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BIG CROWDS HEAR EVANGELIST PREACH

The Methodist revival which began in this city last Sunday with Evangelist R. B. Freeman, of Abilene, doing the preaching is progressing nicely, with large crowds attending each and all services since the beginning, especially the evening services.

The evangelist is surely one of the most enthusiastic, untiring, able and zealous speakers among those connected with the Methodist Evangelistic work throughout the country, and in every sermon gives to his large audiences his best efforts, delivering to them a message that is not only logical and full of the gospel spirit, but one that is convincing and which will bear much fruit as the meeting progresses and before it shall have come to a close.

Mr. K. D. Turner, an able soloist and choir director is in charge of the music, and has organized a large and splendid adult and junior choir.

Besides the morning services at 10 a.m. and the evening services at 7:30, there is held daily a men's prayer service in some of the business houses at 2:00 p.m. and throughout the city the ladies are holding group prayer meetings in the various homes, all of which are becoming more and more interesting as the meetings get under full headway.

Mr. Turner states that he is indeed proud of the choirs, both adult and junior, and in fact he reports them as good as he ever had in a similar meeting.

The subjects as announced by the Evangelist for the remainder of the week, including Sunday evening, are: Friday evening, "The how and why of repentance"; Saturday evening, "Excuses"; Sunday morning, "The Power of Love"; Sunday evening, "The Progressiveness of Sin." And at the Sunday evening service, Mr. Turner will sing "The Heart that Was Broken for Me."

PREACHING AT NUBIA SUNDAY, MARCH 9th.

Next Sunday will be our day at Nubia. We hope to meet you Sunday morning promptly at 10 a.m. in the Sunday School. Preaching service promptly at eleven. In the afternoon at 3 the men are urged to hear Bro. Freeman at the Gem Theatre at Merkel in the service to men only. Remember the hour and let's be there. We would like for the men who are interested in the church, in fact we would love for all of those men that should reside in the territory covered by the Merkel circuit to be present at this meeting Sunday afternoon. Let's back the speaker in Merkel by our presence in a prayerful attitude Sunday afternoon. M. R. Pike.

REBEKAH NOTICE

The members of the Merkel Rebekah Lodge are requested to be present on next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 for the regular meeting. Lula Land.

Harris Bynum, who attends Draughtons Business College, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bynum, Merkel Route 2.

Miss Hazel Atkisson, of Beaumont, came in last week to accept a position with the Bragg Dry Goods Company, in the Ladies Ready-to-wear Department.

Fresh Car of Seal Flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co. 712

JONES COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE CARRIES

Anson, Jones Co., Texas, Mch. 2.—In the bond election held Saturday in this special road district, No. 81-B, for the purpose of constructing a hard-surface road squarely across the county east and west, the bond project carried by a majority of 1,440, almost 24 to 1.

The amount of the bond issue is for \$200,000, and the state will furnish dollar for dollar in the building of this highway, which furnishes the South Plains with an outlet to the East.

All the counties east of Jones except Shackelford have built or are in the process of building a hard-surface on this highway, and Shackelford voted on the proposition Saturday. The total vote in the district was: For the issue 1,507, against 62.

METHODIST MEN ENJOY LUNCHEON

On Thursday of this week, at the noon hour, there was served to the men of the Methodist church, and a few invited friends, including the pastors of some of the other churches, a delicious luncheon. The occasion being a part of the revival program of Evangelist R. B. Freeman, who is conducting in this city a revival meeting.

Some 50 or 75 men responded to the invitations sent out, and the occasion was indeed a success in every respect. Interesting and able talks on the needs and reasons for "A Revival Meeting" were discussed by L. W. Cox, L. R. Thompson, Dr. Armstrong, Rev. Rae, pastor of the church, with the closing remarks being made by the Evangelist, who spoke on the "Need and Reason Why the Men should stand Solidly behind a Revival and the Church." Besides the addresses mentioned above, those present enjoyed the splendid solos by Miss Christene Collins and Mr. Turner, the Choir Director.

The luncheon was prepared and served by the ladies of the church, and was all that the words dainty and delicious mean and while the men enjoyed it to the fullest extent, the ladies likewise showed that they, too, were happy of the privilege of placing before them such a magnificent feast.

Blue Bird Class Enjoys Picnic

On last Saturday the following members of the Blue Bird Class met at the church at 9:30 Misses Gladys Middleton, Alma Patterson, Dorothy Sanders, Dorris Durham, Gracie Lee Cranston, Mildred Matthews, Imogene Hays, Mary Butman, Mamie Coats, and Ona Fae Rose.

The girls chaperoned by Mrs. Thos. Durham and Mrs. Dan Matthews drove to Blow Out Mountain where hiking and kodak were the chief sports. A bountiful feast of good things to eat was spread about 12:30 and was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Albert Venting returned yesterday week to her home at Fort Worth after a visit with E. N. Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren of Munday were here a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

Roy Costephens and family of Sweetwater were guests of former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

TWO STORES ROBBED HERE

While the majority of the citizenship of Merkel was attending church services on last Sunday night, two stores in this city were entered by thieves and a few dollars in money and a small amount of goods were taken.

Night Watchman, John Woodard, who is one of the best and most efficient watchmen in the country, soon discovered that the stores had been broken into, for in his rounds he is always on the lookout for such, and made the fact known to the proprietors of the business firms entered, which were the A. C. Rose Dry Goods and The Carson Grocery.

Early Monday morning City Marshal Jinks Winter and Mr. Woodard, together with the business men, began work on the case, and by noon had arrested two young men who confessed, according to the officers, to having committed the offense. They were placed in the City Jail, but soon gained their liberty by setting fire to the building, burning a hole large enough to let them out. Then another chase began, with the result that the boys were again captured and placed in the county jail at Abilene.

We are informed that the boys also confessed that they had committed a similar offense in California from which state they came last week, and that when they were taken to Abilene the officers there had just received word to arrest and hold them for the violation mentioned above.

MRS. VANCE ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR

In this paper in the announcement column will be found the name of Mrs. Florence Vance, as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor County, subject to the action of the democratic Primary next July.

Mrs. Vance is too well known to need commendation from this paper, as she has served faithfully and honestly in this position, and her record for efficiency and service is before the voters and taxpayers of the county. And she feels that by her actual and practical experience in the conduct of the affairs of the office she is better qualified and more fitted to render even more accurate and accommodating service than here before.

She also states that, if elected again, she will do the office work including the tabulation for making tax rolls, and will place the valuation approved by the board of equalizers on the tax rolls and will take the percent of the corporations demanded by the board without fear or favor, granting equal rights to all and special privileges to none. She believes this the only method that will protect the honest taxpayer. Mrs. Vance would also call attention of the voters to please remember that they do not pay taxes on what is assessed or the values approved by the board of equalizers unless same is placed on the tax roll. That is why it is unsafe to trust this matter to a deputy who is not required to make bond or make any affidavit.

This paper would urge that every voter over the county give Mrs. Vance's claims just and due consideration when casting their vote for Tax Assessor of Taylor county, in the coming July primary.

TAYLOR CO. SCHOOL LEAGUE MEETING

A large delegation is expected at the Taylor County Interscholastic League Meet, at Abilene, March 28 and 29. We are anxious to have the 1924 Meet the most enthusiastic ever held in the county. In order to do this, we must have the cooperation of every teacher in the county.

Make arrangements to be in Abilene by 1:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon with all entries in declamation, spelling, essay writing and debating, as well as the contestants in girls basket ball and tennis. Preliminaries and finals in all these divisions will be held on Friday afternoon and night. There will be a general assembly of all contestants and teachers in the High school Auditorium at two o'clock in the afternoon of Friday. At that time places for holding all the contests will be indicated.

All track and field events will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the West Texas Fair Park, beginning at nine o'clock in the morning and at one o'clock in the afternoon.

In order to arouse interest in the Meet, cash prizes of \$2.50 in gold are offered by the county committee for the best posters made by the school children of the County. These posters must depict some feature of the meet and name the date and the place. One prize will be awarded in both junior and senior divisions. Posters must have been on display at least 10 days prior to the Meet. Bring them with you.

Please send to the County Director not later than Monday, March 24, all names of pupils entering contests. Substitutes may be made later. A fee of 25c for each student entering contest will be collected and where possible should be sent with entries. An additional fee of 5c for each contest above one will be collected. One admission fee of 25c for all the contests will be charged the general public. We are expecting you.

B. E. McGlamery, County Director.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Preaching at 11 a.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no preaching at the evening hour on account of the Methodist Meeting. Let us attend these services as much as possible.

Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "A Short Arm and a Heavy Ear". Be sure to hear this sermon. After the two weeks of special services the pastor has some very important things that he is very anxious to say to you.

Last Sunday morning there were 309 in Sunday School. Several classes were embarrassed by their teachers not coming at all. It is very important that every teacher be in place on time next Sunday. We are planning a special program for the Sunday School the fifth Sunday in this month and it is very necessary that every teacher help in the preparation.

The meeting which closed last Sunday night has brought a great blessing to our church. We have engaged Bro. Winsett to come back the first Sunday in July and lead us in a campaign to continue for three weeks. We have engaged the tabernacle and the services will be held there.

Don't forget Sunday morning. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

SHACKELFORD VOTES \$500,000 FOR ROADS

Albany, Shackelford Co., Tex. March 2.—A \$500,000 road bond issue for Shackelford County carried Saturday by a large majority. Complete returns from all the boxes give a total of 1,042 votes for the issue and 423 votes against.

Local officials say State and Federal aid to the extent of \$800,000 will be available to supplement the county issue, making a total of \$1,300,000 for road improvement. The program includes a hard-surfaced road from the Stephens County line via Albany to the Taylor county line, on the Abilene road; this being a gap of the Bankhead Highway's hard-surfaced road from Callahan County line via Moran and Albany to Jones county line near Lueders. That portion of the Southwest Trail from Albany to Throckmorton county line also will be built.

BUSINESS FIRMS TO CLOSE AT SIX P. M.

We, the undersigned business firms, agree to close our doors at six o'clock each evening, Saturday excepted, from March 10 until September 1.

West Company, Hamilton and Case, Bob Martin Gro. Co., E. L. Ash, Brown Dry Goods Co., The Bragg Dry Goods Co., Liberty Hardware Co., A. C. Rose Dry Goods Co., Crown Hardware Co., Max Mellinger, Mrs. J. M. Dry, Mrs. J. F. Hodo, W. B. Petty Barber Shop, H. J. Dunn, J. N. Carson Gro. Co., Barrow Furniture Co., Schindler's Variety Store, J. T. Dennis, Chas. West Barber Shop, City Barber Shop, W. T. Campbell, John B. Bell, J. T. Darsey, W. F. Hamblett, G. M. Sharp and J. D. Porter.

GUARDSMEN IN FINE CONDITION INSPECTOR FINDS

That Taylor County units of the 131st Field Artillery, stationed at Abilene and Merkel, will compare favorably with the best National Guard organizations of the United States, was indicated this week in the annual inspection just completed. Minutely inspected in every detail the batteries at Abilene and Merkel came through the annual check up with flying colors and received an excellent report from the inspecting officer.

The 1st Battalion Headquarters and Combat Train of the regiment, stationed at Merkel, was inspected Tuesday night by Captain L. W. Boren, U. S. Field Artillery, National Guard instructor detailed to inspect the 131st Field Artillery, and like the Service Battery and Battery E of the regiment stationed at Abilene, which were inspected Sunday and Monday, made a ten strike with the inspecting officer. The Merkel unit, commanded by Captain R. I. Grimes, probably established a record for such occasions by turning out a 100 per cent attendance. Every man in the battery was present in uniform for the inspection.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey and son, Irwin, returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives at Kerrville, Lockhart, San Antonio and other south Texas points. Mr. Lackey reports having enjoyed the trip very much.

J. T. Middleton and family of O'Donald, Texas, visited J. T. Howard and other relatives last week.

TEXAS EXES HAVE BIG BANQUET HERE

A banquet for the ex-students of the University of Texas, sponsored by Superintendent R.

A. Burgess, at the Woodrum Hotel, was attended by eleven former students on last Saturday evening, celebrating March second, Texas Independence Day.

The banquet room was attractively decorated with pennants, mottos, and the school colors, "Orange and White", and an Orange "T" with March 2, 1924 written on them in white ink and a white ribbon tied in the top, made unique plate favors. After finding places at the banquet table, a number of songs and yells were given, and "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You" and "Yea Texas" stirred the enthusiasm of those present and renewed their loyalty to the grand old school. When all were seated at the table ready to begin the feast, an A. & M. football with the colors of that school and the score of the last Thanksgiving football contest between Texas and A. & M. on the ball was presented to Mr. Burgess. A wonderful three course dinner was then enjoyed, and appreciation is extended to the management of the hotel for the preparation of this feast. It is needless to say that considerable time was taken in eating. Throughout the course of the dinner the University and all of its "Profs" were discussed, Mr. Cobb giving us some of his experiences in the school when he attended some years ago, and the history of the institution was brought down to the present time by some of the later students. The push ball contest of March second, the horror of the "frosh", the library, Barton Springs, and the election of a president were all brought up in the conversation. At the close of the evening a telegram of congratulation from president Sutton was read by Mr. Burgess.

Tentative plans for the organization of a Texas Club were formulated, and at early date will be perfected. The ex-students present were: Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Misses Williamson, Pierce, Martin; Messrs. Parker Sharp, Castle Ellis, Jack Durham, and Judson McRee.

PARENT-TEACHERS NOTICE

The Parent-Teachers Club will meet on next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the High School building, and the program which was scheduled to be given at the previous meeting will be rendered. A library is to be given away, and some special business to be attended to, so all members and patrons are urgently asked to attend.

County Commissioner W. H. Frazier returned Wednesday from a trip to Callahan County where he, with the county Judge and Commissioners had been invited to attend a celebration by the citizens there of the completion of a new \$16,000 bridge.

E. H. Thompson returned on last night after being called to Lamesa to his son Lloyd Thompson who was dangerously sick with Gaul Stone, but was some better. Mr. Thompson returning for treatment of his ears which have become affected.

L. B. Scott is able to be at his bed for a few days this week with the la grippe.

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MRS. T. WINTER PASSED TO REWARD FRIDAY

On last Friday, February 29, at 1036 a.m. the death angel called home sister T. Winter of Noodle, Texas.

After a lingering, painful illness of more than one year, suffering from cancer, and after a desperate battle for life, the mortal gave way to mortality and the last earthly battle came to an end.

Sister Winter was born April 27, 1861 and lived to the age of 62 years, 10 months and two days. Her maiden name was Miss Susan Williams. She was married to Mr. T. Winter more than forty years ago. To this couple were born thirteen children, twelve of whom were at her bedside during her last days. Those present were the following boys: M. E. Winter, Joe, Roy, Tom, of Noodle, Billie of Paducah, John of Brownwood, and six daughters: Mrs. Martha Eason of Merkel, Mrs. Helen Phillips of Abilene, Mrs. Alba-

tine Lawlis of Sylvester, Mrs. Banna White of Ovallo, Mrs. Nina Cox of Noodle, and Mrs. Bertha Bicknell of Noodle. One daughter had passed away some twenty-eight years ago.

The funeral services were held at their family home at Noodle, at one p.m. Saturday, Rev. J. J. Gentry of Leuders and W. K. Horn of Post City conducting the funeral services. After reading from Proverbs 31st chapter by Bro. Horn and a short talk by him, Bro. Gentry spoke concerning the life of Sister Winter. Bro. Horn had been her pastor for seven years and Bro. Gentry for five. Each one spoke of the sweet spirit in which sister Winter lived, saying she always saw the bright side of life, and tried to make life easier for those with whom she came in contact. She was never known to be downcast or discouraged, but could always see a gleam of light beyond the cloud. Even during her extreme suffering of the last eight months she was even ready to see

and talk of the better things that go to make up real life. "Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates", Proverbs 31:31, was read and how true of Sister Winter.

The music was directed by Mr. W. H. Free of Abilene and it certainly was in full accord with the occasion. Mr. Free is indeed a wonderful leader. He had his singers (whose names we are unable to give here) from Abilene, and their good selections certainly brought the heart-felt words of praise.

The splendid floral offerings spoke too, to the memory of a dear mother, wife and friend. God in nature speaks through the flowers of His love to the world.

Sister Winter was so thoughtful of her children and husband. She would call them around her sick bed and tell them as only a mother can what to do and how to do it. She told them minutely how to put her away and gave the children advice to care for Daddy (Bro. Winter).

If ever a real mother and wife lived it was she. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, also, and he praiseth her", Proverbs 31:28.

With Milton then we say: "Then, Joy shall overtake us as a flood, when everything that is sincerely good, and perfectly divine, with truth and peace and love shall ever shine about the supreme throne."

By one Who Cared.

John Sears returned this week from a business trip to the Plains country.

Charles Sutphen left last week for Meridian, Texas where he entered the Meridian college.

R. L. Bland of Abilene was in Merkel Wednesday on business.

Flour and Feed at Bob Martin Grocery Co. 712

Try our Buttermilk Starter for baby chicks. Money back if not satisfied. Swafford, phone 44, south side. 1t

H. F. Groene was a Dallas visitor this week.

Rev. J. W. Hunt of Abilene was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

Rev. Jno. Hibbert, Methodist pastor of Trent was a visitor in Merkel Tuesday.

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Announcements

For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
MRS. LAURA C. MITCHELL,
J. E. McPHERSON

For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS

County Attorney
FRANK E. SMITH
For Tax Collector:
D. T. HARKRIDER,
ED. DICKERSON,

For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY

For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
(Re-election)

For Commissioner:
T. R. LASSITER
CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
HENRY R. HICKS
JOHN S. HUGHES

For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
(Re-election)

JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner, Pre. 4
SAM L. GRAYSON

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY NOTICE

At the time set for our last meeting, November first, no one could come on account of heavy rains and bad roads, so let us try again. Tuesday, March 25, is the date agreed upon by the members of the board of trustees, for our next meeting, and we are looking forward with a hope that all of you who hear of this meeting and who are interested in helping put our cemetery in a better condition, will come and bring some one with you to help you work for work will be one of the leading features of the meeting. Bring lunches, for, as you know, it takes us all day to get together go over the cemetery, have a few words to say to every one we meet and get back home. Remember the date, Tuesday, March 25, and begin now making preparations to come. Dillard R. Snow, Secretary and treasurer of Board of trustees.

PERSONALS

Mr. B. C. Gaither is this week visiting his daughter and old friends at Tuscola.

E. Yates Brown of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank returned first of the week from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Miss Renna Burns returned first of the week from a visit to her sister at Clyde.

Winters Cotton Seed Meal. Swafford, phone 44, south side.

Mrs. Walter Cellerbee and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lawlis Sunday.

E. L. Turner is having his place improved by putting down concrete side walks and curbing

Red Nelson, express messenger on the T. & P. stopped off Tuesday to call on friends.

Columbian Wyandotte Eggs for Hatching, \$1.50 for 15. Good layers. Chicks develop quickly. John R. West. 29t5

Winters Cotton Seed Meal. Swafford, phone 44, south side.

Mrs. J. T. Warren was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

T. G. Bragg is improving his place by having a new garage built.

Mrs. Harrell DeMoss of Lubbock was a guest of Mrs. Booth Warren last week.

Mrs. Beulah London, who has been so seriously ill with Typhoid is improving.

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FOR SALE—WOOD, \$2.00 per cord on the ground 5 miles north west of town on Noodle road, in 10 cord lots. \$2.25 per cord in lesser amounts. This is your chance to get wood cheap while it lasts. See Dr. Miller. 1t

WANTED—Single man to do farm and ranch work. Tom Largent, Merkel. 1t

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Song service.
Scripture lesson.
Philip Embry by Stell: Wilson.
Prayer.
Robert Strawbridge, by Sallie Brown. Quartette.
Captain Webb, Mary Hutcheson. Special talk.
Francis Asbury, Orpah Patterson.
Reading.
Dr. Thomas Coke, by Lucille Guitar.
Announcements.
League Benediction.

Mr. E. N. Compere and son, Arthur, accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Vanover of Abilene were here Sunday calling on Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes and other friends.

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW. Classified ads get the result.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I take this method of announcing to my old patrons and to the public in general that I have opened offices at Blair and will again engage in the practice of medicine in this community. Dr. J. W. H. Martin. 29t4p

Miss Nell Tracy came in Wednesday night to make a short visit with relatives and friends. Miss Tracy is teaching in the Baird school.

Miss Ila McLean returned on Monday to Abilene where she attends the National Business College, after visiting with her parents for a few days.

Chas. Chadwick and wife of Brawley, California arrived last week to be at the bedside of Mrs. C. W. Simpson.

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Junior League Program

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Song, Scripture lesson by leader.
Lord's prayer in concert.
My favorite bible story, Victor Smith.
Special song by Dorothy Daniels Eleanor Mae and Ethel Hamilton.
What we Juniors hope to accomplish, Mrs. Rea Leader.
Don't forget your dues.

C. R. Tittle who made and gathered 142 bales of cotton last year states that he will only plant 450 acres in cotton this year, reducing the acreage by 25 acres.

Mr. J. P. Frederickson, splendid friend and excellent citizen has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail he sends to his daughter in California.

Try our Buttermilk Starter for baby chicks. Money back if not satisfied. Swafford, phone 44, south side. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas spent the week end with the latter's sister, Mrs. R. A. Elder of Baird.

M. L. Dry and wife of Hamlin were here Monday visiting with Mrs. J. M. Dry and other relatives.

SHILOH HAPPENINGS

Health of the community is good at this time.

This community was made sad on last Friday because of the death of Mrs. Terrell Winter, better known as aunt Ann. She was beloved by all who knew her. She had lived in our midst for over 30 years.

There was a singing at J. H. Grayson's Sunday night, a large crowd being in attendance. Mr. Lee Eason of Kale was present, also Mr. Hardy and Lovel Rutledge, and they sure did some fine singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell of Trent visited Mrs. Phoebe Green Sunday.

Those enjoying a delicious dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Eason, and children, C. W. Seago, wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene, Miss Effie Grayson and Miss Bessie James.

Mrs. Joe Greene of Lamesa spent Sunday and Sunday night with Ms. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge are the happy parents of a tiny baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown spent Sunday with their uncle, Mr. Ben Bond, near Newman.

The pretty weather Sunday permitted us to have Sunday school on last Sunday. Will have Sunday School every Sunday hereafter.

The Shiloh people are putting on a drive to raise funds to rebuild the church. Any one wishing to help may send funds to Mrs. W. R. Grayson, Miss Maud Greene, Mrs. C. W. Seago, or Mrs. Shelby Howell. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

There will be preaching on the 3rd Sunday, every body come as there is business to be attended to.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shouse spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James, all of

them spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan near Trent. Brownie.

REV. ALBERTSON NOW PREACHING AT UNION

Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church is this week holding a series of services at Union Church, north of the river.

B. Y. P. U. Program

- Introduction, Ola Sharp.
1. Let us sing the song of Zion, Althea Boden.
2. A great experience set in song by Mr. Deutschman.
3. Psalm 85, Gratitude for God's deliverance, Selena Teaff.
4. Praise for the past, Psalm 85 1-3, Miss Dye.
5. Prayer for the present, Psalm 85:4-7, Miss Joyner.
6. Hope for the future, Psalm 85 8-13, Virgle Hassey.

Fresh Car of Seat Flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co. 7t2

R. L. Holden and family of Abilene were here last week to be at the bedside of the former's brother, I. C. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Meeks of Los Angeles, California are here to be at the bedside of the latter's mother, Mrs. C. W. Simpson.

C. S. Holden of Clyde, Texas, was here a few days last week to attend the I. C. Holden funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Humphries of McCauley were here recently visiting Mrs. I. C. Holden.

Bertie Holden of Big Spring Texas is visiting his mother, Mrs. I. C. Holden, for a few days.

E. Yates Brown returned Wednesday from a trip to Fort Worth where he visited relatives for a few days.



JOHN DEERE CULTIVATORS AND PLANTERS

We wish to call your attention to the fact, that it is now time to buy that JOHN DEERE Planter or Cultivator if you intend doing so this season, as our stock on these Implements is very low.

Don't forget to come to see us for your garden supplies; such as: Wire Netting, Garden Plows Garden Rakes, Water Hose, and other equipments needed for the garden.

We have in stock the Fairbanks-Morse engine. If you are thinking about buying an engine come and let us show you.

Our general line of Hardware is in good shape and our prices are right, come in and see us.

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We Are Offering Hundreds of Bargains in Our

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NEW SPRING GOODS ARRIVING DAILY ALL OUR NEW GOODS SOLD AT ACTUAL COST PLUS FREIGHT. COME EARLY AND GET YOUR PART OF THE BARGAINS.

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Junior B. Y. P. U.

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Ahab Begins to suffer, by Benjamin Sheppard.
When Obadiah Met Eligah, by Mildred Bird.
Ahab talks to Elijah, by Howard Albertson.
Elijah proposes a Contest, by Florence Ligon.
The Prophets of Baal Fail, by Louise Booth.
Elijah's preparations, by Mabel Ligon.
God hears Elijah, by Christene Rister.

Classified ads get the result.

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Make 'em Lay and Pay---Feed . MARTIN EGG PRODUCER . And get more Eggs or your money back
Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE



Coughs become dangerous

If allowed to run on. Check them at once with Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. Dr. Bell's contains just the medicines the best doctors prescribe combined with the old-time remedy—pine-tar honey. Dr. Bell's loosens hard-packed phlegm, stops coughing and soothes raw tissues in throat and chest. Keep it on hand for all the family. It's a favorite with young and old.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

TYE CIRCUIT

Next Sunday is our regular appointment at Stith, morning and night.

There will also be preaching at Comper in the afternoon. We cordially invite all to come worship with us. B. Y. Dickinson, Pastor.

Plenty of Hay, Cow Feed, and all kinds of Grain, Apples, Peanuts and Potatoes at Gazzaway & Polly, Kent Street, Phone No. 161. 29t4pd

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Brittain were Merkel visitors last week end.

Comer Clay and family of Abilene were visitors in the A. R. Booth home Sunday.

Miss Ola Sharp is able to be up after a serious illness of quite a few weeks.

We learn that Mrs. C. W. Simpson on route 2 is very seriously ill with heart trouble.

Mrs. M. E. Simpson is here from Lamesa on a visit to her granddaughter, Mrs. Len Sublett.

Sargent and Mrs. J. H. Eaton of Abilene were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes first of this week.

Bran and shorts at Bob Martins Grocery Co. 1t

In this paper you will find an interesting 19 cent sale advertised by the Schindler Variety Store. Read it. 1tp

Mr. J. C. Mason, who was quite sick last week, is able to be up again.

Mrs. L. A. Arrington and baby are improving after having been sick this week with the la grippe.

Messrs. E. L. Turner, A. B. Patterson and N. A. Dowell, returned Wednesday from a few days outing and fishing at Lawn Lake.

G. B. Brown was here from Abilene Tuesday on business.

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SANDBURR NEWS

We are having quite a bit of sickness in the community, but we are hoping this pretty spring weather will make every one feel good again.

Mr. Edgar Jones is building him a new five-room bungalow. Mr. John Lightsey, who has been on the plains for the past three weeks visiting home folks this week end, he returned to his work Monday accompanied by Mr. Troy Sloan.

Willie Lightsey, who is attending school in Abilene, spent the week end with his parents of this community.

Miss Ola Lee has the measles also little Leslie and Ruth Welsh are quite sick with measles.

Mr. Hodge Winter and family of Tye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hardy of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walker spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Sam Winter, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvie Berry were shopping in Merkel Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelso attended church at Blaid Sunday.

North Side Christian Church

Announcement is made that Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Christian church next Sunday morning and evening. Bro. Cypert also announces that he will preach at Noodle in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are invited to hear him at any and all of these services.

Cashier R. L. Grimes, W. L. Diltz, Jr., of the Farmers State Bank, Owen Ellis of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, accompanied by Mr. T. L. Grimes, returned first of the week from Lubbock where they attended the Panhandle Bankers Association.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all our good friends and neighbors in and around Noodle for helping us in our dark hour during the last days of our poor, dear, sweet mother's illness.

And especially do we thank Dr. Chas. Williams of Abilene for his untiring efforts to do something for her.

But her disease was one that no human hands could do any good.

And especially do we thank Bro. and Sister W. H. Free of Abilene for the sweet songs they sang.

May each one be rewarded with God's richest blessings, is our prayer. Terrell Winter and family.

Party Honoring Mrs. Sears

On last Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock the teachers of the primary department of the Methodist church gave a party complimenting Mrs. Clyde Sears, who soon leaves Merkel to make her home in Abilene.

The devotional was first had followed by a short business session in which the resignation of Mrs. Sears as president was accepted and Mrs. L. R. Robbins was elected president and Rosa Laney Secretary. During the social hour a very clever fishing contest was enjoyed. Each guest fished a heart and Mrs. Sears the honoree, fished a very pretty gift, being given by the teachers of the Primary Department. Misses Ethel and Eleanor Hamilton and Dorothy Daniels accompanied by Miss Juanita

Beene favored the guests with a song.

Refreshments of peach jello, whip cream, and cake were served to Mesdames Golliday, Beene, Clyde Sears, Robbins, Cox, Brown, McSpadden, Rea, Hamilton, Chaney, Butman, and Misses Rosa Laney and Mollie Sears.

Mrs. M. J. Evans and baby of Chicago, Ill., is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown, and family.

GIVEN

A BIG PRACTICAL
"HOME COURSE IN"
CANDY MAKING

Boys, Girls and Women now is your opportunity Secure this large valuable "COURSE IN CANDY MAKING AT HOME"

Its going to mean a real future for every person who will secure this "COURSE" and start working at once. All Articles, Degrees and Formulas are guaranteed to be given in plain English, and to be correct. It will teach you quickly to make over 30 different kinds of PURE and DELICIOUS CANDIES, and to make at a very large PROFIT for you. Just to get this Course advertised I am going to give away a limited number of this \$15.00 Course to every person who will sell only 10 miniature courses via candy making at only 50c each and return the \$5.00 collected. Write for the 10 miniature courses Today...

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LUDERS, TEXAS

Reduction Sale

This is sure enough a sale. The only Tire sale that was ever offered to the Merkel trade. These are genuine GOOD-YEAR tires and tubes, we are making this offer to reduce our stock and increase our bank account.

Below is a list of prices. These prices are for cash only.

	All Weather Cord	Wing-foot Cord	All Weather Fabric	Wing-foot Fabric	Path-finder Cord	Path-finder Fabric	Red heavy Tourist Tubes	Regular Tubes
Clincher 30x3			\$10.00	\$8.00		\$6.25	\$2.00	\$1.55
30x3½	\$13.15	\$10.50	\$11.55	\$9.05	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$2.35	\$1.70
31x4			16.55				3.00	2.25
32x3½ ss	18.70	15.00	16.10		11.44		2.55	2.00
31x4 ss	21.05				12.95		3.00	2.55
32x4 ss	23.20	17.85	20.90		13.75		3.15	2.65
33x4	23.95	18.40	22.10		14.10		3.30	2.80
34x4	24.60	18.90	22.55		14.40		3.45	2.95
32x4½	30.05	23.05					4.00	
33x4½	30.75	23.25					4.10	
34x4½	31.50	24.15	30.35				4.25	
35x4½	32.40		32.50				4.40	
33x5	37.40						4.95	
35x5	39.25						5.20	

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See Doctor E. E. COCKRELL, Abilene, Texas,
Phone number, 359.

Will be in MERKEL at the office at

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Monday Afternoon from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

For purpose treating Piles and skin diseases

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Big Reduction Price of Used Fords---
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We are overstocked on used Fords, and we are offering the prospective buyer of second hand cars the opportunity to save money by buying now. If you are figuring on buying in the Spring, you will save big money by making arrangements to buy your car or truck during this sale. We are listing a few of the Bargains we have to offer:

1923 ROADSTER	\$250.00
1922 COUPE	\$325.00
1922 TOURING	\$325.00
1923 ROADSTER and DELIVERY	\$149.00
1921 TOURING	\$175.00
1919 TOURING	\$75.00
1919 TOURING	\$65.00
1919 TOURING	\$50.00
1921 SEDAN	\$165.00
1919 TOURING	\$125.00

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Terms on any of our Cars, Trucks and Tractors

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Thursday Club

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mrs. F. C. McFarland were very pleasant hostesses to members of their Club on last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anderson. The rooms were very attractively decorated in red, white and blue, in keeping with the memory of George Washington's birthday.

A business meeting was held first and the following new officers were elected: Mrs. James West, president; Mrs. D. Grimes vice-president; and Mrs. Tom Largent, secretary and treasurer.

Following the business session, games of the club game of forty-two were enjoyed highly, in which Mrs. F. Y. Gaither won first prize. The guests were favored with a colonial dance by little Misses Elma Mae Gamble and Bobby Louise Nix, who were dressed in colonial costume. Little Misses Gamble also gave a reading. Plates of cherry pie with cream, olives and coffee were passed to the following: Mesdames R. I. Grimes, L. A. Arrington, F. Y. Gaither, F. C. McFarland, James West, T. L. Grimes, Jno. West, Stewart Grimes, Dee Grimes, Charlie Jones, Robert Hix, L. B. Howard Tom Largent, R. O. Anderson, and guests, Mesdames S. W. Johnson, and Duncan Briggs.

Funeral Services for Mr. I. C. Holden

Mr. I. C. Holden of this place died at his home Thursday morning after a brief illness. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Friday morning at the hour of eleven. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. T. J. Rea, assisted by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, Rev. Russell Pike, and Rev. W. H. Albertson.

The deceased was born December 13, 1869 in Lawrence county Arkansas, and is survived by a wife, two sons, and two daughters, aged mother and father, four brothers and one sister. Mr. Holden joined the Methodist church when he was 23 years of age and has lived a consecrated Christian to the best of his ability since that time. After the funeral services were concluded at the church, the remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

A CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank kind Dr. Grimes and friends who helped in time of need, who, in my husband's illness, proved themselves friends indeed.

The above was written when I thought the worst was over, but now words are inadequate to express what is in my heart.

The people who stood by me and showered love and kindness on me will never know how I appreciate it all.

The kind neighbors from the Warren community, although they are new, will now rank among the true and tried.

And the old friends from McCauley who have proved themselves true time after time, may God let me have them to go all the way with me.

I experienced great comfort from the sympathy expressed by the pure hearted little children who watched for an opportunity to do me a kindness or give a caress.

It was a great blessing to be able to have so many of my husbands people near to give strength and comfort me.

And last, but not least, the Merkel people—my friends and neighbors and even strangers won a permanent place in a warm corner of my heart.

Then my mother came, and my children are here to bless me.



\$7.65

Round trip
Merkel to

Fat Stock Show

—AT—

Ft Worth

Going March 5th to 14th; Returning until March 17th. See us for details.

J. C. CHILDRESS, Ticket Agent

I can't say what I would. I am ship wrecked and I trust the great Captain of the universe may direct a vessel our way to bear us to a land where the sun does not rise and set in eclipse.

The following is a prayer that came from my heart a short time since.

Sail with me o'er life's rough billows,

Even hold me by the hand,

And when life's rough voyage is over,

Stay Thou by me 'till I land.

Mrs. I. C. Holden and family.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

As I have been asked by a number of people in the past week concerning the Mattress Factory which recently moved in the building formerly occupied by me and is operating un-

der the name of Sanitary Mattress Factory, the name which I have been advertising and operating under since last October, this similarity of names, it seems has caused some little confusion to the people, which I wish to explain by saying that I am in no way connected with this factory, but am operating my factory in the southwest part of town on the Blair Road.

If you wish to find me, watch for my sign, Sanitary Mattress Factory, or leave work at 2nd hand Furniture Store across the street from Merkel Mail Office.

Yours for Reliable Service, W. J. Patterson.

1tp

Messrs. Luke and Fred Hudleston are putting in something like 450 acres of new land into cultivation this year. They have also built three new modern houses on their lands.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

Coughs that hang on—

Break them now before they lead to more serious trouble. Dr. King's New Discovery stops coughing quickly by stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. It has a pleasant taste. All druggists.



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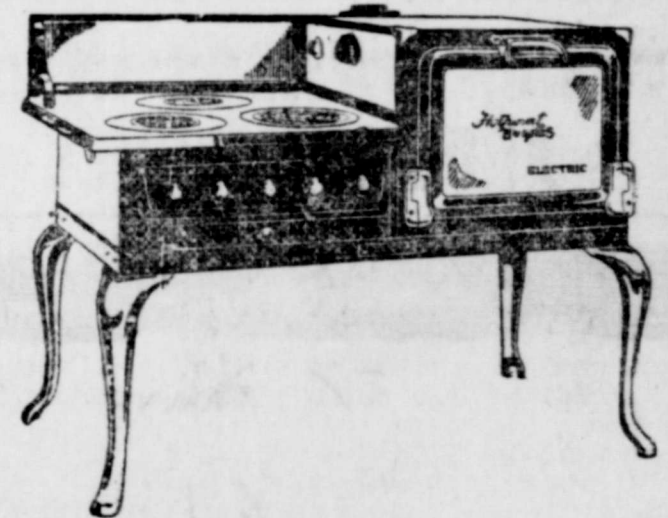
Methodist Sunday School

Last Sunday was indeed a great day for the Methodist Sunday School, perhaps the greatest during the past year, there being 301 present. This was as it should have been, but let us strive hard to even make it better next Sunday, especially since our revival is now in progress. For each one to be present and do their part will help to make the revival what we should want it to be. Infact if the church is to grow and prosper as it should, every member must put forth some special effort, and as the Sunday School is the gateway and stepping stone to the church, let the membership, every man, woman and child make it a point to come next Sunday morning and find their place. For as the old saying goes, "There is strength in Union", so will our Sunday School and church grow when we all stand united together.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

N. D. Cobb is improving his business property by having a new awning built on his brick building on Kent Street.

Advantages Of Electric Cookery



In a modern kitchen there is a tendency to develop a domestic environment that parallels the progress we are making in every other lines of development.

Since we live in the day, that such serviceable and comfortable household devices, as the telephone, electric light and iron, vacuum cleaner, etc., are available and may be had reasonably, the housewife of this "ELECTRIC AGE" may rightly demand the efficiency and practical convenience of the HOT POINT Electric Range.

Almost every woman recognizes the advantages and superiorities of the Electric Range. The kitchen is cool and clean. The utensils are unspotted and unsooted. The air is pure There is absolute safety. There is economy in operation, time and labor.

We have never seen a woman who contemplated the practical betterment of the home and who tested the Electric Range who has not enthusiastically placed electric cooking above all other methods.

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION At Our Office 19th and 20th of MARCH

West Texas Utilities Company

Zane Grey's

Big Western Story

"The Heritage of the Desert"

Showing at
ABILENE
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FRIDAY and SAT. **MAR. 7TH AND 8TH**

AT THE **MISSION THEATRE**

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SALE STARTS SATURDAY **Mar. 7**

AND WILL ONLY LAST THREE DAYS

We've spent weeks planning this sale. We have searched many of the big wholesale markets and we've made one of the best buys ever known to any store. That is why we have been able to jam our counters with hundreds of bargains like those below. They're here now ready for you. Note the dates. Come Early!

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10 oz. Canvas Gloves, pr. .19c | Table Spoons, 4 for.19c |
| 15x30 Huck Towel, 2 for. .19c | Tea Spoons, 3 for.19c |
| Face Powder, box.19c | Enamel Wash Basin.19c |
| Mavis Talc. Pow., 2 for. .19c | 50-ft. Clothes Line.19c |
| Good Hair Brush, each. .19c | Corbin Pad Locks.19c |
| Earrings, per pair.19c | 10-qt. Tin Pails.19c |
| Men's Suspenders, pair. .19c | Milk Strainers.19c |
| Ink Tablets, 10 size, 3 for.19c | (Limit 2 to a customer) |
| Bead Necklaces, each. .19c | Clothes Pins, 36 for.19c |
| Mens Dress Hose, pair. .19c | Churn Dashers.19c |
| Good Scissors, pair.19c | 9-in. Frying Pans.19c |

LOOK!

Brass Extension Curtain Rods, 2 for.19c

Remember the dates and do your shopping early so you won't be disappointed, as our supply of these goods is limited.

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Merkel, Texas

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FOR SALE—M. Johnson sepial mating S. C. White Legorn batch ing eggs. \$1.50 for 15—\$9.00 for 100—\$44.00 for 500. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Rt. 2. 15t6

FOR SALE—Mebane Triumph Cotton Seed, first year here. From A. D. Mebane Sales Agency, Lockhart, Texas. \$1.50 per bushel. As to turn out from these seed, ask Dave Hendricks, ginner, Stith, Texas. E. F. Vantrees, Hawley, Tex, rt. 2. 22t4p

FOR SALE—Choice farm adjoining Merkel at a bargain. For further information phone or see G. C. Lowery on said farm or write owner J. H. Craig, 215 1-2 S. Tyler Ave., Dallas, Tex. 29t2p

NOW SHIPPING—Frost-proof Cabbage plants, prepaid, 5000, \$8.50; 1000, \$2.25; 500, \$1.25. Crystal Wax and Bermuda Onions, 5000, \$5.75; 1000, \$1.25; 500, 70c. Cauliflower, 100, \$1.00. They are fine. We will have Sweet Potato, Tomato, and Pepper Plants after March 15th. Dealers get our Wholesale prices. We are Texas' Pioneer Plant Shippers. The SEWELL CO. Carrizo Springs, Texas.

FOR SALE—A good cultivator and Planter, also delivery bed for Ford Car. E. B. Barnes, telephone 147. 7t2p

EGGS—From prize winning stock, full blood Buff Orpington Eggs for sale at \$2.50 per setting of 15. R. C. Masburn, Merkel, route 4. 7t2p

FOR SALE—Five or six fresh Heifers. Phone 83. 1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Ford Roadster, '22 model, 10 cows or horses. Hollis McCord, Merkel, route one. 1tp

EGGS—Single comb Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting at \$1 for 15. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Merkel, route 5. 7t4p

FOR SALE—A Buick car, \$248, good tires. Ted Lassiter. 1tp

FOR SALE—BARRED ROCK EGGS for Hatching, Exhibition Mating (McDonald Buck direct) \$3.50 for 15 Eggs. Utility mating, selected, \$1.00 per setting. Booth Warren, F&M Bank. 7t2

WANTED

WANTED—A reliable energetic representative for Merkel and its immediate trade territory to solicit accident and health insurance in old reliable company. Will give you substantial renewal contract. For particulars address P. O. Box 571, Abilene, Texas. 29t2

WANTED—A few more milk customers. J. Ben Campbell. 2tp

WANTED—Some Cattle to pasture on Vol Martin place. Phone Number 83. 1tp

WANTED—Man with team to plow sod land, \$3.50 per acre. Sam Butman, Sr. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, second house north of Christian Church. Mrs. R.L. Bradshaw. 1p

LOST

LOST—Through mistake a pair of bicycle bridle bits and a box of brads were placed in a Ford car near W.W. Campbell Store last Thursday or Friday. Please return to W. F. Hamblett store. Lige Harris. 1tp

LOST—Car number plate, No. 245,548, also tail light and carrier. Lost on road from Merkel to Noodle, via the Largent road. Finder please return to this office or R. A. Reagan. 1tp

If You Want

DRY GOODS You cannot afford not to investigate our stock and Prices. We handle everything that goes to make a complete stock.

Shoes, Gloves, Hats, Overalls and Work Clothes of all kinds.

On our Ladies side we have a complete line of piece goods. The Suits, Coats, Hats, Caps, and Dresses are beautiful, also different.

We are showing a big line of new Gingham, Tissues, Voils, Swiss, Organdies and Silks in all the new shades, at prices that will please you.

Max Mallinger

LOST—Car number 678,482, somewhere between my home and Stanley place. Finder please return to Tom Spears. 1t

H. H. Toombs and children and Mrs. M. E. Perry and child spent a lovely day with Mrs. Edna Rowlings Sunday.

Mr. Adams of the Adams Wagon Yard left Friday for San Antonio where he will transact business for a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Ellison and sons of Lubbock were here last week to attend the funeral of Mr. I. C. Holden.

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

Tutt's Pills

The first dose astonishes the invalid, giving immediate relief, regulating bowels and digestive organs, inducing

GOOD DIGESTION

TO CAR OWNERS IN AND AROUND MERKEL

I now have the well known brand enamel top dressing for your spring painting. I have had 12 years of experience in the paint business and with that I have tried to get the best for my customers. I have everything in the top builders line, have cot covers, canvas cots, or will buy your old cot frames at a fair price. I have some as good tires as you ever put on at a small profit, come in and see them. I will paint your car if you want me to with the well known Valtine line, there may be some just as good, but none better. Let me put on that new top for you before you go out on that fishing trip so everything will be complete in fact I do so many things you will have to come and see me to get just what you need.

DOWELL

The Auto Top Man on Front St.

Dull, Sluggish Feeling

"BLACK-DRAUGHT is our household stand-by," says Mrs. Thomas H. Kell, who lives near Ellijay, Ga. "We have been using it years and years. My mother's family used it and we do here and my four sisters do, too. "I could not run my house without Black-Draught. I give it to the children whenever they need a purgative, and both Mr. Kell and myself take it. As a medicine for sluggish liver and

headache, and the ills that come with constipation, Black-Draught is fine. "Lots of times I have felt dull and sluggish, my head would ache and I had to make a great effort to do my work. A little dose of Black-Draught would correct this feeling. We always keep it on the medicine shelf."

Be sure that you get Thedford's, the old, reliable Black-Draught powdered herb liver medicine. At all dealers'.

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\$490
ONE TON TRUCK

A complete Ford Truck with all-steel body and cab
CHASSIS ONLY, \$370.00
Prices f. o. b. Detroit



The new Ford all-steel body and weather-proof cab on the Ford worm-drive chassis makes world's lowest priced complete one-ton truck.

A New Ford Steel Truck Body

The Ford Motor Company announces the production of a new all-steel body and steel weather-proof cab, mounted on the famous Ford one-ton worm-drive chassis, forming a complete haulage unit at the remarkably low price of \$490.

making the body readily adaptable for general use. Screen sides and end doors may easily be installed. This new body, built of heavy sheet steel strongly reinforced and riveted, is designed to stand up under the most severe usage. Loading space is four feet by seven feet two inches.

Steel flare boards and end gate with sockets permit the use of stakes and high side boards or the mounting of a canopy top. The weather-proof cab is fitted with removable, door-opening curtains.

This car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

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idently finding same to be
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Read the Classified advertisements in This paper

CON AMORE

By IDA M. GOULD

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ELINOR GAGE fastened her bonnet and wandered through a path she had dearly longed to explore. A narrow path led irregularly to Nowhere. She rested on a fallen tree trunk, listening to the humming of insects. She let her eyes search the bypath, and they fell on a glittering small object, which proved to be a ring. A large amethyst, bearing the words "Con Amore," set in diamonds. Brushing the moss particles from the trunk, she slipped it on her finger.

When the old routine of school teaching was resumed the ring adorned her slim finger.

As the next summer vacation ended she planned to spend a few days in Boston sight-seeing. On one of her jaunts she lost the ring. How she missed it! She inserted a description and promise of reward in the lost and found columns of the newspapers.

Returning from her pilgrimages next day, she found a tall, middle-aged gentleman awaiting her.

"I am Mr. Linn Childs," he announced, stiffly. "You are the advertiser of a ring, Miss—"

"Gage," faltered Elinor. "Miss Gage, is this the ring you lost?"

Carefully holding the ring so that it might be seen on all sides, he noted the joyous expression of the girl's eyes as they identified her lost property.

"Yes—oh—yes," gasped Elinor, reaching for the ring, which the man still held.

"This is my ring," he began, with his unsympathetic manner. "Where did you find it?"

"At Beechwood."

"I thought so. I lost it there last summer. It was a gift from my wife." The stern eyes softened.

"Miss Gage, why not accept a duplicate ring from me? I owe you that much for restoring a cherished keepsake."

"I cannot agree to such an arrangement."

"It seems fair to me," smilingly said the owner of the ring. "May I ask if you are in Boston permanently this winter?"

"Oh—no. I start tomorrow for the West, where I teach school." Elinor looked frankly into the man's honest eyes.

"At least, Miss Gage, the ring having been the vehicle by which we have met, may I hope to see you soon again?"

"I think not. I leave here for my home tonight." And Elinor Gage extended her hand.

"Au revoir, then; perhaps at Beechwood next summer."

"Perhaps," Elinor watched him disappear past the crowds in the lobby.

"No more adventures until I find another keepsake," thought Elinor.

At Beechwood the following season Elinor went, as usual, walking, boating through familiar scenes with revived memories of the beautiful ring she had so unexpectedly found. Nothing was farther from her thoughts than the man she found awaiting her one day, after a long tramp in the woods. Her face was aglow with her walk. Her hands full of pine branches; so, greetings exchanged, she disappeared until tea time.

Few guests remained on the porch, for the air became chilly early.

Mr. Childs asked Elinor if she would go for a constitutional stroll.

When he said good-night he placed a package in her hand, saying it was a trifle he had picked up in Boston and asked her judgment on it.

Elinor found the package to be a ring, almost a duplicate of the lost one, differing only in the omission of the words "Con Amore."

Next morning, intercepting the giver as he was about to start on one of his daily walks, she protested that he should not have offered her the gift.

Fearing to create comment from bystanders, she walked slowly down the road, trying to appear unconcerned, he keeping step, until they reached a turnstile.

"Take care!" he warned, too late, however, for she had twisted her ankle in stepping back too quickly.

"Lean on me, until we get to the house, Elinor."

White with pain from exertion, she had to submit.

The nearest doctor was called. He prescribed perfect rest for ten days.

Chapters could be written narrating the daily talks and readings and Mr. Childs' tender ministrations to distract Elinor from her painful condition.

When Elinor was able to limp to the hammock under the apple tree, her devoted attendant ceased his readings and began to plead his own suit.

Once more he placed the package in her hands.

"Is it just like the one you offered me before my accident?" queried the girl.

"No. Look for yourself, Elinor."

"Oh—how lovely!" exclaimed the girl, coloring as she met the earnest eyes near her.

"Accept it with the inscription, 'Con Amore,' which has been added. Does the phrase find an echo in your heart, dear?"

"Con Amore," whispered Elinor, as he kissed her.

Snappy Comeback.
He—Pardon me, but haven't I seen your face before?
She—I don't doubt it. This is the one I always wear.

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GOLAN NEWS

Wallace and Orvill Hill, who are attending McMurry College at Abilene, spent the week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

G. M. Lawlis is on the sick list this week.

R. J. Jones and wife visited his brother, W. T. Jones and family, Sunday.

Several from this community attended the play at McCauley

Saturday, given by the Sylvester Home Talent. Proceeds will be used for the new Methodist church at Sylvester.

Will Herron and family spent Sunday with his son, Med Herron.

Miss Thelma Cooper spent the week-end with friends in Sylvester.

Frank Jeffrey and wife and Mrs. Jno. McClung and children visited at M. E. Byrom's Sunday

Classified ads get the result.

W. R. Atkins, Sr., Dead

On Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at 1:20 o'clock, W. R. Atkins, Sr., died at his home at Carson after an illness of only a few days. He had been a sufferer for over two years from paralysis but was stricken last Friday night never to regain consciousness.

"Uncle Bob" as he was called by most of those who knew him, was an old settler here, having been born and reared in this county. He was born in Bonham May 8, 1854, had lived near Carson for about 40 years. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Slagle on November 6, 1877. To this union six children were born, four boys and two girls, all of whom survive except one, who died in infancy. He was a devout Christian, and had belonged to the Baptist church since 1885. Besides his wife and children, he leaves one sister and a great host of friends to mourn his departure.—Honey Grove Signal.

Mr. Atkins was the father of Mrs. J. Ben Campbell of this city, and with whose many friends this paper joins in extending to her deepest sympathy in the loss of one so near and dear.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Penny of Clyde, were up this week the guest of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns.

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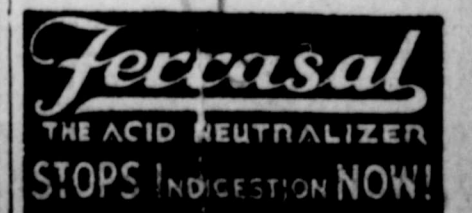
For some time physicians have been puzzled concerning the cause of certain diseases of the stomach, Kidneys and Blood. Many needless operations have been made for Gall Stones, Appendicitis, Stomach and Kidney trouble when the real cause was Colitis.

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