

West Texas Counties Looking Forward Into 1931 With Optimism

Abilene, April 2.—The 48 West Texas and Panhandle counties served by the West Texas Utilities company look forward into 1931 with optimism, according to a survey made available from the offices of the company here. The report points out that prospects for agricultural, ranching, and general business prosperity have not been so bright in several years.

Abundant rainfall throughout the late fall and winter of 1930 and into the first months of 1931 has put a splendid "season" in the ground and with but slight spring and summer precipitation, all crops will have ample moisture for successful and profitable maturation.

Small grain, planted during the late fall of 1930, is up and gives every indication of an unusually large crop. It has been estimated that the 1931 grain production of West Texas will be increased over normal by approximately thirty per cent. Acreage sowed has been greatly increased over former years and yield per acre should be substantially higher.

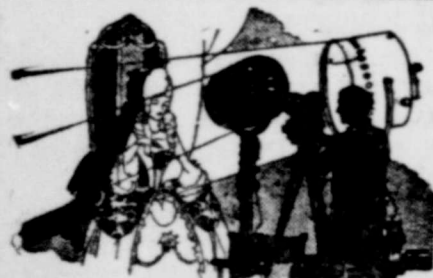
Cotton and other crops have not as yet been planted, although this work is going forward throughout the territory served by the company at the present time.

Cattle and sheep ranchers are especially fortunate in having fine pasturage. Grass is heavy and high, and favorable market conditions will insure a prosperous year for the ranching industry.

General business conditions have experienced a slight improvement, according to reports from throughout the properties, and it is expected that the next sixty or ninety days will produce increasing volume for wholesale, retail and jobbing houses throughout the territory.

The report points out that considerable unemployment, lack of collateral for negotiating loans, and the poor condition of oil markets are the principal deterrents to improved conditions at the present time. It is felt that approaching harvest, resumption of oil activities, and the anticipated large crops will have a stabilizing effect on West Texas commerce and industry in the near future.

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makes a property-wide survey of general agricultural, ranching and business conditions every thirty days. Covering a section some 45,000 square miles in area, this survey gives a composite picture of the estimated conditions in the territory served by the company.

Amos 'n' Andy Humor is "Purely American"

New York, April 2.—Because their work is "purely American," Amos 'n' Andy, otherwise Freeman F. Gosden and Charles J. Correll, are nominated for an American academy of humor along with stellar personages of the literary world.

The nomination, as well as the proposal for such an academy, is made by Thomas L. Masson, in his book "Our American Humorists."

Robbers Go to School But Not for Learning

Chicago, April 2.—Three men went to school here for one day, but not to learn anything.

They held up the principal, Mrs. Mary Rodgers; Edward O'Neill, the engineer, and Miss Gertrude Natti, escaping with more than \$2000 in jewelry and cash, doing the holdup so quietly that the pupils were unaware of it until afterwards.

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Officials Join In Working for Pecan Industry

Austin, April 2.—State and federal agencies have joined forces to work for improvement of the pecan industry in Texas, according to J. H. Burkett, in charge of pecan work in the state department of agriculture.

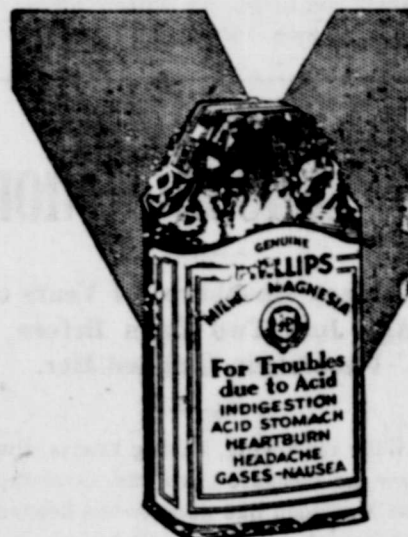
Burkett announced that as a result of conferences with Dr. H. P. Traub, in charge of the federal department of agriculture's pecan experiment station here, it was planned to coordinate the work of these two agencies as far as possible.

The principal problems awaiting solution, according to the state chief, are standardization of varieties, selection of varieties to meet requirements of Texas varied soil conditions, and rules governing pecan root stock.

Dr. Traub expressed the opinion that sufficient data had been collected to recommend a few standard varieties to Texas growers, in order to standardize the state's production of pecans. Burkett is the sponsor of one of the leading varieties, which is named for him.

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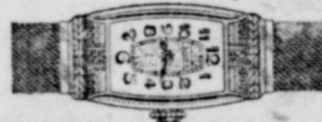
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Auto Deaths in U. S. Exceed War's Toll

Trenton, N. J., April 2.—Automobile deaths in the United States during the past 18 months totaled 50,900, a report issued by the state traffic commission shows.

As a comparison the report said the number exceeded the American death toll of the World War in which 50,510 were killed or died of wounds during 18 months.

In New Jersey, 1,251 persons were killed by automobiles in the last 18 months. Last February 72 were killed, as compared with 89 in February last year.

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Condensed Statement of Condition of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

At Close of Business March 25, 1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$254,730.16
Overdrafts	551.63
Real Estate on Hand	12,274.10
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	\$ 24,300.00
Cash & Sight Exchg.	110,224.68
AVAILABLE CASH	134,524.68
Total	\$417,143.07

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Und. Profits	30,708.80
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	330,184.27
Total	\$417,143.07

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11:40 pm	2:50 pm	7:10 am	Lv. Shreveport	Ar. 10:25 pm	3:00 pm
7:40 am	9:10 pm	12:30 pm	Lv. Dallas	Ar. 2:20 pm	8:30 am
9:15 am	10:20 pm	1:55 pm	Lv. Ft. Worth	Ar. 1:15 pm	7:00 am
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TELEPHONE No. 61
Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

Four trustees for the Merkel Independent School district are to be elected at the regular annual election to be held at the city hall Saturday, April 4. George W. Boyce is election judge. The four present incumbents are offering for re-election: S. D. Gamble, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson and C. R. Tittle, and no other names have been mentioned.

A mayor, two aldermen and a city secretary and tax assessor and collector ex-officio are to be elected at the annual city election next Tuesday, April 7. W. M. Elliott is the only candidate for the office of mayor, while three are in the aldermanic race: A. T. Sheppard for re-election, Len Sublett and L. L. Murray. Miss Pauline Johnson, present city secretary, is being opposed by Mrs. Floyd Dowell. George W. Boyce is to be election judge.

Wednesday noted the opening of Mac's Cafe at the same location on Kent street where the Fowlers formerly operated a cafe by the same name for so long. New fixtures have been installed and everything is new and first class.

A crew of painters has been busy the past few days on the walls of the Farmers State bank building and the exterior shows a brand new dress. Spring-time is usually marked by considerable clean-up and paint-up work.

The work of replacing the two storage tanks and warehouse and office of the Sinclair Refining Co. on Front street, which were destroyed by fire two weeks ago, is just about completed. This makes a decided improvement on this part of Front street.

That Merkel Mail want ads are read in New Mexico was brought to the attention of Bob Hicks this week when he received an order for two settings of Dark Cornish game eggs from Ochoa, N. M. The lost and found column has also been productive lately, resulting just last week in the finding of a fountain pen by E. L. Turner, Jr., and of a lost puppy by the little son of Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

The announcement was made this week by L. B. Scott that he has formed a connection with the Jesse Scott Realty company of Abilene, but much to the delight of the many friends of Mr. Scott and his wife and family they will continue to make their residence here.

A belated blizzard visited this section the latter part of last week, driving the thermometer down to 19 degrees last Friday morning, the coldest it had been in this section for the last week in March in 45 years, the records show, and a second cold spell arrived Monday night. The coldest registered during the latter spell was 28 degrees on Tuesday morning.

O. C. B. Gospel Singers.
The O. C. B. Gospel Singers broadcast every Friday evening from 8 to 9:30 over KFYO, Abilene, and those who want to hear some real gospel singing are invited to tune in at that hour.

WITH SCOTT REALTY CO.
That my friends in the Merkel and adjoining territory may know, I am making this formal announcement that I have become associated with the Jesse Scott Realty Company of Abilene, a firm of some fifteen years standing now located at 128 Cedar Street, Abilene.

We have extensive listings of farms, ranches and city property for sale or trade. Your listings will be appreciated and every effort will be put forth to give you wants personal, careful consideration.

L. B. Scott.

CARD OF THANKS.

While we know that such gratitude service yields its own reward, nevertheless we beg to offer our grief-laden thanks to all the dear friends and neighbors for their constant sympathy and unwavering assistance throughout our recent affliction and bereavement. Such loving help we can never hope to re-afford to forget.
One, the Brutsche and Wiley Families.

CHURCHES

WEEKLY SERMONETTE.

"Do you recall the days of your childhood with its innocence and sincerity?" inquires Rev. E. L. Yeats in this week's sermonette on "The Flaming Sword," as he compares the happy days of youth, which he calls the "Eden of childhood," to the time when "we grew out of our simplicity" and "lost the garden of Eden." The story of Eden is given new significance in the discussion that follows: "The Flaming Sword."

"And so he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden . . . a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."—Genesis 3:24.

The story of the garden of Eden is a charming story, and whoever wrote it had both brains and inspiration.

Eden is an inherited something. It is in our blood. Instinctively every son of Adam carries about an Eden in his breast. We, all of us, believe a better day is coming. None of us is satisfied with conditions as they now exist. That inborn belief that a better day is coming is the Eden that we carry about with us in our hearts.

Life would be unbearable if we thought conditions would never be better, and better days would never come. When we are tired of things as they now are we pull back the curtains of our minds and gaze upon our Eden—the perfect day of the future, which is deep seated in the heart of the human race.

We have been driven out of several Edens. Do you recall the days of your childhood with its innocence and sincerity? You loved everybody and thought everybody loved you. Everything was new and charming and in your heart the spirit of gladness prevailed. The memory of it all is still dear to us. The old path to the well, the stream near by, the bathing pool, the old home itself and the inmates.

But we grew out of our simplicity and learned that men were craving, eager, straining, covetous and sometimes hateful. Thus we have lost the Eden of our childhood, and though we sigh for it again, we are forever driven from it by the very laws of life.

Or who does not sigh for the Eden of his school days. Though it was an unsightly, shack and the course of study was crude and the one teacher of the educational institution was rushed for time, it was a sad day when we were forced to turn our backs upon it all, never to return.

Eden is a state of the heart. It is that beautiful, satisfying something that the world ever searches for. The east denies possession of it and the west answers back "It is not in me." Yet men have found it in their own country, their own homes and in their own hearts. Do you recall that it was when Adam sinned that he was driven from his Eden? Likewise every man when first he deliberately turns his back on God and chooses to transgress the known path of righteousness, is driven from his Eden. The sweetest garden on earth is the Eden of a clean conscience, a pure heart and a worshipful spirit. When we lose that we have lost life's dearest Eden and a flaming sword ever forbids our return. When a man loses his manliness, or when a woman loses her womanliness, life's dearest flowers fade and life's joys are mocked with pollution.

This story of the Christ and the row. It is daily flashed before our eyes in the headlines of the newspapers. It is obviously noted on the faces of many we met. Humanity is still being driven from their Eden of purity and loveliness and the shame of it is noted on the very face of an unnumbered host today. This story is so modern that it seems impossible that it could have been written thousands of years ago.

The story of the Christ and the cross is the story of how one may regain his lost Eden and come back to his Father's house. You recall it was the man that was removed, not the garden. Eden still exists. There is an Eden of purity and cleanliness for every man. "Return ye, return ye for why will ye die" is the call of the Christ.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
Again Sunday a large number of men turned out for the Men's Prayer Service, the meeting last Sunday having been held at the Presbyterian church with Herbert Patterson as leader. It is the plan of the organization to continue their meetings regularly right on through the Union Revival and next Sunday the meeting will be held at the Nazarene church, Joe Ridinger is to be the leader and

SPECIAL PROGRAM OF EASTER MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AT UNION REVIVAL.

The second week of the Union Revival, sponsored by the men of the Men's Prayer Service, with the cooperation of the churches of the city, has been marked by many evidences of renewed pledges on the part of church members to lead more zealous Christian lives so that their example may shine forth to lead others to the way of the Cross. The pastors of the local churches are doing the preaching.

At both Sunday services, the Presbyterian church where the services are being held was taxed to its capacity and large numbers have been present at the evening services all the week. The attendance at the morning hour is most gratifying and the resultant moral awakening that is being experienced in the city as the outcome of the city-wide revival is made more manifest each day.

For the morning service next Sunday a prepared program of Easter music is to be given, while at the Sunday evening service an all-male choir will be the feature. A special number is to be given at that time by the Men's chorus.

In connection with the Sunday night service it is especially urged that all of the men who have been practicing with the Men's chorus be present to assist in the choir.

On Friday night A. J. Tucker is to sing a solo and Delmer's Quartette will furnish the special for Saturday night.

The lesson will be the first 7 verses of the 16th chapter of Mark.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday lacked only 6 of reaching the high point for 1931, there being 815 present last Sunday, as compared with 821 on the previous Sunday. The Baptist Sunday School had the largest number present with 319, while there were 313 present at the Methodist Sunday School. The registers of the other three Sunday Schools showed: Presbyterian, 84; Church of Christ, 84, and Nazarene, 15.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The Sunday School is a very important part of the program of the church. An opportunity will be offered for church membership at the close of the Sunday School. Offering for Reynolds Home.

Preaching services for the revival at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The revival meeting continues with good interest. This revival, thus far, has been a great feast and blessing to those attending. The average morning attendance has been from 65 to 80. Sunday evening 430 people found seats in the church and entered heartily into the service.

We give enthusiastic welcome to our new members: Mr. Thomas Durham, Mrs. Thomas Durham, Miss Nell Durham and Neal Durham.

Sunday School attendance is good but with the coming of spring and the rise of temperature let us have a raise in attendance.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song No. 271.
Prayer.
Song No. 326.
Leader, Stanley Toombs.
Scripture, by leader.
Bible story, Marvin Hunter.
Bible story, Edna Marie Moore.
Song No. 440.
Bible story, Willie B. Toombs.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother Forest Waldrip of A. C. C., Abilene will be with us next Lord's Day and preach morning and evening hours. You have a cordial invitation to hear him on these hours.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., preaching and communion services 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program 6:30 p. m., preaching 7:30 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and prayer service and Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Because of sickness and bad weather, we failed to get the picture of our Sunday School for our coming con-

MATTERS MUSICAL

Easter music will be featured in all churches Sunday morning. A special Easter program has been prepared by the Presbyterian choir, including anthems, duets and solos. Easter specials will also be sung at the Baptist church.

Maurine Pannell will broadcast a program over KFYO Thursday evening from 8:30 to 9:00. Christine Collins will be accompanist.

Please let every member of every class be present Sunday morning. This is our last opportunity.

We will have a very appropriate and interesting Easter sermon at 11 a. m. Our young people will have a special Easter program at 6:30 p. m. Visitors specially welcomed.

No preaching at evening hour on account of revival.
J. T. King, Pastor.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "On the Damascus Road."
"A Leader of the Jews," Murphy Dye.
"Jesus Appeals to Saul," Herman Carson.
"Saul is Converted," Dana Derstine.
"Saul Goes into Damascus," Frances Owen.
"A Vision Appears to Ananias," J. A. Barrett.
"Saul Receives His Signs," Neely Tittle.
"Saul Himself is Persecuted," Joe Glynn Wells.

POST SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Song by Quartette.
Devotional, Mrs. Largent.
"The Objective of Friendliness," Miss Tracy.
"The Objective of Brotherhood," Capt. Nixon.
"The Objective of Neighborliness," Mr. Largent.
"The Objective of Citizenship," Miss Heizer.
"The Objective of Service," Mrs. Booth.

B. A. U. PROGRAM.

Leader, Mrs. R. H. Matthews.
First part, Mrs. F. A. Polley.
Second part, Mrs. W. R. Conder.
Third part, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.
Fourth part, Mrs. J. M. Meeks.
Fifth part, Mr. Childress.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The attendance was small last Sun-

day. There were only 15 present for Sunday School.

We did not have the regular services at the church on account of the Union meeting that is in progress at the Presbyterian church.

We have Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 a. m. You are invited to attend.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

Burgess Honored

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junior high schools and C. W. Beigman, Beaumont, representing municipal junior colleges.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

Story of Heroism

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brother, Orlo, was freezing. I gave him all my clothes except my underwear.

"After a while I was so weak and exhausted I couldn't keep awake. I laid down in the pile with the rest of them and started to doze. I was not discouraged, but so weak I couldn't do a thing. I don't remember anything after that until I woke up some time this morning near a stove in Mr. Reinert's house."

Will Preach at Trent.

W. G. Cyper will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ at Trent next Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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CRACKERS, Milk and Honey Grahma, 2 lbs.	25c
CAKES, fig bars, 2 lbs.	25c
STRAWBERRIES, fresh, 2 boxes	35c
BEANS, fresh, 2 lbs.	35c
LETTUCE, per head	5c
APPLES, per dozen	15c
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Funeral rites were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Christian Church at Trent for Mrs. Walter Brutsche, age 33, who died at Kerrville Saturday. Brother Cybert of Merkel officiated, with interment at the Trent cemetery. Death came to Donna, as we like to call her, after an illness of a year. All that loving hands could do was done to restore her to her health, but God in His wisdom saw fit to take her home to Him.

In her going the church loses a staunch member, the community a useful citizen, the brother and sisters a beloved sister, the father a loving daughter, the husband a true and faithful wife, and the three little babies, June, Leo and Joy, a kind and loving mother.

Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral were: Miss Opal Nalley, Dublin; Mr. Bill Nalley, Iraan; Mr. J. L. Nalley, Mission; Mrs. Charles Brutsche, Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Clement and three children, Dublin; Mrs. Hitchcock and son, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dowdy, Abilene, Nathan Wood, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford, Abilene.

Funeral bearers were: Carl Murdock, Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, A. C. Terry, J. E. Bowers and Bert McRee.

Mrs. O. W. Shelton of Abilene was here Friday on business matters.

Messrs. Hardie and Lawrence Murdock of Dallas visited relatives here last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Fannie Bell Welch of Sweetwater was a recent guest in the home of Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep have returned from Kilgore to make their home.

John Quattlebaum and son, Bill, of Little Rock, Ark., were recent guests of Messrs. Ben and Leonard Quattlebaum.

Mrs. Clark Hamner and little son are visiting Messames Titsworth and Armour of Rankin.

W. L. Cooper of McCamey was the guest of Miss Florence Sherman last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and daughter, Elizabeth, and little son, J. E. were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh.

Carlton McLeod of Abilene was shaking hands with friends here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of Lamesa are moving back to our community.

M. E. REVIVAL.

The Methodist revival opened at the 11 o'clock service last Sunday with a large attendance and the crowd was even larger at the evening hour. Rev. Mr. Morton of Abilene is doing the preaching and the sermon preached by him Sunday morning from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah was indeed soul-stirring. Everyone is urged to come and help. Preaching each morning at 10 o'clock and 7:30 in the evening hour.

SCHOOL NEWS.

(Furnished by Superintendent Ross B. Jenkins.)

Trent won the Interscholastic meet in class B Schools with 117 points, the runner-up, Potosi, making 105. (This is on a recount Sunday by W. C. McKinsey and Ross B. Jenkins, superintendents of Potosi and Trent, respectively.)

Trent winners were as follows: John Hamner, first in tennis singles; girls volley ball team, second; Mediah Rawlings, first in senior girls declamation; Oscar Lee Reaves, third in senior boys declamation; W. E. Hale, third in boys extemporaneous speaking; Harold Terry, second in junior boys declamation.

Music memory, Rosa Lee So-Relle and Elizabeth Winn, second; sub-junior spelling, Lucille Howell and Mark Williamson, second.

Trent won second in junior boys track with 15 points. Trent won the senior track meet with 76 points to 44 for nearest opponent.

The track team won as follows: John Hamner was high point man with 23 points. He pointed on 100 yard dash, first; discus, first; javelin, first; broad jump, first, and shot put second.

Dowdy was next man in meet with 22 points. He won first in high hurdles, first in pole vault, second in discus. Murdock scored 10 points with first in 220 yard dash, second in low hurdles and third in 100 yard dash.

Hale won 11 points, first in low hurdles and second in 440 yard dash, second in high hurdles.

Howell won first in mile and third in low hurdles; Orand won second in

220 yard dash and Bishop won fourth in pole vault.

We started training on track the first week after Christmas. We took up school each morning at 8:45 and gave the boys and girls fifteen minutes intensive running and volley ball practice. This has given the stamina that is so much needed on track; also we have attended four invitational track meets, which gave plenty of competition, so the boys were not excited when they faced competition. We believe this kind of training will win year by year; so long as we train the track and field events, our boys and girls will have splendid health and added vigor to make better grades and that is the real end sought.

BLAIR ITEMS

Cold weather, did you say, Oh, my. Mrs. Mae Horton and sons, J. C. and Monroe, of Wichita Falls, who visited her mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives, for the week-end, returned home Sunday. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Hugh Campbell, who will remain several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Carns and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of Noodle Dome visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes, over the week-end.

Mrs. John Meeks has been with her daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Patterson, who has been sick for several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley James are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. The little lady weighs nine pounds, we have heard.

J. W. Mayfield, Hugh Campbell and Johnnie Latimer are doing jury service this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer have been attending the bedside of their nephew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer of White Church, who is real sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell and sons, Kenneth and Jimmie, Jr., visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, at Snyder Sunday.

A play will be presented at the Blair schoolhouse Friday night, put on by the Denton community in Callahan county. Admission ten cents.

Texas has three counties showing population increases of more than 5,000 per cent in the 1920-30 decade: Winkler 8,775.3 per cent; Hockley 6,686.9 and Crane 5,902.7.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

DORA DOINGS

Freezing weather is regular for the last several days. We told you the ground hog never saw his shadow when he came out.

Cupid shot his darts this way twice last week-end when Robert Oliver and Elizabeth Martin were married, also Clyde Magee and Doris Jones. The latter were married at the Methodist parsonage Saturday evening.

Ivy Tyrone of Eastland is visiting his brother, Pete, and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Sanders announce the arrival of a girl at their home on the twenty-fourth.

O. Z. and Waldo Porter made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Brother Hibbert preached at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Everyone that was sick is improving nicely at this writing.

(Received too late for last week.)

Here we are enjoying real West Texas weather with a few rain flurries thrown in for good measure.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregg announce the arrival of Bobbie Wayne. Mother and baby both doing nicely at this writing.

Several of the citizens have been seen looking up the hook and line and are talking of going fishing when the signs get right.

E. P. Perry and family visited old friends on Bitter creek Sunday.

F. A. Magee and Pete Tyrone are the proud owners of new International trucks.

Work is progressing nicely on the basement for the new school building. With another store house, two new dwellings and two wells being drilled, our new school site takes on a town look.

We are glad to report Jack Knuckles recovering from a severe attack of diphtheria.

Dorothy Phillips of Sweetwater spent the week-end here with home folks.

Mrs. G. T. Rogers entertained the "42" players Saturday night with eight playing.

Mrs. F. A. Magee has returned home after several days' visit with her parents in Clyde.

O. Z. Porter returned home last week after a three months' stay in California.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Oliver visited in San Angelo Sunday.

Brother Ike Hayhurst preached at the Divide Sunday night to a large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Holland and daughters visited in Shep Saturday and Sunday.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

We are glad to report that Mr. Bill Cox and daughter, Miss Genevieve, have improved very nicely in the past week.

Alva Peterson from Merkel spent the last week-end with Hester Ashcraft.

Plans have been made for the play, "Poor Father," Friday, April 10.

Mr. G. W. Hughes and sisters, Misses Isla Maye and Lou Ella, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson and son, Pet, motored to Abilene Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky motored to Abilene Monday evening.

An egg hunt is to be held at Castle Peak school Friday evening; then a ball game is to follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky spent last week-end at Bronte.

Miss Modenia Whiteaker spent last week-end with home folks at Dora.

Cleo Henley spent Sunday with Marie and Connie Rogers at Mt. Pleasant.

Entertain Goodman High Boys and Girls

On Thursday, March 19, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McGriff entertained the Goodman High school boys and girls with a "42" party. Following enjoyable games, refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Opal Williams, Bessie Jones, Beryl Brown, Agnes Williams, Audrey Phillips, Anna Williams, Thelma Brown, Lora Hail, Ruth Williams, Ora Hail, Daisy Brown and Messrs. Gerald Tiner, Algie Hail, Dick Bailey, Earnest Hail, Odell Pomroy, I. J. Hail, Melvin Jones, Raymond McAdams, Melton Brown, Morris Phillips, Lindsey Cox, Clyde Brown, Austin Cooper.

They all expressed themselves as having had a most pleasant evening.

One spot in the Pacific, forty miles east of the Philippine Islands, is the deepest part of the sea yet sounded. The depth recorded there was about 5,900 fathoms, or seven miles. The deepest spot in the Atlantic is off Porto Rico, where 55,228 fathoms were registered.

Caldwell Is Indicted. Nashville, Tenn., April 2.—Rogers Caldwell, president of Caldwell & Company, investment banking house now in receivership, was indicted Friday by the Davidson county grand jury on two charges of receiving deposits in an insolvent bank.

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**To Attend Convention
Texas Woodmen Circle**

To attend the state Woodmen Circle convention held at Mineral Wells, April 1 to 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Alday, delegate from the Merkel circle, left Tuesday afternoon.

Important business to be taken up at the convention includes the election of state officers and the election of 24 national delegates to the society's national convention which will be held in Buffalo next summer.

A number of drill teams will attend and compete for state honors.

Mrs. Etta Davidson, Houston, national director and state supervisor, will take part in the convention and other prominent officers in attendance will be Mrs. Mary E. LaRocca and Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Omaha, Nebr., national president and national secretary, respectively.

The national officers will tell about the Home for Aged Members and Orphan Children which the society operates at Sherman, Texas. The first building of the Home, a 33-room brick structure of Georgian architecture, was formally dedicated last spring. Plans were recently accepted for the second unit, a children's cottage which will be constructed to harmonize with the first building. A farm on the 250-acre Home site provides guests with fruit, vegetables and dairy produce.

Texas members have contributed more than \$24,000 to the Home. They have contributed 37 acres of land and furnished four rooms in the Home. They have given the electric refrigerator and the water cooling system and have contributed many trees and miscellaneous articles.

The Woodmen Circle has more than 33,000 adult and more than 11,000 junior members in Texas. The society's assets have recently passed the 25 million mark.

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**Change of Ownership
Of Magnolia Station**

Announcement of the change of ownership of the Magnolia Filling station on the railroad right-of-way on Front street was made last Saturday. Ben F. Bird, who has operated this station for the past four years, has sold out to J. D. Porter, long time resident of Merkel and engaged in the same business on Kent street several years ago. Mr. Porter will have as his assistants Morris Horton and Virgil Hass, the latter having been in Mr. Bird's employ for sometime.

Ben Bird is removing to Abilene at an early date to take over the management of Magnolia's newest service station, corner Tenth and Pine street.

During the several years of Ben's connection with the Magnolia people here, he has made many friends by his courteous manner, genial ways and thoroughness in business, and, while Merkel business circles regret to lose him, he is followed to his new home with best wishes for continued success by a host of friends and patrons.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all those dear friends and loved ones, who were so kind to us in the sad hours of the illness and death of our dear daughter and sister; to the members of her Sunday School class and her teacher; to the classmates and teachers at High School, and to all the host of others who by their tender words of sympathy and kindness ministered to help lighten our sorrow in our great bereavement, we are indeed grateful.

May God's richest blessings be with you all is our wish.

R. F. Mashburn and Family.

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**M. B. Flippin, Pioneer
of Tye Community, Dies**

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church in Tye for M. B. Flippin, 87, pioneer resident, who died Sunday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Seymour, at Nubia. Mr. Flippin was born in Tennessee in 1844, but had been a respected resident of the Tye community and a faithful member of the Presbyterian church there for over forty years.

Services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city.

Besides the daughter at whose home Mr. Flippin died, he is survived by four other daughters and two sons.

**Merkel Girl Chosen
Sweetheart of T. C. U.**

Fort Worth, April 2.—Miss Frances Anderson, senior from Merkel, Texas, will represent Texas Christian university at the annual Round-Up of the University of Texas in Austin April 17, 18 and 19. She has announced her escort will be Jack Langdon, freshman student from Cleburne.

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