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## DEATH CLAIMS H. M. RAINBOLT EARLY THURSDAY

Prominent Churchman, Former County Commissioner and Former Director on State Hospital Board Passes Away.

Merkel lost one of its most respected citizens and the Methodist church one of its staunchest pillars when H. M. Rainbolt, 76, passed away at 5:30 Thursday morning. In ill health for several years, he had suffered from the flu for the past two weeks, but was not confined to his bed until Tuesday evening when his condition became critical.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church at 2:30 Friday afternoon, conducted by Dr. W. M. Murrell, of Abilene, presiding elder of this district, assisted by Rev. F. H. Gates, Methodist pastor. Interment will be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers will be: active, Joe Risinger, Robert Hicks, Tyre Sublett, Herbert Patterson, R. A. Burgess and W. L. Dittz; honorary, Dr. M. Armstrong, Forest Gaither, Dee Grimes, G. W. Boyce, Frank Golladay, W. H. Laney, Ross Wheeler, Burl Wheeler, Doc Vaughn, Eli Case, Lee Cox, C. M. Largent, W. D. Hutcheson, Merkel; Austin Fitts, Dr. T. B. Bass, E. H. Baker, Dr. C. E. Adams, L. R. Thompson and C. E. Bradley, Abilene, and J. R. Lamar, Stanton, and W. P. Sebastian, Fort Worth.

H. M. Rainbolt was born December 9, 1858, in Angelina county, at Homer, now Lufkin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rainbolt. He moved to Bosque county when a small child. Coming to Stephens county as a young man he married Miss Carrie Bell Cook on November 6, 1884, at Eolian. Eight children, all of whom are living, were born to this union: Mrs. E. A. Hargrove, Abilene; Mrs. C. A. Fryar, Albany; Sam G. Rainbolt, Dallas; Homer Rainbolt, Amarillo; Mrs. H. E. Britain, Abilene; Robert Rainbolt, Los Angeles, Calif.; H. M. Rainbolt, Jr., Big Spring, and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, San Jon, N. M.

Besides his wife and these eight children he is survived by three sisters, two in Oklahoma and one in Port Arthur, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, the week old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moody of Abilene. His only brother died January 8 of last year.

While residing in Stephens county he engaged in stock farming and, moving to Taylor county in 1904, he continued farming 1 1/2 miles south of Merkel until ill health forced him to retire. The family moved to Merkel in 1920.

He was converted in young manhood, joining the Methodist church, of which he has been an active official continuously. An outstanding, successful farmer, he served several terms as county commissioner and

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## MRS. DOUGLAS SUCCUMBS TO BRIEF ILLNESS

Survived by Ten Children, All of Whom Present at Time of Death; Funeral Rites Sunday Afternoon.

Following about two weeks illness, Mrs. Mary Ann Douglas died at the family residence four miles northwest of town Saturday morning about 11:30.

Mrs. Douglas, formerly Miss Ann Craven, was born August 25, 1860, in North Carolina. On December 25, 1879, she was married to Calvin Joseph Douglas, who preceded her in death about seven years. In 1882 they moved to Texas, settling in Smith county, where they lived until 1889, and then they moved to the Merkel community where they had lived ever since.

Fourteen children were born into this union, ten of whom are left to mourn her death. Mrs. Douglas had been a member of the Methodist church since childhood.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the family home, with Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church here, officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Reese of the Trent Methodist church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: E. M. Dean, J. H. Clark, Arthur Rogers, Lige Harris, D. I. Shelton, Ross Baker and Mr. McBride.

All of the children were here for the funeral. They are: Mrs. I. N. Irvin, Noodle; M. L., O. R., J. L., and E. C., all of Merkel; Mrs. O. E. Skidmore, Golan; Mrs. V. M. Sibley, Arlington; W. A. Douglas and wife, Stanton; Ben Douglas, Abilene, and J. A. Douglas, Sidney.

Other out of town relatives present were: Miss Mae Sibley, Arlington; Mrs. Bill Barton, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. James Dorris, Canadian, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter, Joan Harris. She leaves about thirty grandchildren and seven great grandchildren to mourn for her.

## Program for Christian Culture Institute Here

The Christian Culture institute for Tye, Stith, Trent and Merkel begins here Sunday, January 14. Herbert Patterson is to be the dean of the institute; Rev. W. R. Reaves of Trent will teach the course, "Leadership Training," and Rev. P. H. Gates will teach "Evangelism."

The program will begin at 2 p. m., with recreation and supper from 4:45 to 5:45.

The registration is 15 cents, which entitles each to a text book, note book and pencil. The girls are to bring sandwiches and the boys, cake or cookies.

The same schedule will be observed on Sunday, January 21.

## URGES STEP FOR PREVENTION AS FIRST MEASURE

City Health Officer C. B. Gardner Reviews Health Conditions in Merkel and Gives Hints to Parents.

With reference to health conditions in Merkel and the surrounding district Dr. C. B. Gardner, district and city health officer, has furnished The Mail the following statement in which he urges specific prevention measures:

"The fall and early winter months have been singularly free of contagious diseases in epidemic form throughout the Merkel district. There exists, however, a few cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever and measles. With the approach of more severe weather with less opportunity for outdoor freedom, these diseases are more likely to become more prevalent, unless prevention methods are more thoroughly observed. If, however, you have given your child toxoid for diphtheria prevention and followed such other hygienic measures as may have been brought to your attention and will further cooperate by keeping your children home from school and other public gatherings when they show symptoms of being ill or indisposed, it is very possible to go through the winter without a serious epidemic. If your child is ill, it has no business in school, no matter what the cause of the illness. But most certainly if it is contracting one of the more serious epidemic diseases, it needs to preserve every ounce of vitality and strength it can to meet the devitalizing forces of the incoming disease. So that a day or two rest just previous to the actual onset of the disease is of utmost importance to the system fighting off the ravages of disease.

"And just remember that it is far more important to count your children among the living than to see their name printed on the school honor roll. Let us, therefore, keep our children home and in bed, if possible, when they are sick from any cause whatsoever, first for the benefit of the child itself and, secondly, to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

"Another point I wish to stress is that concerning quarantine. If you have a contagious disease and fail to report it to your health officer, you are violating the law and are subject to fine and imprisonment just as much as one who breaks quarantine against authority."

## Will Dedicate Baptist Church at Tye Sunday

The West Side Baptist church at Tye, completed within 30 days from the date of starting without a stick of timber on the ground, will be dedicated Sunday. The house of worship, a frame structure, was completed, inside and outside, painted and seated, equipped with a piano and covered with insurance, and with every dollar paid for.

Rev. L. B. Owen, the pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock service, while the dedicating sermon will be preached at 2:30 p. m. by a visiting pastor.

## Young People to Hear Missionary Worker

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Presbyterian young people, which was to have been held last Sunday at Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was postponed to the coming Sunday. The time is 3 p. m. and the place is the same.

Ralph Hall, a missionary worker of national reputation, will speak in the afternoon and at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

## Full Quota of 200 Men On Precinct 2 Projects

With work on one project in precinct No. 2, that at Tye, already completed, County Commissioner A. J. Canon has four crews of men, entailing his full quota of 200, at work on road projects in the Butman school district and street graveling at Trent.

Owing to the fact that he is using the full quota of men on these jobs, he states that it will not be possible to start other work until one of these is finished.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

State Treasurer Charley Lockhart announced Saturday his candidacy for re-election, indicating that he will issue an extended statement later.

With the birth of a six pound son last week, Dave Roberson of the Oakley community, Stephens county, became a father for the 20th time.

A Texan, Walter M. W. Splawn, former president of the University of Texas, has been nominated by President Roosevelt to the interstate commerce commission.

District Judge W. C. Davis of Bryan denied the application of 12 Bryan girls to mandamus directors of Texas A. & M. college to permit them to enter the school.

A total of \$3,306,390.56, representing 1,330 loans, has been ordered paid for the relief of distressed Texas homeowners by the Home Owners' Loan corporation of Texas since its establishment.

Three persons, Paul Powers, the pilot, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith, who lived on a ranch near Childress, were killed when a plane from Mangum, Okla., crashed in flames near Childress Tuesday.

Announcing his candidacy solely "for the purpose of defending the lofty ideals of both state and national prohibition," James Marion Bird of Mercedes has entered the governor's race.

To succeed Jack Flynn, who died a few days ago, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson appointed Charles H. Poe of Houston to be state labor commissioner, with supervision also over boxing and wrestling matches in Texas.

## Will Supply and Set Traps Starting Monday

Under the direction of Tom Durham, local supervisor, assisted by Clyde Mayfield, the work of signing the business houses for permission to put out traps—the first step in Uncle Sam's campaign to stamp out rodents in Taylor and Jones counties—has been completed.

Traps are expected to arrive this week and they will be set in the business houses, who signed the agreement, beginning next Monday.

Marvin Jackson of Abilene, the district supervisor from the U. S. biological survey, was here Wednesday, accompanied by Frank Bradley, district superintendent. He announced that nine more men would be used here, all of whom have already been named.

Those in the residential sections, who want rat extermination work, are requested to phone the local CWA office, No. 225, and leave their name and address. The work is to continue until February 15.

## 1933 Ginnings Reach Total 17,038 Bales

Tabulation of the 1933 ginnings at the seven gins in Merkel and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle showed 17,038 bales.

Last year the figure compiled by The Mail from the same gins was 27,266 bales.

## CWA Forces at Work Raising School Ground

Work of filling in and levelling the school grounds with CWA funds was started Monday morning, the full city quota of 74 men being engaged in this much needed improvement.

All local CWA projects are handled under the direction of City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, who is sub-chairman for Merkel and who is serving entirely without pay.

## F. & M. Re-elects Same Officers and Directors

The same board of directors and officers were re-elected Tuesday afternoon at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

Directors are: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Sam Butman, Sr., George L. Paxton, Sr., and Booth Warren. Officers are: J. T. Warren, president; G. F. West, vice president; Sam Butman, Sr., vice president; Booth Warren, cashier, and F. Y. Gaither, assistant cashier.

## DISTRICT JUDGE HAMLIN ENTERS CONGRESS RACE

Newest Contestant for 17th District Place a Prominent Jurist From Breckenridge; Now Serving 13th Year on Bench.

C. O. Hamlin, judge of 90th district court at Breckenridge, has announced he will be a candidate for congress from the 17th district subject to the democratic primaries.

For the past 13 years, Judge Hamlin has served as district judge for the 90th judicial district, having been appointed in 1921 to that position by Governor Pat M. Neff. To fill an unexpired term. Since his appointment, he has made four successful races for the office, having been last elected in 1932 for another four-year term.

Judge Hamlin served for nearly two years in the world war, entering the military service in May, 1917, at the first officers' training camp, Leon Springs, at the conclusion of which he was commissioned as second lieutenant. At the time of his discharge, in January, 1919, he held the rank of captain of infantry. He is a member of the Baptist church, a thirty-second degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the American Legion.

## Deputy Tax Collector To Be Here Jan. 17th

Beginning Wednesday Jan. 17 and through the remainder of the month, Comer Patterson, one of County Tax Collector Grady Parmelly's deputies, will be stationed at the city hall here to receive payments for poll taxes, auto licenses and county and state taxes.

Tax payers are requested to bring the pink slip showing the amount of state and county taxes due, as the deputy here will not have the tax rolls. He can, however, receive the payment and official receipt will be mailed from the collector's office.

## Will Preach at Noodle.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

## CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING DATE

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner Hold Open House Monday; Five Children Present for the Occasion and Many Friends Call.

January 8, 1873, was an important date for Jacob Banner and Sabra Bates marking their marriage in Comanche county, January 8, 1934, was another happy milestone in their careers, commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. The day was observed by a family dinner and open house to friends.

Mrs. Banner was originally from Georgia, Mr. Banner being a native of West Virginia. Most of their lives has been spent in Texas, 33 years in Taylor county and the past 25 years in Merkel. Of 11 children born to their union, six are living and five of them were present for the anniversary celebration, Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo having been prevented from coming on account of illness.

Those who gathered Monday here with their children were: J. F. Banner, wife and son, J. V., and daughter, Carmen, of Rotan; Mrs. S. L. Owens, San Angelo; J. R. Banner and wife and 11 children, Moreene, Odelle, Cora Lee, Louise, Jake, Dorothy, Robert, Charles, David, Chester and Franklin, of Sylvester; Price Banner, Abilene, and Miss Maxie Banner, a grandson, J. A. Brown, and his wife and two children, Tommie and Joan, of San Angelo, were also present.

Guests and callers to extend felicitations during the day were: Messrs. and Mesdames R. A. Ellis, J. A. Buford, R. L. Proctor, W. F. Golladay and Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner; Mesdames Wm. O'Brian, Zack Turner, E. L. Turner, W. E. Lowe, L. L. Murray, P. T. Allday and J. H. McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Owens, Belton; Herman and Elter Owens, Sylvester, and Miss Valorie Dye.

## Record of Births.

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin, residing north of town, Friday, January 5, 1934.

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moran, Stith, Saturday, January 6, 1934.

Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Adair Handley, residing in the Canyon, Thursday, January 11, 1934.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 9, 1914.)

### MERKEL'S NEW STORE.

In addition to our hardware business we are now making arrangements to open up an absolutely new line of dry goods and groceries.

In our dry goods department we have secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts, who are well known to the Merkel trade.

In the grocery department Messrs. Robert Hicks and Owen Ellis will be pleased to wait on you at all times. A. C. Rose, H. L. Propst and R. L. Bland, proprietors.

N. O. Leerstang, Fred Hale and Jack Smith of Trent county were in town Tuesday looking after business.

W. L. Harkrider and family and Mrs. Asa Sheppard motored to Abilene Tuesday afternoon in the former's car.

M. J. Whisenunt returned from Lone Oak Saturday where he has been visiting his brother, C. J. Whisenunt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar have enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs. B. C. Tyler of Baird.

Bill Sheppard was a social caller in Sweetwater last Friday evening.

Miss Gladys Walters entertained Monday evening with a Progressive Heart party. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served hot chocolate and cake to Misses Mary Anna Mayfield, Mamie Moore, Jessie Mae Cox, Abilene, Kate Henderson, Madalyn Adkisson, Messrs. Q. Rust, Clarence and Carl Hamm, A. Costephens, Carl Richards, Emzi Burroughs, Emmett Boring, Virgil Bradley, Ralph Bigham and Jack Waiters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage last Monday evening at their home on Edwards St. Progressive "42" furnished diversion for an enjoyable evening. A salad course with hot chocolate was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pate.

J. C. Mason of Deport was in the city the first of the week looking after his land holdings in the Rock Crossing community.

## THE BOOK

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

## BRUCE BARTON

### ABRAHAM AND HIS SON

Years passed and grew to centuries following Noah's survival, and the great figure of Abraham emerged, a wealthy shepherd having flocks that roamed over so wide an area that he was brought into conflict with rival ranchmen and had to fight for his rights.

As a citizen Abraham was open-handed, hospitable and successful in business; and though his treatment of his wife left much to be desired, he had both vision and courage. When God commanded him to leave his country and go into another he "departed as the Lord had spoken unto him" and was rewarded by becoming the father of a mighty people. A sense of humor was one of his assets, a quality not too common in the Bible. When it was promised to him that he and his wife Sarah should have a son

Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? But Sarah did bear, and they named the boy Isaac, which means laughter; a name which ought to have guaranteed him merry life, but did not.

Like many sons of great men Isaac lacked the qualities which make for greatness. He was a good man but something of a dreamer, who allowed his father to select a wife for him and promptly became subject to her will. The story of the wooing of Rebecca is the first romance in the Bible, and makes pretty reading. But Rebecca was a strong-minded woman who knew what she wanted, and her principal desire was to supplant her eldest son Esau and put her second son and favorite, Jacob, in line for Isaac's property.

Esau, being a hard-working farmer and an outdoor man, was hairy; Jacob was smooth-handed, literally and figuratively. Isaac, the father, had grown old and blind. Rebecca made a pair of gloves of kid skin for Jacob and sent him to Isaac with food and a request for the inheritance.

And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau, or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him (the hairy gloves), and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. so he blessed him.

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**H. M. Rainbolt**

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was one of a committee of three to select the site for the Abilene state hospital. He served on the board of that institution under Dr. Preston and Dr. Bass. He was also a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, having served as president of the West Texas I. O. O. F. association.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe spent a few days here the early part of the week.

Dr. J. P. Howard attended the monthly meeting of the West Texas Chiropractic society held at Winters last Sunday.

Miss Iva Bragg, who has been visiting with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg at Chillicothe, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Conder left Tuesday to visit their daughter, Mrs. B. E. Smith, who is quite ill in a Houston hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and daughter, Miss Margaret Miller, accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Richardson, were weekend visitors to Stephenville.

Mrs. P. H. Gates and daughter, Betty Jane, are in Fluvanna this week, visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates, and welcoming a new grandson.

Alex Bohnart of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company Abilene force spent the day here Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Caple.

Miss Moreene Banner of Sylvester, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner, has entered school here this term and will make her home with her grandparents.

Marvin Smith has been called to the bedside of his father, W. D. Smith, 89 years old, who lives at Stanton and who is in serious condition following injuries from a recent fall.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears have returned from a two weeks holiday visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen, and with relatives in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete White, accompanied by Miss Agnes Sanders, of Sacramento, Calif., are visiting relatives for a few days, expecting to return home the latter part of the week.

Mrs. George Swain of Moffitt, only living sister of Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jabus Penn, of Troy, and a grandson, Bryen Bell, are guests in the Dr. M. Armstrong home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden and son, Robert, who have been located at Hamlin for several months, have removed to Abilene now, where they reside at 2102 Clinton avenue, with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders, parents of Mrs. Rodden.

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Alexander at Tye. The daughter of the home, Miss Mary Alexander, has been seriously ill for several months and no improvement is noted in her condition.

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone and daughter, Miss Mollie Frank, accompanied by Miss Eula Sears and Evelyn Sears, and Mrs. Della Campbell of Commerce, have returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. D. J. Mathews and Miss Mildred Mathews in Chandler, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton of Blair had her brother, R. C. Hall, and wife and mother, Mrs. Cynthia Hall, of Bovina, as visitors over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Hall left Tuesday morning for Oklahoma City to visit relatives, while her mother will remain here longer.

**VANTREESE-FINCH.**  
With Rev. W. G. Cypert officiating, Miss Juanita Finch and Mr. Doyle Vantrees, both of the Hodges community, were united in marriage at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Cypert home. The Mail joins many friends in extending best wishes to the happy couple.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**Harley Sadler and Roy E. Fox Players Coming Next Week**



**BILLIE SADLER.**  
Leading lady with Harley Sadler and his new company.

Harley Sadler and his own company will be in Merkel for one week starting Monday, January 15th, appearing in what is said to be the most beautiful tent theatre ever built, with a special heating system which insures a comfortable tent in any kind of weather.

Harley has added many new features to his company this year, practically all new faces, with new scenery and lighting effects, and the latest released plays. The vaudeville is all of big time calibre and includes Ralph Thomax, xylophonist and dancer, Munde and June, jugglers supreme, The Whitehouse Twins, singers and dancers, Goldie and Wilsdn, Alpine Yodlers, Bart Couch, juvenile singer, Ewert and Barry, singers and dancers, and Joe Golford and his 12 piece Orchestra and many others.

As a special added attraction, Harley Sadler presents the original Roy E. Fox's Popular Players. Harley Sadler's first job in the show business was with Roy E. Fox. Mr. Fox and his company have been out of Texas for years, but longing to return, a connection was made whereby Mr. Fox brought his company to the Sadler show, and along with it came the Fox sisters, said to be the last word in the

way of a dancing act. These talented little ladies have played all big time vaudeville circuits, and will appear all next week in Merkel with Harley Sadler.

Harley Sadler's all new show, with Roy E. Fox Popular players as the added feature, should bring out a record breaking crowd on next Monday



**ROY E. FOX.**  
Veteran show man with Harley Sadler and his new company.

night, and as a special get acquainted offer, one lady will be admitted free when accompanied by a paid adult ticket and the ladies free coupon contained in this issue of this paper.

The tent will be located on Edward's street, across from the Garrett feed store.

**THE BOOK**

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Jacob, shrewd and unprincipled, met his match in Laban, who was to become his father-in-law. Laban had two daughters, a homely one named Leah, and a beauty, Rachel. Jacob agreed to serve Laban seven years if he might have Rachel for his wife. At the end of the seven years Laban gave him Leah instead and insisted that he serve a second seven-year period for Rachel. Jacob stuck to it, and he and Rachel were finally married and proceeded to repay their loving parent in kind by taking all the best cattle and leaving him sickly ones.

**Back In Merkel**

With a complete stock of Dry Goods we have opened our New Store in our former location.

We have just received a big shipment of NEW SPRING DRESSES, HATS, SWAGGER SUITS and COATS and many other items which we are offering at extremely low prices for Friday, Saturday and Monday.

We have Miss Maxie Banner in charge of our Ready-to-Wear and Millinery and Piece Goods department. She invites all her friends and customers to come in. We also have Mrs. Florence Berry assisting her.

**For Friday, Saturday and Monday Only**  
Our new Spring Dresses in Pastel Shades

\$5.95 values ..... \$4.95  
\$6.95 values ..... \$5.95

**SWAGGAR SUITS AND SPRING COATS**

\$8.95 values ..... \$7.95  
\$9.95 values ..... \$8.95  
\$11.95 values ..... \$9.95

We have received our new Spring Prints at only 15c  
We have a few Fall Dresses at close-out prices. See them.

**OUR MEN'S DEPARTMENT**

is almost complete: Work Shoes, Dress Shoes, Overalls, Jumpers, Sheep-lined Coats and Jackets at very special prices.

**JONES Dry Goods Co.**  
Merkel, Texas

Condensed Statement of

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL**  
Close of Business December 30, 1933

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$111,233.42	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	291.72	Surplus and Undivided Profits	13,975.54
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29	Circulation Account	6,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,937.50	Borrowed Money	NONE
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00	<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>452,909.50</b>
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.00		
Interest in Federal Dep. Ins. Corp.	935.96		
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00		
Other U. S. Bonds	\$ 32,000.00		
Bills of Exchange Cotton	7,009.68		
Cash and Due From Banks	343,325.97		
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>382,335.65</b>		
Total	\$523,133.04	Total	\$523,133.04

The above statement is correct.  
Booth Warren, Cashier.

Being a National Bank and Member Federal Reserve System this bank automatically participates in the FDIC whereby each deposit is insured in the manner and to the extent provided by the Banking Act of 1933.

While we are pleased to announce this additional protection for our customers, we do not offer our membership in FDIC as the only security for our depositors' funds. We do not believe that safe banking can ever be had thru legislation.

We pledge, in the future, the same careful supervision of a conservative Board of Directors whose capable administration has dominated this bank's thirty years of continuous service to this community thru periods of prosperity and periods of business depression.

**Farmers & Merchants National Bank**  
Merkel, Texas

**OFFICERS:**  
J. T. Warren, President. G. F. West, Vice-Pres.  
Sam Butman, Sr., Vice-Pres. Booth Warren, Cashier.  
F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier

**R & R PALACE**  
Sweetwater

**Saturday**  
Jimmy Durante in  
"MEET THE BARON"

**Sunday-Monday**  
Joan Crawford-Clark Gable in  
"DANCING LADY"  
500 Singing, Dancing Beauties

**Tuesday-Wednesday**  
"TAKE A CHANCE"  
Six New Hit Tunes; if it is a musical show you like, don't miss this chance to see "Take a Chance"

**Thursday-Friday**  
Ruth Chatterton in  
"FEMALE"  
Making love to George Brent

**MOVED**

We have moved from Kent street to the  
**BRADSHAW BUILDING**  
On Elm street  
Expecting New Plymouth and Chrysler Cars any day

**Church Bros.**

**Chickens Wanted**

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will pay the following prices:

Heavy hens, per lb.	9c
Light hens, per lb.	7c
Cocks, per lb.	3c
No. 1 turkeys, per lb.	10c
No. 1 hides, lb.	3c
Eggs, per dozen	15c
Price on cream today	15c

(These are Abilene prices.)

We will come out and cull your chickens free of charge. Now is the time to cull your chickens; get the non-layers out before setting time. Be sure and see John Dunn before you have your flock culled and before you sell your produce.

**Merkel Creamery**  
C. E. CONNER, Prop.

**Merkel Produce Co.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Joe E. Busby, Chiropractor of Abilene, has made arrangement to be in Merkel each day from 10:30 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., beginning Monday morning, January the 8th.

The Merkel office will be that of the late Dr. H. P. Hulsey, in the home on Oak Street.

**JOE E. BUSBY, D. C.**  
Chiropractor-Masseur

Abilene Office: Mims Bldg. Merkel Office: Hulsey Residence, Oak St.



# WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Twenty Second Installment.  
(Continued From Last Week.)

"Mr. Snavelly, look here!" There was nothing aggressive in Ruth's tone, but it was like no tone she had ever used to Snavelly. "Look at this."

Ann stepped to the door of the kitchen and stood silently, her eyes on Ruth. "Well—" said Snavelly as he read the opening words. He said nothing more until he had finished, then without lifting his head, "Well—well I'll be! Grey's alive, after all. Couldn't get a word to nobody 'til jest now. If that don't beat all!" He looked at Ruth, then lowered his eyes to the paper again. "Wants me to come an git him. Hermosillo—powerful long job getting six days west of there. Must be desolate sure 'nough, else we'd got word of him sooner. Well, things like that happen. But it beats all," he mused.

"We shall start to Harry at once," said Ruth, decidedly; "the Thanes are coming home late tonight and—"

"Thanes? What they got to do with this?" Snavelly's eyes narrowed.

"I think it would be best if Old Charley went with me. I'm sure that under the circumstances he would go, and he knows the country and speaks Spanish better than I."

"You're set on goin' yourself, eh?" Snavelly regarded her quizzically.

"Why, most certainly! Of course I shall go."

"Well, jest the same, I don't see the sense in mixin' the Thanes up with this. If you're a mind to go without me, why don't you take Francisco? But the best thing would be fer you an' me to light out together tomorrow mornin'."

Ruth thought a moment; she might go with Don Francisco—perhaps that would be best. But she certainly would not go alone with Snavelly. She looked at him. "Perhaps Don Francisco and I could manage it," she said.

Again Snavelly studied her intently. There was something in her tone and manner which was quite new. She was no longer afraid. "Look here," he said sharply, "what's the matter of me goin' anyways?"

The girl was suddenly angry; Snavelly could not afford to speak to her like that any longer. She straightened. "Mr. Snavelly, there are several very good reasons why I do not wish you to go with me; and there are reasons why you should respect my wishes. It is for your own good. There are a number of things I must tell my brother when we meet."

Snavelly paled. "What can you tell him?" he asked gruffly.

"I shall tell him about the way in which you bought my cattle note."

"But Mrs. Warren—I tol' you why I done that," said Snavelly in a relieved voice. "I done it to protect you."

"When I was in town," continued Ruth, "I consulted an attorney about my position on this ranch. I learned that I was not your partner and never had been. And I understood quite plainly that you knew this, and that if I had failed to meet my note you would have been in legal possession of the entire ranch."

"Well, but—" Snavelly paused, helplessly. The guilt and consternation on his face, as well as the letter in her hand, gave the girl courage.

"The whole thing has been placed before my attorney," said Ruth. "The—whole—thing?"

"Yes. When I learned that I was not your partner and that you had pur-

chased the note I understood how anxious you were to have me fail to meet it. But let's not say anything more about that."

"But I don't see," replied Snavelly, guardedly, "what call you got to get uppity. Suppose you wasn't a pardner—that's your fault."

Ruth's anger mounted. "That sounds very well. But what will my brother think when I tell him about the mysterious disease you call 'liver fever'? What will he think when I tell him how I came to put the wrong powder in the spring troughs that night?"

"Are you a-cusin' me—" Snavelly's voice rang, then died away before the girl's steady gaze. He dropped his eyes. Ruth was triumphant; the man was beaten, he was afraid of her now! "Didn't you never think," he asked falteringly, "that things might look different than what they are?"

"No," said Ruth boldly. But although he stood cringing before her, Snavelly did not appear so abject as Ruth thought he should be. Don't he realize he could be sent to prison? "Do you deny you tried everything you could to make me lose my interest?"

He did not reply to her question. But after a moment he said slowly, still with lowered eyes, "Them things is hard to prove."

"I don't think so. But I can tell you something else which is not hard to prove; I can whisper in the gulch as well as any one else!" He raised his eyes quickly, his face a dead white. Ruth glanced lingeringly toward Ann, then back again. "The night of the storm, Mr. Snavelly," she said quietly.

He faced her in silence; the muscles of his long stringy throat contracted spasmodically. Suddenly he turned and, walking slowly to his room, entered. Almost at once he reappeared, the packet of bank notes which Ruth had given him in his hand. He held them out. "You best take these here an' git your bother."

Ruth took the notes. She thought she understood; when she and Harry returned, Snavelly would not be on the Dead Lantern. Perhaps that was the best solution. She turned to Ann. "Ann I wish you would get the buckboard and take David and me over to Thanes' I'll have an early supper ready by the time you harness up."

Snavelly had walked toward his room, now he turned and came back. "I don't think you'd best go mixin' the Thanes in this."

In spite of the apparent humbleness of his tone, a twinge of fear caught Ruth's heart. But she answered, "I don't see that it can make any difference to you now, Mr. Snavelly."

"It makes a sight of difference to me!" he said sharply, and his eyes, no longer jerking, bored into hers.

Ruth gripped herself. "Do you realize that you are a criminal and that you will face arrest as soon as I bring my brother back?"

To the girl's amazement, Snavelly smiled. "You like fancy words," he said slowly, "so I'll ask you if you realize where you stand now?" His voice rose shrilly. "Don't you see that your brother bein' alive makes the will no good? The will don't work, by God! You ain't got no rights—you ain't no pardner an' you ain't got no interest in this ranch. D'you get that? I'm boss here now!" He whirled to Ann. "Git your black face outa here!"

"But my brother—"

"Your brother—how do I know he's your brother? He never told me nothin' about you nor nothin' about any will. 'Cordin' to my way a-thinkin' you come here jest to steal his interest. Who are you, anyway? You're a plumb stranger to me—you ain't got a thing to say about this ranch an' never did have. What about all that truck you was just a-talkin'—that goin', on about the cattle dyin'? What of it? Fer all anybody knows, I was jest a-doin' my best to keep you from stealin' my pardner blind; that's what I was doin'! An' the law would say the same." Snavelly stepped closer, his face thrust forward and his pale eyes glittering. "You come on this place with a paper you say is a sure 'nough will, but you ain't got nothin' to prove it."

Ruth was against the wall. She was trembling tightly she gripped the letter in her hand and summoned all her courage. "But your pardner is my brother—he will be coming back here soon—he may even come today—any time. The letter must have been sent quite a while ago and he was much better—he might have been able to get to the railroad without any help—"

"All right! If he's your brother why don't you go git him? What'er you a-standin' there for? I give you the money. Why don't you git goin'?" He left Ruth contemptuously and stepped to the kitchen door. Ann was still inside. For a minute he spoke rapidly to her in Spanish. Ruth could

not catch more than a word or two, while he was still speaking, Ann hurried from the door, passed Ruth without a glance, and left the house on the way to the barn.

Snavelly turned to the girl. "You're a-goin' jest as soon as Ann's ready. Collect your kid an' your things an' git out! By sundown tonight there ain't goin' to be nobody on this place but me. I'll have that greaser outfit loaded an' started off this place in ten minutes! Then I'm goin' for a mite of a ride. When I come back there ain't goin' to be nobody here! You think you can go a-clutterin' up this place with people an' drive a man outa his mind—I'll show you! Git agoin'!" He strode past her and out of the house.

Ruth let him go—there was nothing further to say. But she'd find Harry. She heard the steps of Snavelly's horse, and presently saw him galloping toward the little adobe house where Magda was taking in her washing which had festooned the bushes since early morning. He stopped his horse with a jerk and called, Don Francisco and Alfredo came to the doorway; Magda stood in the yard, her arms full of clothes. Snavelly spoke fiercely. Once, Don Francisco pointed toward the ranch house and asked a question. Snavelly's voice roared in reply. A moment or two later Alfredo was hurrying to find Don Francisco's team and Magda had thrown her wash into the old man's wagon. Snavelly rode away toward the mountains.

The tears welled into Ruth's eyes—those poor people. They had been so happy. Like trusting children, they had accepted her gift of the land and the little house, the gift which was to have been theirs for so long as they lived and worked hard. They had worked hard.

As she entered the house she saw Ann leading two horse through the corral. Ruth went into her room and began to pack.

Before she had finished she could hear the sound of the team and buckboard coming from the barn toward the house. Ann stopped by the small mesquite where Ruth's horse still stood, and climbed from the buckboard.

"Ann," said Ruth appealingly, as the giantess came toward her, "Ann, please help me!"

"Shorely, Miss Ruth—I'll he'p you pack."

"Not that Ann—take me to Thanes' (Continued on Page Four)

## FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 80,150.12
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Other Resources	6,394.20
<b>STOCK IN FEDERAL DEP. INSURANCE</b>	<b>733.70</b>
Cash and Exchange	\$100,871.52
U. S. Gov. Bonds	15,000.00
Other Bonds	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>118,871.52</b>
Total	\$233,864.55
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	519.47
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>183,345.08</b>
Total	\$233,864.55

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### WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?

Examinations will begin next Tuesday. That means that some of the students will run their light bills up this month, but what of it? Maybe they will help lift the depression. Anyway, it pays to be prepared. Any one who has enough self-confidence will be able to pass his work, if he hasn't failed too utterly already. There are really very few in Merkel High school who have, and that is why we can have self-confidence. Let us remember during the next few days that: The man who wins is the average man. Not built along any particular plan. Not blessed with any particular luck. Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.

### CHAPEL.

On last Friday morning the students had one of their favorite speakers with them when Dr. Surface of the First Presbyterian church of Abilene spoke in chapel.

Dr. Surface brought us a New Year's message in which he urged us to make 1934 a worthwhile year in our lives. He said that we should always go the direction in which we point. In doing this, we must be brief and to the point, find success through attention, method and diligence, and learn to control ourselves. He told us that we are all potentially rich and that we should use our riches to advantage. The speaker ended with a beautiful New Year's poem which made everyone present resolve to keep a cleaner record during the coming year.

### GLEE CLUB NOTES.

Practice on the operetta for this year will be begun by the Choral and Glee clubs after the mid-term examinations. We hope to present this year the best operetta that has been given and we believe we will be able to do so.

### THE CHORAL CLUB.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 10, the members of the Choral club plan to give a tea in honor of their mothers.

All of the girls have their dresses now, and they are very proud of them. The dresses are to be worn for the first time on Wednesday.

In a few days the Choral club is going to begin work on an operetta. This year the Choral club is going to give the operetta early so that there will not be a confusion at the end of the year.

### THE PITIFUL TALE OF ELMER.

Where's Elmer? Oh, Elmer doesn't live here any more. He was every popular wherever he went but no one seems to know of his whereabouts now. Elmer was always very fond of soup and chili. One day his wife cooked some soup for him and set it in the window to cool. Along came Bussie Boaz and, having several objects in his pockets and nothing to do with them, he dropped them into the soup. The first was a bright yellow, the second a dull brown, and the last a vivid red. A few minutes later Elmer came into the kitchen, saw the dish in the window and drank the soup with the three objects in it. Then he lay down and took a nap. When he awoke, he had yellow jaundice. A little later he was stricken with galloping consumption and finally died of a broken heart. But why the sudden diseases? The first object which Bussie dropped into the soup was a piece of cheese which was so yellow that upon reaching Elmer's liver it gave him yellow jaundice. The second object was a Mexican jumping bean which gave the poor boy galloping consumption. The third object was a jaw breaker which went straight to Elmer's heart and broke it. Poor Elmer!

### BASKET BALL NEWS.

The basket ball boys of ole M. H. S. will get their first real chance to show their stuff at Colorado's invitation meet Friday and Saturday. Coach Irvin plans to take about two teams out of the six teams he has working out. There will be several large schools represented and plenty of competition.

Merkel plays Blair again this afternoon and we hope they will even up the games, as they lost one last week to the count of 22 to 20. They lost this

game because of the short time they had practiced.

If anyone is interested in Merkel's basket ball club enough to go to Colorado, please offer your assistance to Coach Irvin, as ways to carry the ball boys are lacking.

Back the basket ball club as you backed the football team!

### WONDER IF:

Duane Pangle is glad to get back to school?

Shannon has apologized yet?

"Smitty", Sis, Billy or Jane want some more peanut pie?

Lois found what she lost in history class?

De La Vergne is ever gonna make up her mind "which one" she wants?

Big Kit Carson is going to keep his New Year's resolution?

Mr. Riddle likes for his company to walk home in the rain?

Sylvan will ever learn anything in general science?

People think "Smitty" is a sissy?

L. V. will ever quit teasing Billie Bernice?

Bud Gambill and Jack Lowe can travel ninety miles in one night?

Vernon is going to be a preacher?

The Senior girls will ever organize?

Jack Patterson is really as smart as he thinks he is?

Bussie will ever grow up?

Mary Helen had a date Saturday night?

### THE SCRAP BOX.

The school ground is being filled in. Julia likes radios? ?

Joe Earl likes bright colors.

It is estimated that about four hundred resolutions died last week.

Everyone misses Fay since she's been ill.

There was a staff meeting last Monday.

Examinations come next week.

Bussie is conceited.

The speech class is working hard on some original speeches.

Yesterday was Alexander Hamilton's birthday.

Merkel has some good basket ball teams coming out.

Caribel and L. V. were seen whitening paddles the other day at noon. Wonder why? ? ?

Ask Mr. Riddle his method of finding out what is on his American history class' mind.

Ask Lois, Billy, Waldeline and Mary Helen how they like "running between the raindrops."

### THE SENIORS.

Ruby Jenkins. Since Ruby is so quiet, you never hear very much from her; but, nevertheless, she is one of our Seniors of whom we are proud. She is a member of the Dramatic club this year and was a member of the Choral club until this year. She is loved by all of those who know her.

Clovis Stanley. Clovis comes into Merkel from Stith. He is considered an asset to our Senior class because of his ability and his willingness to play and entertain us with his guitar. He is very quiet, but he is a true Merkel High student.

### LOST AND FOUND.

Lost—One small black candle-holder. If found, please return to Wanda Hunter. If you do not intend to return it, see her and she'll give you the mate to it.

Lost—A fountain pen by a girl half full of green ink.

For Rent—A house. See the man with a vacant upper story. James VIII.

Lost—One Wooley's handbook. If found, please return to Julia Proctor or Sarah Sheppard and receive reward.

### TOMFOOLERY.

"I see by the school report that you are still at the bottom of the class," said L. V.'s father, very irate.

L. V. M.: "Well, what about it, dad. They teach the same thing at both ends."

Miss Martin: "Why don't you wash your face before you come to school? I can see what you had for breakfast this morning."

Sylvan: "What was it?"

Miss Martin: "Eggs."

Sylvan: "Wrong. That was yesterday."

Mr. Irvin: "Who is that letter

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and daughter of Abilene spent last week with the latter's grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey of Abilene, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Ola Pearl, and Miss Leona Laurie, also of Abilene, were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers last Wednesday.

Grandpa Adams of Ireland is here for an indefinite visit in the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Scott. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Jeff Camlee, also of Ireland, who will spend a few days before returning home.

Mary Jones visited friends of Sweetwater last week.

Little Miss George Helen Lee is recovering from some severe cuts caused from an accident where she came in some way in contact with a barbed wire.

Sam Russen and family are moving to Tahoka this week. Mr. Russen will continue to engage in farming.

Garnet Bryan visited with his sister at Mineral Wells last week-end.

Mrs. M. C. Stewart of Mingus is here for an extended visit with her son, Roy Stewart, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley, residents of this place for a number of years, are moving away this week. We regret so much to lose them from our midst.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner had as her guest one day last week her mother, Mrs. E. K. Sorrelle, and her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd of this place, also Mr. and Mrs. Catching from Logan, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley were hosts to Rev. W. G. Cypert and Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Merkel, also Mr. and Mrs. Hamner of this place for dinner last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Claud Swann accompanied by her son, Hunter, visited with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Adrian, last Friday. Winslow Beckham and little son, T. C., of Lamesa, attended to business here last Monday, also making his mother a short visit.

On account of sickness in the community the program, which was being arranged for Friday night, has been postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian visited with their daughter, Miss Marjorie, who is attending A. C. C., last Sunday and were also guests in the Berford home.

At this writing Mr. Beasley is reported quite sick. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards and daughter, accompanied by Mrs. McCurdy and son, Ferd, and the two Messrs. Dudley, have returned from East Texas, where they spent some few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. Cal Hamner honored her little grandchildren, Tommie and Billie Hamner, with a supper on their birthday, which happened to be on the same day. Tommie was 6 and Billie 2 years old last Saturday. They received many nice gifts.

### SHOWER.

Miss Estelle Terry was a most charming hostess for a prettily planned miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Terry, newlyweds, in the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Ed Burks, on Thursday evening, December 28. Miss Johnny Watson of Sweetwater entertained the crowd by singing and playing the newest song hits on her banjo-uke. Games and contests were enjoyed until the "ole nigger wash woman" brought in the washin'. Then the gifts were displayed and admired by all.

Pimento cheese and tuna fish sandwiches, served between pink and blue bread, with olives, cookies and hot tea were passed to: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Misses Opal Freeman, Emma Maud Johnson, Pete Smith, Helen and Vera Bright, Myrtle Gibbs of Lubbock, Johnny Watson of Sweetwater, Messrs. Isom Burks, John Ham-

from?"

Mrs. Irvin: "What do you want to know for?"

Mr. Irvin: "There you are? What do I want to know for. Honestly, you are the most inquisitive person I've ever met."

Jack Sublett: "I am so smart I took first prize at school today."

Joe Young: "Well, that's interesting."

Jack: "Yes, and it's a good thing the teacher didn't see me or I would have had to put it back."

Milton: "Do you think that suicide is a sin?"

Jack Patterson: "Well, I think it would be forgotten in your case."

ner, Jack Bowers and the honorees and hostess.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Buddie Harold Winter was commemorated Saturday afternoon, January 7, with a party at his home in honor of his seventh birthday. His mother, Mrs. Bud Winter, and aunt, Miss Jolla McLeod, were hostesses.

Games were played, pictures made and novelty candy passed, after which the little guests were invited into the dining room where a prettily decorated birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream. The entertaining rooms were decorated with toy balloons and each child was given one as a favor. Buddie received many nice gifts.

His guests were: Mary Joe and Elnor Glynn McLeod, Virginia Clo and H. L. McRee, Johnnie Wheeler, Billy and Alma Jean Payne, Wildon Mack Springer, Don Armour, Ruth Marie Murdock, J. B. Winn, S. D. and Bobbie Ruth McLeod, Lucille and Kenneth McGriff, Junior Ueckert, Donald Green, Katherine and Wardell Grayson, Weldon Rutledge, Wilman Barnes and Wanda Lou Williams.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames Stanley Armour, Bill Springer, Tom Green, Homer McLeod, Cecil McGriff, John Payne, Hale McRee, H. L. Barnes, Ed Grayson, W. R. McLeod, and Misses Alva Wheeler and Agnes Williams.

### MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. T. H. Williamson, assisted by Mrs. Alex Williamson, was hostess at her home honoring Mrs. D. H. Jones Friday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower. As each guest arrived, they registered in the bride's book, also giving a favorite recipe. Then they were given a quilt block to be pieced and embroidered with their name, to be given to the honoree. Green and orange colors were carried out.

Delicious refreshments were served to thirty-five guests. The second course consisted of leaves and on turning over a new leaf for the New Year was found a resolution that each one read aloud, affording much laughter for all. Then the gifts were presented to the bride.

## Whispering Rock

(Continued from Page 3.)

I must go there at once. We'll put all my things in the buckboard and then drive home. They'll be home some time tonight or tomorrow morning."

Ann dropped her eyes and slowly shook her head. "I reckon I dasn't go fer doir' nuthin' 'cept what I was tol' to do, Miss Ruth."

Ruth tried to appear surprised. "But Mr. Snavelly knows I wanted to go to Thanes."

"Nob. He tol' me you'd try to make me do that. He says I got to take you right to the railroad."

"But please, Ann—you'll do it for me. He won't know—please. Ann: I beg you to."

The giants stood with bowed head and twisted her big hands together. "I wisht I could, Miss Ruth, I wisht to Gawd I could."

"Ann, listen to me!" Ruth grasped the huge arm. "Listen, Ann, I've discovered the voice in the gulch—it's Snavelly. There's a trick to it—he's been tricking you with it, scaring you so that you would be afraid of him and do as he told you."

(Continued Next Week.)

## HEBRON NEWS

(Omitted From Last Week.)

We had a fine rain and the farmers can plow now.

Several of the Hebron folks were at the Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle.

Mrs. A. J. Sharp is some better at this writing.

There will be a New Year's program by the B. Y. P. U. at Hebron Sunday night.

Several new people have moved into this community and we are glad to welcome them.

## County Honor Roll

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL. The following students, who made an average of 90 and above, are reported on the honor roll at the Mt. Pleasant school for the third month by the principal, Jesse H. Morgan:

First grade: Homer Campbell, Jr., Helen Nancy Morgan.  
Second grade: Betty Jane Curb, Clarice Faye Blair.  
Third grade: Joyce Humphreys, Mary Evalene Roland.  
Fourth grade: Winnie Merle Click, Margie Hogan, Bonnie Lois Campbell.

High school: Dewey Whisenhunt, Leola Reidenbach, F. T. Hogan, Jr., Loyce Curb, Doris Whisenhunt, Hazel Blair, Connie Lee Rogers.

## White Church News

(Omitted From Last Week.)

Christmas has come and gone with everyone having quite a time through the holidays.

Our school opened again New Year's day after a week of fun and frolic. Our teachers spent the week in their homes: Miss Baucum, in Abilene, and Miss Dunlap, near Dora. Miss Duolap had the misfortune of losing practically everything from fire when her home burned last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Petty and children of Throckmorton visited her mother, Mrs. A. M. Sugart, Christmas.

Mrs. B. A. Riggan and son, J. C., were in Abilene on business last week.

Everyone is all smiles over the real good rain we received last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and little daughter, Mary Tom, of Water Valley visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, through the holidays.

Mrs. Bill Brown has been real sick, but we are glad to report her some better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and children of Sweetwater were recent guests in the Beryl Brown home.

Little Miss Maxine Phillips has been real sick but is greatly improved at this writing and we hope she will soon be back in school again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair of Noodle Sunday and attended the Fifth Sunday singing at that place.

Quite a few families are moving here, some to other communities and some just changing places here.

Everyone is glad to see Homer Tye up and going again after a very serious operation in the Abilene sanitarium some weeks ago.

Well, folks, 1933 has gone. Let's go into 1934 with a determination to make it better, physically, financially and spiritually. Here's hoping everyone a very prosperous and happy New Year.

### CARD OF THANKS.

To Our Friends: May we, the sons of our beloved mother, take this opportunity to express our thanks and sincerest gratitude to our friends and our doctor for the many kind deeds performed during her illness and passing.

Signed: W. C. Moore, John Moore, Jim Moore.

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 offering of their goods.

**EVERY DAY**

**2c A MILE**

**Anywhere on the Texas and Pacific Lines**

—and throughout the West. Also very low fares to the Southeast, East and North.

Examples of One-Way Coach Fares from MERKEL to	
Cisco	\$ 1.25
Dallas	4.18
El Paso	8.77
Fl. Worth	3.55
Little Rock	10.79
Los Angeles	20.77
Memphis	13.55
New Orleans	14.81
Phoenix, Ariz.	15.32
St. Louis	17.15
Shreveport	8.04
Sweetwater	.50
Texasarkana	8.53

10% Reduction for Round Trip

**NO SURCHARGE IN SLEEPERS**

TICKET AGENT TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY





## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

**INSURANCE FOR ELDERLY** folks, ages up to 85, \$1,000. Insure today; tomorrow may be too late. It's better to be safe than sorry. J. S. Frederick, Agent, Box 535, Merkel, Texas, Oasis Hotel.

**FOR SALE**—Several grade bull and heifer calves. C. M. Largent and Sons.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Several heifers, some with calves. Tom Green, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

**GOOD WEBBER WAGON**, 3 1/4 inch; good John Deere pony disc plow; 12 foot section harrow. R. B. Wells.

**FOR SALE**—1927 Model T coupe; good condition. Can be seen Saturday, January 13, at Woodrum's Filling Station.

**WHO WANTS** a beautiful Piano at a bargain? We have in this vicinity a splendid upright piano with a duet bench to match. Also a lovely Baby Grand in two tone mahogany. Rather than reship will sell either of these at a bargain. Terms if desired. Might take live stock as part payment. Address at once. Brook Mays & Co., The Reliable Piano House, Dallas, Texas.

### FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—Three room furnished apartment; will be vacant the 15th. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

**FOR RENT**—Farm one mile west of Merkel. Write B. Boring, 1905 Hemp-hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

### WANTED

**WANTED TO BUY**—Abilene Building and Loan stock. Box 446, Merkel, Texas.

**WANTED**—Small saddle pony; must have easy saddle gait; young and gentle for small girl to handle; no junk considered. John R. West.

### LOST AND FOUND

**LOST**—Coin purse containing cluster diamond ring and small change. Reward for return to Merkel Mail.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Sheriff:

**BURL WHEELER** (Re-election.)  
**RUCK SIBLEY**  
**PERRY P. DICKINSON**.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

**ORIEN HIGGINS**  
**A. D. FULTON**.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

**A. J. CANON**, (Re-election.)

### Fulton Enters Race For Public Weigher

Second to enter the race for public weigher, precinct No. 5, through the announcement column of The Mail is A. D. Fulton, well known farmer, who was a contestant for this office four years ago and ran a most gratifying race.

He has lived in Merkel ten years, having been engaged in farming during that period, and from practical knowledge and experience acquired feels that he is capable of filling the position competently and satisfactorily to all concerned.

He served eleven months in the army during the World War, spending nine months overseas.

### Chevrolet to Feature Week's Auto Show

Thursday, January 18, is West Texas day, according to announced arrangements for the public showing of the 1934 Chevrolet cars at Fort Worth and Dallas. The Chevrolet plans include display of the cars in both cities from Saturday, January 13, to Saturday, January 20.

In Fort Worth the cars will be displayed at the Biltmore Garage building, while the Dallas showing is scheduled for the Adolphus hotel.

Fred Hughes, local Chevrolet dealer, intends to go to Fort Worth next Thursday for the showing of the new models.

**Moved to Bradshaw Building.** During the early part of the week, Church Bros., local Plymouth and Chrysler dealer, moved from Kent street to the Bradshaw building on Elm street. They announce they are expecting new Plymouth and Chrysler cars any day now.

### Singing Convention Re-Elects Spears

Well, our Fifth Sunday has come and gone once more and we are glad to say we had one more real singing and Noodle did everything to make the day happy and pleasant and the singing a success. We are glad to say that is the way Noodle does things. One thing, I do not understand; that is, why I was re-elected president over two as good men as Lee Eason and Houston Robertson. My re-election over such men I consider the greatest honor you have ever bestowed upon me and with your co-operation in the future as you have given it in the past I look for only success; and I feel sure I will get that co-operation, as you have never failed me and for this I am very, very grateful.

I am serving the most noble people in the world and I shall always cherish your friendship and certainly appreciate your confidence. I'll do my very best to serve you in a way that you will never have any cause to regret your retaining me as your leader. May the Lord bless you in every way, give you strength, health and prosperity and the unobstructed privilege to meet me at 10:30 on next Fifth Sunday at Salt Branch. If any one should speak of an afternoon affair, correct the statement, tell them it's all day.

Loving, Yours for Service,  
Tom Spears, Your President.

### Canon Asks Voters For Re-Election

In the announcement column of The Mail this week appears the name of Jack Canon, who is a candidate for re-election as county commissioner of precinct No. 2.

Mr. Canon is completing his first term in this place and bases his aspiration for a second term on his public record.

Friends of Mr. Canon throughout the precinct point with much pride to the splendid condition of the roads under his direction, many miles of which had already been graded, graveled and put in first class condition prior to the use of government funds.

Not only in road matters, however, but in all details of the county's business he has proved an able servant of the people and feels justified in asking the voters for endorsement to a second term.

### NOODLE NEWS

Elder Cox of Abilene filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday at 11 o'clock. Rev. Albert Cade of this place, who is attending Simmons, preached at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and night.

Moving seems to be the order of the day here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bird entertained the employees and families of the local gin Sunday with a turkey dinner. Those attending were: Waldo Cox and family, Ray Cox and family, C. T. Jenkins and family, Morris Gerde and family, Odell Eoff and family, also Messrs. Ernest Spurgin, Pete Cook and Vennie Lucas and Misses Wanda Hunter and Johnnie Chadwick.

Miss Ira Ruth Hawk of Paducah is here visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Hawk.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Burton, Mrs. Clyde Jones and Miss Hettie West of Stith, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Scott, L. V. Vantress and I. V., Jr., of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Fere Rhodes, Harold Rhodes and Mrs. Reas of Henderson, Tenn., Mrs. Ellis Rhodes and daughter, Geraldine, of Dallas, Mrs. Carlton Vick and Mrs. Norman Sloan of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Herring and son, Ollie, of Robstown, are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Satterwhite and sons, Henry and Kent, and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and daughter, Ava Ruth, went to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herring left Sunday for South Texas where they expect to visit relatives for the next month.

The following people from Noodle attended the reunion of the Vantress family Saturday night at the home of Walter Vantress at Stith: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and daughter, Geraldine, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan, Mildred Sosebee and Jack Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee and daughter, Mrs. Cecil Hawk, went to Stamford Saturday on business.

Mrs. Carlton Vick and Mrs. Norman Sloan were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

### BLAIR ITEMS

The New Year has started off in a great way in this community, with much more rainfall than is usually seen at this time of the year. The added moisture that keeps coming makes a wonderful underground supply, making 1934 look like a winner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes with their two attractive children of Abilene spent the past week-end with the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, and family.

Master John Clovis Sandifer and little sister, Awilla, of Tuscola, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan. John Clovis is a visitor in our midst quite often, as Mr. Sandifer is Santa Fe agent at Tuscola.

Robert Moore of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Neal and pretty daughter of Nubia also attended the services Sunday.

John Hughes and daughter, Miss Nell Hughes, of Merkel were seen in our midst recently. Miss Nell was en route to Lubbock to re-enter school after the holidays with home folks. She went on the Santa Fe from here.

Quite a great deal of moving has taken place here since the first of the year, some moving out, others coming in.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cobb of Hamlin have moved on their home place two miles east of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe have moved into our community and it seems like old times to have them back, as they formerly lived here.

J. W. Moore left Saturday for Seymour on business.

Rev. and Mrs. John Walker and family of Abilene dined with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone Sunday. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer and family accompanied by A. D. Barnes of White Church visited friends in Hamlin two days last week.

Members of the Church of Christ of Cross Roads and Blair churches presented Elder and Mrs. Homer Hal-

ey, pastor of High Church, Abilene, with an elaborate shower of miscellaneous gifts in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rogers Friday evening. Elder Haley conducts the Bible class in this home every Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Doan and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens of Sweetwater spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meltop.

Rev. A. R. Tyson of Abilene delivered two impressive sermons at the Baptist church Sunday.

The Primitive Baptists held their regular services at the school house last week-end, which was well attended by members of that faith.

### Accepts Position at Midland.

Having accepted a position with the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil company, with whom he was formerly employed, J. J. Russell, Jr., and Mrs. Russell will locate in Midland, leaving about the 15th. Robert Hicks comes from Wills Point to accept the place on the West company auto supplies sales force, left vacant by J. J.'s departure.

The earliest known record of man's use of petroleum dates back to the time of Abraham.

### NOTICE

#### NEW KODAK FINISHING PRICES

30c a Roll any size 8 Prints

Reprints 3c each any size

"We save you enough on your Finishing to pay for your Films"

Postage paid on mail orders.  
**RODDEN STUDIO**  
Abilene, Texas Box 371

## Announcing

The hatching season will open Saturday, January 20. Will receive eggs on that date at Merkel Hatchery.

Frank W. Irvine, Owner 318 Mesquite St.

## ABILENE HATCHERY & SEED STORE

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

### REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

#### FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the Close of business on Dec. 30, 1933

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts	\$111,250.42
2. Overdrafts	291.72
3. United States Government securities owned	38,280.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
5. Furniture and Fixtures	5,937.50
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	13,586.29
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	42,211.74
8. Cash in vault and balances with other banks	301,114.23
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
14. Other assets	7,945.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$523,133.04</b>
LIABILITIES	
15. Demand deposits, except U. S. Government deposits, public funds and deposits of other banks	\$419,541.91
16. Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds and deposits of other banks	19,301.00
17. Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	2,860.85
19. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	11,205.74
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
29. Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided profits—net	3,973.54
Reserves for contingencies	63,973.54
<b>Total, including Capital Account</b>	<b>\$523,133.04</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**BOOTH WARREN**, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 1933.

**Mrs. Floyd Davis**, Notary Public.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:

**J. T. WARREN**,  
**G. P. WEST**,  
**SAM BUTMAN**,  
Directors.

### November Auto Sales Break 5 Year Record

Washington, Jan. 11.—The department of commerce reports value of retail sales of new passenger automobiles increased 74 per cent as compared with November 1932. This is the first time in 5 years that November sales gained over the corresponding period of the year before.

the department added. Explaining that "sales for the first 4 months of 1933 were considerably below the same months in 1932," nevertheless, the sales for the first 11 months of 1933 were 23 per cent higher than for the corresponding months in 1932.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

## THE RED & WHITE

### SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JANUARY 12 AND 13

APPLES, large Winesap, dozen 35c

ORANGES, Sun Kist, dozen 29c

Grape Fruit each 5c

LEMONS, dozen 22c

BANANAS, pound 6c

Lettuce 2 heads 9c

YAMS, Kiln Dried, 5 pounds 17c

Spuds 10 lbs. 25c

PEACHES, No. 10 can, each 39c

PRUNES, No. 10 can, each 37c

BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25 oz. 19c

SALAD DRESSING, G & W, pint 16c

SNOWDRIFT SHORTENING, 3 lbs. 45c

MILK 2 tall cans R & W 13c  
4 small cans R & W 13c

MUSTARD, quart 15c

PICKLES, sour or dill, quart 19c

PEANUT BUTTER, quart 28c

MAYONNAISE, R & W 8 oz. 14c—Pint 24c

Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c

RAISINS, 15 ounce pkg. 9c

COCOA, 1-2 pound 12c

DRIED PEACHES, 2 pounds 25c

Jello all flavors package 5c

GRAPENUTS, package 19c

OATS large pkg. 15c  
Mothers China 23c

PANCAKE FLOUR, R & W, pkg. 11c

MAPLE SYRUP, pint 25c

Coffee Maxwell House, lb. 29c  
R & W, lb. 35c  
Sun Up, lb. 19c

SOAP, R & W Giant, 5 bars 19c

Cheese Full Cream pound 13c

BACON, sliced, pound 18c

SALT PORK, pound 9c

Brick Chili lb. 15c





**KNIGHT-CHILDRESS.**

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Aileen Childress to Charles Knight came as a distinct surprise to their many friends when they were apprised of it last Monday. The ceremony was read on Christmas afternoon at 2:30 in the parlors of the University Baptist church, Abilene, the Rev. C. A. Powell officiating.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Childress; after graduating from high school she attended Baylor university. She is an accomplished musician and for a couple of years has assisted her father in the local T. & P. railway depot. Her gracious personality served her in this capacity and a host of friends extend heartiest congratulations.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Joe Knight, of Abilene, Route 3. He is a graduate of Abilene High school and since leaving school has been engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight will be at home with the groom's mother.

**KING-OWEN.**

Another wedding in Merkel's younger set was solemnized on Friday afternoon when Miss Annie Lee Owen became the bride of Miller King. The marriage rites were read by the bride's grandfather, Rev. L. B. Owen, at the Baptist parsonage at Tye at 2:30. Mr. and Mrs. Ray King were the only attendants for the ceremony.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owen and a very popular member of the Senior class of Merkel High school.

Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King, prominent farmer of the Mount Pleasant community.

The bride and groom are temporarily at home with the groom's parents.

**HOBBS-THOMAS.**

The marriage of Miss Hazel Thomas to Mr. Hall Hobbs on Saturday, January 6, with Rev. W. G. Cypert officiating, came as a great surprise to their many friends.

Mrs. Hobbs is the charming daughter of Mrs. C. E. Thomas and is a very active church worker. The groom is the son of Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and will engage in farming for the year.

They have a host of friends who are extending congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

**BRIDGE GAMES.**

Mrs. W. T. Sadler entertained informally last Thursday afternoon with games of contract bridge.

The entertaining rooms were colorful in seasonal decoration and at the culmination of the games delectable custards and fruit cakes, stuffed dates and salted nuts were served to Mesdames David Wright and Claude Young of Abilene, Mesdames L. C. Zehnpenning, Jack Anderson, Bob Mayfield, Milton Case, Ernest Higgins, Geo. White, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Charles Largent, W. T. Sadler and Miss Christine Collins.

**INFORMAL EVENING.**

Another informal evening was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble on Thursday when a three course dinner was served after which games of bridge were enjoyed. The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames Tom Largent, Charlie Jones and Frank McFarland.

**APPRECIATION EXPRESSED.**

The Douglas children wish to thank Dr. Sadler for his sincere help and Revs. Gates and Rease for the kind words they spoke in behalf of their mother. The neighbors will never know how much the dinner and help they rendered were appreciated and May God's richest blessings rest upon them all.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**DROB STANLEY**  
 Eyestrain and headaches are linked together—if you suffer from either have a complete eyesight examination now.  
**OPTOMETRIC SPECIALIST**  
 D. STANLEY

# CHURCH SERVICES

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

What is the church? Is it yonder building with a high spire? Is it the place where people come on Sunday to worship and listen to the sermon? Or is it where we go to Sunday School. Think on these things. Yes, these are a part of the church—but the real church is a group of people who love and follow Christ and who band themselves together for worship, fellowship and service in His name.

Sunday at 9:45 there will be a large group of people that will gather for study for the great lesson on "God's Victorious Son" from Matt. 3:13-4:11. And this will be one branch of the church at work; it is the Sunday School. Will you not come and have a part in this great work of service?

Preaching at 11 a. m. This service is called the "worship" program of the church and is just as important, if not much more than any other service of the church. Come and worship with us. Subject, "Extravagant Spending." Leagues will meet at 6 p. m. Preaching at 7 p. m. Our evening services will be on the line of "Evangelism" and we hope that you will attend these services.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, at 7 o'clock Dr. W. M. Murrell will be with us in quarterly conference; the entire membership of the church should come. This is not a meeting for the officials and pastor, it is for the church. P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE NEWS.**

Program for January 14:  
 Subject: "Changing Jobs with Pharaoh."

Prayer of gratitude for the workers of all times, Florene Rider.

Scripture, Mark 10:35-45, A. B. Hughes.

Hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming."

Discussion on the topic, "Changing Jobs with Pharaoh," A. B. Hughes.

Talk on "Things that Make for Success in Any Job Always," Vernon Hudson.

Meditation and prayer.

Poem, "God's Purpose in My Daily Walk," Florene Rider.

Hymn, "O, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

We are glad to report a growing interest in all departments of the church; especially in our prayer meetings is the change noticed most. When a prayer meeting grows and when the churches grow, the nation grows. We hope that all our people will make a special effort in this year of 1934 to attend all the church services.

Our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, is back with us again after a few Sundays absence caused by the illness of his little son, Billy.

The monthly workers conference will meet with this church Thursday, Dr. M. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, Abilene, will talk at the 11 o'clock hour and in the afternoon Rev. Mr. Dunlap of Sweetwater and Rev. C. A. Powell of the University Baptist church, Abilene, will speak. Dr. Powell will speak on "The Mission of the Church."

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

The W. M. S. will meet Monday at

3 p. m. for Bible study. The pastor will bring the eleventh chapter of Revelations.

The following on "Myself and Missions" will be given while "I Gave My Life for Thee" is played on the piano:

"Am I really missionary? Am I going to all I can with the blessed Gospel of salvation? Am I helping to send others to those I cannot reach? Am I supporting all the Kingdom enterprises with my money? Am I praying without ceasing for the work of the missionaries?"

"I am not missionary if I spend money lavishly on myself and give little or nothing to the missionary cause. I am not missionary if I refuse to attend the missionary meetings in my church. I am not missionary if I never remember to pray for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. I am not missionary if I claim to love the Negroes and the foreigners in distant lands and refuse to do anything for those who live near me. I am not missionary if I merely give my money to win the lost far away and do nothing to win the lost close at home. I am not missionary if I permit my church to spend money on local expense."

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. You will find a class suitable for you and we want to enroll you in our Sunday School, if you do not attend elsewhere.

No preaching service, morning nor night, as this is the pastor's Sunday at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

For last Sunday, the first Sunday in the New Year, the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was 733, as compared with 636 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, the attendance was 728.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

At the beginning of this New Year, while people are making new resolutions in a business and financial way, we feel that this would be a mighty good time to start going to church and Sunday School. If you are hungry to hear the old time gospel, come to the Church of The Nazarene.

We were glad to have a number of additions to our Sunday School last Sunday and wish to say that our singing last Tuesday night was a success.

We take this means of extending you a personal invitation to come to our services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Community singing every Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Services for the week are as follows: Lord's day Bible study 10 a.

**MAN'S HEART STOPPED. STOMACH GAS CAUSE**

W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Adierika rid him of all gas, and now he eats anything and feels fine. Merkel Drug Company.

m. preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 6:30 p. m., preaching 7:15 p. m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m. and a sermon by of the young A. C. C. preachers follows the Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:30.

The subject for 7:15 p. m. Lord's day will be "The Good Confession." A welcome awaits all who come. The Elders.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The young people's Bible study is doing fine under the leadership of No-la Mae Callahan.

Rev. Armstrong preached last Sunday morning and everybody seemed to enjoy the fine message he brought.

Next Sunday night we expect to have some good quartettes and duets. We want everybody who can sing to come be in our choir and help us make the singing the best possible. Sunday night we preach on "Seven reasons why I believe the Bible is the Inspired Word of God." Sister McConnell will give us a reading on "Inspiration of the Bible."

We have on hand some nice "Tithing Calendars." Come and get one and begin the New Year tithing. To those who fill a calendar in 30 days the pastor will present a Bible. This tithe will go on tabernacle.

We welcome you to all our services Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear mother.

The Douglas Children.

**Only Eighth Inch.**

Only one-eighth inch of rainfall has been registered on the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale since the first of January.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

**MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP**

AT NEW WOODRUM HOME

Same Phone Number

"Flowers for all occasions."

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"The Home of Good Groceries" Prompt Service Phone 234

**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

<b>Sugar</b> Pure Cane, Cloth Bag 10 pounds	<b>50c</b>
<b>Soap</b> Big Ben, 16 oz. Bars	<b>7 for 25c</b>
<b>New Car Just Arrived</b>	<b>At Door or Delivered</b>
<b>Flour</b> YUKONS BEST 48 POUNDS	<b>\$1.90</b>
<b>Corn, 100 lbs.</b>	<b>\$1.45</b>
<b>Chops, 100 lbs.</b>	<b>\$1.45</b>
<b>Shorts, 100 lbs.</b>	<b>\$1.30</b>
<b>Bran, 100 lbs.</b>	<b>95c</b>
<b>Mackerel</b> Tall Cans 3 for	<b>25c</b>
<b>Pork &amp; Beans</b> 16 oz. can 4 cans for	<b>25c</b>
<b>Chili</b> Pound Bricks	<b>each 15c</b>
<b>Crackers</b> Exel Saltines	<b>2 lbs. 21c</b>
<b>Lye</b> Hooker's 3 for	<b>22c</b>
<b>Catsup</b> 14 oz. Bottle	<b>2 for 25c</b>
<b>Mustard</b> Prepared	<b>qt. 15c</b>
<b>Medium Size ORANGES, 2 doz.</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>School Size APPLES, 2 doz.</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>Large and Firm Heads LETTUCE, each</b>	<b>5c</b>
<b>Large Bunches CARROTS, each</b>	<b>5c</b>
<b>Large Bunches BEETS, each</b>	<b>5c</b>

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

## Bragg's Red Hot Specials

Men's and Boy's Sheep Lined Coats <b>Hot Special</b> ..... \$3.69 and \$2.69	Men's Overcoats All Wool Curlee Brand Hottest Special We Have <b>Priced Now</b> ..... \$13.95 and \$9.85
One Lot Men's Waterproof Suede Cloth Jackets Zipper <b>Hot Special</b> ..... \$2.95	One Lot Ladies' and Childrens' Coats Extra <b>Hot Special</b> ..... \$4.95 and \$3.95
All Men's Corduroy Pants and Jackets <b>Hot Special</b> ..... \$2.39	Good Grade 36 Inch Brown Domestic Limited Amount <b>Hot Special, per yd.</b> ..... 6 1-2c
All Boys' Corduroy Pants and Jackets <b>Hot Special</b> ..... \$1.95	One Lot Bedroom Curtains Assorted Patterns <b>Hot Special, per pair</b> ..... 69c
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