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TEXAS RESIDENT FOR 80 YEARS IS LAID TO REST

"Uncle Sammy" Winter, 82, who died at Abilene Wednesday night, came to Texas with parents at age of 3.

Funeral rites were held Thursday afternoon at 4:30 at the Church of Christ here for Sam Winter, 82, pioneer settler of Jones county and a resident of Texas for 80 years, who died Wednesday night at the home of his son, M. H. Winter, in Abilene. Broken in health since the death of his wife, two years ago, he became critically ill Saturday. Relying strongly Monday, he was able to be up part of the day, but relapsed as evening approached.

W. G. Cypert, former minister of the Church of Christ here, was assisted by F. B. Shepherd and A. R. Lawrence, ministers of the same church from Abilene, with interment at Rose Hill cemetery.

Born in Alabama August 4, 1847, Sam Winter came to Texas with his parents at the age of three years and grew to manhood in Bosque county, where he experienced many hardships of the frontier. He served as an Indian scout with Captain Newt Duncan's company in Texas during the war between the states and at the age of 18 was shot through the right ankle when he engaged in a battle with the red skins at the head of the old Concho river, near the Tankersley ranch. After the injury he rode horseback to his home in Bosque county, accompanied by two companions.

With his wife, who was Miss Isabel Simer, he moved to Jones county 45 years ago and settled in the Hodges community where he was a prominent farmer and stock raiser. About ten years ago he moved to Merkel, making his home in Bettis Heights. It was there that his wife died about two years ago, after the couple had observed their 58th wedding anniversary. His body was laid to rest near the graves of this beloved wife and a daughter, Mrs. Roy Parmely.

"Uncle Sammy," as he was popularly known, was a friend to everyone, a man greatly loved in this community and one of the most highly respected citizens in this section. He was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ and of the Merkel Masonic lodge.

Of eleven children, 10 are living and will attend the funeral. Mrs. Parmely died here in December, 1914.

Surviving children are: Mrs. H. L. Propst and Mrs. C. H. Walker of Abilene, W. T. Winter of Anson, Mrs. J. J. Russell of Merkel, Mrs. A. W. Hampton of Truby, Mrs. Arthur Sears and S. J. Winter of Abilene, J. L. Winter of Hamlin and M. H. Winter and Mrs. Ernest Rogers of Abilene. Twenty-six grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive.

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HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL A CREDITABLE EDITION

COW DAY BRINGS ANOTHER CROWD

Monthly Trades Day is Featured by Two Ball Games and Band Concert as Extras.

Two ball games and a band concert by the Merkel Booster Band under the direction of Prof. Hartman preceded the main event of "Cow Day," which was held Wednesday. Large crowds were in town all of the afternoon and many of the county and district candidates were mingling in their midst.

As program chairman, Henry West was assisted by B. T. Sublett, E. Yates Brown, Mat Dillingham and C. R. Tittle from the Lions club, with Sam Swann, secretary of the club, also on hand.

The Jersey cow was sold to Mrs. E. G. Hyatt, Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Blair bought the pig, and the pen of chickens went to J. S. Allen, residing on Route 2.

Many other added features made the day a most eventful one.

In the ball game, Nubia defeated Noodle by the score of 15 to 8, while Stith was the winner over Goodman, 11 to 9.

According to the fixed date, next "Cow Day" will be Wednesday, June 4, the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in the month.

Week's Rainfall Totals One Inch

Bringing the total rainfall for the past two weeks up to 2 1-8 inches, Merkel and this section was visited by rains again last Friday night and Saturday morning, also a slow drizzling rain that continued for several hours Sunday morning.

The rainfall Friday night and Saturday morning totalled five-eighths of an inch and on Sunday morning three-eighths of an inch, according to the records of B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, netting one inch combined.

Banks Will Close At Noon Saturdays

Beginning the coming Saturday, May 10, the two banks here, the Farmers State bank and the Farmers and Merchants National bank, will close at noon each Saturday, this plan to continue until further notice.

Officials of the bank wish to make the further announcement that no business will be transacted at these institutions after the noon hour on Saturdays and customers are requested to make their arrangements accordingly.

Senior Class Year Book Received Wednesday and the Staff is Being Felicitated.

The year book of Merkel High school, edited by the Senior class of '30, and delivered by the business manager, Milton Case, to the students Wednesday, May 7, is the result of truly ardent labor. Neatly and artistically finished, "The Badger," (as it is called) is probably the best edition ever prepared by the Merkel High school students.

The covers—somewhat similar to those of last year's "Badger"—are of vermiculated finish, being cloth-bound and carrying out the school's colors of purple and gold. "The Badger" is in raised type near the top of the front, with "1930" just below it, and the head of a badger is in the lower right corner.

The book is expressively dedicated to Mr. R. O. Burgess, superintendent of Merkel Public schools, and to Miss Lucy Tracy.

The order of books considers first, "The School;" second "Activities;" and third, "Fun and Advertisements."

The frontispiece shows pictures of both school buildings. Under "Administration" are shown the pictures of the trustees and the faculty, with a brief history of the school by Supt. Burgess, and a page from the year book of the class of 1910. Next come the pictures of the Senior and Junior classes, and the group pictures of the underclassmen. Pictures of the favorites, which follow, include those of Louise Booth, most beautiful girl; Orion Tittle, most popular boy; J. E. Boaz, most athletic boy; Verna T. Beasley, friendliest girl; Nadine Tippett, best all-around girl; Fred Guitar, best looking boy; Lee Darden, best all-around boy; Willie Evelyn Boaz, cutest girl; and various students on and off the campus. Under "Athletics" are pictures of Coach M. S. Davis; the football team and its captain, Fred Guitar; and the boys' basketball team. Results of the several games of football and basketball are listed, as well as those of the literary and athletic events in the county tournament, under "Athletics." "Organizations" show the staff of "The Badger" and "The Badger Weekly," the P. P. P. A. A. club, the B. B. G. club, the D. C. L. club, the Choral and Glee clubs, La Sociedad Hispana, the Pi Mu society, the M. H. S. Players club, and the Pep Squad. An enumeration of the events of the school year, the class prophecy, and the class will precede the jokes and advertisements.

"The Badger," as a whole, is an excellent example of the fruits of trying labor and cooperation. It is compact, neatly illustrated, well printed, artistically and strongly bound; and it shows no little of the merits and talents of our High school, especially of the abilities of the staff.

The staff of "The Badger" is composed of the following members of the Senior class: Dorice Brown, editor-in-chief; Milton Case, business manager; Beryl Hunter, literary editor; J. T. Darsey, Jr., assistant editor-in-chief; Harold Boney, joke editor; Verna T. Beasley, snapshot editor; Clinton Bryan, athletic editor; Louise Booth, society editor; Odell Hunter, bookkeeper; Nadine Tippett, art editor; Lee Darden, assistant business manager. Mrs. Young was the excellent sponsor of the Senior class and of "The Badger."

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Census Figures

The population within the present city limits of Abilene, as announced by W. R. Southworth, census supervisor, is 23,139, as compared with 10,274 on Jan. 1, 1930, or a ratio increase of 125.1. The population of greater Abilene, including Over Place, McMurry, A. C. C., North Park and the State Hospital, totals 26,093.

Sweetwater's population, according to the 1930 census, is 10,844, as compared with 4,307 in 1920, or a gain of 151 per cent.

Stamford has a population of 4,082 in 1930, according to preliminary figures, just released.

Breckenridge with a population of 7,758 in 1930 shows an increase of 409 per cent, as compared with 1,846 in 1920.

Albany's population has increased 951 in the past ten years, showing a total of 2,420 now, as compared with 1,469 in 1920.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

E. M. Brass, about 65, reported to be one of the wealthiest cattlemen in West, died on a train at Denton Saturday of an apoplectic stroke.

J. B. D. Boydston, 93, Howard county's oldest citizen, died at his home in Big Spring Tuesday. He was the only surviving member of the Masonic lodge there.

Contracts for three new school buildings in Sweetwater, totalling \$117,145, a junior high school for negroes and two Mexican schools, have been let by the school board.

Following indictments on charges of "false certification of taxable values of Cisco," Mayor J. M. Williamson and City Secretary W. B. Statham have been released on \$1,000 bond each.

When court recessed Wednesday in the Brady trial at Dallas, seven jurors had been secured, leaving only 67 veniremen out of the original 600 summoned, said to be the largest in Texas' history.

Fifty years in the penitentiary was the punishment assessed J. W. (Bud) Aiken at Lamesa for the murder of D. F. Cox, Lamesa restaurant operator, who was fatally shot on the night of February 28.

Claude Gremm, 50, engineer, and J. W. Wade, fireman, were killed at a point two miles north of Keller, near Fort Worth, when the boiler of a locomotive pulling a Texas & Pacific local freight exploded.

With the population of 43,094 in the city proper, according to the 1930 census figures, Amarillo goes well in front of Texas cities as to percentage increase, hers being 178 per cent over 1920, when her population was 15,494.

When the car in which he was sleeping was struck from behind by another automobile, Leroy Gravitt, fort Worth plumber, was drowned as his car rolled into Lake Worth about 1:30 Sunday morning, his companion being rescued.

Two children, 4 and 6 years old, of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lowery of Gunter were killed in the street in front of their home late Saturday during a rain and electrical storm when they ran in front of a car driven by a neighbor.

The first of the major Texas cities to be heard from in the census tabulation is Dallas with a population of 260,397, as compared with 158,976 in 1920, or a percentage increase of 63.8, the population for greater Dallas being given as 272,399.

Tragedy invaded the celebration of the close of school at Hico when Ralph Connolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Connolly, was killed as he was crushed against the side of another car that sideswiped the automobile on the running board of which he was riding with other young people.

A mistrial was declared by Judge Chapman in the trial at Anson of Gus Martin for murder in the fatal stabbing of Albert W. Lyons in Abilene in 1928, the vote of the jury standing 8 for conviction and 4 for acquittal, and the case has been set for retrial May 20 in Fisher county.

Entries Closed Yard And Garden Contest

Three entrants were added during the week in the Yard and Garden contest, which is being sponsored by the Lions club, assisted by a ladies' committee, those sending in their names being J. D. Ashby, G. A. Hartman, and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

The time was extended one week after May 1 by the committee, but with the closing date of May 8 all entries are now in.

The judges, whose names will not be disclosed until after the awards are made, will make their inspection as soon after July 1 as possible and the prizes will be awarded following their report.

Officers at Winters Funeral.

On Tuesday W. G. Cypert, former minister of the Church of Christ here, went to Winters to perform the funeral rites for D. W. Yeager, late county commissioner, whose home was formerly in Merkel. Mr. Cypert states that the body was laid away during the most intense period of the storm that visited all parts of Texas that day.

Cattle Movement.

On Monday, C. M. Largent and Son shipped three of their Hereford bulls to parties in Lolita, completing sales made previously.

TUESDAY'S TORNADO RESULTS IN DEATH TOLL 70 IN STATE

LIONS ASSEMBLE AS STORM COMES

Several Guests Present, Including New Baptist Pastor, Who Makes Talk.

Just when the weekly luncheon of the Lions club had got under way the time selected for the second visitation of the sand storm Tuesday, so not much business was transacted, although a goodly attendance was present and the club had the privilege of hearing a short talk by the Rev. J. T. King, new pastor of the Baptist church.

W. O. Boney presided throughout the luncheon in the absence of the toastmaster for the day, Dr. W. T. Sadler, who was out of the city. The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, and incidental piano numbers were played by the latter during the luncheon hour. The invocation was given by the Rev. Mr. King.

The following guests were present: H. A. Deavours, Buick dealer from Abilene; L. R. Thompson, Rev. J. T. King and D. E. Watson, the latter with the Davis Auditing company of Abilene.

Mr. Thompson referred two matters to the attention of the club, viz.: representation on the board of directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce through holding ten memberships in that organization and also the visit on next Wednesday morning by business men from Oklahoma City.

Following his address, a committee, consisting of Dee Grimes, A. T. Sheppard and Charles H. Jones, was appointed to canvass the town and secure the ten memberships, if possible.

Sam Swann is to be toastmaster next week.

Speakers Named for High Commencement

The speakers for High School commencement have already been secured. E. V. White, dean of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, will be the speaker for commencement night.

Mr. White was superintendent of the Merkel Schools in 1905-06. His father, J. V. White, of Roscoe, who was superintendent here forty-six years ago, will be seated on the platform.

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 25, will be delivered by Walter H. Adams, head of the department of education at Abilene Christian college.

TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

SEE MERKEL IN PICTURES.

Far be it from me to say that Merkel is not a good looking town, but I do believe that if you could see your town in pictures that you would want a lot of retouching done.

We seldom, if ever, can see ourselves as others see us. Did you ever hear the remarks made by a person when first he viewed the proofs of his own photo—hear him exclaim, "my heavens! Do I look like that?" A mirror is often deceiving, but a camera never lies; therefore, if you are not afraid to look at an unretouched picture—see Merkel as others see it—do this:

Take an ordinary camera of four by five film size or larger, go out on one of your main business streets and take a picture, from the middle of the road, on a forty-five degree angle to the right; then straight ahead; then on forty-five degree angle to the left. Now walk a quarter of a block and repeat until you have taken pictures of each quarter block through and beyond your business district.

Do this on every business street, starting at least one block away from the first business building, and continue at least one block past the last one.

Now go down to the railroad depot and stand in about the position that a person alighting from a train would stand. Take a picture of everything to be seen from this point. Do not try to picture any one thing, but set your camera in such a position that each picture will just overlap the previous one. When this is done, start walking toward the center of the city and, from the middle of the street again, photograph your way up or down town as the case may be.

Next get out on the main highways, about a mile from the edge of the city, and photograph your way completely through your city.

If you have a public square, stand as near the center of it as possible, facing south, and photograph straight ahead; then southeast, then

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail May 13, 1910.)

ROWDYISM AT NUBIA.

A court of inquiry, presided over by Judge N. D. Cobb of this city and County Attorney Overshiner of Abilene, was held at Nubia Monday in an effort to ascertain the identity of one or more parties guilty of the rowdyism Friday night.

The trouble occurred at the closing exercise of the Nubia school and it is alleged that during the exercises some parties in the dark threw rocks and empty whiskey bottles into the crowd. The empty bottle that struck Mrs. Keith, an elderly lady, on the forehead was thrown with considerable force as is shown by the fact that it was broken all to pieces. Mrs. A. L. Stanley and the Rev. J. P. Sibley were also struck by similar missiles, all receiving painful injuries.

COLQUIT IN MERKEL.

The Anti-Prohibition candidate discussed the issues of his campaign in a very poor voice at the opera house on Saturday night. On his arrival he was met by our local band and a committee of our citizens who escorted him to the Walker cottage. He was introduced by Judge W. T. Potter.

J. T. Howard, cashier of the F. & M. bank returned the first of the week from a visit to Walnut Springs.

Arch Harris has in captivity a mother wolf and six little wolflets which he exhibited on Kent street one day this week. They were dug out of their hiding place and the old wolf caught by hand with her little ones. She seems perfectly contented with her capture.

A jolly camping party, which spent Saturday night and Sunday at an ideal place near Trent, was composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodroof, Misses Mattie Jackson, Bera Stallings, Allice Rensler and Katherine Mathis. Everything good to eat was provided and a most pleasant time was enjoyed baptizing Will Woodroof. They did not sprinkle but "ducked" him although he persisted in a different conviction.

Saturday night, April 30th, the Junior set were royally entertained at the home of Miss Josephine Cassel. Dancing was the order of the evening and everyone had a delightful time. Those present were Juanita Harris, Annie T. Daniels, Zora Coggin, Mabel Collins, Pet Sears, Genevieve Berry, Ollie Sharp, Dee and Luther Grimes and William Berry.

Rayford Jennings, son of Mrs. J. W. Jennings, has accepted a position in El Paso.

CONGRESS TO TRY TO QUIT BY JUNE FIRST

Washington, May 8.—A restive congress, politically scared and burning to get away from Washington, started down the home stretch of the session Monday.

The common aspiration is to adjourn by June 1, four working weeks off, despite President Hoover's insistence that congress stay on the job until it winds up the tariff, ratifies the London naval treaty, adopts the reforms in prohibition legislation he has thrice recommended and disposes of other matters considered pressing.

The work demanded is important, but in the life of the average congressman there is nothing more important than getting renominated and re-elected. Hence, it will not be surprising if, after enacting the tariff bill, the nervous members bolt for home to mend political fences against the hurricane of votes in November, presidential wishes to the contrary notwithstanding.

Primaries already have begun, while congress dawdles in Washington, Illinois pried the lid off with enough upsets to send apprehensive shivers down the backs of many. Indiana votes Tuesday, Alabama a week later, with Oregon, Pennsylvania and South Dakota following in close order. The month of June will see seven other states holding primaries; there will be two in July, while in August the senators and representatives of fourteen states face the voters.

The controversial prohibition and tariff issues have combined to produce this year far more than the average opposition to sitting members.

Encouraged by the apparent shift in public sentiment on the wet-and-dry question, scores of the politically ambitious have been encouraged to oppose for renomination and re-election this year dry congressmen who in the past have had easy sailing.

The tariff runs a close second to prohibition as the bogeyman of congressional minds. Denounced as a "robber bill" that will take billions from the pockets of the consumers in the form of higher prices for necessities, members who have contributed to the making of rates are distinctly apprehensive.

It was the Payne-Aldrich bill two decades ago that overturned an administration and a congress, and the Hawley-Smoot bill of this session is denounced by its opponents as "more iniquitous" than even the famous measure of the Taft administration.

Save only for a few months recess last summer, congress has been on the job almost continually for the last 18 months. The last session of the 70th congress began in December of 1928, finished on March 4, 1929, to be almost immediately succeeded by the special session of the new 71st congress which President Hoover called in April a year ago. The special session ended in December by merging

Abilene Woman Says She Was In Much Misery

All of Her Troubles are Now Gone Since Argotane and she Says She Would Like to Tell the Whole World About It.

"Nobody can ever realize the torture I suffered for nearly five years until Argotane restored my health," says Mrs. Gladys Watts residing on rural route, Abilene, Texas.

"I had the most terrible dizzy headaches that any human being ever suffered with and sometimes for several days at a time I was so bilious and upset I was unable to even do my own housework. I lost my appetite completely and there have been times when I couldn't even touch foods for days at a time. All this suffering got me in an awful weak run down condition and very often I would just have to stay in bed, too miserable to move."

"Well, sir, this medicine just seemed to make me all over again. I haven't had a headache since I started taking it. I feel so much better I just want to go out and tell the whole world about what wonderful medicine it is. Every thing I eat now tastes so good and I have such an appetite that I am almost ashamed of myself. My family accuses me of eating between meals. I have gained in weight and now I sleep fine and am full of pep and energy."

Genuine Argotane may be bought at the City Drug Store.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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Repeat this to the north, east and west. Have the pictures developed, and when completed sit down, prepare yourself for a surprise. Take a good look at Merkel as the camera and others see it. Let everybody in town take a good look. To say you will be surprised doesn't express it, and it is ten to one that you will say, as those who look at the proofs of their own photographs, "Ye gods! Does our town look like that?"

Study these pictures in sequence as taken. Pick out those things that "Look like Heck", then start out to eliminate them.

See to it that each year Merkel is made better. See that each year, each month, it is made a little bit cleaner, a little bit brighter, a whole lot more attractive. And you will soon find that just so it will become a little bit better, quite a bit larger, and much more prosperous.

HOW ANYTHING LOOKS IS IMPORTANT, SO MAKE MERKEL LOOK GOOD.

This Town Doctor Article, one of a series of fifty-two, is printed by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the Merkel Lions Club.

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Miss Virgie Marshall has returned home after several days visit with friends in Brownwood.

Mrs. Cecil Pace of Tye visited Mrs. Robert Horton last Sunday.

Ectyl Spurgin spent the week-end at Knox City, the guest of his cousin, Hollis Warren.

Claud Ellington of Abilene visited friends here last Saturday.

Miss Maud Cook and Mrs. Melton were Abilene visitors last Friday.

Grandma Childress left Sunday for an extended visit with her son, Willie Childress, of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds of Merkel visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Lena Jones of Golan was the week-end guest of Miss Virgie Marshall.

Miss Frances Moorehouse has returned to her home in Benjamin after a few days visit with Miss Ruby Evans.

Mrs. Herman Osburn and little daughter, Alice Marie, of Graham are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Atkins and children, Vita and Frances, of Lamesa visited Ben Atkins and other relatives here this week-end. Miss Leta Atkins, who has been visiting here for some time, accompanied them home.

Rev. and Mrs. Kirby of Abilene

visited their uncle, Charlie Childress, last Wednesday.

Mrs. L. V. Spurgin has returned home after several days visit with her sister, Mrs. Arnold Armstrong, of Goodwin.

Our baseball team played a very interesting game of ball last Thursday afternoon, defeating Tye by the score of 5 to 1.

Miss Ruby Evans spent the week-end with homefolks in Knox City.

Walker Withdraws From Weigher's Race

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

For reasons of my own I have withdrawn from the race for public weigher and wish to thank each of my friends and supporters for their kind consideration of my claims. I will most likely ask your consideration four years hence.

Respectfully,
Oscar Walker.

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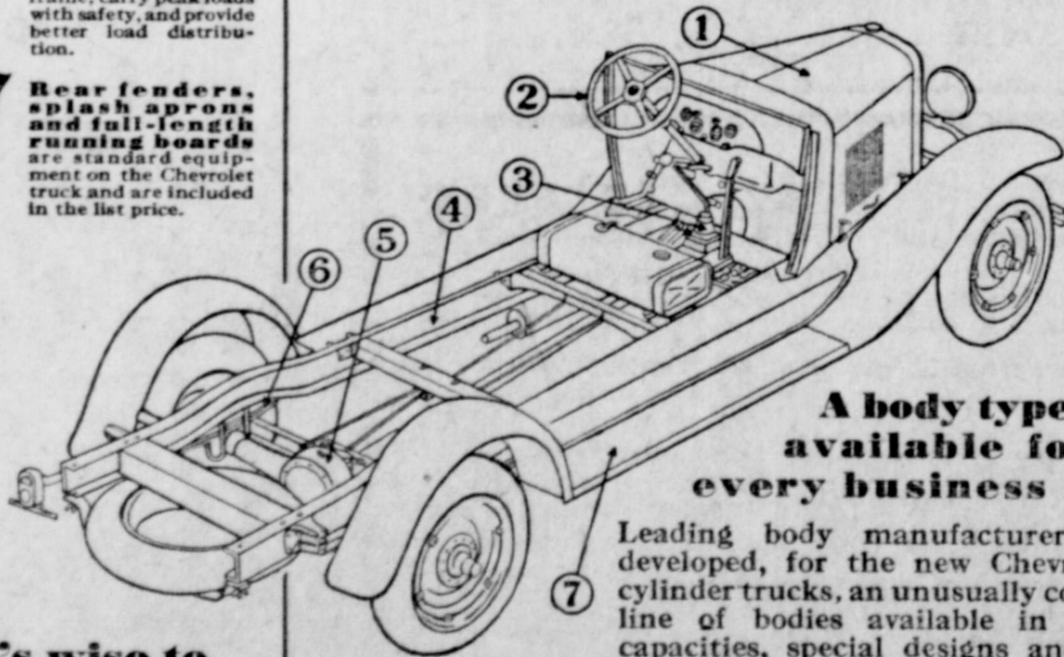
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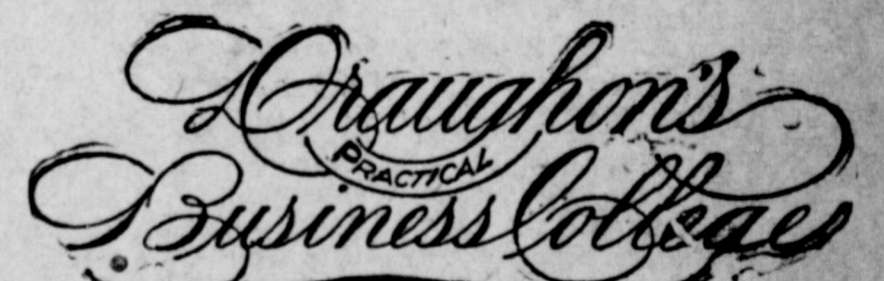
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

MOODY LISTS REFORMS: MAY BE HIS PLATFORM

Austin, May 8.—The six planks Governor Moody is expected to adopt for his platform in event he becomes candidate for a third term, were enumerated by him Monday in the course of a statement giving his views on the various subjects of public interest he thinks would advance the best interests of Texas and which he said should be adopted during the next two years.

The subjects he touched on as needing attention at the hands of the next legislature were: Reorganization of the tax system to relieve the homes, farms and ranches of some of "the excessive tax burdens now imposed on them;" modern and self-supporting penitentiary system; central control over public expenditures; enlarging the powers of the board of education, created during his administration; control of public utilities and protection of the legislature from lobbying influences.

Governor Moody's statement was the last of a series, which included a review of accomplishments of his three years' administration and of legislation suggested to the legislature which was not enacted into law and his attitude toward the split in the democratic party in Texas caused by the nomination for the presidency in 1928 of former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York.

BURDEN ON HOMES.

While his series of statements and other indications have caused many to believe he would soon announce his candidacy for a third term he continued his reticence about his future plans. He refused to express himself either way on the subject of another term in the governor's office.

Half of his latest statement was devoted to another although more concise enumeration of the things that had been done during his tenure. Touching again, briefly, upon failure of the legislature to "take to" some of his suggestions, he observed that while he believed the things left undone "were important," he knew that "what has been accomplished far outweighs in public good these other things."

The legislation he now suggests he said he felt "would advance the interest of Texas" and "should be adopted during the next two years."

"We need legislators whose only master is the people and who have no employment by special interests that could influence their attitude on any public question," he said.

He declared the taxing system had been reorganized "to relieve the homes, farms and ranches of some of the excessive tax burdens now imposed upon them," adding "these properties pay many taxes for many purposes, under a system of collection that is unduly wasteful and expensive."

Continuing, his statement said: "The distressed condition of agriculture and the difficulties of owning a home, either in the city or in the country, are intensified by our tax system which places burdens upon home ownership that are unfair when the returns of these properties are compared with the returns of other properties. There should be an adjustment to relieve the unjust part of this burden, and to make the expense of supporting the government more equal and uniform."

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to take the place of the financial sink hole and human wrecker which Texas now calls its penitentiary. The auditor's figures show a loss in the Texas penitentiary during the last nine years of \$6,127,107. A tax levy of about 20 cents on the \$100 valuation on property in this state would raise a fund approximately equal to the amount of this loss.

"Other states have adopted a continuing control over the budget of public expense to prevent extravagant and useless expenditures. The system is regarded as successful by the other states that have tried it. After the appropriation bill becomes a law there is no central control over public expenditures in our state, and as a means of conserving public revenues and preventing unnecessary expenditures, measures should be adopted to give a continuing executive control over the budget of expenditures."

"The state board of education should be given further powers in directing the course of the educational system and in conserving school funds. A county equalization fund system should be adopted to help equalize educational opportunities between prosperous school districts and financially weak districts in outlying sections of the various counties."

"Public utilities should be brought under control of a state agency; and, further measures should be adopted to preserve the public interests in the water rights of the state."

Dora Doings

Our rain campaign went over the top the last few days, farmers are smiling and the hurrah grass is hurrahing. Planting will be under way right away now, if old Sol does his duty.

Miss Cora Hazelwood of Sweetwater visited friends here a few days last week.

Our baseball team played at White Flat last Thursday and won the game 19 to 3.

Mrs. D. J. Laine has been called to the bedside of her mother in Grand Saline, who is very sick and is considered in a dangerous condition.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Magee and daughters visited relatives in Clyde this week-end.

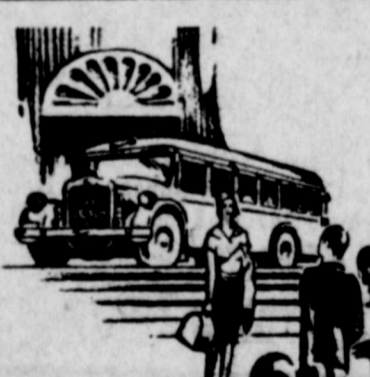
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers and daughters were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Hail was reported from a few small areas in the west end of the Divide last Friday evening.

The Methodist Sunday School observed Sunday School day last Sunday with a very interesting program.

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Dallas, Texas, May 8.—On Saturday night, May 10, radio microphones in The Dallas News Station, WFAA, blaze the air for the first time, in an all night program, words and music, to the strength of 50,000 watts.

This event will mark the formal opening of the South's first super-power broadcasting plant. It is one of the eight 50,000-watt transmitters in America and represents a capital investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The voices of many prominent men and women will be heard in a ten-hour broadcasting ceremony. A special hour's program, complimentary to the new powered station, will be sent from New York City by the National Broadcasting Company's artists. The station's own staff, which composes a galaxy of well-known stars, will give the best in radio. Among the visitors scheduled to be in Dallas are Governor Moody, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, New York City, well-known radio speaker; Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, and Tom Kennedy, voice of R. K. O., New York City. Motion and sound pictures will be made during the celebration.

Radio listeners of America will find WFAA on 800 kilocycles, or near the center of every dial.

Will Protect Trees Along All Highways

Austin, Texas, May 8.—"Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree," Joyce Kilmer's poem on trees, has been sent by Highway Engineer Gibb Gilchrist to all division engineers and employees as an admonition in his campaign to preserve trees in the construction of highways. The poem was sent on a mimeographed official notice form to all division engineers, resident engineers, maintenance superintendents and section foremen.

Irked by the lack of attention paid to a former notice sent them, Mr. Gilchrist said that "in the future we will fix the responsibility on the men in charge of work for the preservation of trees along the right of way."

Blair Items

Now that the wondrous rains have come, let's count our many blessings. School closed Friday. Our school has made splendid progress under the supervision of Clyde Deavers.

Zeb Moore, one of the board members, has completed the school census and enrolled 73 scholastics for the coming term.

The school faculty for the coming term of 1930-1931 is principal, Clyde Deavers; teachers, Miss Vera and Mamie Walker.

The High School Seniors presented a three-act play at the auditorium Monday night, entitled "Beads on a String." Members of the cast were Monta-J. Moore, Arthur Moore, Burneal Clinton, M. C. Doan, Zuma Spears, Clara Clinton, Bonnie Fay Mathews and Anna Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Reeves of Philadelphia and Mrs. Janie Ray of Clyde were recent visitors with Mrs. J. M. Reeves.

Sam Provine left Monday for El Paso to visit his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. King have removed to Dallas, making their departure Wednesday.

The barn of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield was recently destroyed by fire.

Lenoard Moore has returned to Tyler to take up his business course.

Jim Blyth of Sweetwater visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, Saturday.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell has been on the sick list this week.

The Stamp quartet of Fort Worth rendered an interesting program at the Baptist church Saturday night.

FOR SALE.

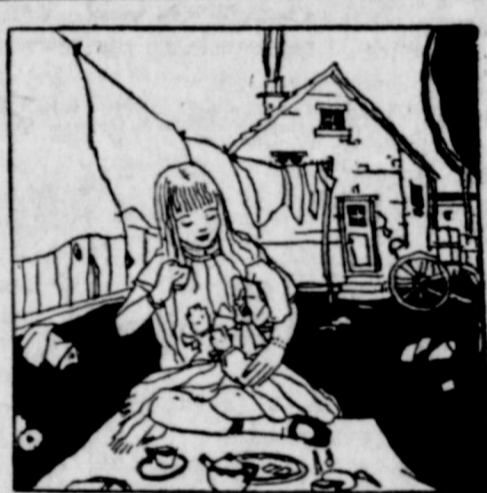
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THE BLESSED NAME OF MOTHER.

When the Gold Star Mothers sailed Wednesday for France as the guests of our government, New York was the host city and many word pictures might be painted, like the one by Lorna A. Hickok, staff writer for the Associated Press, which is printed herewith. Coming as it does so close to the national observance of our annual Mothers' Day, the story tells beautifully but simply the thoughts of the normal, every-day mother, the one, who in each person's life is the closest in ties, sympathy, love and influence. Just read about this mother:

"Mrs. Laura B. Hammers of Canton, Ohio, never thought that into her life would come a day like yesterday. "By the slow movements of her worn hands, by the bend of her rounded shoulders, by the patient expression on her pale, tired face, one may know with what silent fortitude she received in the autumn of 1918 one of those war department telegrams that engraved new lines of pain on the faces of so many American mothers. "It was hard that her son, Jim, should have to be killed in France—and so soon after his father died. In Mrs. Hammers' eyes, however, the fact that her boy had given his life for his country did not make her a heroine.

"But for her, in the world's greatest city, flags were unfolded, soldiers stood attention, bands played the half-forgotten tunes of 1917, and speeches were made.

"For her and for other mothers who, today, on the 12th anniversary of the beginning of 'The Big Parade,' sailed for France as the guests of their government to visit the battlefields where their boys died and the graves where they now sleep through eternity.

"And after it was all over—a formal reception which New York gives only to her most honored guests—Mrs. Hammers brokenly gave utterance to what must have been in the heart of many of them.

"I never thought anything like this would happen to me," she said. "It—it was wonderful."

Texas Resident for 80 Years Passes Away

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 Clara and Lloyd Parmelly of Abilene are children of the deceased daughter. Six sons-in-law were named as pall bearers: A. W. Hampton, Truby; J. J. Russell, Merkel; Ernest Rogers and H. L. Propst, Abilene; C. S. Walker, Hodges, and Roy Parmelly, Pampa.

Another Picturesque Old West Figure Dies

Deadwood, S. D. May 8.—Another picturesque figure who embodied the spirit of the Old West passed on Monday with the death of Richard W. Clarke, 84, who won national fame under the name of Deadwood Dick.

Deadwood Dick, last of the famous Black Hills characters of frontier days fame, unlike many of his former comrades of pioneer times, died with his boots off. His death followed an illness of several weeks.

Despite the fact he has been depicted as victor of many thrilling gun fights, Deadwood Dick died without a notch on the handle of his gun.

Deadwood Dick lived in western South Dakota since coming here during the gold rush. He was born in England, December 15, 1845, and came to the United States at the age of 16. Joining a party of prospectors, he made the perilous journey to the Black Hills during the gold rush frenzy.

Later he became a pony express rider, Indian fighter, guide, an assistant United States marshal. He also served as a scout in the Indian wars with Dr. Richard Tanner of Norfolk, Neb., known as "Diamond Dick."

The passing of Deadwood Dick marked the loss of two famous characters of the Old West within recent months. "Poker Alice," queen of the gambling halls in pioneer days, died early this year.

There are about 40,000,000 copies of newspapers printed in the U. S. daily.

Texas derives nearly \$1,500,000 a year from its poll taxes, payment of which is prerequisite to voting, and gives two-thirds of it to the available school fund.

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CHURCHES

"MOTHER OF MINE."
 "If I were hanged on the highest hill—
 I know whose Love would follow me still—"
 All churches will observe Mothers' Day on Sunday, every tribute possible will be paid in sermon and song to the Mothers of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
 Due to the fact that a slow drizzling rain fell continuously during the Sunday School hour last Sunday morning, the attendance at the Merkel Senior Schools was cut almost half into, but as indicated by speakers at all the services the rains of that day and the previous days during last week were welcomed as rich blessings to this section. The total attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 466, divided as follows: Baptist, 191; Methodist, 144; Church of Christ, 62; Presbyterian, 44, and Nazarene, 25.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
 A large number of men were present again last Sunday for the men's prayer service which was held at the Church of Christ, with Mack Buzbee as leader. Next Sunday the service will be held at the Nazarene church, with Claude Perry as leader, and the subject will be the sixth chapter of Galatians.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be in your class and help make it what you would like for it to be, if you were the teacher. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday is Mothers' Day and the morning service will be in keeping with the day. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come and worship with us.
 W. M. Elliott, Supt.
 R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.
 All of the regular services will be conducted at the usual hours. The attendance was small last Sunday on account of the rainy weather and muddy roads, yet a few came and the Lord blessed us with a good service. We are thankful for the good rains, but let us pray for a real spiritual shower of God's blessings upon our services. We need more than just the temporal blessings, we must have the spiritual as well.
 A cordial welcome for all at every service. Meet with us next Sunday.
 Leona Forbes, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
 We are glad to report splendid services last Lord's day, though the day was rainy and the roads muddy. We did not use the subject, "The Two Divine Institutions" for we wish to discuss that theme when more visitors can be present. We'll have it next Lord's day, unless we are blessed with another fine rain.
 For the evening sermon we shall discuss "Satan's Punishment," or the "Hell of the Bible." We wish you would hear this subject which follows a series on Satan.
 Excellent interest is being manifested at prayer meetings, one at the church house on Wednesday night and one at some home on Thursday night. We are glad to see so many young people attending these services. "Come thou with us, and we will do the good."
 J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
 "The church where you are a stranger but once." Sunday School 10 a. m. W. J. Largent, superintendent. Our school has a class for every age and you are invited. The B. Y. P. U. meets at 7:15 and all of our young people are expected to be present. Sunday is Mothers' Day and the pastor's subject will be "The Mother and the Home." At 8 p. m. his subject will be "The Passing of Religious Opportunity in Merkel." This is a serious question and the public has a warm invitation to come and bring a friend.
 James T. King, Pastor.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
 Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. Let's observe it by coming into the house of God for an hour of worship. The Sunday School will give a short program in her honor and the morning sermon will be in keeping with the observance of the day. All other services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week as usual.
 T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.
 Subject: "The Bible our Source of Inspiration."
 Leader, Odell Hunter.
 Scripture: Psalm 95; 2 Timothy

3:14-17, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.
 Prayer.
 Special music, Ethel Hamilton.
 "Inspiration of the Bible," Elvis Richardson.
 "Inspiration is from God in Men," Orpah Patterson.
 "Inspiration of Various Kinds," Tracy Campbell.
 "Inspiration of Jesus Himself," Mattielou Largent.
 Talk, leader.
 Hymn.
 League benediction.

Epworth Leaguers In District Meet

For the regular district meeting of the leagues of the Abilene district the Merkel Senior league was represented by 29 members last Saturday and immediately after vesper service Saturday afternoon and ended after consecration service Sunday afternoon, immediately after vesper service Saturday afternoon, the leaguers were dismissed for supper. At 8 an interesting social was held.

The program began Sunday morning with watch service, continued at 9 with Sunday school, and after an interesting sermon on happiness, the group was dismissed for dinner.

Dinner was served in the basement of the First Methodist church by the Senior league.
 At 1 the program started again with a business session and at 2 o'clock the consecration sermon was preached by Rev. Hamblen, pastor of First Methodist church, Abilene.
 Although the trip to Canyon was won by Oak Street Senior league, the Merkel league was one of the best. The league year is done now, all except summer assembly at Canyon, Texas. To start the new year, the next district meeting will be held in July at Tuscola.

High School Year Book Just Received

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SENIORS IN PROGRAM.
 The Seniors gave a program at chapel Wednesday morning, celebrating the arrival of the "1930 Badgers."
 Lee Darden was master of ceremonies and, after the student body sang "The Eyes of Texas," he read the dedication of "The Badger," which is to Supt. Burgess and Miss Tracy. The Class History was read by Lucile Cole and it was followed by a song, "That Old Gang of Mine," by Willie Mae Schwartz, Buster Horton, Tula Miller and E. L. Turner, with Nadine Tippet at the piano.
 J. T. Darsey called the Senior roll and asked each Senior what he was expecting to do next year. Most of them said that they were planning to go to school somewhere; some, however, had other plans.
 The Class Prophecy was read by Louise Booth and next a reading was given by Pauline Toombs. Miss Mona Margaret Jones sang "All for You," Odell Hunter read the Class Will, and Nadine Tippet played a piano solo, "When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day."
 Frances Frederickson read a poem, which she had written about the different members of the Senior class, and last on the program was two musical numbers by Orion Tittle, Buster Horton and Wesley Butler, Orion playing a banjo, Wesley, a guitar and French-harp, and Buster, the piano.
 The Annuals were received from Milton Case at the noon hour Wednesday.

BANK NOTICE.
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F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.
 Hay for Sale—Two cars baled sorghum, one of alfalfa on the track now. See me and save money. See Pierce Horton and R. E. Windham.

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 Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

SOCIETY

BRIDGE CLUB.
 Miss Lola Dennis was hostess to members of the Thursday Night Bridge club in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott. A delicious sandwich plate was served with iced tea at the refreshment hour to Misses Johnnie Sears, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Mona Margaret Jones, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Evelyn Curb, Mrs. L. B. Scott and the hostess.

SENIOR PARTY.
 On Friday evening, May 2, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess entertained the Senior class of the Merkel High school with a party at their home on Oak street. Seniors seem to be very intelligent concerning different things, but J. T. Darsey was the most intelligent at a flower contest. He was rewarded for his cleverness with a mouse. When partners were found for games of 42, each one made his partner a cap of crepe paper in the Senior colors—orchid and green. Clinton Bryan won a celluloid dog for a correct paper on names of automobiles. At the end of games of 42, an interesting contest was enjoyed. The object was to make the most words from "Senior Party." Odell Hunter won the prize for this contest.

A plate of green ice cream and angel food cake was served to: Maurine Davis, Tula Miller, J. T. Darsey, Clinton Bryan, Louise Booth, Frances Frederickson, Gwendolyn Vickers, Dorice Brown, Nadine Tippet, Lee Darden, Verna T. Beasley, J. D. Ashby, E. L. Turner, Harold Boney, Tracy Campbell, Odell Hunter, Milton Case, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

PASTOR HONORED.
 Members of the Baptist church most graciously entertained in honor of the new pastor, Rev. J. T. King and family. The social was held in the basement of the church where profusion of roses and other spring flowers made the parlors most attractive. A most entertaining program was rendered, the opening number of which was a piano solo by Mrs. Yates Brown. A hearty welcome to the pastor and his family was extended by Willie Joe Largent and a happy response followed this talk by Rev. King. Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott sang a beautiful duet and Clara Frances Largent entertained with a reading. A brilliant piano number was rendered by Miss Donna Loyless and a reading by Margaret Miller was next enjoyed. A talk on "What I Intend to Do for My Pastor," by Yates Brown was very inspirational and a solo by Miss Edith Baker was also very much enjoyed; a male quartette sung by Messrs. Largent, Brown, Baker and Scott was the concluding number.
 Delicious sandwiches and punch were served at the refreshment hour.

Only Small Crowd Hears Tom Blanton

Tuesday's wind and sand storm was responsible for only a small crowd present for the speech at the tabernacle here at 8 o'clock that night by Thos. L. Blanton, candidate for congress from the 17th district in both the May 20th special election and the July primaries. His speech here dealt particularly on his record as district judge.

Speeches had been made by former Congressman Blanton on Tuesday at Clyde and Putnam, but his speaking date at Baird at 1:30 had to be postponed on account of the storm.

Record of Births.
 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker, Saturday, May 3, 1930.
 Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neill, Trent, Saturday, May 3, 1930.
 Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Roberts, View, Saturday, May 3, 1930.
 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson, residing near Stith, Sunday, May 4, 1930.
 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hartman, residing north of town, Sunday, May 4, 1930.
 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Masters, Tye, Monday, May 5, 1930.
 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Decker, Monday, May 5, 1930.
 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison, Mountain Pass, Tuesday, May 6, 1930.
 Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Henslee, in the Canyon, Wednesday, May 7, 1930.

Forty-eight per cent of the electrical power used in France is produced by water power, 50 by steam and the remainder imported.

The island of Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world. The first buttons were used on clothes in the fifteenth century.

MATTERS MUSICAL

A PROCESSION OF HARMONIES.
 The following program, arranged by Mrs. T. T. Earthman, will be given at the Presbyterian church next Thursday evening, May 15, beginning at 8 o'clock:

- Invocation, Rev. R. A. Walker.
- Solo, "Happy Voices," club.
- Solo, "Morning Prayer," —Streabrog Mary Jo Russell
- Duet, "Tripping through the Heathen," —Holst Mrs. Earthman and Mrs. Olie Bigham
- Solo, "Dancing Sunbeam and Whispering Hope," —Fearris Ruby Bigham
- Sketch of life of Handel, Billie Wood
- Solo, (a) Largo —Handel (b) Valse in E Flat —Durand Kathleen Mashburn
- Trio, "Dancing Flowers," —Holst Thelma McAninch, Kathleen Mashburn and Billie Bernice Gambill
- Solo, "Polk Des Polkas," —Wallace Mrs. Vera Baker
- Sketch of the life of Mozart, —Billie Wood
- Trio, (a) "The Magic Flute," Mozart Mrs. Earthman, Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn
- Duet, (b) Minuet from "Symphony in E Flat," —Mozart Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn
- Sketch of the life of Beethoven, —Billie Wood
- Solo, (a) "Für Elise," —Beethoven (b) "En Masque," —Ketterer Thelma McAninch
- Trio, "Tripping over the Lawn," —Rand Margaret Dean, Mary Ella Horton and Alice Russell
- Novelty, "The Katydid," —Mary Jo Russell and Billie Wood
- Duet, "The Dragon Fighter," —Hoffman Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn
- Solo, "Hawaiian Twilight," Edith Baker, Kathleen Mashburn and Thelma McAninch
- Duet, "The Return of the Heroes," —Engelman Mrs. Vera Baker and Mrs. Earthman
- Duet, "Forward March," —Corey Kathleen Mashburn and Thelma McAninch
- A cordial invitation is extended to all.
- The club motto is "Make music a joy, not a drudge."

PUPILS OF MRS. RYDER IN RECITAL.

- The following pupils of the Ryder Studio of Music of Merkel will appear in program at the Hilton hotel in Abilene this Thursday evening, May 8, in honor of Music Week:
- Piano solo, "The Breakers," —Hays Mabel Corinne Morton
- Violin solo, "Cradle Song," —Mauhit Dee Hale
- Saxophone duet, "Little Cavalier," —Dubin Mabel Corinne Morton and Dorothy Nell Ector
- Violin solo, "Lullabye," —Roff Clayton Miller Leach
- Piano solo, "Flower Song," —Laye Thelma Leach
- Violin solo, "Mother," —Shepherd Billy Woodrum
- Hawaiian guitar, "Boys in Blue," —Miss Lotta Butman

Little Misses Bettye Lou and Marilyn Sue Grimes will appear in Irene Jay's Dance Revue at the Abilene City Hall on Friday evening.

Clesby Patterson will give a vocal program over KFYO on Friday evening.

ing from 6 to 6:30, Miss Christine Collins accompanist.

The C. W. Delmers will broadcast from 7:30 to 8:30 Friday evening over KFYO, Abilene.

Texas Tornado Takes Toll of 70 Lives

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 between which a wide path was made by the storm in that section, were touched, the twister swerving just to the south of each town.

FEAR TETANUS.
 The affected area near Runge was about 300 yards wide and about fifteen miles long, traversing a thickly settled farming district. Many of those killed were Mexicans.
 A number of doctors from near-by towns were in the Runge area and great efforts were taken to prevent an outbreak of tetanus.

Most of the victims of the storm at Frost will be buried Thursday. A single funeral service was planned for those buried in the cemetery at that place.

HIGHEST IN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS.
 The record-breaking wind and sand storm, which carried such terrible disaster in its wake throughout Texas and which seemed to have originated in this section, struck Merkel shortly before 11 o'clock Tuesday and was at its worst the hour following noon.

Only twice since the weather bureau began its operations in Abilene has the wind exceeded the five-consecutive-minute maximum of 51 miles an hour, recorded Tuesday. On May 8, 1892, the wind attained a speed of 54 miles per hour. Prior to that, on June 20, 1888, was the other date, when the Tuesday's record was exceeded.

No serious damage was reported locally. A great many trees were uprooted and several outhouses blown down. An old barn on the highway east of town was laid flat and a cabin at the Fair Tourist Part was demolished.

During the worst of the sandstorm Tuesday morning, portions of the sheet-iron roof of the Burton-Lingo company building here were torn loose and in falling they broke telephone wires. The latter became entangled with wires of the West Texas Utilities and for several minutes the live ends of electric wires danced spectacularly in the Burton-Lingo yard.

The trouble was ended quickly when the lines were disconnected. Merkel, however, was without lights and power for about two hours.

The fire department responded to the Burton-Lingo call and was ready, if needed.

The greatest damage reported in Abilene was the almost total destruction of the gymnasium at McMurry college, the roof being entirely torn off and the end walls torn out by the wind. The structure is said to have cost \$13,000 to build three years ago. Tornado and wind insurance protected the loss to the extent of \$9,000.

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LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary.

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

G. F. Woods, W. M. C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Congress, 17th district (Special election):

MRS. R. Q. LEE.

For District Attorney 42nd district: J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney 104th district: EMMETT ROBINSON.

For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)

C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.

N. L. SEALE.

For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)

H. F. LONG.

For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Attorney: GRAY BROWNE.

WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER.

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

W. L. BLAIR.

RUFÉ TITTLE.

THOMAS A. BEARDEN.

JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.

I. N. BROWN.

DENT GIBSON.

DENZEL COX.

A. D. FULTON.

T. D. COMPTON.

HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

Thompson Attends County Board Meet

L. R. Thompson, recently re-elected as county trustee from precinct No. 2, along with the two other members of the Taylor county school board, was installed last Saturday morning at the regular monthly session of the board. He also attended the luncheon on the same day, tendered by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce to the Taylor county teachers.

Returns in the Tuscola-Bradshaw-Ovalo consolidation election, held Thursday, were canvassed and the issue declared defeated by opposition votes at Bradshaw and Ovalo. The Ovalo vote was 164 to 135 and the Bradshaw vote 77 to 43 against consolidation, while Tuscola voted 105 to 15 in favor of the union.

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Teaching Epworth Leaguers.

Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been engaged all week in teaching a class of Epworth league workers from all over the Abilene district at McMurry college. The class closes Friday night.

Will Preach at Trent.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ at Trent. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

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JUDGE LOSES BY VOTE OF 39 TO 41

Washington, May 8.—For the first time in 36 years the senate Wednesday refused to confirm a nominee to the supreme court, rejecting Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina, 41 to 39.

The decision forced President Hoover to look elsewhere for a man to take the seat made vacant by the death of Associate Justice Edward T. Sanford of Tennessee.

There were intimations from the White House that Mr. Hoover would have something to say about the senate's action and that he would not go again to the south for a nominee. It was believed also that he would not reappoint Parker, by whom he stood firmly in the senate controversy.

Opposition to Parker in the senate was led by Senators Borah of Idaho and Norris of Nebraska, both republicans, and their plea for his rejection was based entirely upon his decision upholding an injunction restraining the United Mine Workers from soliciting membership among miners who had signed contracts with their employers not to join the union.

The American Federation of Labor vigorously protested the nomination. The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People also protested a speech made by Parker as republican gubernatorial candidate in 1920, in which he was charged with saying the negroes were not ready to assume the burdens and responsibilities of government.

The senate last rejected a supreme court nominee in 1894. It then refused to confirm two New York men chosen by President Cleveland. The nominees were political foes of Senator Hill, democrat, New York.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford visited in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters visited in Fort Worth last week-end.

"Granny" Pike left Sunday to visit her grandson, Milan Pike, at Bogota.

Mrs. A. A. McKenzie of Abilene is a guest in the Robert N. Campbell home.

Mrs. G. T. Frazier of Dehanis, Texas, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. R. Cypert.

Mrs. Jesse Friedman of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. B. Boden.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee had as their guests last week-end Mr. J. W. Ivey from Thurber.

Misses Roberta Sloan and Fannie Belle Boaz were visitors to Carlsbad Cavern last week-end.

Mrs. Martin Jensen and daughter, Mary Lee, of Sweetwater, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Proctor.

Mrs. Pick Allen and baby, Jerry, of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Burt were over from San Angelo to spend the week-end in the J. L. Banner home.

Guests in the J. T. Dennis home are Mrs. Dennis' brother, H. L. Rogers, and his family from Lakeland, Florida.

Since the close of the Avoca schools, where she taught the past year, Miss Alleyne Riley is at home with her parents.

When Robert N. Campbell returned from a visit to Brown county, he was accompanied by J. R. Baker, who is visiting in the Campbell home.

Miss Ruby Hughes accompanied Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Campbell and Miss Peggy Belle Kemp of Ballinger on a trip to Carlsbad Cavern over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludie Saunders and daughter, Agnes, of Sacramento, Calif., who formerly lived here, have been visiting his brother, Ollie Saunders, and other relatives. They have

gone this week to points in Arkansas, but will return to continue their visit here.

The Misses Clack, popular teachers of Abilene High school, and Mesdames Dortch and Wheatley were Sunday visitors in the homes of the Misses Garoutte and Mrs. Groene.

Wren Durham, Ed Lancaster, Fred Guitar, Glenn Elliott and Ralph Duke formed a week-end fishing party at Paint Rock, being joined Sunday by Kenneth Watkins and Lee Darden.

Among those doing jury service in Abilene this week were B. T. Middleton, W. M. Elliott, W. A. McCandless and D. H. Vaughan, who were in attendance on the 42nd district court.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Johnson of Ende, New Mexico, are visiting in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, and Mrs. Johnson will remain until her mother's condition is better.

After a visit here with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks, C. A. Lamb, who until recently resided at McGargle, left Thursday for Robert Lee to take charge of the paper there.

After a visit of several days with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, little Mary Joe Armstrong, accompanied her father, Dr. Frank Armstrong, on his return to Fort Worth Tuesday.

The Amazon river varies in width from 5 to 400 miles.

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BLACK-DRAUGHT for Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness. WOMEN who need a tonic should take CARDUI. Used over 50 years.

NEW PRO RULING SUPREME COURT

Washington, May 8.—An entirely new chapter in the history of prohibition enforcement has been opened by the unanimous decision of the supreme court that apparatus for the manufacture of home brew may legally be seized and confiscated by enforcement agents.

Local authorities are agreed on this, even while they differed widely in their interpretations of the court's decision. Everywhere in enforcement and legal quarters the decision was under microscopic scrutiny, with nobody apparently quite sure how far agents may go.

While the implications contained in the court's decision are virtually boundless, the language employed is carefully drawn, so carefully, in fact, that even the officials of the prohibition bureau are stepping carefully in its interpretation.

The whole matter, Justice Holmes emphasized, turns on interpretation of the word "manufacture" as used in the prohibitory laws. The court chose to interpret the word liberally,

but at the same time was not so liberal in its own use of words.

"The word (manufacture) may be used in a loose way to express the whole process by which an article is made ready for sale in the open market."

"We are of the opinion that the word was used in this loose way, and if the empty containers and the other objects seized were offered for sale in such a mode as purposely to attract purchasers who wanted them for the unlawful manufacture, as we interpret the word, they were designed for the manufacture and could be seized."

Orders are to be transmitted immediately to state prohibition directors to "go after" commercial concerns which specialize in the production of beer and whiskey making paraphernalia, Dr. Doran, prohibition commissioner, announced Tuesday.

Doran said the efforts would be directed first against the wholesalers and manufacturers, and the campaign later extended down to retailers, in line with the supreme court's decision.

He emphasized, however, that no proceeding will be attempted against home brewers. The government's only concern, he said, is to stamp out "the commercial manufacturer."

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Apples	2 dozen	25c	Coffee	Morning Joy, 3 lb. can	\$1.23
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Peaches	Evaporated, 10 pounds	98c	Prunes	4 pound package	43c

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CHURCHES

"MOTHER OF MINE."
"If I were hanged on the highest hill—
I know whose Love would follow me still—"
All churches will observe Mothers' Day on Sunday, every tribute possible will be paid in sermon and song to the Mothers of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Due to the fact that a slow drizzling rain fell continuously during the Sunday School hour last Sunday morning, the attendance at the Merkel Sunday Schools was cut almost half into, but as indicated by speakers at all the services the rains of that day and the previous days during last week were welcomed as rich blessings to this section. The total attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 466, divided as follows: Baptist, 191; Methodist, 144; Church of Christ, 62; Presbyterian, 44, and Nazarene, 25.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
A large number of men were present again last Sunday for the men's prayer service which was held at the Church of Christ, with Mack Buzbee as leader. Next Sunday the service will be held at the Nazarene church, with Claude Perry as leader, and the subject will be the sixth chapter of Galatians.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be in your class and help make it what you would like for it to be, if you were the teacher. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday is Mothers' Day and the morning service will be in keeping with the day. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come and worship with us.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.
All of the regular services will be conducted at the usual hours. The attendance was small last Sunday on account of the rainy weather and muddy roads, yet a few came and the Lord blessed us with a good service. We are thankful for the good rains, but let us pray for a real spiritual shower of God's blessings upon our services. We need more than just the temporal blessings, we must have the spiritual as well.
A cordial welcome for all at every service. Meet with us next Sunday.
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
We are glad to report splendid services last Lord's day, though the day was rainy and the roads muddy. We did not use the subject, "The Two Divine Institutions" for we wish to discuss that theme when more visitors can be present. We'll have it next Lord's day, unless we are blessed with another fine rain.
For the evening sermon we shall discuss "Satan's Punishment," or the "Hell of the Bible." We wish you would hear this subject which follows a series on Satan.
Excellent interest is being manifested at prayer meetings, one at the church house on Wednesday night and one at some home on Thursday night. We are glad to see so many young people attending these services.
"Come thou with us, and we will do the good."
J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
"The church where you are a stranger but once." Sunday School 10 a. m. W. J. Largent, superintendent. Our school has a class for every age and you are invited. The B. Y. P. U. meets at 7:15 and all of our young people are expected to be present.
Sunday is Mothers' Day and the pastor's subject will be "The Mother and the Home." At 8 p. m. his subject will be "The Passing of Religious Opportunity in Merkel." This is a serious question and the public has a warm invitation to come and bring a friend.
James T. King, Pastor.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. Let's observe it by coming into the house of God for an hour of worship. The Sunday School will give a short program in her honor and the morning sermon will be in keeping with the observance of the day. All other services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week as usual.
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.
Subject: "The Bible our Source of Inspiration."
Leader, Odell Hunter.
Scripture: Psalm 95; 2 Timothy

3:14-17, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.
Prayer.
Special music, Ethel Hamilton.
"Inspiration of the Bible," Elvis Richardson.
"Inspiration is from God in Men," Orpah Patterson.
"Inspiration of Various Kinds," Tracy Campbell.
"Inspiration of Jesus Himself," Mattielou Largent.
Talk, leader.
Hymn.
League benediction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.
Scripture lesson, Hebrews 13:1, Thelma Patterson.
Song.
"Home," by Armie Love Toombs.
"Jesus at Home," by Stanley Toomb.
"Guests at Home," by A. C. Sears.
"The Queen of our Home," by Willie B. Toombs.
"For Mother," by Fern Toombs.
Soft instrumental music, by Dee Hail.
Benediction.

Epworth Leaguers In District Meet

For the regular district meeting of the leaguers of the Abilene district the Merkel Senior league was represented by 29 members last Saturday and immediately after vesper service Saturday afternoon and ended after consecration service Sunday afternoon, immediately after vesper service Saturday afternoon, the leaguers were dismissed for supper. At 8 an interesting social was held.

The program began Sunday morning with watch service, continued at 9 with Sunday school, and after an interesting sermon on happiness, the group was dismissed for dinner.
Dinner was served in the basement of the First Methodist church by the Senior league.

At 1 the program started again with a business session and at 2 o'clock the consecration sermon was preached by Rev. Hamblen, pastor of First Methodist church, Abilene.
Although the trip to Canyon was won by Oak Street Senior league, the Merkel league was one of the best. The league year is done now, all except summer assembly at Canyon, Texas. To start the new year, the next district meeting will be held in July at Tuscola.

High School Year Book Just Received

(Continued From Page One)
SENIORS IN PROGRAM.
The Seniors gave a program at chapel Wednesday morning, celebrating the arrival of the "1930 Badgers."

Lee Darden was master of ceremonies and, after the student body sang "The Eyes of Texas," he read the dedication of "The Badger," which is to Supt. Burgess and Miss Tracy. The Class History was read by Lucile Cole and it was followed by a song, "That Old Gang of Mine," by Willie Mae Schwartz, Buster Horton, Tula Miller and E. L. Turner, with Nadine Tippet at the piano.

J. T. Darsey called the Senior roll and asked each Senior what he was expecting to do next year. Most of them said that they were planning to go to school somewhere; some, however, had other plans.

The Class Prophecy was read by Louise Booth and next a reading was given by Pauline Toombs. Miss Mona Margaret Jones sang "All for You," Odell Hunter read the Class Will, and Nadine Tippet played a piano solo, "When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day."
Frances Frederickson read a poem, which she had written about the different members of the Senior class, and last on the program was two musical numbers by Orion Tittle, Buster Horton and Wesley Butler, Oriol playing a banjo, Wesley, a guitar and French-harp, and Buster, the piano.
The Annuals were received from Milton Case at the noon hour Wednesday.

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SOCIETY

BRIDGE CLUB.
Miss Lola Dennis was hostess to members of the Thursday Night Bridge club in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott. A delicious sandwich plate was served with iced tea at the refreshment hour to Misses Johnnie Sears, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Mona Margaret Jones, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Evelyn Curb, Mrs. L. B. Scott and the hostess.

SENIOR PARTY.
On Friday evening, May 2, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess entertained the Senior class of the Merkel High school with a party at their home on Oak street. Seniors seem to be very intelligent concerning different things, but J. T. Darsey was the most intelligent at a flower contest. He was rewarded for his cleverness with a mouse. When partners were found for games of 42, each one made his partner a cap of crepe paper in the Senior colors—orchid and green. Clinton Bryan won a celluloid dog for a correct paper on names of automobiles. At the end of games of 42, an interesting contest was enjoyed. The object was to make the most words from "Senior Party." Odell Hunter won the prize for this contest.

A plate of green ice cream and angel food cake was served to: Maurine Davis, Tula Miller, J. T. Darsey, Clinton Bryan, Louise Booth, Frances Frederickson, Gwendolyn Vickers, Dorice Brown, Nadine Tippet, Lee Darden, Verna T. Beasley, J. D. Ashby, E. L. Turner, Harold Boney, Tracy Campbell, Odell Hunter, Milton Case, Jr., and Mrs. Claude Young, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

PASTOR HONORED.
Members of the Baptist church most graciously entertained in honor of the new pastor, Rev. J. T. King and family. The social was held in the basement of the church where profusion of roses and other spring flowers made the parlors most attractive. A most entertaining program was rendered, the opening number of which was a piano solo by Mrs. Yates Brown.

A hearty welcome to the pastor and his family was extended by Willie Joe Largent and a happy response followed this talk by Rev. King. Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott sang a beautiful duet and Clara Frances Largent entertained with a reading. A brilliant piano number was rendered by Miss Donna Loyless and a reading by Margaret Miller was next enjoyed. A talk on "What I Intend to Do for My Pastor," by Yates Brown was very inspirational and a solo by Miss Edith Baker was also very much enjoyed; a male quartette sung by Messrs. Largent, Brown, Baker and Scott was the concluding number.
Delicious sandwiches and punch were served at the refreshment hour.

Only Small Crowd Hears Tom Blanton

Tuesday's wind and sand storm was responsible for only a small crowd present for the speech at the tabernacle here at 8 o'clock that night by Thos. L. Blanton, candidate for congress from the 17th district in both the May 20th special election and the July primaries. His speech here dealt particularly on his record as district judge.

Speeches had been made by former Congressman Blanton on Tuesday at Clyde and Putnam, but his speaking date at Baird at 1:30 had to be postponed on account of the storm.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker, Saturday, May 3, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neill, Trent, Saturday, May 3, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Roberts, View, Saturday, May 3, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson, residing near Stith, Sunday, May 4, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hartman, residing north of town, Sunday, May 4, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Masters, Tye, Monday, May 5, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Decker, Monday, May 5, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison, Mountain Pass, Tuesday, May 6, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Henslee, in the Canyon, Wednesday, May 7, 1930.

Forty-eight per cent of the electrical power used in France is produced by water power, 50 by steam and the remainder imported.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

A PROCESSION OF HARMONIES.
The following program, arranged by Mrs. T. T. Earthman, will be given at the Presbyterian church next Thursday evening, May 15, beginning at 8 o'clock:
Invocation, Rev. R. A. Walker.
Song, "Happy Voices," club.
Solo, "Morning Prayer,"—Streabbog Mary Jo Russell
Duet, "Tripping through the Heather,"—Holst
Mrs. Earthman and Mrs. Olie Bigham
Solo, "Dancing Sunbeam and Whispering Hope,"—Fearris
Ruby Bigham
Sketch of life of Handel, Billie Wood
Solo, (a) Largo—Handel
(b) Valse in E Flat—Durand
Kathleen Mashburn
Trio, "Dancing Flowers,"—Holst
Thelma McAninch, Kathleen Mashburn and Billie Bernice Gambill
Solo, "Polk Des Polkas,"—Wallace
Mrs. Vera Baker
Sketch of the life of Mozart,
—Billie Wood
Trio, (a) "The Magic Flute," Mozart
Mrs. Earthman, Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn
Duet, (b) Minuet from "Symphony in E Flat,"—Mozart
Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn
Sketch of the life of Beethoven, —Billie Wood
Solo, (a) "Fur Elise,"—Beethoven
(b) "En Masque,"—Ketterer
Thelma McAninch
Trio, "Tripping over the Lawn,"—Rand
Margaret Dean, Mary Ella Horton and Alice Russell
Novelty, "The Katyids,"
Mary Joe Russell and Billie Wood
Duet, "The Dragon Fighter,"—Hoffman
Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn
Song, "Hawaiian Twilight,"
Edith Baker, Kathleen Mashburn and Thelma McAninch
Duet, "The Return of the Heroes,"—Engeman
Mrs. Vera Baker and Mrs. Earthman
Duet, "Forward March,"—Corey
Kathleen Mashburn and Thelma McAninch
A cordial invitation is extended to all.
The club motto is "Make music a joy, not a drudge."

PUPILS OF MRS. RYDER IN RECITAL.
The following pupils of the Ryder Studio of Music of Merkel will appear in program at the Hilton hotel in Abilene this Thursday evening, May 8, in honor of Music Week:
Piano solo, "The Breakers,"—Hays
Mabel Corinne Morton
Violin solo, "Cradle Song,"—Mauffit
Dee Hale
Saxophone duet, "Little Cavalier,"—Dubin
Mabel Corinne Morton and Dorothy Nell Ector
Violin solo, "Lullabye,"—Roff
Clayton Miller Leach
Piano solo, "Flower Song,"—Laye
Thelma Leach
Violin solo, "Mother,"—Shepherd
Billy Woodrum
Hawaiian guitar, "Boys in Blue,"—Motey
Miss Lotta Butman

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ing from 6 to 6:30, Miss Christine Collins accompanist.
The C. W. Delmers will broadcast from 7:30 to 8:30 Friday evening over KFYO, Abilene.

Texas Tornado Takes Toll of 70 Lives

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between which a wide path was made by the storm in that section, were touched, the twister swerving just to the south of each town.

FEAR TETANUS.
The affected area near Runge was about 200 yards wide and about fifteen miles long, traversing a thickly settled farming district. Many of those killed were Mexicans.
A number of doctors from near-by towns were in the Runge area and great efforts were taken to prevent an outbreak of tetanus.
Most of the victims of the storm at Frost will be buried Thursday. A single funeral service was planned for those buried in the cemetery at that place.

HIGHEST IN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS.
The record-breaking wind and sand storm, which carried such terrible disaster in its wake throughout Texas and which seemed to have originated in this section, struck Merkel shortly before 11 o'clock Tuesday and was at its worst the hour following noon.

Only twice since the weather bureau began its operations in Abilene has the wind exceeded the five-consecutive-minute maximum of 51 miles an hour, recorded Tuesday. On May 8, 1892, the wind attained a speed of 54 miles per hour. Prior to that, on June 20, 1888, was the other date, when the Tuesday's record was exceeded.

No serious damage was reported locally. A great many trees were uprooted and several outhouses blown down. An old barn on the highway east of town was laid flat and a cabin at the Fair Tourist Part was demolished.

During the worst of the sandstorm Tuesday morning, portions of the sheet-iron roof of the Burton-Lingo company building here were torn loose and in falling they broke telephone wires. The latter became entangled with wires of the West Texas Utilities and for several minutes the live ends of electric wires danced spectacularly in the Burton-Lrd ago
iny in the Burton-Lingo yard.

The trouble was ended quickly when the lines were disconnected. Merkel, however, was without lights and power for about two hours.

The fire department responded to the Burton-Lingo call and was ready, if needed.

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Phone 203

Texas Resident for 80 Years Passes Away

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Clara and Lloyd Parmely of Abilene are children of the deceased daughter. Six sons-in-law were named as pall bearers: A. W. Hampton, Truby; J. J. Russell, Merkel; Ernest Rogers and H. L. Propst, Abilene; C. S. Walker, Hodges, and Roy Parmely, Pampa.

Another Picturesque Old West Figure Dies

Deadwood, S. D. May 8.—Another picturesque figure who embodied the spirit of the Old West passed on Monday with the death of Richard W. Clarke, 84, who won national fame under the name of Deadwood Dick.
Deadwood Dick, last of the famous Black Hills characters of frontier days fame, unlike many of his former comrades of pioneer times, died with his boots off. His death followed an illness of several weeks.
Despite the fact he has been depicted as victor of many thrilling gun fights, Deadwood Dick died without a notch on the handle of his gun.

Deadwood Dick lived in western South Dakota since coming here during the gold rush. He was born in England, December 15, 1845, and came to the United States at the age of 16. Joining a party of prospectors, he made the perilous journey to the Black Hills during the gold rush frenzy.
Later he became a pony express rider, Indian fighter, guide, an assistant United States marshal. He also served as a scout in the Indian wars with Dr. Richard Tanner of Norfolk, Neb., known as "Diamond Dick."

The passing of Deadwood Dick marked the loss of two famous characters of the Old West within recent months. "Poker Alice," queen of the gambling halls in pioneer days, died early this year.

There are about 40,000,000 copies of newspapers printed in the U. S. daily.

Texas derives nearly \$1,500,000 a year from its poll taxes, payment of which is prerequisite to voting, and gives two-thirds of it to the available school fund.
Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—2 mules, 2 horses, 1 mare, 1 double row cultivator, 1 double row planter, 1 walking lister, 3 rakes. Booth Warren at F. & M. National Bank.

FOR SALE—Poland China pigs ready for delivery May 1st to 15th. First come first served. F. J. McDonald, 1 1/2 miles northwest of Stith.

FOR SALE—Cotton seed, well matured Kasch and Mebane mixed at \$1.00; also a few bushels first year Mebane at \$1.75. J. T. Warren.

FOR SALE—Pure red top cane seed, free of weeds and Johnson grass, 6 cents per pound. Sam Butman, Sr.

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FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one Farmall tractor. Adams & Leverette, Abilene, Texas or see Harry Barnett.

FOR SALE—Mebane cotton seed, second year, \$1.50 per bushel. J. D. Jones, Dora, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two carloads higeras, \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; also white corn for planting; will grind, if desired; at my place, 12 miles northwest of Merkel. J. H. Grayson.

FOR SALE—Good size cedar post. Cheap. See Sam Swann.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—100 bushels culled and decauded, saved from cotton making one-third to a half bale to the acre. See Pierce Horton.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three room house, garage, well; Haynes-Moody Addition; \$10 per month. Clay Lumber Co.

FOR RENT—New stucco five room residence all utilities, gas, lights, city water, sewer connection, etc. Close to school and church. \$12.50 per month. See G. W. Boyce.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—Red hound dog, gone about 2 weeks; had collar when he was home. Notify L. M. Zimmerman at Blair, Merkel, Texas, Route 5.

WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING—Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

WILL BUY your fat calves, cows and hogs. Phone 9, Patterson's Market, or see J. A. Patterson.

LARGE NATIONALLY KNOWN MANUFACTURER will start you in business for yourself. We furnish nearly everything. Many make \$50 to \$75 weekly profits. Steady repeat business. Write quickly. G. C. Heberling company, Dept. 2295, Bloomington, Ill.

FOR TRADE—Double row planter and cultivator for milk cow or will sell cheap. See T. W. Collins, near Stith.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
Joe Hartley, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

G. F. Woods, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

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The total assessed valuation of New York City is greater than all of the United States west of the Mississippi river.

Total state expenditures in 1929 were \$91,924,307, of which 37.5 per cent went for road building and 34.6 per cent for educational purposes.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Congress, 17th district (Special election):
MRS. R. Q. LEE.

For District Attorney 42nd district:
J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney 104th district:
EMMETT ROBINSON.

For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)
C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.
N. L. SEALE.

For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)
H. F. LONG.

For District Clerk:
BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:
GRAY BROWNE.
WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For County Superintendent:
M. A. WILLIAMS.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
W. H. FRAZIER.
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

W. L. BLAIR.
RUFÉ TITTLE.
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
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Thompson Attends County Board Meet

L. R. Thompson, recently re-elected as county trustee from precinct No. 2, along with the two other members of the Taylor county school board, was installed last Saturday morning at the regular monthly session of the board. He also attended the luncheon on the same day, tendered by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce to the Taylor county teachers.

Returns in the Tuscola-Bradshaw-Ovalo consolidation election, held Thursday, were canvassed and the issue declared defeated by opposition votes at Bradshaw and Ovalo. The Ovalo vote was 164 to 135 and the Bradshaw vote 77 to 43 against consolidation, while Tuscola voted 105 to 15 in favor of the union.

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Hay for Sale—Two cars baled sorghum, one of alfalfa on the track now. See me and save money. See Pierce Horton and R. E. Windham.

Teaching Epworth Leaguers.

Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been engaged all week in teaching a class of Epworth league workers from all over the Abilene district at McMurry college. The class closes Friday night.

Will Preach at Trent.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ at Trent. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Have you joined the Boston Bargain Store's Step Ladder Brigade?
Try a Classified Ad for Results

JUDGE LOSES BY VOTE OF 39 TO 41

Washington, May 8.—For the first time in 36 years the senate Wednesday refused to confirm a nominee to the supreme court, rejecting Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina, 41 to 39.

The decision forced President Hoover to look elsewhere for a man to take the seat made vacant by the death of Associate Justice Edward T. Sanford of Tennessee.

There were intimations from the White House that Mr. Hoover would have something to say about the senate's action and that he would not go again to the south for a nominee. It was believed also that he would not reappoint Parker, by whom he stood firmly in the senate controversy.

Opposition to Parker in the senate was led by Senators Borah of Idaho and Norris of Nebraska, both republicans, and their plea for his rejection was based entirely upon his decision upholding an injunction restraining the United Mine Workers from soliciting membership among miners who had signed contracts with their employers not to join the union.

The American Federation of Labor vigorously protested the nomination. The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People also protested a speech made by Parker as republican gubernatorial candidate in 1920, in which he was charged with saying the negroes were not ready to assume the burdens and responsibilities of government.

The senate last rejected a supreme court nominee in 1894. It then refused to confirm two New York men chosen by President Cleveland. The nominees were political foes of Senator Hill, democrat, New York.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford visited in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters visited in Fort Worth last week-end.

"Granny" Pike left Sunday to visit her grandson, Milan Pike, at Bogota.

Mrs. A. A. McKenzie of Abilene is a guest in the Robert N. Campbell home.

Mrs. G. T. Frazier of De'hanis, Texas, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. R. Cypert.

Mrs. Jesse Friedman of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. B. Boden.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee had as their guests last week-end Mr. J. W. Ivey from Thurber.

Misses Roberta Sloan and Fannie Belle Boaz were visitors to Carlsbad Cavern last week-end.

Mrs. Martin Jensen and daughter, Mary Lee, of Sweetwater, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Proctor.

Mrs. Pick Allen and baby, Jerry, of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Burt were over from San Angelo to spend the week-end in the J. L. Banner home.

Guests in the J. T. Dennis home are Mrs. Dennis' brother, H. L. Rogers, and his family from Lakeland, Florida.

Since the close of the Avoca schools, where she taught the past year, Miss Alleyne Riley is at home with her parents.

When Robert N. Campbell returned from a visit to Brown county, he was accompanied by J. R. Baker, who is visiting in the Campbell home.

Miss Ruby Hughes accompanied Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Campbell and Miss Peggy Belle Kemp of Ballinger on a trip to Carlsbad Cavern over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludie Saunders and daughter, Agnes, of Sacramento, Calif., who formerly lived here, have been visiting his brother, Ollie Saunders, and other relatives. They have

gone this week to points in Arkansas, but will return to continue their visit here.

The Misses Clack, popular teachers of Abilene High school, and Mesdames Dortch and Wheatley were Sunday visitors in the homes of the Misses Garoutte and Mrs. Greene.

Wren Durham, Ed Lancaster, Fred Guitar, Glenn Elliott and Ralph Duke formed a week-end fishing party at Paint Rock, being joined Sunday by Kenneth Watkins and Lee Darden.

Among those doing jury service in Abilene this week were B. T. Middleton, W. M. Elliott, W. A. McCandless and D. H. Vaughan, who were in attendance on the 42nd district court.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Johnson of Ende, New Mexico, are visiting in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, and Mrs. Johnson will remain until her mother's condition is better.


After a visit here with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks, C. A. Lamb, who until recently resided at McGargle, left Thursday for Robert Lee to take charge of the paper there.

After a visit of several days with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, little Mary Joe Armstrong, accompanied her father, Dr. Frank Armstrong, on his return to Fort Worth Tuesday.

The Amazon river varies in width from 5 to 400 miles.

Office supplies—Mail office.

FELT BAD AFTER EATING



"FOUR YEARS ago, I suffered with heartburn and bilious indigestion. Whatever I ate disagreed with me. Gas on my stomach made me very uncomfortable. My tongue was coated and my color was bad. I needed a good laxative, and so my mother-in-law gave me some Black-Draught and told me to take it. I found it helped me very much, so I bought it for myself. Seems it was the very thing I needed. It is a fine family remedy, and I use it when I need something for constipation."

"I also give Black-Draught to my children whenever they need something for colds or upset stomachs. Our whole family takes Black-Draught."—Mrs. G. C. Leary, 103 North Alston Ave., Durham, N. C.

Black-Draught
for Constipation
Indigestion. Biliousness

WOMEN who need a tonic should take
CARDUI Used over 50 years.

NEW PRO RULING SUPREME COURT

Washington, May 8.—An entirely new chapter in the history of prohibition enforcement has been opened by the unanimous decision of the supreme court that apparatus for the manufacture of home brew may legally be seized and confiscated by enforcement agents.

Local authorities are agreed on this, even while they differed widely in their interpretations of the court's decision. Everywhere in enforcement and legal quarters the decision was under microscopic scrutiny, with nobody apparently quite sure how far agents may go.

While the implications contained in the court's decision are virtually boundless, the language employed is carefully drawn, so carefully, in fact, that even the officials of the prohibition bureau are stepping carefully in its interpretation.

The whole matter, Justice Holmes emphasized, turns on interpretation of the word "manufacture" as used in the prohibitory laws. The court chose to interpret the word liberally,

but at the same time was not so liberal in its own use of words.

"The word (manufacture) may be used in a loose way to express the whole process by which an article is made ready for sale in the open market."

"We are of the opinion that the word was used in this loose way, and if the empty containers and the other objects seized were offered for sale in such a mode as purposely to attract purchasers who wanted them for the unlawful manufacture, as we interpret the word, they were designed for the manufacture and could be seized."

Orders are to be transmitted immediately to state prohibition directors to "go after" commercial concerns which specialize in the production of beer and whiskey making paraphernalia, Dr. Doran, prohibition commissioner, announced Tuesday.

Doran said the efforts would be directed first against the wholesalers and manufacturers, and the campaign later extended down to retailers, in line with the supreme court's decision.

He emphasized, however, that no proceeding will be attempted against home brewers. The government's only concern, he said, is to stamp out "the commercial manufacturer."

BABY CHICKS

8c and 10c

LEGHORNS, any amount
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Barred Rocks, Columbia Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons, Rhode Island Reds and White Plymouth Rocks, any amount
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SWAFFORD—So. Side—Phone 44

Dunnam Bros.

Friday and Saturday Specials

Bananas	yellow fruit doz. _____	21c	New Spuds	No. 1 red, pound _____	5c
Lettuce	large firm head _____	6c	Mothers Oats	Aluminum, Package _____	29c
Apples	2 dozen _____	25c	Coffee	Morning Joy, 3 lb. can _____	\$1.23
Lemons	nice and juicy, doz. _____	25c	Hominy	large can, 2 for _____	25c
Peaches	Evaporated, 10 pounds _____	98c	Prunes	4 pound package _____	43c

WILL HAVE A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF VEGETABLES INCLUDING OKRA, TOMATOES, SQUASH, RHUBARB, BEANS, BEETS AND MUSTARD.

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When you send your garments to be dry cleaned they are completely deluged in pure, sweet naphtha, specially prepared. That alone would destroy any lurking germ.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '30—Vera Baker sponsor.

The Staff:
 Editor-in-Chief—Audrey Farris.
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 Jokes Editor—Earl Watts.
 Misc. Editor—Vera Richie.
 Society Editor—Mattie Lou Largent.
 Senior Reporter—Doris Brown.

Sophomore Reporter—Ida Mae Derstine.
 Freshman Reporter—Silas Stevens.
 Baseball Club—Imogene Middleton.
 Choral and Glee Clubs—Artilee Simmons.
 Pep Squad Reporters—Tracy Campbell and Edwin Watson.

"THE LAST REHEARSAL"

On this Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Grammar School auditorium, the Merkel High School Choral and Glee clubs will present "The Last Rehearsal" under the direction of Miss Donna Loyless.

The cast of characters follows:
 Rector—Buster Horton
 Professor—Miss Loyless
 Maid-of-all-work—Willie Evelyn Boaz

Heroine—Nadine Tippett
 Villain—Byron Patterson
 Stage Manageress—Thelma Leach
 Father—Orion Tittle
 Mother—Ola Ellen Smith
 Hero—E. L. Turner
 Village Idiot—Mary Elizabeth Grimes
 Chorus: Himalaya Swafford, Thelma McAninch, Gwendolyn Vickers, Willie Mae Schwartz, Lois Clark, Madeline Murray, Milton Case, Harold Boney, James West, Jr., Woodrow Woozencraft, Fred Baker and Baylor Amason.

The story goes like this. A number of young people in a country town decide to give a play written by one of the youngsters of the community. It is called "Virtue Triumphant." The night comes for the dress rehearsal and a crowd of visitors is present to give the participants confidence. The chorus, comprising the young people of the community, sit down in front. Of course, the principals get all tangled up in their parts, which none of them really "know," the usual quarrels ensue, and the dialog of the original drama they are supposed to be rehearsing becomes mixed up with the personal remarks that fly to and fro. The original drama is finally "dished" and a musical show is decided upon to take its place and all ends splendidly.

THE HARMONICA BAND.

The Harmonica Band of Merkel Grammar school played "America" and "Old Black Joe" at chapel Friday morning May 2. Two members of the band, Berneal Scott and Clara Francis Largent, played "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms" as a harmonica duet.

The band is composed of the following members:

Berneal Scott, Maryzoe West, Billie Robins, Dot Swafford, Felix Stalls, Truitt Patterson, Ima Ruth Brown, Robbie Walker, Francis Adcock, Walderine Huskey, J. R. Graham, La Verne Holden, John Jones, L. V. Moore, Norman King, Edgar Bradley, Jr., Jack Davis, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Louise Toombs, Harold Morgan, Don Swafford, Winson Pailey, R. D. Tarbutton, Betty Florene Nicholson, Thelma Patterson, Lois Beasley, Loreta Cox, Annie Lee Du Bose, Genevieve Bryan, Opal Buzbee, Vernon Davis, Mary Helen Lancaster and Clara Francis Largent.

THE SENIOR PLAY.

The public will be given a treat on May 16 when the Seniors will present the Harvard Prize play, "Nancy Ann," sometimes called "The Dud." Daily rehearsals are adding interest to the play as a whole.

We see that Nancy Angeline Van Cuyler Farr is the repressed little ward of domineering aunts, all bent on deciding her thoughts and actions for her. One of the many exciting scenes takes place near the end of the first act as Nancy Ann, failing to convince her aunts of her dramatic ability, slips out the window as the guests for her reception are coming in the door.

In the second act, having traded her ball-gown for an absurdly ill-fitting street costume, she calls on the actor-manager whom she has long admired from afar. Instead of offering her a part on the stage, the manager calls the police.

There are several doubting moments for Nancy Ann in the third act; however, through her cleverness she carries out her purpose in being the leading lady-for-life.

Besides the two leading roles the play offers excellent character parts in the four aunts, their colored butler, the press agent, the detective and the chorus girls.

FAREWELL TO M. H. S.

(A farewell by Lucille Cole.)
 M. H. S., the parting moment has come—the moment when your and my relationship must cease to exist; a sad moment, I must confess, but a moment that has been destined years and

years heretofore. Yes, it was very obvious that you and I must say farewell, when I came into the ring of pursuing an education. However, how sad our parting is! It is true, is it not, that I have received my due portion of your beneficent offerings? It is only just that I subside and leave a vacancy for those who have not experienced, nor learned to appreciate, your existence.

M. H. S., you have been a true pal to me. You have listened patiently to all my whimperings and grumblings about hard lessons and terrible teachers, and still you refrained from repeating those uncalled-for and silly chatterings. You have taken all the names (sometimes mild, oftentimes otherwise) that I have seen fit to bestow upon you, and you have never in all our association answered back, "You're another!" You have known all my secrets, all my joys, and all my heartaches; and it seems to me you always looked on me with a true and understanding eye. Your southern study hall has afforded me a foundation for my reveries and air-castles; and your class-rooms, humble yet dignified, have served as nooks for me to prepare a higher education in institutions known as your brothers and sisters.

It is utterly unthinkable, M. H. S. to try to tell you all the good deeds you have done for me. Then I will linger long enough in your presence and memory to hope that the paths of your pupils will always tend upward to higher goals and loftier ideals.

KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

Hilda Rister.
 Hilda Rister was born at Handley, Texas, on March 6, 1911. She began her education at View and later went to school at Midway and Comper, and five years ago she started to Merkel, where she has been attending ever since. During her years in school she has made many friends and has kept them. During her Junior year she was a member of the L. O. V. E. club and this year she is a member of the B. B. G. club. Her quiet and unassuming manner has gained for her the good will and respect of the entire student body and faculty. Her quiet ways will be missed next year in M. H. S., but she will probably be making and keeping new friends.

Willie Mae Schwartz.
 Willie Mae was born in Clay county June 16, 1912. Her school career started when she was eight. During eleven terms she has attended ten schools, namely: Mexia, Ranger,

Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Fort Worth, Dallas, Abilene, Olden and Merkel. She enrolled in M. H. S. as a Junior after Christmas in 1928.

During her Junior year she was a very active member of the L. O. V. E. club and the B. B. G. club in her Senior year. She has also been a member of the Choral club, Pep Squad and Dramatic club.

Willie Mae will always be remembered for her smiles and friendly ways. She has been an active Senior of '30 and an ever enthusiastic booster of old M. H. S. Her brunette beauty has won much admiration and secured her a nomination of the most beautiful girl in the Senior class.

THE SOPHOMORES.

On last Tuesday the Sophomores were called together for a class meeting at the chapel period.

A picnic was discussed but nothing definite was decided so we are going to have another class meeting soon and make some plans about going on a picnic this week.

Miss Sloan, our sponsor, visited the Carlsbad Cavern last week-end. Of course all of the "Sophs" plan to visit the Cavern some day.

Only three more weeks of school and the "Sophs" are one "bunch" that are going to make this last few weeks count.

PICNIC AND SWIM.

Jess Higgins entertained a number of Merkel Badgerettes Saturday at her picturesque home north of town. Horse-back riding, kodaking and games of baseball and basketball were only a few of the activities enjoyed during the day. In the afternoon the picnic was turned into a swimming party when the girls motored to Shannon's Lake. Miss Vera Baker, baseball coach, chaperoned the following players: Margarette Turner, Opal Huskey, Jess Higgins, Margaret Miller, Lona Bryan, Nell Hughes and Lena Mae Hakit.

HERE AND THERE IN M. H. S.

All the Seniors seem to have taken a new lease on life the last three weeks. First, the Senior-Junior banquet, then Mr. and Mrs. Burgess almost finished them by the wonderful party and now comes Senior day, Fri-

Postal Employee Enthusiastic About Konjola

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"I suffered for a long time with stomach trouble," said Mr. Frank E. Norman, 828 Mississippi street, Amarillo. "I had a very poor appetite and after eating I was subject to painful accumulations of gas. I was becoming very nervous and did not sleep well at night. I was troubled with constipation and found it necessary to take cathartics constantly. I was losing strength and energy and no matter what I tried in the way of medicine nothing seemed to help me. "I seemed to improve in health from the time I began taking Konjola. My appetite picked up and I was able to assimilate my food better. I did not have that tired out feeling in the morning and my work was easier and more pleasant. Constipation soon passed and cathartics were no longer necessary. After continuing the treatment for a time I realized that Konjola was the medicine I should have taken long ago. I am continuing to take Konjola and am recommending it to all my friends."

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day, May 9th, when all the dignified leaders of M. H. S. shall don their best picnic garb and venture forth to Buffalo Gap, there to forget the niceties of civilization and revert to pure fun.

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder;" if applied to the Annuals, means that when they do arrive they probably will be squeezed to death by their proud owners.

Mr. Davis, it is understood, has forsaken the spring football training program and—since the rains—intends to give swimming and diving lessons on the same field. (There is plenty of water for it.)

The ranks of the Senior class have been reduced by eight persons the past week, due to epidemics of measles and scarlet fever.

"The Last Rehearsal," which is to be presented by the Choral and Glee clubs tonight (Friday) under the direction of Miss Loyless, is worthy of the attention of every person for a radius of thirty miles.

Miss Roberta Sloan, sponsor of the Sophs, spent the week-end at Carlsbad Cavern. She left Friday afternoon and returned to Merkel Sunday afternoon. She says, "You could use

all the superlatives in the English language and still you could not justly describe this marvel of marvels."

Well, school is school again! Orion Tittle, after some days absence on account of measles has returned. He looks as handsome as ever to us, though, in spite of a little paleness.

The Seniors are getting kind-hearted, it seems, and are giving us their cards. It is getting pretty near the time when they won't be coming back to M. H. S. any more. We hate to see them go and we know we are going to miss them.

THE FISH.

Well, it won't be long now 'til some of us will no longer be known as "The Fish." However, we are sorry to say that some of us will still be floating for we can't make "the ripple." Will it be "the ripple" or "the exam?" Both, maybe, but we can't help that now, for we must cram for the examinations.

This week has witnessed the coming of a few more "fishes" to try to become Sophomores for next year.

We are glad indeed to have them and hope for them the best of luck.

The sand daunts us not for we are busy Freshmen.

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POULTRY

HATCHABILITY OF EGGS INHERITED

Low Rate Causes Heavy Losses to Industry Yearly.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
Forty per cent, or 800,000,000 of the 2,000,000,000 eggs incubated annually fail to produce live chicks, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Such a low rate of hatching at this time causes heavy losses to the industry annually. Solution of the problem is one of the important undertakings of the poultry specialists at present.

While many factors, such as breeding, feeding, and management, have an important bearing on the hatchability of the eggs produced, heredity is also a factor. It is now known that some hens lay eggs of a higher hatchability than others and that this characteristic can be transmitted from sire to daughter. In fact, the studies already made by department poultrymen indicate that strains which will produce eggs with a very high hatching power may be developed by trap nesting, pedigree hatching, and selection of hens producing a high percentage of viable chicks.

At the department's poultry experiment farm at Beltsville, Md., breeding work is being conducted to develop strains of high hatching ability. Some progress has already been made. Records of one hen with an average of 90 per cent hatchable eggs show that she has transmitted this characteristic in a large degree to her progeny. She has two daughters and seven granddaughters with records of hatchability ranging from 75 to 95 per cent, or an average of 86 per cent hatchability.

Department poultrymen are of the opinion that such records as these will prove of interest to the poultry breeder or commercial poultryman because they are evidence that a pedigree, showing number of eggs alone and no evidence of their hatchability, is greatly lacking in completeness.

Sunlight Is Important as Source of Vitamine D

Sunlight is without an equal to furnish the necessary vitamine D to laying hens, says Prof. J. E. Dougherty of the poultry husbandry division of the University of California.

While it is more valuable than any other agency, says Dougherty, the quartz mercury vapor lamp will give good results, and where sunlight is not available, it may be used.

Either sunlight or the lamp excel cod-liver oil in this respect, although where sunlight is lacking and the quartz mercury vapor lamp is not available, the cod-liver oil will be far better than nothing.

"Sunlight is cheap where it is at all available," says Professor Dougherty, "and where it is possible poultry should be exposed to the direct rays of the sun as much as possible."

Watch Shipping Days to Get Higher Hen Prices

"There is a right time to ship poultry. Shipment should be made so it will reach the market Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday according to observations by many experienced shippers. The market is often overloaded toward the end of the week, resulting in selling at reduced prices to avoid a carry-over to the next week," says W. D. Termohlen of Iowa State college.

It is also a smart plan to compare local prices with terminal market prices because, in many cases, the difference is not worth the extra costs connected with shipping.

Confining Turkeys

It is generally considered unwise to closely confine turkeys for any length of time; hence, the crate feeding method practiced in finishing chickens is not employed with turkeys. However, it is considered advisable to somewhat restrict range during the finishing period. An empty barn, shed or similar shelter with a limited yard range can serve admirably for finishing quarters if in proper sanitary condition.

Mites Eat Feathers

There are several reasons for the loss of feathers on the head and neck of a fowl, but it is usually due to the fowls themselves in scratching and breaking the feathers off with their claws. This is apparently caused by a mite, thought to be the same as that causing scaly leg, and which gets under the skin, causing irritation. Application of carbolated grease into which has been worked a little sulphur will be found helpful for this trouble.

Poultry Paralysis

Poultry paralysis is so far an incurable disease, the cause of which is unknown, says the Oregon experiment station. Where the disease is present, the station urges rigid sanitation in rearing next year's young stock as possible preventive measures. Important factors to bear in mind in this connection are brooding on concrete or wire, and removing the fowls immediately after the brooding period to land not previously used for poultry.

LIVE STOCK NEWS

HORSE BUSINESS IS COMING BACK

Breeders Have Been Timid to Resume Operations.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
Whether the horse continues to decline in numbers by reason of displacement by the motor car and tractor, or not, the horse business is due for better times in the opinion of J. O. Williams of the United States Department of Agriculture. The number of horses on the farms of the country declined in 1928 to the lowest point yet recorded, but the market stiffened or advanced. Mr. Williams points out that for several years farmers have been breeding and raising only about half as many colts as are required for replacement of the diminished number of work animals in use.

"Inferior horses of all types are a drag on the market, and undoubtedly will continue to be so," says Mr. Williams. "But the difficulty with the horse and mule situation in recent years has been largely psychological. Breeders of horses and mules have wondered whether there would ever be a recurrence in demand for work stock and have been timid about resuming breeding operations. This has resulted in the present shortage of good work and pleasure animals, a situation which promises to become much more acute within the next few years. We believe that farmers should now study their farm power situation; those who will continue to use horses and mules can now replace aging animals with young stock before an acute shortage occurs."

That farmers are beginning to realize this situation is reflected by a study the Department of Agriculture recently made of the number of stations and jacks in service in 24 states. The number of these has declined sharply in recent years, but owners in some localities reported that last year witnessed a considerable increase in the number of mares bred.

Cross-Breeding Tests at University of California

At the University of California cross-breeding with sheep tests throw light on the best rams to use.

On pure-bred Rambouillet ewes Southdown, Shropshire, Suffolk, Romney Marsh, Hampshire and Rambouillet rams were used, one ram to 20 ewes. When between four and five months old the lambs were graded.

The Southdown lambs—16 raised—weighed an average of 78.5 pounds, grading 43.75 per cent choice, with average value of \$10.03 for all. Shropshires—24 lambs—weighed 76.7 pounds, grading 41.7 per cent choice, with average value of \$10.07. Hampshires—22 lambs—weighed 76.3, grading 3 per cent choice, with average value of \$9.13. Suffolks—13 lambs—weighed 81.6 pounds, with average value of \$9.95. Romneys—19 lambs—weighed 77.5 pounds, grading 36.8 per cent choice, with average value of \$9.25. Rambouillets—21 lambs—weighed average 70.1 pounds, grading 19 per cent choice, valued at \$8.83.

The Suffolks bred the smallest number of lambs, 13, which, however, made the greatest weights, but graded only 3 per cent choice. The Southdowns also bred only 16 lambs, but made 78.5 pounds weight and the high percentage of choice grade, which put them at the top in value.

Liver Flukes in Sheep Difficult of Treatment

In most all flocks of sheep there is now and then one or perhaps several head that do not seem to thrive even though you have given them good care and feed. Most likely stomach worms is the cause combined with the flukes that are common in infested sheep. But if you have treated them with approved remedies and they do not respond favorably it is just possible that you have an entirely different parasite. Namely, what is called liver flukes. Liver flukes are entirely different from a stomach worm. They are a flat, brownish gray worm and inhabit the gall bladder and liver of sheep and sometimes there are a few in the intestines. The only known remedy for flukes is carbon tetrachloride. It is a violent poison, but properly administered seldom does any harm. The usual treatment for stomach worms does not apply for flukes, they require special dosing. Like the stomach worms, flukes come into corn belt flocks unawares, like a thief in the night. They are here and must be reckoned with in the future.

Calves on Roughage

The tendency on many farms is to winter calves on cornstalks and straw and perhaps some timothy prairie hay, sudan grass or some other nonleguminous roughage. All such roughages are deficient in protein and mineral matter as is required for normal growth and for keeping it in a thrifty condition. Quite often there is a considerable amount of cheap nonleguminous roughage on the farm and it has to be or should be used for some purpose.

Oklahoma City C of C Good Will Trippers Coming Wednesday

A loud speaker—a mechanical one in addition to several of the human kind—will be a feature of the 29th annual Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Goodwill Tour train which will visit Merkel Wednesday, May 14th at 6:55 p. m. It is definitely assured that Governor Holloway of Oklahoma and other states and city officials will accompany the party of 150 Oklahoma City business men, M. E. O'Neil, tour chairman, has announced.

"Two baggage cars will be filled with souvenirs for distribution to school children and some for grown-ups too," O'Neil said. "There will be two diners on the train and local city and chamber of commerce officials will be guests of the Oklahoma City group at dinner at each of the five night stops, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Lubbock, Altus and Clinton."

"There will be many members of the party who have nothing to sell. They are coming into southwest Oklahoma and northwest Texas because they realize this entire territory comprises a vast empire of which Oklahoma City, like all the cities along the route of the tour, is a part. They want to become better acquainted with those

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The Merkel Mail

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson honored Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa and Ewell Bone of Abilene at their home last Tuesday with a "42" and "84" party. Mrs. Beckham favored the guests with songs on her guitar, after which a delectable plate of pineapple sherbert, angel food cake and iced grape juice was served to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and son, Ewell Bone, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Dorothy Joe and Willa Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry, Jean and H. B. C. C. Stribling, Miss Virgie Strawn, Mrs. O. L. Reaves, Mrs. Buena McLeod, Hubert and Helen, and the host and hostess.

Last Thursday Mrs. Jimmie Abbott honored the T. E. L. class with a lovely social at her home, which was carried out in the colors of red and white roses. After two very interesting flower contests, a lovely plate was served to Mesdames Brown, Woods, McLeod, Dingle, Massey, Howell, Edwards, Scott, Williamson, Roberts, Abbott, Misses Fannie Aldridge, Viola Smith and Bernadean Duncan.

Miss Rosalie Sorelle was the honoree of a gay party at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. G. Hamner on Wednesday afternoon, it being the occasion of her thirteenth birthday. After many delightful games, the guests participated in a treasure hunt which ended in finding a jar of delicious home-made candy. A program of several readings, given by Misses Sarah Julia Johnson, Gladys Hamner and Rosalie Sorelle, added to the merriment. The surprise of the afternoon was a May pole birthday cake tinted a delicate green as the centerpiece on the dining table, which was covered with a handsome filet cloth. In the center of the cake stood a glistening stick of candy; thirteen small kewpies dressed in crepe paper in delicate spring colors were arranged around the cake for the May pole dancers; tiny streamers extended from the May pole to each kewpie, the latter being given to the guests as favors. Punch was served in green-footed glasses reflecting the color scheme of green and white, to Misses Gladys Hamner, Sarah Johnson, Julia Johnson, Doreen Scott, Lillian Grace Reeves, Natalie Walker, Lena Bright, Marjory Adrian, Joe Ella McLeod, Mildred Steadman, Ida V. Estep. Out-of-town guests were Misses Sallie Lee and Beatrice Anderson, Mrs. A. C. Anderson, Sweetwater, and Mesdames E. K. Sorelle and W. E. Hamner and the hostess.

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church of Sweetwater rendered a program here Sunday evening at the Baptist church. Messrs. C. T. Beckham and Ewell Bone attended the workers council at Lueders Tuesday. Miss Mattie Scott of Abilene spent the week-end with homefolks. Mrs. Ewell Ruthford of Tuxedo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith. Miss Ethel Alexander, who has been teaching near Roscoe, is spending several days with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Hale, and friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene spent the day here Tuesday. Mrs. John H. Kegan of Clyde is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kegan. W. J. Beckham of Lamesa spent several days in Fort Worth this week, while Mrs. Beckham and little son visited here in the home of C. T. Beckham. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rollahan were called to Stamford last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Rollahan's sister. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill are announcing the arrival of a nine pound girl May 3rd. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Rado Archer and son, Junior, were week-end guests of Mrs. Carlton McLeod of Abilene. Mrs. Dick Patton of Abilene and Miss Odonia Smith of Lamesa were guests of Mrs. O. L. Bishop Wednesday. Steve Payne left Wednesday for Wichita Falls where he will be employed by the Cosby Gin company. While he is away, J. P. Stevens will have charge of the Acme Tailoring shop. Ewell Bone of Abilene is spending sometime visiting C. T. Beckham and family. Walker Steadman, who has been at work in New Mexico, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Reeves entertained quite a crowd of young folks with a party Saturday night. Lawrence Dowdy has returned home after being away for sometime.

CHURCH NOTES.

A large crowd enjoyed the children's service held at the Methodist church Sunday night. The program was opened with the congregation singing two

hymns, followed by prayer led by Rev. U. S. Sherrill.

Greetings were said by Helga Beasley. Doris Margaret Stein then sang a pleasing solo and Virginia Clo McRea entertained the audience with a reading. Five children gave missionary pieces entitled "Is it Nothing to You?" closing it with a course "Far in Heathen Lands."

The closing number was an impressive pageant "Mother Nature's Children," in which Doreen Scott very gracefully played the part of the fairy. Flower girls and brown bulbs represented by both boys and girls depicted the spring flowers in a most elaborate fashion. Finale for this was a chorus by the entire group, accompanied by Mrs. Algie Steen, "The Daisies' Way," directed by Mrs. John Payne. The closing prayer was led by Lee Keyes.

A Mothers' Day program will be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, with Mesdames Mangum, Hale, McRee and C. R. Shannon in charge.

Sunday, May 18 will be observed as Golden Cross Sunday. Brother Sherrill will have charge of the 11 o'clock service, using the Golden Cross as a general theme. At the evening hour a play "nasmuch" will be presented, directed by Mrs. John R. Payne. Characters are to be announced later.

Members of the church are studying a book "The Small Sunday School and its Works," taught by the pastor. They met in a joint session with the missionary society Monday at 2 o'clock. This book is a requirement of church leadership and is in order of the general board; therefore, the officers and teachers are especially urged to take it.

Brother Sherrill is holding a revival at Noodle. Brother R. E. L. Stutts filled the pulpit at that charge Saturday night and Sunday, due to the pastor's inability to go on account of the Children's Day program.

"MOTHERS' DAY" PROGRAM.
The following is the program for "Mothers' Day," to be rendered by the B. Y. P. U. at 7:30 at the Baptist church:
Song, "Home, Sweet Home."
Prayer, president.
Reading, Billie Joe Bowers.
Special song, Seniors.
Reading, Helen McLeod.
Duet, A. C. Terry and Mark Williamson.
Essay on "Mother," Helen Bright.
Quartet, adult B. Y. P. U.
Reading, Mark Williamson.
Play, "Proving our Love by our Lives," Juniors.
Solo, Ewell Bone.

Fox Jumps From Tree And Bites Man's Arm

Italy, Texas, May 8.—John Barr, farmer and sportsman of this section, is nursing a badly lacerated arm, the result of being bitten by a fox in the woods west of Italy. In company with other fox hunters, Barr had been enjoying a chase when the fox, being too closely pursued by the hounds, sought refuge in a tree, and it was while the hunters were endeavoring to dislodge the fox that the animal sprang from the tree into the arms of Mr. Barr. In the embrace which followed the infuriated animal buried his teeth deep into the arm of Mr. Barr, who lost no time in releasing him. The injured man, after receiving first-aid treatment, is suffering no great inconvenience from his experience.

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Candidate Special Election May 20th From 17th District



Mrs. Robert Quincy Lee, pictured above, wife of the late congressman, is a candidate for congress for the unexpired term to be filled by special election May 20.

Mrs. Lee was born in Wall Hill, Mississippi, April 15, 1883, the daughter of William Edward Lee and Claudie Rodgers Lee, and was educated in Memphis, Tenn., public schools and Blue Mountain Female College of Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Moving to Texas in 1902 as the bride of the late Hon. R. Q. Lee, she lived in Caddo, Stephens county, until 1913 at which time the family moved to Cisco, Eastland county, and has since that time lived continuously in Cisco. She is the mother of five children.

Mrs. Lee has been an active member of the Baptist church since early girlhood, having served as president of the local Woman's Missionary society at Cisco, as district president and state chairman of education of the Texas Baptist General convention, has always taken an active part in all local civic and political affairs, served as treasurer of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs for a period of two years and as parliamentarian for two years.

Mrs. Lee is now vice-chairman of the resolutions committee of the General Federation of Women's clubs. During her late husband's service as president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, she drove with him 10,000 miles, assisting him in his program for the development of diversified farming in West Texas.

Have you joined the Boston Bargain Store's Step Ladder Brigade?

BLAIR 2, TYE 1

In a fast game of baseball on the Blair diamond last Friday, Blair High defeated Tye High by a score of 2 to 1. The game was called at the end of the sixth inning on account of rain.

The feature of the game was the pitching of Palmer of the Blair team who allowed but two clean hits and secured eleven strike-outs in the six innings, the only score off of him being unearned. Palmer also got two hits out of three times at bat.

The Blair boys are indebted to the merchants of Merkel, Blair and Trent for some nice uniforms and express their thanks to these firms for their generosity and hearty cooperation.

The firms contributing uniforms were: Merkel Bakery, Barrow Furniture company, Farmers State bank, Crown Hardware company, Merkel Lumber company, C. H. Jones of Magnolia Petroleum company, Farmers and Merchants National bank, Merkel Drug company, Max Mellinger, Liberty Hardware company, Drs. Grimes and Sadler, Pat Addison of Blair, E. E. Holt Oil Co., Trent, Planters Gin Co. of Blair and Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet Co., Merkel.

The Blair High School team has played ten games and has won nine of them. Practically every man will be back for next year's team.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

You can relieve the housewife of all of the worries of washday, also ironing days, if you will let us do your laundry work. Just call Phone 294J—we will call for and deliver. We are proud of our work. It stands inspection. We have pleased hundreds of Merkel people. Give us a trial. We also make a specialty of week-end rush jobs.

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CARD OF THANKS.

In returning to our homes in far away Mississippi we wish to express to the kind people of Merkel our heartfelt appreciation for the many kind acts and for the sympathy shown us in the death of our dear father. May God Bless you, one and all, is our prayer.

Mrs. S. T. Lyles.
Mrs. Virgie Tarver.

BANK NOTICE.

Beginning Saturday, May 10, 1930, and continuing until further notice, the undersigned banks will close at 12 o'clock on Saturdays. No business will be transacted Saturday afternoon.
FARMERS STATE BANK.
F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.



OUR HOMAGE TO MOTHER

THE National observance of Mothers' Day each year brings to us a fresh realization of what we owe to Mother. This bank is indeed glad to pay homage where homage is due.

One of our ambitions is to inspire boys and girls to repay part of their Mother's loyalty and devotion by developing habits of thriftiness. This will help their lives to be a monument to her ideals.

THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas

NOTICE TO

FARMERS

MY BLACKSMITHING PRICES ARE

Any Size Big Sweep, each	25c
8-Inch Cultivator Sweep, per pair	15c
10-Inch Cultivator Sweep, per pair	20c
12-Inch Cultivator Sweep, per pair	25c
14-Inch Cultivator Sweep, per pair	30c
Davis Blades, per pair	\$1.50

CITIES SERVICE GASOLINE

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AMERICAN ANTI-NOX RED GASOLINE

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OIL, per Quart 20c and 25c

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FLOUR, Extra High, guaranteed, 48's	\$1.50
FLOUR, Extra High, guaranteed, 24's	80c
SPUDS, new crop, No. 1	6c
BEANS, fresh and crisp, lb.	11 1-2c
BANANAS, nice yellow fruit, doz	22c
COFFEE, Chase & Sanborn's, dated and sealed, lb.	43c
PEACHES, Gold Bar, 2 1-2, can	25c
KRAUT, Kuners, No. 2 1-2, can	17c
CRACKERS, Nationals, 3 lb. box	40c
GRAPE FRUIT, Daintie Bits, 20 oz. can	20c
COCOANUT, Dromedary, 1-4 lb.	12c
BACON, dry salt, Northern cure, lb.	19c
BACON, sugar cured, none better, lb.	22c
COFFEE, Wamba, 3 lb. can, with bowl and 1-4 can tea free	\$1.35

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