mr. Bryant was born in Georgia Sept. 18, 1858, but had been a resident of Texas over 50 years. He had lived in Taylor county 19 years, having engaged in farming southeast of town until about two years ago when he moved to Merkel.

He was married to Miss Martha Porter in Hall county, Ga., on Nov. 23, 1876, and besides his wife is survived by ten children, five sons and five daughters. The sons are: Charlie and Houston Bryant, Merkel; Dave Bryant, Houston; Bob Bryant, Hempstead, and Barney Bryant, Winters. The daughters: Mrs. W. P. Lanham and Mrs. E. E. Fulton, Sweetwater; Mrs. Monroe Colbert, Coleman, and Mrs. R. A. Lewis and Mrs. H. B. Poe, Winters.

He is also survived by 37 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. W. J. Morgan, Waco.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The state auditor reported revenue from Texas liquor control board operations for nine and one-half months ending Aug. 31 was \$4,425,056.

Paul Lyles was given the death penalty by a Hays county jury for the roadside slaying of Martin Salazar, Donna truck driver, on Jan. 21.

Willie Bonn, 21, lost a leg in an ice plant accident at Kerrville. Bonn, an ice deliverer's helper, was injured when he went too close to an ice-gauging saw.

Sam Houston Allred, third son of Gov. and Mrs. James V. Allred, was born in the Sam Houston room of the executive mansion at 10:20 Wednesday morning.

Harold Mathis, 11, son of Jack Mathis of Clovis, N. M., died in a Farwell hospital Saturday soon after he was accidentally shot in the neck with a pistol by a playmate.

Thrown underneath the wheels while trying to board a moving freight train, Ray Jones, 17, of De Ridder, La., who suffered the loss of an arm and leg, died at a Dallas hospital.

John F. Ross of Amarillo was installed as grand master of the Texas Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. at their annual meeting in Corsicana. Houston was elected as the 1938 meeting place.

William J. Stovall, 92, one of the few remaining Confederate veterans present at the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, died Sunday at the home of a daughter in Terrell.

Page Cleaver, 30, employed by a machinery company at Monahans, was killed Monday when a fifty-barrel fuel tank exploded, while Cleaver was trying to get oil to the welding forge.

Three Dallasites were killed Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding collided with a bus near Rhome. They were: Miss Christine Hooper, 25; Paul L. Longley, 18, and Steve L. Russell, 26.

Mrs. J. A. Brown, widow of Sheriff Alex Brown, who was killed by a blast of buckshot early Wednesday morning in his quarters at the jail, was appointed sheriff of Marion county by the commissioners court.

Jeff Moody was killed and O. I. Cornelius was injured seriously nine miles east of Sweetwater Saturday night when the car in which they were riding was struck by a cotton truck. Both were from Rotan.

Charges of murder were filed at Rankin against Cody Bell, Christoval rancher, and his brother, Russell, for the ranch home slaying last Friday morning of their mother, Mrs. Mary E. Bell, and their brother, Wiley Bell.

Orville S. Carpenter, director of the Unemployment Compensation commission, announced the appointment of Eugene Guthrie, Jr., formerly of Dallas, as assistant director. Guthrie had been chief clerk of the Old Age Assistance administration.

After having been crowned grand champion of the boys' calf club show Sunday, "Beau Randolph Type," owned by Byron Eckert, 15-year-old Mason boy, completed a grand slam Monday afternoon when he was named grand champion steer of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

Joe Risinger, J. H. Bird, J. H. Cook, J. S. Pinckley, J. Hamp Campbell, Sam Phillips, Joe Holmes, W. A. Whiteley, Sr., J. L. Tucker, Merkel; H. G. Lofland, E. H. Lyon, Howard H. Hollowell, Elmer D. Brown, Dewey Nesmith, W. E. Claxton, John Byram, R. D. Fielder, D. H. Jefferies, E. W. Moutray, Earl Calhoun, B. Manly Hanks, Powell Roberts, J. A. Roberts, Tom Zimmer, C. Holt, L. L. Cheatham, C. J. Lightfoot, J. P. Plumlee, C. W. Logsdon, J. T. Sanders, Henry Darden, J. E. Greenway, M. F. Richardson, E. H. Hornsby, O. Williams, N. O. Wooten, Lloyd B. Thomas, Abilene; D. F. Hollis, Clyde; C. C. Shipman, H. C. Cagle, Buffalo Gap; Buck Cochran, Ovalo; S. K. White, Raymond Hill, Jim Robertson, L. C. Davis, Tuscola; E. G. Bishop, G. E. Harrison, O. H. Crowley, Guion; C. C. McRee, Trent; R. E. Carter, Lawn.

HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DROPS TO 75

Unusual Amount of Sickness the Cause of Decrease; Billy Wood, a Junior, Leads High School With Average of 95.

Due to an unusual amount of sickness, the number of pupils on the honor roll of the Merkel Public schools for the fourth six-weeks period was cut to 75. Of this number 52 were in Grammar school, and 23 in High school. For the previous six-weeks period, 141 students were on the roll.

Billy Wood, a Junior, led the High school with an average of 95.

The complete list of students on the roll for the last six weeks-period follows:

- GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**
First Grade, Mrs. Nash.
 Mattie Lou Bicknell, 93; Leon Floyd, 92; Tommie Allday, 90; Jay Greenfield, 90.
First Grade, Miss Smith.
 Billy Nash, 96; Lon McDonald, 95; Flossie T. London, 94; Stanley Stanford, 94; Pauline Wheeler, 91; Ina Milton, 91.
Second Grade, Miss Creighton.
 Jackie E. Smith, 97; Betty Jo Perry, 95; Glenn Toombs, 92; Alva Drusilla Wheeler, 92.
Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
 Barbara Ann Brown, 96; George Anne Greene, 96; Mary Ruth Hutcherson, 96; Geraldine Jinkens, 96; Minor Burns, Jr., 93.
Third Grade, Mrs. Bird.
 Robbie Barbee, 95; James Roy Baccus, 95; Betty Gilbert, 95; Eulala Floyd, 93; Teddie Joe Bicknell, 91.
Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
 Rachel Miller, 97; John Robert Walker, 97; Foy Westenhover, 95; Geraldine Williams, 95; Lennard James, 93; Bobbie Nell Reagan, 93; Loree Smith, 90.
Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.
 Bonnie Jaynes, 95.
Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.
 JoySue Self, 95.
Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan.
 Wanda McCoy, 95; Avalene Mathews, 95; Willie Sue Morgan, 95; Doris Lepard, 93; George Mack Owens, 93; Peggy Joyce Toombs, 90.
Fifth Grade, Miss Church.
 Mary Alice Hester, 95; Marjorie Jo (Continued on Page Six.)

Winners of Choral Contests Announced

Salt Branch, Hamby and Elmdale won first places in the three divisions of the Taylor County Inter-Scholastic league choral contests for the rural schools held Wednesday night at Abilene high school. The contests were the first of the league events.

Winners in the respective divisions were: rural schools, division 1: Salt Branch, first; Union Ridge, second; division 2: Hamby, first, Blair second; ward schools: Elmdale first, North Park second, Lawn third, Butterfield fourth, Potosi fifth, Wylie sixth and Merkel seventh.

Thursday at 5:30 p. m. volley ball play began in the Abilene high school gymnasium and will be renewed Friday. Debate, tennis and playground ball are scheduled Saturday. Literary contests will be held Mar. 26.

Lamesa Heads Group of Church Laymen

V. Z. Rogers of Lamesa was elected president of a laymen's organization of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., formed here Friday night at a meeting at Grace Presbyterian church. Larry Adanson of Abilene was named vice-president; George McDowell, Snyder, treasurer, and Rev. Bill Logan of Stamford, secretary.

Eight churches in the presbytery were represented: Breckenridge, Abilene, Lamesa, Tye, Stamford, Albany, Snyder and Merkel, with 28 in attendance. Supper was served by Ladies of Grace Presbyterian church.

Rev. Bill Rogan presided at the organization meeting, and the register of those present included: Rev. James E. Spivey, George McDowell, Snyder; J. W. Toland, Theo Kincaid, Tye; Rev. H. G. Markley, R. E. Lee, P. J. Turner, W. H. Cook, Breckenridge; Rev. David J. Murray, V. Z. Rogers; W. H. Collins, Louis B. Reed, Lamesa; Dr. E. B. Surface, Rev. J. L. Cleveland, Irving Fields, Lex M. Buchanan, Hale H. Tucker, Abilene; Rev. J. A. Owen, Albany; Rev. Bill Rogan, W. G. White, Stamford; Rev. R. A. Walker, John R. West, S. G. Russell, L. E. Murray, W. M. Elliott, C. J. Glover, C. H. Jones, C. M. Wozencraft, Merkel.

GROUP OF FFA BOYS TAKE IN STOCK SHOW

Accompanied by Chapter Adviser, Local Future Farmers Spend Week-End on Educational Tour of Exposition.

(By Norman King.)

Twenty boys of the Merkel FFA chapter left Friday, Mar. 12, noon to visit the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth. They were accompanied by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher in Merkel High school and chapter adviser. Mrs. Collinsworth also went with the party as far as Fort Worth and then visited in Corsicana, rejoining the party for the return home Sunday.

Arriving in Fort Worth at 7 p. m., the boys obtained cabins at a camp on the edge of town. Friday night the chapter went to a show on Main and Seventh. Saturday morning early they went to the Armour Packing plant where they were shown through from beginning to end. They saw how the cattle were killed and how everything was done from the time they were killed until each piece of meat went into the box cars to be sent to distant towns.

Later they entered the show grounds where they saw the stockyards and all the entries there in the way of stock and fowls. There were entries from all over the United States. Largest had some white-face cattle that ranged from a baby beef steer to a very large bull.

There were also chickens, sheep, goats, rabbits, pigeons, dairy cows and baby beves. The judging of this was very interesting from chickens to baby beef.

The chapter spent the day seeing all the different entries in cattle, horses, chickens, sheep, goats and other animals such as rabbits and pigeons.

There were many different kinds of food on display, also trailer houses and saddles, bridles, boots, belts, guns, harness and all kinds of medicine and equipment ever thought of. There were many displays of this kind.

Behind the stock buildings and the display buildings were the sideshows and different riding devices, with every kind of entertainment that a person could desire.

Saturday night the chapter went to the rodeo. Here they saw first the grand champion baby beef, second came the horse show, then the trick roping. After this came the calf roping, steer riding, bulldogging and then the trick riders and jumping horses. Last of all came Homer the clown in his bullcarr with a wild steer harnessed to it. The clown was half of the show with his nifty stunts with the wild steers. The military band was playing all during the show. The governor of Louisiana and the secretary of state of Texas were there, also several military officers.

Boys attending the show were: Morris Clack, Mark L. Malone, Harrison Malone, L. V. Perkins, Clyde Sears, Glenn Robertson, Don Warren, Francis Harris, A. C. Bland, H. C. Chancey, M. C. Church, J. W. Hughes, Wade Ensminger, J. D. Sandusky, Norman King. Others not in the chapter were A. C. Sears, Billy Bettis, Joe Bettis and Mitchell Chancey.

March 26 Date for Play at Butman

"Mr. Bandy's Glass Eye," a three-act comedy drama sponsored by Butman school P. T. A., will be given Friday night, Mar. 26, at Butman tabernacle. Remember the date!

The cast is as follows: Johanna Bradford, orphan girl who owns Broadaeres, Mrs. Ben Butman.

Ellen Meyer, a neighbor, Mrs. Tom Russom.

Egypt Elverson, a merry widow, Eunice Little.

Benny Banks, house-keeper at Broadaeres, Mrs. Adrian Farmer.

Eppie Banks, daughter of Benny, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger.

Bert Bandy, an Englishman, Tom Russom.

Johnny Steele, Johanna's chauffeur, Homer Newby.

Hank Banks, Benny's husband, Adrian Farmer.

Hodges, Mr. Bandy's servant, Richard Maserang.

Remember the date—Mar. 26.

Gain in Retail Sales.
 St. Louis, Mar. 18.—The National Retail Credit association reports average increases in collections and credit sales of 5 per cent and 7.8 per cent, respectively, in 54 cities during February.

LOCAL GOLFERS PERFECT CLUB; NAME OFFICERS

With the election of Dr. L. C. Zehn-pfennig as president and O. R. Dye as secretary, organization of the Merkel Golf club was perfected at a meeting of local golf enthusiasts at the Lions hall Monday night.

The course will be located on the Bragg property, now under lease, about four miles west of town on the highway.

The following active committees were appointed:

Membership: T. O. Neill, chairman; Weston West, Norman Hodges, Carlton Vick and L. Z. Titsworth of Trent.

Grounds: Rev. John H. Crow, chairman; T. G. Bragg, Booth Warren, Byron Patterson and L. Z. Titsworth, of Trent.

Membership will be limited to 50. Single women, not members of the immediate family of a club member, and widows will have the privilege of becoming regular members.

Dates of Sweetwater Tournament Apr. 15-18

Sweetwater, Mar. 18.—Dates of the first annual invitation golf tournament of the Sweetwater Golf association have been set for Apr. 15-18, inclusive, according to Luther M. Watson, secretary of the association and local newspaperman. The tournament is to be held on the municipal links at Lake Sweetwater, a sporty 9-holes grass greens course with three water hazards.

A long list of attractive prizes, a barbecue, Calcutta pool and a dance are expected to attract a large field of West Texas golfers.

Additional Rainfall Recorded Last Week

Starting shortly after midnight Friday of last week, another good rain began to fall here, which netted five-eighths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's total to 2 13-16 inches.

Following on the heels of the rain, a cold spell arrived with below freezing temperature Sunday morning and a low of 24 degrees here Monday morning. Early reports indicate that very little harm, if any, was done to fruit, however, due to the moisture present.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson, Sunday, Mar. 14, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Craven English, Noodle, Wednesday, Mar. 17, 1937.

Fattest American Dies.

Flomont, Ala., Mar. 18.—"Happy Jack" Eckert, 739-pound trapper who claimed to be the fattest living American, died in a hospital here of injuries received in an automobile crash Feb. 6. He was 62 years of age.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 16, 1917.)

TRENT MEN HAVE BIG ASPIRATIONS.

Messrs. Lee Stevens and Ed Massey have returned from Kansas City where they planked down some good hard earned money for eight head of fine registered short-horned Durham cows and a registered bull. These make the third herd in that section, as John Elliott is dealing in the same kind of stock. Better cattle, hogs, chickens, ducks and dogs are a god-send to any country. As for the dogs we suppose Mr. Stevens has a pack of good hounds around the house. We bet our bottom dollar that John Elliott has.

John Chadwick, wrestling champion of the Mulberry community, went to the mat last Tuesday and Wednesday nights with Del Vernon, who claims to be the champion wrestler of Indiana Chadwick came off victorious at both encounters.

Mrs. Willie Scarborough and little son, Gordon, were in Abilene last week attending Christian Endeavor convention. While there they were guests of Mrs. E. A. McClain.

Miss Madalyn Atkisson of Beaumont is here for a visit with Mrs. Geo. L. Miller and other relatives.

Miss Wilma Garrett was a visitor with home folks Saturday and Sunday.

7-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

C. D. Camp, Jr., Meets Almost Instant Death When He Attempts to Cross Highway in Front of Coming Car.

C. D. Camp, Jr., seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Camp, met almost instant death at 4:45 Wednesday afternoon when struck by an automobile driven by Algie Daniels, salesman for a local automobile concern, on the highway less than a block east of Lamar street.

The child died just as Daniels reached a doctor's office with him, and Daniels then immediately called the highway patrol offices in Abilene and asked that an officer be sent to investigate the tragedy.

The lad's father, a WPA worker, said he had just returned home from work and his little son had gone with him to graze the cow on grass between the T. & P. railway and the highway. They had started to cross the highway to water the cow, as the child is said to have dashed out onto the paving. His skull was fractured and his left leg broken.

C. D. Jr. was in the first grade at school and his sudden death cast a pall of gloom over the entire community. His parents and two sisters, Shirley Edna, 2, and Beverly Rose, 11 months, survive.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

New Airway Beacon Lighted First Time

The new beacon light erected by the airways division of the department of commerce on the Hamm farm southeast of town was turned on Friday night of last week.

The similar beacon west of Merkel and the one at Tye were both discontinued and replaced by the new beacon.

May Register Cars Here This Week-End

Automobile registrations were being taken at the city hall Thursday by Fred Guitar, Jr., deputy tax assessor-collector. He will also be there Friday and Saturday of this week for the convenience of those desiring to get their licenses at this time, thereby saving a trip to Abilene.

Negro Minstrel at Goodman.

The public is cordially invited to attend the negro minstrel to be presented by Mrs. Lillian Mathews, captain, and members of the Merkel drill team of the Woodmen Circle at the Goodman school house on Friday night, Mar. 26, at 8 o'clock.

day. She is attending Simmons college at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gazzaway of Dora are the happy parents of a baby girl.

C. L. Eoff has moved from Blair to Sweetwater creek, about six miles north of Trent.

J. N. Teaff attended the Fat Stock show in Fort Worth last week.

W. O. Deal of Nubia is carrying the effects of an unpleasant experience with a mule. He fell or was thrown from a wagon and was bruised up considerably.

POPULAR BUSINESS MAKES CHANGE.

The well known and popular firm of Woodroof Bros. Dry Goods company has been succeeded by the Woodroof-Bragg company. For the past two years ill health has partially incapacitated Ernest Woodroof and at this critical point comes T. G. Bragg to become a partner in the business. Mr. Bragg and Mr. Woodroof as boys from the country entered the same business in Hillsboro and got their first experience together. Separated many years, both have made successful careers. Mr. Bragg comes into our midst in the full flush of almost young manhood with a reputation excelled by none and equalled by few.

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Smash Musical Hit "One in a Million" Exhilaratingly New

With Sonja Henie, Queen of the Silvery Skates, executing dazzling dances on crystal ice and romancing with Don Ameche, Adolphe Menjou pulling another hilarious performance out of his gag-bag, Jean Hersholt more lovable than ever, Ned Sparks deadpanning his way to new laugh highs, the Ritz Brothers running amusingly amok, Arline Judge cute, captivating and comical, Borrah Minevitch and his gang playing hot rhythms on their harmonicas, and Dixie Dunbar, Leah Ray and Shirley Deane contributing beauty and hi-de-ho, "One in a Million," the Twentieth Century-Fox spectacular musical smash, comes Saturday eve, 11 p. m., Monday and Tuesday nights to the Queen theatre.

The plot of sparkling Sonja's first screen triumph has to do with a troupe of American entertainers including the Ritz Brothers, Arline Judge, Borrah Minevitch, Dixie Dunbar and Leah Ray, in straightened circumstances, who are travelling Europe under the wing of their ebullient manager, Tad Spencer (Adolphe Menjou).

The troupe arrives at a Swiss resort, where they were to have put on a performance, but find that the hotel has burned down. Installing his flock instead at a little lodging house, Menjou discovers a marvelously gifted amateur ice skater in the person of beautiful, little Greta, the innkeeper's daughter (Sonja Henie), who is being trained by her father (Jean Hersholt) to win the Olympic figure skating championship, which he once held, but which was taken from him on false charges of professionalism.

Amid plot complications during which Menjou nearly ruins Hersholt and Sonja's hopes by attempting to put her in a professional skating exhibition, Sonja finds occasions to give some stunning examples of her genius as a dancer on ice and of the stellar quality of her acting.

Finally through the help of a young American newspaperman (Don Ameche), who has fallen in love with her, Sonja is saved from the taint of professionalism and wins the Olympic championship.

It's exhilaratingly new and excitingly different screen entertainment with the cast, the songs, the laughs, the girl and the thrill in a million.

Complaint Filed in Warehouse Burglary

A charge of burglary was filed in justice court at Abilene Wednesday against Edgar Clayburn, who was being held in the Taylor county jail in connection with the theft of lubricating oil from a local warehouse last week.

The complaint was signed by County Attorney Escro Walter. Clayburn was taken in custody by Deputy Sheriff Philip Diltz.

DORA DOINGS

Well, the temperature has been down and it felt like it was away down; ice thick, and wind blew, too. Activities have been few due to cold weather.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. William Cross is much improved after a very sick spell and was carried to Sweetwater to be near the doctor and to receive medical treatment.

Rev. Wyatt Hanks of Roby was here Tuesday visiting his mother and brother, Sam Hanks, and family.

Our teacher, principal and Supt. Norris attended the teachers meeting in Ranger Friday.

Mrs. Henry Rape and children of Sweetwater were week-end visitors here with Mrs. Hubert Rape.

Tom Laine and sons made a business trip to Merkel Saturday, returning by Sweetwater.

The missionary society will present a play at the gym Friday night entitled "Where is Grandma?" It is reported to be very interesting and a fellow might get a few giggles out of it. Everybody is invited to come.

Goat shearing has been going right on in spite of the weather, but we learn that a few of the ranchers had to provide a fire and blankets for some of the weaker ones.

See for at Merkel

RURAL SOCIETY

WARREN CLUB.

Warren club women answered roll call with "Life's Most Embarrassing Moment," furnishing much amusement, as they met with Mrs. Britt Baker on Mar. 9.

Slip covers received attention at this meeting as well as club regulations.

Miss Martin, county agent, will be present at the next meeting to be held at Mrs. M. H. Ely's on Mar. 23.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Mar. 9, in the home of Mrs. Elmer Danley to study refashioning furniture. Members repeated the club prayer at the opening, followed by club songs, and Mrs. G. Tiner gave "The Story of Life." Mrs. Carl Bonneaux made the council report.

The club voted to sponsor a negro minstrel to be put on by the Woodmen Circle drill team of Merkel. Several members exhibited their dresser scarfs.

Miss Gladys Martin, home demonstration agent, asked that all members plan daily meals for a week and go by them for the week. In a discussion of refinishing furniture, Miss Martin said not to use lye in removing old paint or varnish, as it roughened the wood, and always to work with the grain of the wood. To make sandpapering more easy, she suggested to take a small block of wood and put the sandpaper around it and fasten with a thumb tack. It is easier to hold while working.

One visitor, Mrs. N. J. Maynard, and the agent, Miss Martin, were present besides the following members: Mesdames John Windland, Gene Cade, Gerald Tiner, J. W. Tiner, M. L. James, Carl Bonneaux, C. W. Seago and the hostess.

The club will meet Mar. 23 at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. M. L. James to study "Furniture Slip Covers." This is to be discussed and demonstrated by Mrs. Carl Bonneaux and Mrs. M. L. James. A hearty welcome is extended to every one.

CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff was the scene of a happy family reunion, the occasion being in honor of the 80th birthday of Mr. Eoff. All the children, except a daughter, who resides in Oklahoma, were present.

At noon a delicious chicken dinner with all the accessories was served, with Mr. and Mrs. Eoff and their five children occupying the first table.

The afternoon was spent in recalling happy events of the past, and with many wishes for a happy return of the day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Harkins of Colorado, Clarence Eoff of Tulare, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Naylor Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff and Odell Eoff and family, all of Noodle.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. O. R. Douglas, with Mrs. M. L. Douglas as co-hostess. Roll call was answered with the name of a native shrub.

Mrs. W. A. Harris acted as chairman of the meeting. Birthday presents went to Miss Mabel McRee and Mrs. W. C. Lee.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, cake and ice tea was served to the following members: Mesdames Lee, Tipton, W. A. Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., M. L. Douglas, Ruth Bonds, J. L. McRee, O. R. Douglas, W. C. Lee, Misses Mabel McRee, Mary Bell Douglas. Visitors were Mrs. J. L. Douglas, Mrs. Clarence Church and Mrs. Thomas Harris of Loraine.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday, Mar. 12, in their regular meeting. Opening number was a song by the Choral club, followed by prayer by O. E. Harwell.

In the business session, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. H. Clark, president; Mrs. J. Irvin Humphreys, vice-president; Mrs. Clyde Irvin, secretary; E. M. Dean, treasurer.

The following program was rendered: leader, Mrs. J. H. Clark; talk, Mrs. J. Irvin Humphreys; school number; "In Our Neighborhood," Mrs. Frank Carr; reading, Truman Freeman; song, Choral club.

A large crowd was present. The next meeting will be Apr. 9.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method in expressing our sincere appreciation for the many kind deeds shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father. We especially thank Dr. Sadler for his untiring efforts.

May God's blessings be with you all. Mrs. G. D. Bryant and Children.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

PERSONALS

Judge Philip Yonge of Sweetwater, Rev. Willis P. Gerhart and Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Harrison of Abilene were callers with Miss Dota Garoutte the past week.

After a visit of several days with friends and relatives here, C. L. Eoff returned Wednesday to his home at Tulare, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, Sr., have as their guests this week their daughter and sister, Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Hobbs, N. M., and Mrs. J. D. Morrow of Wichita Falls, also Sam Provine of Blair.

Miss Lorene Estell spent the week-end with Miss Lola Reidenbach of the Canyon.

Mrs. H. G. Eddleman of Big Spring is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris, for a few days and from here she will go to Best, Texas, to which place her husband has been transferred and where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ketcham and son, Wesley, spent the week-end in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ketcham. They were en route to Tahoka and Meadow to visit other children.

While enjoying the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth last week-end, Miss Bilye Derr and George Caple were guests in the home of Mr. Caple's sister, Mrs. R. G. McElyea. They also visited another sister, Mrs. Catharine Lake, who is a matron in the Eastern Star home at Arlington.

Mrs. Adah Heeter left Wednesday morning for Temple where she expects to go through the clinic. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum, who will return the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bragg and little son, Granville, of Chillicothe, Mrs. Clark Jones and son, Jerry, of Rush Springs, Okla., and Mrs. Della Campbell returned Monday to their homes after a visit with relatives here.

Tom Toombs was down from Meadow for the week-end, having come especially to be present at the 80th birthday anniversary of his mother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, last Saturday. Isadore Mellinger, who is now engaged in business at Clarendon, was here to spend Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Jim Grayson returned Tuesday from his second trip of the past week to Hobbs, N. M. and the North Plains. He reports good rains in all that section and said he found snow on the ground when he arrived at Bovina Sunday night.

E. L. Dodd of Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. P. Martin, the first time in seven years that he has seen her. Mrs. Martin is 81 years of age, while Mr. Dodd is 69. He is also visiting his niece, Mrs. C. S. Curb.

Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess and J. P. Rudd, principal of the High school, and Mrs. Rudd attended the spring meeting of the Oil Belt Teachers' association at Ranger Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and children of Coahoma spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

With the closing of the Merkel store of the Jones Dry Goods company, R. A. Hoover left Monday for San Saba, to which place the stock and store had been transferred. Mrs. Hoover and children left Thursday to join him there.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer and G. W. Hughes were in Fort Worth visiting the Fat Stock show Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. W. T. Sadler was expected to return Thursday night from Dallas where he attended the spring conference of the Dallas Southern Clinical society. Mrs. Sadler and daughter, Sandra, visited with friends in Abilene while he was away.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent have returned from a visit to the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth. Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., is spending the week in Fort Worth.

Dr. C. B. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby in Ozona. Mrs. Gardner and daughter, Becky, accompanied Mrs. W. J. Largent and son, Billy, to Plainview to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat and Misses Lois Whiteley, Fanny Boaz and Mary Collins returned Wednesday from a visit to the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth.

Leaving Wednesday for the Fort Worth Fat Stock show were Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Mrs. Gladys McLean and Mrs. Nell Lee.

In a party going to Lamesa Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins were Mrs. Len Sublett and her father, T. H. Christopher, who went to visit her sister, Mrs. Ralph Stuart, and Miss Imogene Hayes.

FOR STUDENTS.

The Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac is filled with valuable information for students. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

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Beloved Woman, 94, Enjoying Good Health

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, celebrated her 94th birthday on Thursday of last week, enjoying good health and being able to come to breakfast and partake of the special birthday dinner prepared for her, with the birthday cake to go with it.

She also received a number of gifts and many friends from Abilene joined local callers to extend congratulations.

BLAIR ITEMS

The weather man finished up with a good job Friday night when a nice rain fell. With the precipitation of the previous week, the whole thing was enough for all necessary purposes. The crop situation here has been rendered almost perfect; the moisture has come in opportune time for planting corn and early maize and is dandy on gardens. Fruit trees are blooming out, and they might get nipped yet, with the low temperature that showed up Saturday and Sunday nights.

Rev. Roy Anding, the pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Mar. 21. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Miss Lucy Moore of A. C. C. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore, last week-end, being accompanied by her friends, Misses Elsie White, Joyce Black, Glenda Brown and Geneva Scoggin of A. C. C. Misses Sarah and Neva Malone were also guests in the Moore home for this event.

Mrs. John Reynolds and children of Stephenville were the interesting guests of Carl Hughes and family last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors recently.

The singing at the school auditorium Thursday night was mighty fine singing and an asset to any community. There were fine leaders from Merkel and Mt. Pleasant and, with our home talent, they make a fine class. There will be singing at the school auditorium every Thursday night. Everyone is cordially invited. Visitors were Prof. W. W. Wood, Leroy Eason and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hensley and daughter of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Bird and two attractive children of Lubbock were visiting her sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Paterson, the past week.

Mark L. and Harrison Malone and J. W. Hughes left Friday for the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth.

Sam Provine is visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams in Merkel of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and son, Jack, attended the A. C. C. Senior play at Abilene Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and family of Valera were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears over the week-end.

Mrs. Chester Godin left Sunday morning for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Iredell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell were entertaining relatives from Bronte the first of the week.

Carl Hughes and children motored over and spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes of Abilene.

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THE WORKER.

In every school there are some workers and some loafers. Not only in school, but in life as a whole, we find loafers as well as workers. It is nothing but natural for some people to loaf on the job. There are times for loafing and there are times for working. Merkel High school, as a whole, has a pretty good working student body. However, there are some who want to loaf. Everyone—that is, practically everyone, loafs sometime or another. If you are supposed to get an English lesson or a math lesson, go into your work like you like it whether you do or not. When you finish you will be proud of it. If you will work when it is time to work and loaf when it is time to loaf, you will always get along. I think that we, as a student body, work well here. May our wishes be to continue to work and do well!

REPRESENTATIVES TO A. C. C. SPEECH TOURNAMENT.

Our speech department accepted their invitation to enter the tournament held Saturday at Abilene Christian college where students and their sponsors from most of the schools in this section of the state gathered. Both scholarships and medals were given to the ones who placed in these events.
 Merkel's entries were: boys' extempore speaking, Sylvan Mellinger; girls' extempore speaking, Laverne Hughes; poetry reading, Mary Jo Russell; girls' declamation, Vernell Bland; boys' declamation, Billy Wood; reading of the short story, Dorma Lee Shelton.
 Our High school is proud of the recognition she gained. Every pupil was complimented in some way. Those participating were especially happy over the decisions: Dorma Lee, first place; Sylvan, second place, and Laverne, third place. Each of these is eagerly waiting for his medal, which Mr. Don Morris, chairman, will send.

THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")
 This is a funny world! One week Bonnie and Nell Marie are pulling hair and knocking each other down the stairs, and the next week they are sitting together at the library reading from the same paper. Forgive and forget!
 Ann Lepard, Sopi, beaut, Don Riney, Girty Lou Pea, Walter Riney, Pauline Brown and another Riney went places and did things Sunday afternoon and went to church Sun. night. Wonder where Joyce and Faby were?
 Talking about Alton having competition; looks like Frances isn't doing so hot. She's got Competition—notice that capital "C"—in the person of Lucille Justice. That's too much for anybody.

Mr. Coffman started to put Roy Lee Martin off the bus because he hollered; but when Mr. Coffman found that if Roy Lee was put off all the other kids would get off—well, anyhow, Roy Lee didn't walk home and neither did the rest of the kids.
 Hollis Perry got a "smart spell" on last Wednesday afternoon. She cooked cake and then cooked cornbread for supper. I wonder what the meaning of that could be.
 Lois said that she just plain got stood up. Don't lose your temper, gal; you didn't miss much.
 Lucille Crick, that Senior, seems to be head over heels for that former Senior, Vernon Davis.
 Rebecca is writing letters to Francis Harris, but don't get all het up—he's kin to her.
 Anne Lee and T. L. have got up a case, and what a case!
 Dorma Lee and Clyde are that way about each other.
 Do you know the game that Junior likes to play at parties? I'll give you 3 guesses—if you need them. Which reminds me, Junior can really make Verne blush. She's that kind anyway—and also she thinks Norman Bicknell is cute and she'd like to go with him. (Did you hear me, Noodle?)
 Speaking of Norman, he is getting back into society. He attended the 3 F Club party—and with Miss Phyllis Smith—in the home of Sis Gamble.
 Pauline and Murphy were seen speaking very confidentially last Thursday.

A bunch of Freshmen were eating candy in Miss Martin's sixth period study hall; but I know they didn't enjoy it for they were too scared she was going to catch them. And by the way, Miss Martin was on the warpath Thursday. I didn't see any paint, but maybe she forgot it.
 Wonder how La Verne and Herman will ever manage to live without each other after they're parted.
 Billy Wood and Jane Ferguson fell up the stairs recently, Jane fell week before last; she was in a critical con-

dition, probably. The bruises and scratches weren't enjoyable. Billy didn't get any injuries, but it certainly was embarrassing. And while I'm on it, wonder what caused Jane to be so affectionate over Frances. She must have got cold feet.
 Ah, a new romance! And there's nothing any more exciting, I'm speaking of Rachel and Junior. I guess it's love, or it could be sympathy.
 Annie D. Garvin got a four page letter the other day—he sure did write pretty too.
 Joyce Renfro is going to beat somebody's head in if they don't quit leaving paper on the floor around her sixth period desk. Beware!
 Mildred Humphrey and "Pinkie" Cybert went to church Sunday night.
 If Betty and Jane don't quit snickering in church on Sundays, they're going to get tossed out on their tin ears.
 Well, I thought Nell Arnwine ought to have a feller somewhere, and sure enough she does—only he's tall, dark and slender—William Neill is the name.
 Mattie Lou dated Eldwood Cox recently. Look out Marvin!
 Joyce, Faby surely is getting thick with a certain red-haired Sophomore. Boney has had the flu and Fannelle was an every day visitor. Then, Fannelle was also sick last Thursday night—well, I can't say that, I blame her.
 Pity! Pity! Murry couldn't get off from work to go with Betty last weekend.
 Johnny and Griffin were at the show Thursday night—and was she dressed? Looked real cute. And by the way, Johnny, you better come up here and tend to Griffin. He just flirts with Fredia all the time.

PERSONALITIES.
 Pauline Higgins.
 For three years Pauline has been in M. H. S. During these years she has been in the Choral club one year, Dramatic club two years, and the Senior Girls' club one year. After she finishes school she wants to become a stenographer. Luck to you, Pauline!

Norman King.
 Norman has attended Merkel High for four years. He has been in several clubs which include the Spanish club for two years, Glee club for four years, and the F. F. A. chapter this year. He also has been in the Senior Boys' club for one year. Everyone knows Norman and his broad smile.

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So far all of the players have shown up well and are expected to bring home the bacon next Saturday.

JUNIOR NEWS.

Congratulations, Frances! We knew you could do it—and the Lions will enjoy having you for lunch I know. We're hoping you'll get to go back again next time.

We Juniors are going to give a play soon and we are going to use the money for the Junior-Senior banquet. The title "Life As It Ain't" and it's going to be plenty good. We'd like to have everyone come up and see it when we present it in about two weeks.

You know I told you last week about Ben Robert getting his first love letter. Well—he told me that he didn't, so I guess he didn't after all. Ain't this a morbid world?

SPORTS.

The tennis teams that will represent Merkel at the county meet next Saturday have not yet been selected. A few matches have been played: Norman King won his match over Billie Dunning by winning both sets 6-1, 6-0. The same evening Sylvan Mellinger beat Dick West two sets, 6-0 and 6-1. In the junior tennis Marvin Hunter and Sampie McGehee tied, one set apiece; Ben Robert Hicks and David Reidenbach have not yet finished their match.

Sylvan Mellinger and Jack Sublett, accompanied by their sponsor, Mr. Rudd, went to Abilene, last Thursday to practice on the cement courts at Simmons. Sylvan and Jack broke even with the last year county champions in the doubles who were from Merkel, Bryan Higgins and Fred McMinn, 8-6 and 6-8.
 Lola Higgins also beat Lorene Whisenant. They only played one set.

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 Mrs. Mellinger: "Sylvan, why did your grades drop the last six weeks?"
 Sylvan M.: "Well, everything is marked down after the holidays."
 Pauline Joyner: "What three classes are boys divided into?"
 Fannelle Gray: "Rich, poor, and good looking."

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

John Hamner and Jack Bowers were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks in Austin.

Mrs. Priscilla Williamson returned Friday to her home in the Hebron community after spending a few days with Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., and Mrs. Bob Dennis.

Betty Jane Tittle, 9, is reported resting nicely at her home after having been given emergency treatment in Merkel Friday afternoon of last week. Betty Jane was struck while alighting from the school bus in front of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle, one mile south of town. She received a broken right leg and bruises about the body. P. C. Forrester, traveling in the same direction as the bus, attempted to pass while the bus was stopped, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Messenger of Big Spring were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Bob Billington, and family Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves and Jack Freeman visited the Fort Worth Fat Stock show the first of the week.

Mrs. J. R. Walling and John R., Jr., spent Monday in Baird at the bedside of the son of Mrs. Beulah Spence, who is seriously ill at the Baird hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash returned to their home here Sunday from Hobbs, N. M. Mrs. Wash is ill with measles at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Renau of Winters spent Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau.

Miss George Helen Lee, who is attending Blackwell high school, spent the week-end with friends here.

The public schools have been reorganized here recently with the following teachers assuming positions: Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. O. L. Reeves, Misses Hermal Glasgow and Magdalene Payne.

Mrs. Bill Sledge and son, Wayne, of Merkel visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norwood and children.

Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Mrs. C. T. Beckham spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd in Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and sons of Lamesa were Sunday night guests of Mrs. C. T. Beckham. They continued their trip to Austin Monday.

McSPADDEN-WILKERSON.

In a beautiful marriage ritual, O. H. McSpadden and Miss Willie Mae

Wilkerson of the Blair community were united in holy matrimony on Mar. 10 at 10 o'clock at the home of Rev. R. O. Bailey, retired Methodist minister residing in Trent.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Miss Lura Krebs, state manager of the Woodmen Circle from Austin, and Miss Kittie Kidwell, district manager of Abilene, were honor guests of the Trent grove on Tuesday evening of last week.

The meeting was held in the W. O. W. hall, with Mrs. H. J. Kegans, guardian, presiding. A business session was followed by a social hour. Plans were made to participate in a district meeting.

Those present besides the honorees were Mesdames Hattie Gafford, O. L. Bishop, John Payne, Grace Butler, Odessa Butler, R. L. Reeves, Bob Billington, J. P. Stevens, Jack Freeman, Ed Bowers, Ruby Windland, Ed Burks, Mrs. Hollingsworth of Merkel and Miss Vera Bright.

WIN ATTENDANCE BANNER.

The young people's department of the First Methodist church was awarded the banner of attendance, financial status and other requirements at the meeting of the Union of the Lighted Cross in Abilene Tuesday night of last week. The Trent young people will keep the banner one month.

Those in the department attending the Abilene meeting were Neely Tittle, Beatrice Cooley, Lola Fern Martin, James Strawn, Merle Jones, Bess Jones, Wilson Bright, Elsie Bishop, Weldon Cooley, Deverle Bishop, R. T. Bishop, Ruby Cooley, Glennie Sawyer, Hughie Cooley, Kenneth Sawyer, Dow Williamson, Van Sawyer, Othel Jones, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Sally Roberts, Annilee Sawyer, Elvin Cooley, Alvis Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor, Rev. Alsie Carleton, the pastor, and Mrs. Carleton.

PARTY FETES TRENT CHILD.

Mrs. Clifford Estep entertained at a party on Wednesday, Mar. 3, honoring her daughter, Cliffla Jean, on her fifth birthday. An Easter egg hunt was featured entertainment.

Mrs. Estep was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Ed Burks, in serving refreshments to Jimmie, Wilda and Wilma Dunn of Merkel, Billie Mae Rogge of Abilene, Peggy Jeane and Barbara Rogers, Weldon, Marjorie and Murrell Beasley, H. L. McRee, Alta Grace, Margaret Ann and John Gardner Woodward, Jackie Boone, Joy Lansford, Willie Rae McLeod, LaNelle,

Edwards, Carlene Edwards, Jeannine Dingle, Billie Joe Billington, Bobby Gene Billington, Jean and Joyce Payne, Betty Jo Neill, Wanda Lou Kegans, Weldon Springer, Richard Leverich, Patricia Ann Beasley, Clinton, Burton and Thomas Yandell, June and Joy Nalley, and Jerry Estep.

Grown-ups present were Mesdames W. R. McLeod, Fred Rogge, Abilene, Laura Kegans, John A. Woodard, Lesley Beasley, Malcolm Beasley, Caz Lansford, Jo Ella Leverich, W. R. Springer, Bill Neill, D. Dunn of Merkel and Bob Billington.

ASSEMBLY OF CHURCH BOARD.

On Thursday, Mar. 4, an informal meeting of the local board of Christian education of the M. E. church was held in the home of Supt. and Mrs. H. R. Poor. Work of the month was reviewed, and plans for the program of the church school during the coming month were made. Improved methods for the observance of Missionary Sunday were suggested. As a result a committee was created, and Miss Beatrice Cooley, Miss Hermal Glasgow and Mrs. Alsie Carleton were appointed to serve.

After the business session, a brief social hour followed, and refreshments were served to Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Miss Beatrice Cooley, Rev. R. O. Bailey, Oakley Reid, M. Hermal Glasgow, Rev. and Mrs. A. ie Carleton and the hosts.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CLUB HOLDS ELECTION.

Regular election of officers of the Good Citizenship club, composed of pupils in the fifth and sixth grades, was held Friday afternoon of last week at the Trent high school building. The club was organized for the purpose of emphasizing better organization and co-operation and to encourage character-building for better citizenship.

Othell O'Kelly conducted the elec-

tion, offered in secret ballot, assisted by Norma Wilson and Virginia Lee Cooley, for the following officers: Billy Jones, chairman; Kathleen Bryan, vice-chairman; Joyce Hayes, secretary. The chairman then appointed the following committeemen to serve with him: character study, Othell O'Kelly; thrift, Wanda Merle Dingle; safety first, Wayland Norwood; good manners, Dorothy Bishop.

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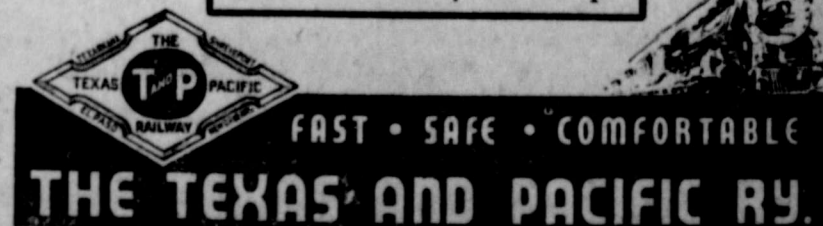
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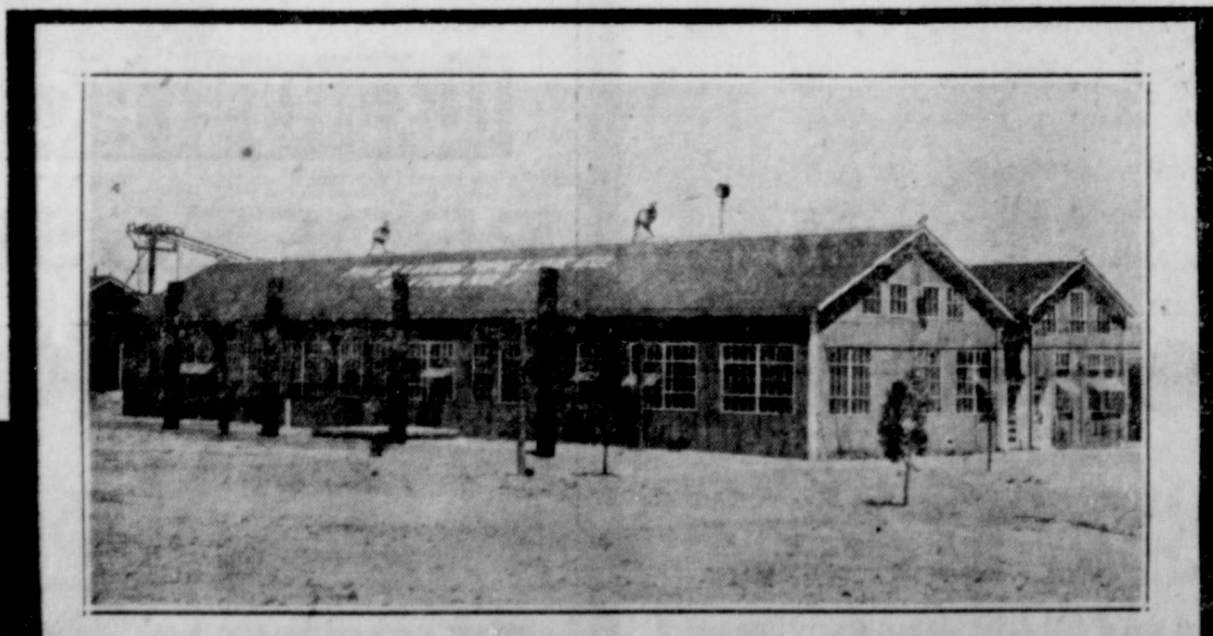
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SEE me before you sell your maize, grain or cottonseed; top prices paid at all times at your place or on car. Paul Douglas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE CHEAP—\$68.00 set of books entitled "My Book House"; good condition. George Woodrum.

SALE OR TRADE—Merkel home, 5-room house, 2 porches, east front, corner lot; this house is in good repair, garage, etc.; will consider light car in deal. See J. J. Barron.

HORSES, Mules, cows and hogs for sale. See M. Armstrong.

FARM FOR SALE or Trade—85 acres, clear, join city limits on the west, at Gorman, Eastland county; a real fruit farm, large orchard of bearing peaches and plums; also good for cotton, corn, oats and peanuts; ideal for a real home; all in cultivation, 6-acre Bermuda grass patch; good improvements, \$35 per acre. See J. J. Barron.

FARM LAND—10 acres Rio Grande valley, clear; 7 miles of Harlingen; in cultivation; no improvements; good citrus fruit and vegetable land, \$75 per acre. See J. J. Barron.

SALE OR TRADE—Who wants to start in business? Here's one, for let, my garage equipment and some accessories; good location; reasonable rent. J. J. Barron.

FOR SALE—Fifteen head of mares, fillies and mules; broke to work. Pierce Horton.

FARMING TOOLS for sale or trade. See G. H. Bryant, three miles south of Merkel.

FOR SALE—Several Rhode Island Red cockerels; good strain; 75c each. Mrs. L. M. Howard, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

YOUNG HORSES for sale. See L. B. McClain, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

FOR SALE—8-year-old horse, about 16 hands high, weight about 1400 pounds; a good work animal. Home State Bank, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—First year pedigreed seed, Texas Special and Harper Mebane, culled, \$1.50 per bushel. Teaff Bros.

FOR SALE—Large barn with shed; also garage for sale. Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE—Buff Minorca eggs for setting. See Mrs. Roy Harrell, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

TWO FILLY COLTS and one mule filly for sale; last year's colts. Lige Harris, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

WANTED

BRING us your Produce; highest market prices guaranteed. Sheppard & Shelton Produce, Independent Operators. We pay cash. Phone 141.

NOTICE BREEDERS—I will stand my Percheron stallion and black Mammoth jack for service one mile west of Merkel; terms, \$10.00, \$2.00 cash at time of service, balance when colt is foaled. Pierce Horton.

AM OPERATING Mrs. Allday's Hemstitching Machine in my home; your orders appreciated. Minnie Ferguson.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—5-room house; also two 3-room furnished apartments in Mrs. S. F. Haynes home, no children. See M. Armstrong.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Ignition key. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Robert James Ellis by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the

Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1937, the same being the 19th day of April, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1936, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 10,974-A, wherein Margaret Ellis is Plaintiff, and Robert James Ellis is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about January 5, 1936, and separated on or about March 8, 1936, Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's Original Petition. Plaintiff also asks that her maiden name be restored. There were no children and community property.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 16th day of February, A. D. 1937.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.
(Seal)

Select Directors for Ginner's Association

Board of directors for a West Texas Co-Operative Ginners association was selected Monday afternoon in a meeting of 120 officials from 34 West Texas co-operative gins at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, the second annual meeting and first of a series of six such regional events in Texas this week.

Elected to the board of a temporary organization which is to become permanent were Frank Kemp of Balingier, Ed Gist of Abilene, Howard Baldwin of Miles, J. S. Varner of Merkel and F. W. Poe of Hamlin.

L. A. Groene of Abilene was elected director to represent West Texas ginners' association if and when such an organization is formed.

TRIBUTE TO C. H. COLLINGSWORTH.

My neighbor says when winter comes, He wants to twiddle with his thumbs; But take a pencil in your hand And figure how to fix your land So's it will make a better yield And make a profit on each field. He says he's sure a fellow can, If he will figure out a plan, Do twice as much as he has done And so accumulate some mon.

We all know lots of things that we Could do lots better if, but gee, We'd only do the best we know With everything we raise or grow. If we will plan on winter days, Just what we'll do next spring to raise More things of value from our soil, We'd be repaid for all our toil.

So neighbor talks from morn till noon, If he don't stop it pretty soon, He'll have me with a pencil too, Afignin' out some things to do; To doubt every crop that grows, And make my farm bloom like a rose.

The trouble is, it's easy to Get he' up over things to do; But when the early summer's here, My pep will all be gone, I fear. When the sun gets high in early spring,

It makes me want to sit, by jing, And soak it in, for I can't spoil Them fine spring days with awful toil. A man can't think the way he should, If he's all tired from cutting wood. His soil, it just ain't at its best, If he don't have no time to rest; My crop yields may not be great, But I have time to meditate.

And if you don't believe in this great plan, I'll tell you of a fine young man, He'll say to always do your best, Though you don't get to rest.
—Roy Lee Martin.

AWAY.

Away from a home,
Away from a place to roam,
Away from a cousin,
But where there is rabbits by the dozen.

Away from where I can ride wild calves,
Away from where you eat watermelons by the halves,
Away from a place to eat plums and peaches,
Away from the trees where you tear your breeches.

Away from where you can plow
And milk the gentle cow,
Away from your girl,
Where there is no other to equal her in the world.

Away from a town,
Where there is not other a good around,
And nothing to be found.

(Written by Thomas McDonald Greene, age 9, Hobbs, N. M.)

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Letters from the People

THE REAL ISSUE.

Editor, The Mail:

For some time we have been following the arguments of writers, pro and con, on the question of adding new members to the supreme court and have become fully convinced that logic and common sense reasoning have been submerged by the fear on the one hand of the effect it will have on certain interests if it is accomplished and on the other hand by other interests, if it is not accomplished. So far, it resolves itself into the old saying, "We will be damned if we do, and we will be damned if we don't."

Now let's look at the matter as it really is and see exactly what the bone of contention is. In the first place, if the opposition to the measure would be as frank and as clear—and honest—in setting forth their real reasons for opposing it as the president does in his reasons for wanting it, the question would soon be settled.

Just what then is the real issue before the people?

No one informed on political subjects believes that this addition to the court would have the direful effects of rendering that body impotent in the future, as is charged. Such arguments are made for the purpose of confusing and confounding the real issue and for the further purpose of weakening the faith in the administration of the less informed.

The real issue is the New Deal program. The opposition fear that Roosevelt will succeed in getting laws that, in accord with his platform pledges, will force a more equitable distribution of the wealth of the nation. They know, however, that if the supreme court can be kept intact, he can't accomplish his purpose.

In the dark days of 1932, when the whole country was in a state of bankruptcy and we were all, rich and poor, crying aloud for a Moses to lead us out of the wilderness, had it then been found necessary to change the complexion of the court in order to give us relief, who among us would have raised his voice? But now that the wolf has been driven from our doors, many find themselves affected by the hypnotic influence of the sirens of big business, aided and abetted by the die-hard republicans, until they are made to believe the gods would utterly destroy our democratic government and place us under a Hitler, if we should be guilty of thus desecrating the sanctity of the supreme court.

Yea! They would have you believe that if such an awful catastrophe should happen that six additional sember-robed, solemn-faced figures should so defile the temple of justice by intruding into its most holy of holies, the veil would be rent and the sun would hide his face in shame, and out from the Stygian darkness would appear some hideous monster clothed with omnipotent authority, proclaiming with a voice of thunder, "I am monarch of all I survey."

We are not attempting to belittle the dignity of the court nor minimize its importance by the above parody. We are only attempting to illustrate the "hokum" that is being handed out, by inference at least, by those who use it for want of better argument against the New Deal program.

We recognize the court as an indispensable branch of our government, but just one branch. It is entitled to the same consideration and respect as the other branches of our government—no more, no less.

We assume the prerogative to criticize, cuss and condemn members of both the other branches of government and relegate them to oblivion and elect new members to fill their places. That, however, is only the game of politics. No sacrilege there. But "mum" is the word with reference to the court and death only has the right to change its numbers, we are told.

But why all this subterfuge? Why not confess that the New Deal program for a more equitable distribution of wealth is the real bone of contention?

On that issue the people spoke in no uncertain voice last November. Our democracy is supposed to be a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

As Caesar would have stated it, "Vox populi est vox dei."
J. O. McMinn.

Merkel, Texas.

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Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Name County Board on Soil Conservation

Members of the county soil conservation committee assumed office as members of the board of the newly formed Taylor County association in meeting Saturday at the county agent's office.

The association, with the county committeemen as its board, is the new executor in Taylor county of the soil conservation program.

Walter Hammond of Tye was named chairman of the committee and president of the board; J. P. Keith of Caps, vice-president, and B. H. Pritchard of Shep, third member. C. H. Moore of Shep is alternate.

The soil program budget for Taylor county will be planned by the board in the 1937 program, whereas previously it had been planned by the state committee. The budget will be subject to approval by the state group.

Commend Players for Splendid Presentation

Members of the Woodmen Circle desire to thank the business men of Merkel, also Miss Collins and her pupils for their co-operation, and especially do they thank the I. X. L. players for the splendid manner in which the play, "Cheerio, My Dearie," was presented at the gym Friday evening, Mar. 12.

The attendance was large, the proceeds being divided between the Parent-Teachers association of the I. X. L. community and the Woodmen Circle.

Mrs. Winnie Turner, guardian of Merkel Grove No. 563, assisted by

Mesdames Fowler, Keifer, Mathews, Patton and Rea, entertained the players in her home on Oak street before the show by serving sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake.

The cast of characters so cleverly presenting "Cheerio, My Dearie," follows:

Melchizedek, porter at the Mountain View Inn, Dewell McLean.

Sue Grahame and Cherry Holt, joint owners of the Mountain View Inn, Ila McLean and Jimmie Dell Perry.

Dick Grahame, Sue's husband, Joe Seymour.

Saphronia Spatchett, Cuthbert's fiancée, Dollie Seymore.

Fifi, her French maid, Nell Hughes.

Tommy Tarrant, in love with Cherry, R. G. Toombs.

Mrs. T. Jefferson Johns, in search of a title, Alma Collins.

Gwenneth Johns, her daughter, Fern Latimer.

Lord Cuthbert Twillingham, in search of an heiress, Odie Latimer.

James Snodsbury, his valet, Lloyd Mathews.

Animals in Angelo Sale Average \$234

San Angelo, Mar. 18.—Fifty bulls and six females from 16 different registered Hereford herds, entered in the San Angelo auction, sold Monday for an average of \$234.74 for the bulls and \$176 for the females.

Top bull of the auction was Bear Domino, consigned by Hazel Largent and W. L. Harkrider of Brownwood. He went to Sol Mayer, San Angelo, on

a bid of \$525. Mayer also took Mischievous Lad, consigned by J. B. Pettit, Stiles, for \$430.

Sol Kelly of Sonora paid \$400 for Modest Stanway, consigned by J. A. Queen, Big Lake, and \$280 for Domino Price, another Queen bull. Kelly was a liberal buyer.

Among the consigners and buyers were the following well-known cattlemen:

Sunset Rupter 57th, calved Nov., 1934, consigned by T. E. Arledge, Roscoe, to W. A. Daugherty, Alpine, \$300.

Sunset Rupter 65th, May, 1935, Arledge to Roy Spires, San Angelo, \$215.

Females: Beauty Domingo 32nd, Mar., 1936, Largent and Harkrider, Brownwood, to C. M. Largent, Merkel, \$300.

Return from Visit to Points in West Texas

After visiting with his parents and other relatives here in February, W. C. Mattingly was accompanied to his home in Stanton by Mrs. C. P. Worthan and daughter, Miss Ada Worthan, who visited in his home the last week-end in February.

On the following Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly and daughter, Miss Gladys Mattingly, and Mrs. Worthan and daughter spent the day on the Scenic Drive and in the park of Big Spring, driving in the evening over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller in Big Spring, where they remained until the middle of the week.

Mr. Worthan and three of the other children joined them there for a short visit, later returning home.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAR. 19-20

- Carrots, Onions, Turnips and Tops, per bunch 4c
- Apples, Winesaps, doz. 25c
- Oranges, California, doz 30c
- Grapefruit, 3 for 10c
- Lemons, dozen 25c
- Spuds, 10 pounds 39c

- Red and White Soap, 5 bars 22c

- Red and White Pineapple, No. 1 can 9c

- Standard Tomatoes, 3 cans 25c

- Early Riser Coffee, pound 19c

- Sinclair Fresh Lima Beans, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

- Brimful Black Pepper, 1-4 lb. 10c

- Whole Wheat Flour, 3 lb. package 19c

- Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds 55c

- WEST COMPANY, Merkel
- D. C. HERRING & SON, Noodle

- A. W. WOOD, Trent
- BRADLEY MER. CO., Stith

- GOSDIN BROS., Blair

- Brown or Powdered Sugar, 2 boxes 17c

- Yankee Doodle Macaroni or Spaghetti, package 5c

- Red and White Milk, 3 tall or 6 small 23c

- Red and White Cleanser, 2 cans 9c

- Red and White Mayonnaise, pint 25c

- Palmolive Soap, 3 bars 19c

- Red and White FLOUR

- 12 pound sack 59c

- 24 pound sack \$1.05

- 48 pound sack \$1.98

- Gallon Fresh Prunes, per can 33c

- Blu Kross Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls 22c

- Shortening, 4 lb. carton 59c

- Sliced Bacon, pound 29c

- Dry Salt Jowls, pound 13c

- Cheese, pound 23c
- Bologna, pound 15c



FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Miss Christine Collins was hostess Tuesday afternoon to members of the Fortnightly Study club. The program was on the possible "Reorganization of the Household" and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, as leader, was first speaker on the subject. Mrs. E. Clyde Smith discussed "What Are the Most Satisfactory Financial Relations Between Husband and Wife" and Mrs. J. P. Rudd gave "The Effect of Economic Dependence Upon Character."

In the absence of Mrs. Tom Largent, her paper on "Can a Woman Who Has to Ask for Money Be a Free Moral Agent?" was read by Mrs. H. C. West. "What is the Effect Upon Family Life of Having the Control of Family Finances in the Hands of the Husband and Father" was Mrs. A. R. Booth's topic on the program.

Members present were Mesdames Petty, Rudd, Booth, Brown, Cox, Wilhite, Durham, Gamble, McFarland, Haynes, Hodge, Collins, Smith, Swann, Warren, West, Self, Miss Julia Martin and the hostess.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames Walter Ford, C. R. Joyner and O. R. Dye were hostesses Wednesday afternoon to members of the T. E. L. class of the Baptist church in the home of Mrs. Dye.

The president, Mrs. O. R. Dye, was in charge and an inspiring devotional was given by Mrs. Yates Brown. The class decided to buy pulpit chairs as their month's work. The most interesting event of the afternoon was the revealing of "Rosebuds," when each one present was given a lovely gift by their "Rosebud."

A refreshment plate with St. Patrick motif in green and white, with Shamrock leaves as plate favors, was served to the following members: Mesdames Clyde Deavers, A. R. Booth, L. J. Renfro, Roscoe Bland, John Mansfield, T. E. Collins, E. W. King, Frank McFarland, W. L. Barnett, W. B. Stephens, Yates Brown, Booth Warren, A. D. Barnes, J. L. Winter, W. J. Largent, Julia Kyle, J. C. Childress, Miss Mae Lassiter and the hostesses.

GLEANER CLASS.

Mrs. C. P. Church opened her home on Oak street to members of the Gleaner class of the Methodist Sunday School on Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 10, with Mesdames T. L. Grimes and Marvin Douglas co-hostesses.

Mrs. E. Clyde Smith brought the devotional and Mrs. Fred Latham offered the prayer. Mrs. Hicks presided during the business period. A sick committee composed of Mesdames Grimes, Burgess and Hunter was appointed.

Mrs. Douglas had charge of the potato and clothespin contests, which were highly enjoyed.

A lovely refreshment plate carrying out the Easter theme was passed to Mesdames Smith, Largent, Buzbee, Latham, Brown, Case, Crow, Grimes, Rea, Church, Guitar, Hicks, Tipton, Stanford, Hunter, Mashburn, Burgess, Roberts and the hostesses.

CHEERFUL WORKERS SOCIAL.

Misses Lois Whiteley and Elna Tucker were hostesses on Friday night of last week in the home of Miss Mary Collins for the Cheerful Workers class. The entire group attended the play "Cheerio, My Deario," at the gym and enjoyed it very much.

Games and music were the diversion after the party returned to the Collins' home, and a dainty plate carry-

ing out the St. Patrick's theme was passed to Misses Frances Marie Church, Mary Collins, Lois Whiteley, Elna Tucker and Wanda Hunter, Lynn Shelton and William Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, Mar. 14, at their home south of Merkel. A delicious dinner was served at high noon and pictures were made in the afternoon.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Riley Whisenhunt, R. D. Blair, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Cramer Reynolds, of Merkel; John L. Blair, Hayden Blair, O. C. Blair, Jim Dye, of Level-land; Lorene Whisenhunt, Avalene and Petty Jean Mathews, Willie Joe Riney, Aldene and Beta Faye Blair of Levelland, O. D., Glenn and Bobby Blair, Roy Kent Mathews, Eddie Max Blair and Ethel Lee Ford of Level-land, Paul Riney, Jack, Walter, Cline, Bob and Duane Whisenhunt. Miss Irene Whisenhunt of Dora and Russell T. Blair of Fort Sam Houston were also present.

FACULTY ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Elmo Collins, Miss Vera Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilhite entertained the faculty of the Merkel schools in a St. Patrick's party Tuesday night in the Wilhite home. Games of "42" were enjoyed, after which a special program was given by Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Helen Heeter, Billy McGehee and Tommy Evelyn Grimes.

The St. Patrick motif was revealed in the refreshment plate which consisted of molded cream and decorated cookies.

Honor Roll

- (Continued From Page One.)
 Fulton, 94; Dorothy Nell Groene, 93; Clarice Higgins, 91.
 Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.
 Sue Grimes, 94; Jack Hester, 92.
 Sixth Grade, Miss V. Hayes.
 Dwight Swafford, 92; Bonnie McAninch, 91.
 Seventh Grade Mrs. Sublett.
 Becky Gardner, 96; Betty Lou Higgins, 94; Mary Lou Higgins, 92.
 Seventh Grade, Mr. Wilhite.
 O. C. Shouse, 91; Theda Perry, 90.
 HIGH SCHOOL.
 Eighth Grade.
 Mildred McLean, 94; Don Wood, 92; Vivian Turner, 92; Mickey McLean, 91; Helen Heeter, 90.
 Ninth Grade.
 Billy Wood, 95; Faye Hampton, 94; Mary Jo Russell, 93; Bernice Lewis, 92; Mattie Reynolds, 92; Faye Walker, 92; Mary Jo Garland, 91; Bonnie Lois Campbell, 90.
 Junior Class.
 Frances Higgins, 91; Pauline Blackaby, 90; Marvin Hunter, 90; Pauline Joyner, 90.

Senior Class.
 Sylvan Mellinger, 94; Nadine Clack, 91; Jack Sublett, 91; M. C. Church, 90; Dutton Williamson, 90; Margie Melton, 90.

Girl, 3, Knows Songs.
 Logan, Ohio, Mar. 18.—Arkene Rector, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Rector, can identify 10 different orchestras by their theme songs and can name 55 other popular songs when she hears them played.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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there is only one good place that we know of for back seat drivers, but the trouble is that they can't go there until after they die. The one GOOD PLACE that we know of to get a first-class used car is here, for we back up every statement we make regarding them 100 per cent! These priced to make walking expensive:

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 1934 Plymouth Coach \$325
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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
 Unseasonal cold weather cut the Sunday School attendance here to only 435, as compared with 566 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 640 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor.
 At 7:30 p. m. Sunday the first in the series of pre-Easter services sponsored jointly by the Methodist and Presbyterian churches will be held at this church. The services will continue through the week, alternating each night at the two churches.
 R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor.
 At the evening hour, the congregation will join in the first of a series of pre-Easter services at the Presbyterian church, beginning at 7:30, the services to continue through the week, alternating each night at the two churches.
 John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:45 p. m. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
 The Baptist meeting will begin Sunday, Mar. 28, and continue through the week. Dr. Walter Connor of the Southwestern Theological seminary will do the preaching.
 The Baptist district convention will meet at Cisco Mar. 30-31.

MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE.
 Ladies of the Sweetwater Baptist association will hold an all-day meeting next Thursday at the First Baptist church here, which will take the form of a "Mission Study Institute." All members are urged to attend.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
 Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6:15 p. m. on Sunday.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
 We appreciate your co-operation in all services.
 R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. W. M. S. meets at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m.
 All are cordially invited to our services.
 E. B. Early, Pastor.

Several from Merkel Attend Martin Rites

Several from here attended the funeral at Big Spring on Monday of last week of Ross Martin, 69, who was taken ill while at that place on a visit. He is survived by eleven children, among them being Wesley and Houston Martin of this community.
 Others going for the funeral were: Mrs. A. H. Barnes, a sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lilly and family, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones and family and Mrs. Ellen Baccus.

Lost Leg But Isn't Hurt.
 Corsicana, Mar. 18.—James Hicks, negro, lost his wooden leg when struck by an automobile Saturday and Mrs. H. F. Marr received a sprained ankle in dodging the vehicle. The negro otherwise was unhurt.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

H. C. Howard Named Regional Manager of Chevrolet Division

H. C. Howard, manager of the Dallas zone of the Chevrolet Motor division of the General Motors Sales corporation for the past four years, assumed new duties with the company as assistant regional manager of the Southwest region of Chevrolet, effective Mar. 16, it was announced last week at Detroit by W. E. Holler, Chevrolet vice-president and general sales manager.

Mr. Howard will be in charge of used car sales throughout the Southwest region. His appointment was part of the general reorganization of Chevrolet's used car marketing policies in which Mr. Holler set up an entirely separate used car organization within the Chevrolet sales department.

Flood Deaths Over 892.
 Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 18.—The Red Cross reports the recent flood-brought death to 892 persons in 10 states of the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys. The total did not include Ohio.

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Services for Fisher Ranchman Held Here

Funeral services for R. J. Anderson, 78, Fisher county rancher, were held here Friday morning from the Church of Christ, with Elder Stewart from Sweetwater officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Anderson, a native Texas, died at 11:15 o'clock Thursday morning at his home in Eskota, after an illness of six months. He came to Fisher county in 1883 during the free grass era and established the JX cattle brand, still used by him at the time of his death. His wife, who died last September, was also buried here.
 Survivors are six children: C. A. Anderson, Sweetwater; J. J. Anderson, Eskota; Mrs. Connie SoRelle, Eskota; Mrs. John Catchings, Lovington, N. M.; Mrs. Homer Williams, Sweetwater, and Mrs. M. E. Brazelton, Eskota.

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Cabbage, firm, lb.	3c	APPLES	
Spuds, No. 1's, 10 lbs.	39c	Winesaps	
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Bacon, the perfect lb 35c

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