

## SCHOOL CENSUS IS BEING TAKEN THIS MONTH

All Children Six or Over and Not Yet Eighteen on September First Should be Enumerated; Carl Black Census Taker.

Carl Black is during the month of March taking the census for the Merkel Independent School district. He and the board are anxious to have the co-operation of the public in seeing that every child within school age is enumerated. Every child thus secured means just that much more money from the state for the Merkel schools. Supt. Burgess suggests that, if any child is missed, someone telephone him at 174 and notify him of the omission. Then Mr. Black will call and enumerate the child.

All children who will be six or over on or before next September 1, and who are then not yet eighteen years old should be enumerated. Children from six to seventeen, inclusive, are to be enumerated whether they are in school this year or not. Even if the child is away in college or is married, he should be enumerated anyway. All children living within the bounds of the Merkel Independent School district during the month of March and within the above ages should be enumerated. This should be done regardless of where the child plans to be next month or next year. The only question is as to where the child resides during the month of March.

Children who live outside the Merkel district and who plan to attend the Merkel school next year should be enumerated in their home district, and then before August 1 transfer to Merkel. This transfer cannot be made unless the child is enumerated in his home district. It is vital, therefore, that this should be attended to by the parent if the census enumerator should miss the child. Children whose parents reside outside the Merkel district cannot be enumerated in the Merkel district even though the child may now be attending or may next year attend the Merkel schools. Such children should be enumerated in the district where their parents live during this month of March.

## Rabbit Drive is Set For Compere Mar. 15

A rabbit drive, with the usual feature of a barbecue dinner for everybody at the noon hour, is announced for Compere on Thursday of next week, March 15. Participants will assemble at the school house at nine o'clock.

Lee Stanley, who is in charge of arrangements, states shells can be secured on the grounds, emphasizing that "all guns must be unloaded before coming on school grounds."

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 6, 1914.)

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mann of Sweetwater were here last week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mann. After leaving here the Sweetwater people will go to Rockdale where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. E. L. Swafford returned to her home at Abilene Saturday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

Steve Duckett, who has been in Dallas since his departure from this city, returned home the first part of the week for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Sam Newberry left Saturday for Waco after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young.

Miss Armita Wheeler of Noodle visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin were in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Beatrice Dingle of Trent visited here Saturday.

We have our new stock of Men's and Boys' Suits and extra knee pants.

## BENEFIT PLAY FOR BOY SCOUT TROOPS MAR. 22

"The Man from Nowhere," a three-act comedy, the proceeds of which are to go to the two local Boy Scout troops, will be staged at the Cozy theatre on Thursday, March 22.

Produced by Parker Sharp and under the direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby, the cast will include the following experienced and talented players: Misses Missie Dye, Vera Ritchie, Mary Collins, Estelle Terry, Mrs. Lola Sheppard, Shorty Bird, Spencer Bird, Tom Allday and Comer Patterson.

Betty Lou Grimes, one of Merkel's popular entertainers, has promised a specialty and there will be other good numbers between acts.

## Greyhound Races at Abilene Sunday 2 P. M.

Sport lovers will have the opportunity to enjoy greyhound races again next Sunday afternoon at the Abilene Racing course, located on the highway west of Abilene, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Some of the best greyhounds in this section will be entered and it is announced that there will be plenty of Kansas rabbits.

Admission price is 25 cents, with children under 12 admitted free.

## Largents Ship Car Herefords to Show

To be ready for the opening of the Fort Worth Fat Stock show Friday night, Willie Joe Largent left Tuesday for Cowtown. A car of the Largent's Herefords was shipped from here Monday, to be joined at Fort Worth by those exhibited at the Houston stock show.

Willie Joe Largent was among interested breeders who attended the individual auction sale of Herefords by F. W. Alexander at Albany on Thursday, March 1.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, Friday, March 2, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter, residing on Route 2, Saturday, March 3, 1934.

## Conducts Funeral at Wellington.

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church here, went to Wellington Wednesday to hold funeral services for Mrs. Hardy Sweat, a member of his former church pastorate. He was accompanied by Roy Reid, a friend of the family.

## Attends Funeral of Niece.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney, accompanied by Mr. Boney's mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney, left Wednesday morning for Oenaville to attend the funeral of his niece, a daughter of Mrs. D. S. Whitlow.

## ASK DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS TO SEE ATTORNEY

Collection of Delinquent School Taxes Now Placed in the Hands of Attorney Joe E. Childers; Here on Firdays.

During the month of February the school board had a committee empowered to see any delinquent taxpayer who might want to make any adjustment or make any arrangement concerning the payment of past due taxes. Some taxpayers have made arrangements. On March first, as was previously announced by the board, the matter of collecting past due school taxes was placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

The board now asks that all such taxpayers who did not see them during the month of February now see Attorney Joe E. Childers, who has been empowered by the board to collect and to make such adjustments and arrangements as should be made. Mr. Childers will be at the city hall in Merkel on each Friday of the month of March to see any delinquent school tax payers who might wish to have any adjustments made or who might wish to make some sort of arrangement for the payment of school taxes. These dates will be March 9, 16, 23, and 30.

The board needs the money to maintain the schools, and believes that the improved times warrant taking steps to collect the taxes. They believe it is only fair to those who have paid that the others bear their share of the burden of maintaining the Merkel schools.

## Millet's "Gleaners" To Be Displayed Here

"The Gleaners," one of the group of 150 of the finest reproductions of recognized masterpieces of art to be placed on display here to local students and the general public at an early date, is a picture taken from the sunlit fields of France. All the shades that Millet loved are there—dull reds, browns, and blues that mellow the sunlight, and grow richer in shadow. The end of the harvest has never been represented more sincerely.

Across the fields are the tall stacks of grain, with men binding the wheat while others load it on a high wagon. At one side is a homestead, the owner riding over the field among the men.

According to an old custom, the gates have been left open and the gleaners are allowed to enter and pick up the stray pieces of wheat after the reapers. The three women are peasants of the poorer class, neatly dressed in coarse clothes, and wooden shoes. They have large handkerchiefs or cloths tied over their heads, pulled down to protect their eyes.

The artist has arranged the three women in an interesting group. They seem to move across the field. The first is a young girl of real beauty. The graceful curve and bend of the body, the well shaped hands, and the neatly arranged kerchief, suggest a form of real loveliness. The second is an older woman, stolid and awkward in movement, with large brown hands that have known hard work. The third is an old woman bent and wrinkled. With difficulty she bends her stiff body and picks the sharp needles with unsteady hands. Millet's most important paintings are those that deal with peasant life in France a hundred years ago. He was one of the painters who formed the Barbizon school. He has always been admired for the courage to break away from traditional methods and paint the life about him.

## Hutcheson Resigns From City Council

To become effective March 22, W. D. Hutcheson, member of the board of aldermen, tendered his resignation at the monthly meeting of the board Monday night, the board accepting his resignation as presented.

Mr. Hutcheson was elected in the spring of 1933 and has not completed the first year of his two-year term. In consequence of his resignation, four aldermen are to be elected in the April election this year, one to fill his unexpired term for one year and three for the full two-year term.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Summary dismissal of ten sophomore students, all of the same military unit, of Texas A. & M. college was announced Tuesday by President T. O. Walton.

The body of Mrs. Allie George Kidd, 23, whose head was shown to have been crushed, was recovered Monday from the bed of the Trinity river at Dallas.

R. E. Russell, 55-year-old San Antonio attorney, died five hours later, after plunging from his eleventh floor office window in a bank building to the top of a two-story building.

John Davis of Dallas, former state senator, has announced he would manage the gubernatorial campaign of C. C. McDonald of Wichita Falls and would open headquarters in Dallas about April 1.

Two blind musicians, Rufus Bennett, 32, and Emery Allen, 28, members of a Dallas night club orchestra, were killed Sunday when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a parked truck.

In reply to numerous requests that he become a candidate for governor, Lee Simmons, the popular and efficient manager of the Texas prison system, announced definitely Monday that he will not enter the governor's race.

Amarillo husbands paid tribute Monday to their mothers-in-law by a general observance of the day similar to the long-established "Mother's day." The new movement is sponsored by "The Mothers-in-Law Day Club of Texas," started by Gene Howe, Amarillo publisher.

Louis M. Hunter, 31, one of the outstanding young men of Abilene business and civic circles, died Sunday morning from injuries he received when pinned beneath his car when it overturned Saturday night after colliding with another machine at a street intersection.

Bernard M. Cooney, 30, formerly an instructor at Texas A. & M. college, took his own life Tuesday by shooting himself in the head while parked in his father's automobile at Northampton, Tenn., to whose home he had gone several weeks ago because of a threatened nervous breakdown.

When the trustees of the Concordia school district in El Paso county decided to change the name of the school they asked for suggestions of a new name from the school children and the name suggested in more cases than any other was Roosevelt. The school is now known as Roosevelt school.

## Demonstration Club To Be Organized Here

The Mail gladly gives space to the following call for a meeting with the purpose of organizing a home demonstration club in Merkel:

"Everyone interested in the organization of a home demonstration club in Merkel is requested to meet at the home of Mrs. George L. White on Wednesday, March 14, at 3 p. m."

## Famous Lecturer to Come to Sweetwater

Evangelist C. A. Walgren, assisted by a corps of gospel workers, will open a Pictured Bible chautauqua Sunday night, March 11, at 7:30, at 219 Elm, Sweetwater. Mr. Walgren claims Kansas as his home state and has recently lectured there and also in Illinois. He has also lectured in a number of the larger as well as smaller cities in this state.

Hundreds of beautifully designed slides will be thrown on the screen from night to night which will graphically depict scores of Bible characters, narratives and places. Hundreds of other views will be shown which will give clear delineation to subjects on history, science, modern discovery and exploration.

Mr. Harold Colburn of New Mexico will direct the music. Mrs. Colburn will be at the piano.

## Will Preach at Blair.

Paul Witt of the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, will preach at Blair Sunday morning on "Why Christ's Church Partakes of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day." Sunday night's subject, "Why We Do Not Use Instrumental Music in Our Worship."

## START WORK OF BEAUTIFYING OUR HIGHWAY

Permission has been granted by the Texas and Pacific railway through A. E. Pistole, division superintendent, to the local committee on highway beautification, of which Mrs. R. A. Burgess is chairman, to plant trees and shrubs along the railroad right-of-way in the two plots north of the tracks extending from the section house towards town to the location of the Nichols Ice and Coal company.

Plans are now under way by the committee chairman and members to plot at least one of these sections this season. The small triangular plot, belonging to the city and on the north side of the highway at the intersection of the Noodle highway, has already been plowed under and made ready for beautification.

Mrs. Burgess requests that anyone desiring to donate labor or trees or shrubs is asked to communicate with her as chairman or any members of the committee.

## Mother of Mrs. R. L. Adcock Dies at Menard

R. L. Adcock was informed by long distance telephone Wednesday night of the death of Mrs. Adcock's mother, Mrs. A. A. Williamson at 9 p. m. Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Adcock had been called to Menard Monday by the serious illness of her mother and Mr. Adcock had returned Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Berdelle to resume her school duties, Mrs. Adcock remaining with her mother.

Mr. Adcock, accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Berdelle and Frances, and Mrs. Adcock's two nephews, Dutton, Jr., and Bob Williamson, left Thursday morning for Menard to attend the funeral.

Surviving Mrs. Williamson are her husband and eight children: Mrs. R. L. Adcock, Merkel; Mrs. O. T. Murr, Fort McKavitt; Travis Williamson, Fort McKavitt; Herbert Williamson, Menard; Mrs. A. M. Duke, Waco; Carol Williamson, Alvin Williamson and Mrs. Doc Carroll, Menard. One son, D. D. Williamson, died a year ago, March 8, at Fort Stockton, leaving two sons, Dutton, Jr., and Bob Williamson, who are living with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock.

## MERCHANTS BEGIN 6 P. M. CLOSING MONDAY, MAR. 12

Effective Next Week Local Stores Will Close at 6 p. m. Week Days and 9 p. m. Saturdays; Change Back Again in Fall.

Store hours agreed upon this week by the merchants of Merkel provide that beginning Monday, March 12, they will open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. on week days and on Saturdays open at 7 a. m. and close at 9 p. m., the customary hours in the summer season.

The signed agreement follows: "In accordance with the Retail Food and Grocery Distributors Code, which became effective January 8, 1934, we, the undersigned food and grocery distributors, are desirous of operating under the 63 hour week schedule and, therefore, set our opening and closing hours as follows:

"Beginning Monday, March 12, and continuing to September 1, 1934, week days open 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m., Saturdays open 7 a. m. and close 9 p. m.

"From September 1 to January 1, open at 7 a. m. and close at 8 p. m., Saturdays open 7 a. m. and close 9 p. m.

"We also further agree not to open our places for business on Sundays.

"J. T. Dennis, W. J. Sheppard, Bragg Dry Goods Company, West Company, Jones Dry Goods Company, Eli Case Grocery, "M" System, Bullcock Hardware Company, A. R. Booth, Max Mellinger, W. I. Peters, McDonald Grocery, Wood Grocery, Brown's Bargain Store, Reid Variety Store."

## Merkel Girl Wins In Math Contest

Miss Frances Marie Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, won in the mathematics contest at McMurry college and will represent that college in competition with the different colleges of the state. The winner of the state will then go to Louisiana for another contest. Miss Church was also one of the twelve McMurry Freshmen to be promoted to a Thespian in dramatics.

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Many of the phrases and sentences have entered into our common talk. Everybody knows them, but not everybody knows where they originated.

Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.

A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.

Where there is no vision, the people perish. He that spareth his rod hateth his son.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. Some of the wisest and most memorable observations are set forth in poetic guise, which adds to their impressiveness:

There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

For an odious woman when she is married; and an hand-maid that is heir to her mistress. These latter selections are not Solomon's, but come from a man named Agur, the son of Jakeh, about whom we know nothing.

Next Week: Virtuous Love.



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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. John Strawn visited her sister, Mrs. Emmett Holt, of Waco last week-end.  
Alex Williamson left last Sunday for Mineral Wells where he will remain for awhile.  
Mr. and Mrs. Vellie Vessel and children of Cisco visited last week-end in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel.  
Homer Green cut at Noodle Dome happened to a very serious accident last week in which he more than likely will lose his right hand. He is at present in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium and his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Green, and two sisters from Lamesa are here at his bedside.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott motored to Clyde Tuesday and secured some pecan trees to plant at the M. E. church.  
Buck Hand, who is in the hospital, is reported to be doing nicely.  
Elbert Rogers of Hermleigh visited relatives here this week, also looking after business matters.  
Brother and Sister Howell of Abilene attended an all-day affair at the Baptist church Monday, when the church ground was cleaned off and elevated and trees planted around the church. The trees chosen were Chinese elm. After lunch was served the ladies had their regular meeting, with Mrs. E. Massey presiding. There were 14 ladies present and a very helpful program was brought on "Missions."  
On Wednesday of last week Mrs. A. Williamson honored her mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, with a surprise luncheon, inviting a few friends to the home of her mother to appear just about dinner time with a covered dish. Those attending the affair were: Mesdames John Strawn, J. I. Leamon, John B. Winn, J. B. Strawn, J. M. Billings, the honoree and hostess.  
Jack Roneau of Littlefield, formerly of this place, passed through our city en route home after a visit to Easterly. His father, Andrew Archer, returned home with him.  
Mrs. May Day of Eskota spent the latter part of last week with Mrs. Frank Allyn.  
John Bowman of California is visiting relatives here this week.  
Bob McLeod of Mineral Wells visited his mother, Mrs. S. D. McLeod, and other relatives here recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Steen of Clyde visited with relatives recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor returned last week to their home in Fairfield.  
Tom Ivy of Sweetwater was a passing guest Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers. He was en route home after attending to business in Abilene.  
Mrs. Barnhill and daughter of Baird spent Tuesday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutcheson. Mrs. George Thompson of Clyde, who accompanied them, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Brewer.  
Mrs. Adcock, who was seriously burned last week died Friday about 12 o'clock. She was buried in the Trent cemetery Saturday, with Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor of Merkel, officiating.  
Several of our Baptist people attended the workers conference which convened at Sweetwater Tuesday.  
We have been requested to announce that the revival will begin at the M. E. church the third Sunday in this month, March 18. The pastor, Rev. W. B. Reaves, will do the preaching. He asks the cooperation of all the churches and the prayers of all Christians that the meeting will be a spiritual uplift to the community at large. Come.  
Charles Hutcheson, who has been sick sometime, is now under the care of Dr. J. M. Alexander at Abilene. He is staying for the present with his daughter, Mrs. Pierce Bonner, of Clyde.  
Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughters, Doreen and Gene, motored to Sweetwater Saturday afternoon. They were accompanied by Miss Dorothy Reaves.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winters are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, making his appearance last Friday. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.  
Gene Archer of Dallas visited his

mother, Mrs. Mary Archer, last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling returned Sunday after a ten days visit with relatives in South Texas.  
Miss Marie Bird of Easterly is here for a visit with friends and relatives.  
The young people of the Methodist church will observe young people's day Sunday, March 11, with a special program at 7:30 Sunday evening.

**METHODIST W. M. S.**

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church gathered Monday afternoon in social session at 3 o'clock with Mrs. W. B. Reaves as hostess. After the opening song, "Faith of our Fathers," Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., president of the auxiliary, gave the devotional from I Samuel 3:1-10, followed with prayer. Mrs. E. L. Mangum directed a Biblical contest and games after which the hostess served a refreshment plate of sandwiches, fancy cookies and coffee to Mesdames M. G. Scott, Hub Kegans, R. L. Reeves, R. B. McRee, E. L. Mangum, G. R. Gafford, C. R. Shannon, J. B. Strawn and C. C. Cribley and Miss Maimie Gafford.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

The Home Demonstration club met in regular session Wednesday, February 21. Mrs. A. C. Wash, the president, called the house to order and conducted the business meeting. For the social hour games and contests were conducted by Mrs. John Payne.  
The next all-day quilting will be at Mrs. T. L. Stevens. Mrs. Hosea Winn will also have in a quilt.  
Mrs. John Payne and Mrs. Hosea Winn served a delicious refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate to Mesdames T. L. Stevens, C. R. Shannon, Alton Boone, A. W. Woods, A. C. Wash, Roy Stewart, Ed Burks, R. B. McRee, M. G. Scott, John Gafford, Tom Vessel, Ann Boone, Harvey Jones, Frank Allyn, Walker Steadman and Bill Sprinzler and Misses Fannie Vessel and Maimie Gafford.

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**COMPERE NEWS**

The health of this community is good at this writing, and farmers are all happy over the recent rain.

Singing at Zion Chapel was well attended last Sunday night and there were several visitors from Noodle. We have reorganized our singing; at Zion's on first and third Sunday nights, at Compere Baptist church second and fourth Sunday nights. We have 36 new Stamps books and everybody is invited to come and help us sing.  
Several from our community attended the basketball tournament at Anson Saturday.  
Mrs. Will Evans from Knox City and Mrs. Ethel Goodyear of Anson were Sunday visitors in the E. C. Spurgin home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chaney spent the week-end with relatives at Noodle.  
Ed Lail Chaney attended the singing at Union Sunday.  
Lawrence Spurgin spent the week-end with friends in Anson.  
The Compere P. T. A. is progressing nicely, with Mrs. Will Spurgin as president. They are rendering some very interesting programs, which everyone is invited to attend. We meet every two weeks on Friday nights. Next Friday night is the time for the teachers and pupils to entertain.  
Mrs. Cadmus Brown and son, Cadmus, Jr., of Sylvester were visitors in the Compere community Wednesday night.  
A large number of Compere men were in Anson for "Trades Day" Monday.  
Miss Clara Stinnett of Pleasant Hill visited in the W. C. Vincent home the past week. Miss Stinnett returned home Saturday and her mother, Mrs. Stinnett, is here for a few days.  
I. C. Brown and Miss Mary Ella Wright of Sylvester visited Mrs. M.K. Milner the past week-end.  
Mrs. M. M. Wood was reported ill the past week, but is able to be back in school again now.  
The Compere high school students will present a play, entitled "Two

Days to Marry," at the Compere school building Friday evening, March 9. An admission of 5c and 10c will be charged, the proceeds to be used to buy lights and other equipment for the school building. The cast follows:  
Simon P. Chase, (negro,) Ruby Jo Tarpley.  
Ruford B. Sawyer, Wance Hudson.  
Emily Jane Pink, (negro,) Anna Mae Jones.  
Sadie L. Boise, Tressie Marshall.  
Imogene McShane, Mattie Horton.  
Walter M. Blair, Raymond Adkin.  
This play is said to be a perfect comedy from beginning to end. Come and see for yourself.

**DORA DOINGS**

After the cold weather and good rain which came last week and now the nice sunshine, everyone is at work in a hurry, for Mr. Spring will be here pretty soon.  
The measles epidemic is almost over and most of the students were back in school Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whitaker announce the arrival of George Payton on March second. Mother and baby doing nicely.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Elm Grove spent the week-end here visiting their daughters, Mrs. E. P. Perry and Mrs. John Dudley.  
Mrs. H. West of Merkel was here visiting relatives over the week-end.  
We regret to report Mrs. Willis Pery sick at this writing. Mrs. J. B. Whisenant, her mother, of Leveland is at her bedside.  
Mrs. Jasper McCoy and Miss Novis Whiteaker of Merkel were week-end visitors with G. W. Whiteaker and family.  
Albert Elliott is improving after a very severe cold and la grippe for several days.  
J. B. Richardson and family of Sweetwater were Divide visitors Sunday.  
Mrs. Wilma Allen was called to her home in Gustine Friday on the receipt of a telegram stating that her sister's baby was dead. She left immediately via the Santa Fe for Comanche.

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Accessories	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	
Oil Bath Air Cleanser	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	
<b>TOTAL CASH DELIVERED IN MERKEL</b>	<b>721.45</b>	<b>742.19</b>	<b>793.39</b>	<b>757.54</b>	<b>777.98</b>	

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## SCHOOL AWAITS RETURNS FROM BEAUTY VOTES

The beauty contest this year has set more tongues buzzing than any other Merkel High school has had in a long time. It seems that there has been more interest taken in this line than any other thing that has been brought up this year. Everyone is breathlessly waiting for the results of all the confusion and excitement.

Up and down the halls one can get drifts of conversation such as this: "Well, who do you think will get the beauty page in the Annual?" or, "Do you think so? I disagree," and "Why, I think she's much the prettier; I'm going to vote for her," and "I think I'll make some money so I can help put her over."

One reason that there has been such interest taken is because of the fact that two lovely girls are in the run-off. The Juniors and Seniors have been lucky to get their candidates in the run-off. Somewhere the Juniors have picked up the idea that they can defeat the Seniors. They are certainly trying to, anyway. The Junior beauty, Billy Bernice Gambill, is a dazzling brunette, while the Senior beauty, Julia Lancaster, is a devastating blonde. Now, men, which do you prefer—blondes or brunettes? Time alone can tell.

### The Badger Weekly

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## OUR SENIORS

**JIMMIE DELL PERRY.**  
 If you don't know Jimmie Dell you have missed something. She is very tall, has black hair, brown eyes and a very winning personality. She is always ready with a smile for every one. This is her first year in Merkel. Mt. Pleasant's loss was our gain. This year she is a member of the "Blue Badgerette" and the Dramatic club. Keep that smile, Jimmie Dell, and you're sure to succeed in all you undertake.

**FAYE PINCKLEY.**  
 Faye is another one of our Seniors who is liked by everyone. Sometimes she's very quiet, but you can always tell when she's around. She was a member of the Choral club for the last two years, but this year she's the librarian and, therefore, she isn't in the Choral club. She is a member of the "Blue Badgerettes" club. Luck and happiness to you, Faye.

**THE SENIOR "BLUE BADGERETTES."**  
 The Senior girls have organized a very active club. They have chosen blue checked dresses to wear on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Last Thursday the girls sponsored a candy sale, the proceeds of which went on their beauty candidate. The proceeds amounted to two dollars and fifteen cents.

**TOMFOOLERY.**  
 Joe W. C.: "I would like to have some good, old-fashioned loving."  
 Mary H. L.: "O. K., come out to the house and I'll introduce you to Grandma."

Caribel: "The directions say to rub the surface down with steel wool. What on earth is steel wool?"  
 Billie B.: "I'm not sure, but I think it's made from the fleece of hydraulic rams."

Mr. Burgess: "What's David's average income?"  
 Mr. Gamble: "From two to two-thirty a. m."

## AS SEEN BY THE INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE SCOUT

Saturday, March 3, in the invitational contest in Abilene, Merkel's debaters, Helen Joyner and Wanda Hunter, lost to the Breckenridge A team and to Graham, respectively.

During the day, they heard some of the best high school debaters in Texas. More than thirty schools were represented in the contest and the boys and girls each had more than forty teams in each division.

Coch Riddle says that, because of this wide range of representation, this contest is really much superior to that of the Interscholastic league.

The elimination contest in spelling was held last Friday, and, as a result, Anna Lou Church and Bessylou Russell will represent M. H. S. in county meet, with Juanita Huskey as substitute.

This week was scheduled for elimination contests in declamation and extempore speaking.

**OUR THANKS TO MR. LANCASTER.**  
 On last Monday morning, the classes in economics and bookkeeping enjoyed the privilege of listening to President Roosevelt's message to the men of our American industrial world.

## Unusual Programs Enjoyed by Class In Public Speaking

Last week the speech class met in Mrs. Haynes' studio on Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday they were entertained with the play, "Elmer." This was given by a number of the class members.

Thursday the second act of the play, "The Call of Youth," was given, and a number of Juniors from Grammar school gave their declamations.

Some of the speech class members are going to county meet this year. Those in extempore speaking are Jimmie Dell Perry and Thelma Mathews. The debaters are Wanda Hunter and Helen Joyner. Several of our members are in the one-act play, "Elmer," that will probably go to county meet.

During the past few weeks the class has been an interested audience for the contest speakers' practice.

Wonder if L. V. showed Bussie if "the thing would go off."  
 Someone wanted to know where Raymond went one Wednesday night. Billy Gardner has a great deal of influence over Jack West. How, we wonder?

Some of the Sophs, as well as the whole school, have been wondering what Victor thinks of the girls.

Miss Patterson says she learned lots by sitting up in the bookkeeping room and watching the girls play volley ball.

Caribel and Helen like to watch Tracy draw pictures (at certain times).

Frances likes to ride in jump seats and wear ear caps.

We wonder how Billie Bernice feels now that she's a star.

Ask Sis who "before" and "after" are.

Ask Mary Helen M. if she likes to stay at home on Saturday night.

Some one heard that Thelma M. had strings on Walter. Wonder how she knows?

Clara Frances seems to be very happy lately.

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## GOODMAN NEWS

There is to be a sack supper at Goodman Friday night and everybody is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips spent Sunday with Mrs. Phillips' mother at Eskota.

Anna and Evelena Williams were in Merkel shopping Saturday.

Mrs. Phomroy left Saturday night for Artesia, N. M., to visit her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phomroy.

Mrs. Aubre Dell Carter is spending a few days in Abilene.

Mrs. Tiner has been in Abilene most of the past week at the bedside of Mrs. J. M. Tiner, who has been real sick in the Baptist sanitarium.

Miss Lamont Cox, who was operated on Friday at the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene, was reported doing fine Saturday.

Misses Ora and Lora Hail were in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnes spent the week-end with relatives at Midland.

Mesdames Campbell and Phillips were in Merkel shopping Saturday.

Singing was enjoyed by a large crowd Sunday night.

Mrs. Norris and baby have returned home from near Anson where they have been visiting her parents for the past month.

Miss Annazell Seago and Frank Perring of Noodle went to Anson Saturday night.

Frank Terrell, who is attending school at Abilene, spent the week-end at home.

Misses Ethel and Verlin Cook, Walter Pearl Phillips, Jimmy Williams and Lula Mae Hail went to Abilene and Anson Saturday.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

## NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. T. B. Cox returned home Thursday from Plano where she has been visiting the past two months.

Miss Hazel McLaren of Anson spent the week-end with Mrs. O. C. Vick.

Mrs. O. W. Sosebee and Mrs. Cecil Hawk spent the week-end in Stamford visiting relatives.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell and little daughters spent Sunday and Sunday night with her brother, Joe Winter, in the Goodman community.

Mrs. L. A. Irvin of DeLeon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. T. Bell, the past week, returned home Monday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Bell and little son, Ronald Lee.

Mrs. Mabel Reik of Anson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goodé, Sunday.

J. D. Sosebee spent the week-end in Stamford as the guest of his uncle, T. F. Sosebee.

Mrs. Carl Jackson entertained a few of her friends with a turkey dinner Sunday, honoring her husband on his birthday. Those attending were: Waldo Cox and family and Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell.

Mrs. Jack Sharp returned home Friday from the Abilene hospital, bringing her twin daughters, who were born about ten days ago. They are doing nicely.

Bertis Sharp returned home Thursday.

day from Abilene where he had undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancy of Comper spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ely.

Mrs. Bird of Abilene visited in the home of her son, J. S. Bird, Sunday.

A number from here attended the county basketball tournament at Anson Friday and Saturday.

Noodle senior boys, senior girls and junior boys played in the county meet, with the following results: Friday, Noodle senior boys 36, Hawley 4; Noodle junior boys 21, New Hope 15; Saturday night, Noodle senior boys 21, Avoca 24; Junior boys 10, Neinda 6; senior girls lost by one point to Neinda.

Henry Satterwhite, one of the outstanding players on the senior team, has measles and was unable to play in the finals.

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**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**  
Day dawned at last and the sun rose gloriously—sunshine mocks at human misery.

It was shining in the kitchen windows where Amanda, with her sleeves rolled up, was cutting potatoes. As she pared she sang:

"Take me up an' set me down  
Spang in Heaven-town!  
Take me up—  
"Fo' de Lawd, Miss Nancy, yo' done startled me!"

Nancy had appeared unexpectedly upon the threshold. It was early but she was fully dressed for the street and wore a big hat that shaded her eyes.

"Mandy, I'm going out—I want something. Can I have a cup of coffee now?"

"I reckons so, Miss Nancy; I done made it a ready."

Nancy sat down in a kitchen chair and took the big cup from Mandy's hands. The coffee was hot and golden brown; Nancy sipped it slowly, watching the left brown hands at work.

"Take me up an' set me down  
Spang in Heaven-town," sang Amanda, pausing now and then as she flipped the slender slices of potatoes in the boiling fat.

"Take me up an' set me down  
Where dem angels keeps my crown!  
Oh, dere ain't no moths up dere,  
Oh, dere ain't no rust to spare,  
Where dem angels shine my crown!"

Nancy choked down a little more hot coffee. Amanda, looking up, caught her in the act of setting the cup aside.

"Heah, yo' ain't a-goin', is yo'? Yo' didn't drink half dat coffee. Deed, Miss Nancy, yo'll get malaria, yo' sho' will!"

But Nancy was already gone. In the path outside the door she turned and flung Amanda a smile over her shoulder. It was a pale young smile that seemed near tears.

It was very early in the morning and the street seemed to be flooded with light. There was old Major Lomax standing in his garden. Nancy's heart sank, she hated to meet any one but she had to go that way.

"Hello, Nancy, going on a journey?" He was looking at her satchel. "Just for a little while," she answered hurriedly, "how's Angie?"

"Still living here. Better come in and see her," he advised, his eyes twinkling.

Nancy hurried. "I can't come in today, but—give Angie my love, please," she faltered.

The major chuckled. "Think I'm a carrier pigeon, eh? Angie and I saw Roddy hurry by last week—what's wrong? He never looked at us, Nancy, went by like a shot."

Nancy felt a thrill of fear run through her. Did the old man know? She must not betray Roddy, she had saved him so far, she must not fail now. She swallowed the lump in her throat.

"He had to catch a train, that was all," she explained gently. "I'm sure he didn't see you."

Nancy hurried now. She had told Richard not to come for her, to wait at the station. She thought it would be easier to go there alone, but it was not; it was harder every minute. Then suddenly she saw him waiting for her quietly, standing at his own gate.

He seemed to loom up there, not the figure that her fevered dreams had conjured—as a child dreams of the bogie-man—but Richard, tall and

strong. The same face, too, not handsome like Page Roemer's, but with something in it that frightened her. Yet his eyes were warm and glowing now and—yes, they were kind!

"I couldn't let you walk all the way there alone, Nancy," he said huskily, clasping her hand a moment and letting it go again. "I've felt a beastly coward, not to come to tell your father and mother, and take you off to a church like a man!"

"You did what I asked, Richard," she got her voice—at first she thought she couldn't—and they walked on together. Once she raised her eyes and gave Richard a sidelong look, and she was stricken by it. Again she saw how he loved her and it terrified her. It was like meeting something mighty and irresistible. She was wicked. It was a wicked and sordid thing to do to a man who loved her.

"There's Mrs. Haddon," said Richard's voice and it sounded strange.

Nancy looked up at the motor and saw Helena's face at the window, her green eyes looking at them. She leaned forward, startled, bowing to them, and Nancy's cheeks grew rosy. Helena's eyes looked as if they knew, or thought they knew—something!

Nancy, trying to hide her own trembling, saw her looking back, her eyes on Richard, and Richard red under his tan.

"Haddon's going on the train with us," he said quietly, they were in sight of the station now. "He told me so last night. A pleasure trip—it won't bother us, Nancy."

She thought it would; she did not like Helena, and Kingdom Haddon was Helena's husband, and the president of the bank where Mr. Gordon had worked as a trusted clerk for twenty years. Helena would wonder why Nancy was going to Washington with Richard. Would they have to tell him? Her heart sank—it would make it so real before—before it happened.

Unconsciously she faltered; her very lips grew pale. Richard saw it. Up to this moment he had been carried along by a rush of feeling, by the depth of his own passion for her, but now—in a moment—the thing fell to pieces. They were almost at the station when he stopped short.

"Nancy," his voice was harsh and broken. "I—I wish I knew—you make a fellow feel like a brute! I can't go on with this—if I'm forcing you to marry me against your heart!"

She stood still at his side, her profile toward him. She did not lift her eyes.

"I—" she struggled with herself, and then steadily: "I pledged myself to marry you—if you want to refuse—"

"Nancy Virginia!" he caught her hand and held it fiercely. He fairly hurt it but she did not wince.

They stood a moment thus and then walked on; the force that was driving him now was too strong even for him, or he made no effort to resist it.

At the station, Richard held the door open and Nancy stepped inside. She stood still inside the station door. She was conscious that Richard had left her for a moment and, looking across the station, she saw him talking to a tall thin man who stooped a little. Haddon, of course!

They knew each other well, Richard was the banker's physician. Was he telling him about her?

Nancy's heart beat hard. No, Richard had not told Haddon; the banker never looked her way at all. Suddenly she felt as if she wished he had. Why hadn't Richard—

"I thought you wouldn't want to talk to Haddon all the way, so I didn't tell him you were here," Richard said, coming up and taking her bag. "The train's going in two minutes, Nancy, we'll have to get aboard."

The church was almost empty but there were some roses in the white marble font, a little way from the group of witnesses, strangers, two women and a man—the church sexton.

"In the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman—"

Nancy's mind staggered back from it. She lifted her white face and looked full into the minister's eyes. She was shaken by their look, their odd, questioning look. A pang of fear shot through her.

Nancy stood beside Richard, but

she no longer lifted her eyes. She did not want to meet that look again. "Not unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, in the fear of God."

How solemnly he spoke. He seemed to be seeking her out and searching her, not Richard. He must be doing it on purpose!

"Nancy Virginia, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?"

He paused; his strange voice seemed to grate and pierce her, to try to drag the truth out of her. He was doing it on purpose!

"I, Nancy Virginia, take thee, Richard, to be—"

Her ears were ringing now and her lips were dry. She had said it, she had repeated it after him, chokingly, meaningly, like a parrot. She would see him all her life with that book in his hands and his spectacles slipping down his nose. But she had heard her own voice repeating it, and now it was Richard's turn.

"With this ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow—"

His worldly goods? She turned hot and cold. She hardly knew what she was doing when the minister shook hands with her. Then he spoke to Richard kindly and frankly; she felt the change in his tone. He seemed to know that Richard was sincere.

She was shaking hands now with the witnesses; then they walked down the long aisles—they two alone—past the vacant pews under the low gallery.

Richard opened the swinging-doors and the cold spring air met them like a friend.

Across the city square the blue shadows of the dusk had gathered. Terror and homesickness clutched at Nancy's heart; she looked up and met Richard's eyes, they frightened her; he saw through her, she knew he did!

"Richard, I must go home!" she panted.

"I'm going to take you home," his voice shook. "my home is yours now, Nancy."

"Oh, I don't mean that. I meant I'll have to go tell father and mother now!"

"Then—" he paused an instant, not looking at her, "you want to go home tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow?" her tone was tinged with agonized dismay. He meant to stay there then—or to go farther away still!

"You want to go now?" he asked quietly, "at once?"

"Oh!" she drew a long breath, "If I could—!"

He was silent. They had reached the corner of the street and he stopped abruptly, apparently lost in thought.

"You mean—you'd like to go home alone?—that—" he choked.

For a long moment the man struggled with the mounting passion and fury in his soul. Then he turned quietly, without making her even aware of the tremendous effort he had made to control himself.

"Come with me now," he said coldly. "I've taken rooms at the hotel here, close by. You need rest—I can see that—and I must talk to you."

Something in his tone stung her; suddenly she remembered. She had begged his help and pledged herself. It was her doing, not his, and she was begging off! Even now, married to him, she was longing to escape, to break her word. Had he found it out? She had a strange feeling of being in a dream and walking through an empty street with a stranger—toward a fate yet more strange. His silence, too, began to weigh upon her. She thought suddenly that it was their wedding-day—his wedding-day—and he loved her! A feeling of remorse shot through her, a feeling of shame.

They had reached the hotel now and a small suite overlooking the same park that faced the church where they had been married.

The curtains had not been drawn and, moving mechanically to the nearest window, Nancy stood looking out upon the city street with blank unseeing eyes. All her senses seemed alive to but one thing, Richard's presence and the sharper consciousness that they were alone together in a strange place.

To him it was a moment of intolerable complexity. He saw the girl he loved, his wife at last, young, lovely, appealing in her evident distress. Yet this, which should have been a moment of exultation and joy, was one of bitterness. How perfect she was, and she was his. The thought surged through him and kindled him like a flame. He forgot the way of getting her for an instant, because she was actually his!

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### BLAIR ITEMS

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The measles have broken out again in full sway in the school. Among those on the unfortunate list are: Ellsworth Bell, Jr., Jimmie Campbell, Hardie Moore, Jackie Melton, Carlene Hughes, Donald Ray Logan, Billie Alice Patterson, Billie Jene Melton, S. H. Lowery and Raymond Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blackburn of Red Spring were the distinguished guests of their former's brother-in-law, Jim Moore, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Patterson and children of Lubbock motored over and spent Saturday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Roy Doan and son, Otto, of Rotan spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle of Trent were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dulin with their attractive little son of Rotan visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Latimer and son, Milburn, spent one day recently with the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Latimer, of Nubia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips, also attending services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. Wilbanks and daughter, Miss Vera Bell, spent the past week visiting relatives at Trent. Returning home Sunday, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Price of that place.

Miss Frances Russell of Simmons university spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer attended the funeral of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frazier, of Butman, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman.

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**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.

**MY HOME PLACE** next block south of Baptist church; half cash and half trade. E. Yates Brown.

**WATSON MEBANE** Cotton Seed for sale by Tom Henderson; first year here, price 75c per bushel. Leave order with L. L. Murray at Merkel Ice Station. Tom Henderson.

**FOR SALE**—Two 9x12 wool rugs, in good condition. Mrs. Allen McGehee.

**MAIZE FOR SALE**, R. L. Bland, 1118 Sayles Boulevard, Abilene, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Two row planter in good condition. See Paul Bradley at Stith.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—Two nicely furnished rooms, modern conveniences. Mrs. Dean Higgins. Phone 186.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**FOUND**—Coin purse. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad. George T. Moore at F. & M. National bank.

**LOST**—Log chain between my home and J. P. Sharp's on Noodle highway. Notify Joe Holmes.

**STRAYED**—Tuesday afternoon, one light colored fat Jersey steer calf; weighs about 500 pounds. Notify Patterson's market.

**WANTED**

**WANTED**—To buy your old furniture; all kinds of repairing done; upholstery work a specialty. J. T. Darsey Furniture Company.

**LODGE NOTICES**

**ELECTION NOTICE.**

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, same being the third day of the month, A. D. 1934, for the purpose of electing three regular aldermen to serve for a period of two years, and one alderman to fill the unexpired term of W. D. Hutcheson, resigned, for a period of one year.

Said election shall be held in the Fire Station and shall conform as nearly as possible with state election laws. Polls shall open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 p. m. W. C. Black is hereby appointed election judge.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 7th day of March, A. D. 1934.

W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

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

For Sheriff:  
**BURL WHEELER** (Re-election.)  
**RUCK SIBLEY.**  
**PERRY P. DICKINSON.**  
**S. H. McADAMS.**

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
**ORIE HIGGINS.**  
**A. D. FULTON.**  
**CLYDE SHOUSE.**

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
**A. J. CANON**, (Re-election.)  
**L. L. MURRAY.**  
**ANDY SHOUSE.**

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:  
**GRADY PARMELLY.**  
**C. W. BOYCE.**

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

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

For County Supt. of Schools:  
**M. A. WILLIAMS**, (Re-election.)  
**C. A. COCKRELL.**  
**NENA KATE RAMSEY.**

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:  
**JOHN PAYNE**, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:  
**OTIS MILLER**, of Jones County.  
**W. J. CUNNINGHAM**, (Re-Election.)

**COTTONSEED WANTED.**  
 We want to buy your cottonseed or will trade meal and hulls for seed; also want to cull your seed. See Bill Sheppard or C. V. Shelton.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**THE STITH CLUB.**

The Stith Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Edgar Bradley Friday, March 2, for an all-day meeting. On account of bad weather and muddy roads there were just six members and two visitors present. Sleeve patterns were cut in the morning and a delicious dinner was served. In the afternoon skirt and other patterns were studied.

Our wardrobe demonstrator, Mrs. Bradley, gave some interesting points on cutting and fitting patterns. Those present felt like they accompanied a lot by being there.

The club voted to have an all-day meeting at Mrs. Walter Ford's on March 16 to work on foundation patterns. All club members are asked to be present, bring card table, scissors, tape measure and pins. Visitors are welcome.

**SHOWER FOR MRS. PURSLEY.**

On Wednesday afternoon, February 14, friends of Mrs. Gordon Pursley, who before her marriage was Miss Nola Mae Anderson, favored her with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Bob Riney, the bride receiving many useful gifts.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to Mesdames Gordon Pursley, Watt Blair, Lillian Mathews, J. T. Humphreys, Doyle Humphreys, Mack Tucker, J. D. Tucker, Craig Humphreys, R. S. Darden, Miss Ella Mae Hogan, Mrs. Jess Anderson, little Betty Jean Mathews, Peggy Humphreys and the hostess.

**BRIDE AND GROOM SHOWERED.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard was the scene of a pretty party on Wednesday evening, February 14, the Valentine motif being carried out in house decorations. After contest games were played, the bride and groom were taken for a wedding trip; carrying with them a large suitcase, at the end of the journey they found many useful gifts for the kitchen.

Refreshments of chicken salad, brick ice cream and heart shaped cookies were served to Misses Hazel Blair, Emma Campbell, Thelma Mathews, Patricia Leonard, Valrie Jean Leonard, Joyce Humphreys, Peggy Humphreys, Messrs. Odell Anderson, Homer Clacker, John Leonard, J. T. Anderson, Hugh Leonard, Walter Leonard, Messrs. and Mesdames J. T. Humphreys, Craig Humphreys, Doyle Humphreys, J. S. Anderson, Gordon Pursley and the hosts.

**UNION RIDGE.**

The Home Demonstration club of Union Ridge met in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Dunn with Mrs. Floyd Nowberry as co-hostess. The club had the pleasure of having Miss Chambers with them and the topic for discussion for the afternoon was "Clothes Closets." Miss Chambers had with her several articles she made in which everyone was interested for demonstration work. At adjournment of the meeting it was voted to meet at the Union Ridge Methodist church on March 16.

The hostess served refreshments consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, olives and punch. Members present were: Mesdames Ruth Bonds, B. Bonds, Porter Whitaker, Floyd Newberry, Johnnie Dunn, Lee Tipton, S. C. Vick, Oliver Carey, O. E. Harwell, Pierce Horton, Melvin Carey, W. A. Harris, S. O. Patton, Kenneth Pee, W. J. Derstine, Misses Mabel McKee, Norma and Ruby Patton and one visitor, Mrs. Lola Sheppard.

**ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS.**

The Eskota Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. M. E. Trent on Tuesday, February 27. Plans and the cast were made and selected for the play, "Twelve Old Maids," which the club will present in the near future, and an exhibit was arranged for the meat show at Lubbock.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston showed the members how to use the foundation patterns in cutting different sleeves so they would fit correctly. The next meeting place will be at Mrs. A. D. Dodson's home, when Miss Velma Heald, county demonstrator, will give a demonstration on "Ways of serving canned meats." All members are urged to be present.

Those present for the meeting were: Mesdames C. B. Johnston, L. E. F. Johnston, A. E. Bullard, D. I. Trent, Otta Trent, Ollie Mathews, Clayton Nichols, W. J. Farley, Dora Knox, Lucy Vickers, Miss Ellen Morgan and the hostess.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Elected President of Southwestern Life**



CHARLES F. O'DONNELL.

Dallas, March 8.—Charles F. O'Donnell, vice president and general counsel of the Southwestern Life Insurance company, was selected president Tuesday at a special meeting of the board of directors. He succeeds the late Thomas W. Vardell, president from March, 1911, until his death a week ago.

The new president of the Southwestern Life is a native of Dallas county and a graduate of Texas university, class of 1907. He served as city attorney of Dallas from 1915 to 1917, leaving that position to join the firm of McBride, O'Donnell and Hamilton, from which he announced his retirement Monday to assume his new position.

Mr. O'Donnell is widely known in insurance circles of the state and nation. He is now serving his second successive term as president of the Texas companies, and he is the state vice president of the American Life convention, an association of 150 western and southern life companies.

The Southwestern Life is the largest and oldest of the group of life insurance companies domiciled in Dallas, and is the second largest in the entire southwest. It is now in its thirty-first year, and its assets amount to more than \$41,000,000. The company has insurance on the lives of approximately 140,000 Texas policyholders, amounting to more than \$258,000,000. It is distinctly a Texas institution, as it does business only in this state and invests all of its assets in Texas.

**Honor Pupils at Noodle School Are Announced**

The following pupils were on the honor roll of the Noodle school for the past month:

Primer and first grade—A. C. Brewer, Mose Cummings, Vera Lou Allred, Bobbie Nell Bicknell, Ava Ruth Sosebee, Erma Herring.

Second—Clinton Bird, Harold Yandell, Earl Milton, Esther Farr, Teni Goode.

Third—Donald Cade, Harold Sosebee, Mary Jo Bicknell, Billie Jean Sosebee, William Allred, Dorothy Barbee, Marcella Cummings.

Fourth—Iris Eoff.

Fifth—Imogene Bird, Nellie Joye Rutledge, Mattie Bell Spinks, K. G. Sharp, Joe Tarpley, Ray Tarpley, Allan Nolan.

Sixth—Geraldine Sloan, Archie Farr, Burneal Merritt, Edgar Lucas, Louise Cox.

Seventh—Johnnie Chadwick, Lena Spinks, Margaret Goode.

Eighth—Lucille Justice.

Ninth—Jasper Brown.

Tenth—Roger Sosebee.

Eleventh—Marie Walsh.

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**ESKOTA NEWS**

Anson Pendergrass and his two children of Quail, also his sister, Bernice, of Palava were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Mathews Sunday.

Miss Stella Neepner entertained the young folks Friday night with a party in honor of Miss Mattie Utley's seventeenth birthday.

Mrs. Lula Wallace has returned from Oklahoma City and is visiting her mother Mrs. F. E. Allyn, of this place.

Singing was well attended here Sunday night.

Mr. Nolan Hale and Miss Dorothea Newton were united in marriage Sunday.

Miss Opal Barnhill of White Flat spent Monday night with Miss Mattie Utley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dodson canned a beef at the A. E. Bullard home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Bullard of Weimer visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bullard, a few days last week.

R. J. Anderson, who has been taking chiropractic treatments in Sweetwater, was in Sweetwater last week and has returned to stay this week. Mrs. Herbert Johnston has also been taking chiropractic treatments at Sweetwater.

C. B. Johnston and Misses Roberta and Ouida Johnston, also Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston and Anna May, Nora, Ellen and Emma Morgan attended singing at White Flat Sunday afternoon.

Among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Anderson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brazelton, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnston, Mrs. John Rudd and Mrs. T. G. Hamner of Trent; Mrs. Connie SoRelle has been visiting with Mrs. Anderson for the past week.

Mrs. Walter McElmurray and children of White Flat spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kiser had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hale and family Mr. and Mrs. George Hale and family of Longworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross of White Flat Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley SoRelle of Palava and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hale and family of Longworth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dodson.

**Continues Critically Ill.**

The condition of J. E. Costephens, pioneer West Texan, remains critical, according to reports Thursday morning from his bedside.

**TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.**

For a limited time, we can offer The Daily Weekly News and The Merkel Mail for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not already a subscriber. This is a special rate.

**DROB STANLEY**

*Painstaking care assures comfort plus the maximum efficiency from your glasses.*

**OPTOMETRIC EYE SPECIALIST**

**D. STANLEY**

**Again Saturday**

**\$2.50**

Will be given away by a man on the streets of Merkel to the first person who asks him this question, "Have you seen the New 1934 Plymouth?" between 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 10. Nobody earned the award last Saturday; so it's anybody's game to find the right man.

**Church Motor Co.**

Plymouth and Chrysler Dealers

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MARCH 9 AND 10**

**Strawberries pt. 15c**

APPLES, Winesap, dozen 25c  
 ORANGES, Sun Kist, dozen 20c  
 BANANAS, pound 5c

**LETTUCE 2 heads 9c**

TOMATOES, No. 2 can, B & W, 3 for 29c

**Spuds 10 lbs. 23c**

TAMALES, No. 2 can, B & W, 2 for 25c

**SOUP R & W Tomato 3 cans 25c**

CORN, R & W No. 2 cans, 2 for 25c  
 PEAS, Kuner's No. 2 can 15c  
 GRAPE JUICE, R & W, pint 18c

**VINEGAR R & W Cider quart 17c**

DYANSHINE, shoe polish, bottle 19c  
 DRANO, drain cleanser, can 22c  
 SANI FLUSH, can 22c

**Soap R & W Giant 5 bars 19c**

SALAD DRESSING, G & W, quart 25c  
 BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c  
 CHERRIES, No. 2 can 15c

**Shortening 8 pound carton 59c**

PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can B & W 15c  
**Peaches No. 1 tall can R & W 11c No. 2 1-2 can R & W 18c**

TOMATO JUICE, 10 oz. R & W, 3 cans 19c  
 13 oz. R & W, 2 cans 19c  
 GRAPE NUTS, package 19c  
 CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg. 29c  
 MAPLE SYRUP, Log Cabin, small can 29c  
 Medium can 57c  
 SNOWDRIFT, 3 lbs. 43c—6 lbs. 79c  
 BRAN FLAKES, package 9c  
 FRUIT SALAD, R & W, No. 1 tall, 2 for 35c

**Coffee 1 pound Sun Up 19c 3 pounds Sun Up 55c**

**Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c**

RAISINS, Sun Maid, 2 lbs. 18c  
 APRICOTS, No. 10 can 48c

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

CRACKERS, Salad Wafer, 2 lbs. 32c  
 EGGS, 2 dozen 25c

**BACON sliced pound 19c**

CHEESE Full Cream, pound 20c  
 JOWLS, dry salt, pound 8c





**BRIDGE GAMES.**

The lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes on Oak street was opened last Thursday evening when they extended hospitality entertaining with bridge games. After an enjoyable evening of auction, delectable pie and coffee was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Frank McFarland, S. D. Gamble, Charlie Jones, Tom Largent, C. B. Gardner, Mr. Stuart Grimes, the host and hostess.

**DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.**

Mesdames Charles Largent and George West were co-hostesses on Wednesday of last week to members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club in the home of Mrs. Largent. Contract bridge furnished diversion throughout the afternoon hours and a dainty refreshment plate of salads was passed to Mesdames George Caple, John Olan Lusby, Bob Mayfield, Edward McCrary, Milton Case, W. T. Sadler, L. C. Zehnpenning, George White, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ernest Higgins, Harold Boney, Misses Nell Durham and Mary Elizabeth Grimes and the hostesses.

**HIKE.**

The little members of Miss Mamie Walker's Sunday School class enjoyed an outing on last Saturday morning. The "hike" was made up and down Mulberry creek in Laney's pasture until all were hungry and a large camp fire started over which a delicious camp breakfast was prepared. Those enjoying this outing were Doris Diltz, Inogene Rossen, Louise Patterson, Anne Lee Blake, Mabel Murray, Helen Heeter, Miss Mamie Walker, J. D. Wither and W. I. Wozencraft.

**GLEANER CLASS PARTY.**

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church met Tuesday afternoon in business and social session in the home of Mrs. Eli Case, with Mesdames Will Tombs and W. S. J. Brown as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Frank Iddings gave the devotional, followed with prayer by Mrs. L. D. Boyd. Mrs. P. H. Gates favored the class with two readings, which were very much enjoyed. During the business meeting an absentee committee was appointed, also a committee to see about the class' orphans' clothes. It was a glad surprise when Mrs. Etyel Church arrived with Mrs. Boyd, who now resides in Abilene and who was for several years the much loved teacher of the Gleaner class.

A delicious refreshment plate of chilled custard topped with whipped cream and cherries, with angel food cake in class colors, was served to Mrs. L. D. Boyd, guest, Mesdames P. Y. Gauthier, W. M. Gambill, Fletcher Mashburn, W. W. Wood, Roy Baeman, Herbert Patterson, F. E. Church, D. H. Vanden, P. H. Gates, Fred Guller, Fred Hughes, Frank Iddings, R. A. Burgess, Clyde Sears, V. R. Sublett and the hostesses, Mesdames Case, Tombs and Brown.

**THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.**

Twenty-five members of the King's Daughters class of the Methodist church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham on Oak street Tuesday afternoon. In the business session reports from committees were received and new committees were appointed by the president, Mrs. Lee Cox, for future work of the class.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Ellis and the program committee, Mesdames McSpadden and Dry, conducted a very enjoyable social hour. Miss Mary Jo Russell, a visitor, favored with a reading and at the refreshment hour dainty tea plates were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Durham and Richards.

**GUESTS COMPLIMENTED.**

Complimenting their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorn, of Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney were gracious hosts for four tables of bridge Saturday evening. At the conclusion of the games a delectable salad plate with coffee was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorn, Messrs. and Mesdames J. O. Lusby, R. B. Irvin and E. O. Pearson, Misses Evelyn Curb, Virginia Welch and Johnnie Sears and Messrs. Herbert Dennis, Ralph Duke and Wren Durham and the host and hostess.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a dinner on Wednesday evening when they were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church and children, Clarence, Anna Lou and M. C., Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church and children, Bessyloa, Billie Etyel and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. Eli

# CHURCH SERVICES

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Last Sunday the first day of the meeting, we had a large crowd. We were glad to welcome our Methodist and Presbyterian friends and extend them a most cordial invitation to be with us during the entire meeting.

Brother Joyner preached Sunday morning from II Chronicles 7:14 and his subject was "Spiritual Recovery," showing that we need spiritual recovery far more than we need financial recovery.

Brother Joe Trussell, the singer for the meeting, came in Monday afternoon. He is one of the best evangelistic singers in the South. Come out and hear him.

Brother Joyner attended the all-day associational meeting at Colorado Tuesday where he was one of the speakers.

Our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, will be in Fort Worth showing his cattle for the next two weeks.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sundays and 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every day during the meeting. B. T. S. at 6:45 Sunday.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. There was quite an increase in attendance last Sunday over the past few Sundays. Let's go over the 300 mark next Sunday. It can be done; will you help?

Preaching at 11 a. m. Come and worship with us; we need you and you need the worship hour.

Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. There will be no preaching services at the evening hour; we will attend the Baptist meeting. Remember that when there is a revival on it is for the spiritual uplift of all the people of the community. May we pray and work for and to this end.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**"HOME MAKING"**

The following program on "Home Making" was presented at the church last Sunday evening. The program was given by the following: "What is Home Making?" Paul Collins; "Home Making in the Bible" Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr.; "Home Making in the Church" Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr.; "Home Making in the Home" Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr.; "Home Making in the Community" Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr.

**LEAGUE PROGRAM.**

Subject: "William of Orange." Teacher: Harold Boney. Dialogue: Inogene Middleton and Kenneth Cobley. (Note: Material found in "Highroad," March issue, page 43.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

With no report from the Nazarene church, attendance at the five reported Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 836, the highest for many weeks. This compares with 675 on the previous Sunday and with 581 on the same Sunday a year ago.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. A special effort is being made to reach the senior boys of the Sunday School and congregation and a class for Senior boys will be organized Sunday. Charlie Jones is to be the teacher.

No preaching service, as this is the pastor's Sunday at Baird. No prayer meeting this week because of the Baptist revival in progress.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Services for the week are as follows:

Case, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, E. B. Wallace, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and children, Ouida Mae, Gene and Billie Bob, E. N. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and family. Out of town guests were Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Williams of Abilene.

We are expecting next week a supply of

GERANIUMS, BEGONIAS AND EASTER LILIES Book your Easter order now.

**MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP**

"Flowers for all occasions."

**Quest for \$2.50 Award On Again Saturday**

Church Motor company, local Plymouth dealers, announce that the game of "find the man with \$2.50" will be played again this next Saturday, March 17, as no one was successful in spotting the right man last Saturday. Details will be found in their ad elsewhere in this issue.

Last Saturday the Merkel Drug company was asked to select a man who was to be the object of the search of questioners, "Have you seen the New 1934 Plymouth?" Newt Hatfield had the money, but no one laid claim to it.

**NOTICE O. E. S.**

Mrs. Effie Gladden, deputy grand matron, will meet with the O. E. S. Thursday afternoon, March 15, at 2 o'clock in a special meeting. All members are urged to be present.

Iris Garrett, Secretary.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our thanks and deepest appreciation to our friends who so loyally and faithfully helped us during the recent sickness and death of our loved one.

L. A. Adecek, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. G. Waters.

**KIDD-JACKSON.**

With Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, Miss Belva Jackson and Mr. Woodrow Kidd, both of Roby, were married last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage here.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

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## COZY THEATRE

**FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P. M. March 9**

**EVERYBODY INVITED**

SPONSORED BY

# C. H. JONES

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ferguson were visitors in Dallas one day last week. Miss Peggy Barnett has as her guest Miss Ann Bade of Sterling City. Miss Mary Eula Sears had as her week-end guest her cousin, Mrs. Joyce Smith, from Waco.

Miss Tommie Evelyn Grimes of Abilene spent the week-end with Miss Marilyn Sue Grimes.

J. S. Hutson and Miss Mary Keny are visiting in Fort Worth and looking over the Fat Stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Young and two sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Willis at Hamlin.

W. G. Cypert left Wednesday for Port Arthur for an extended vacation with his three children there.

Dr. J. P. Howard attended the meeting in Snyder last Sunday of the District Chiropractors association.

Mrs. M. L. Holden returned Friday from a visit with her son, Bert Holden, and family at Big Spring.

Mrs. Bob Echols was over Sunday from Albany for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham.

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Alice Bigham, who is now the guest of Mrs. S. D. Gamble, is rapidly recuperating from an extended illness.

Fred Hughes spent several days last week at his ranch near Clovis.

N. M., and while away Mrs. Hughes and the children visited her parents at Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church have been attending the Southwestern Life Insurance company's school of instruction and the daily luncheons at the Hilton hotel in Abilene this week. Home from San Jon, N. M., for a week-end visit, Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt joined her mother, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, who was visiting two other daughters, Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and Mrs. H. E. Britain, in Abilene.

Among those from Merkel attending the San Angelo Stock show Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and W. S. J. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gilman and family of San Diego, Calif., are visiting with Mrs. Gilman's brother, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ferguson, for several days and while here have taken Mrs. Duncan Briggs' apartment. The Gilmans have been spending the past few months in an extended tour of several states.

**Mack Buzbee Improving.** Mack Buzbee, who has been confined to his bed for several days past, with an acute appendix, was reported Thursday morning as rapidly recovering.

## ELI CASE GROCERY

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**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Texas—pint boxes		Large bunches	
Strawberries	15c	Beets	5c
Large Firm Heads		Seedless	
Lettuce	5c	Grape Fruit	5c
Jumbo Stalk		Fancy Winesaps	
Celery	15c	Apples, 2 doz.	25c
Stringless—Fresh		Large Bunches	
Beans, 2 lbs.	25c	Carrots	5c

<b>BANANAS</b>	Per dozen	15c
<b>CRACKERS</b>	Excel Saltines 2 pound box	21c
<b>Peanut Butter</b>	Quart jar	25c
<b>Mustard</b>	Quart jar	15c
<b>Catsup</b>	14 oz. bottle, 2 for	25c

<b>Sugar</b>	10 lb. cloth bag	49c
	25 lb. cloth bag	\$1.25

<b>Corn Flakes</b>	Per pkg.	10c
<b>Cocoa</b>	Mothers 2 lb. box	19c
<b>Pickles</b>	Sour or dill Quart jar	20c

<b>PEACHES</b>	No. 2 1-2 can in heavy syrup	15c
<b>Fresh Prunes</b>	No. 21-2 can in heavy syrup	17c
<b>Pork &amp; Beans</b>	16 oz. can	5c

<b>Mackerel</b>	Tall cans 3 for	25c
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<b>BRAN</b>	100 lb. sack	\$1.00
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<b>Potted Ham</b>	6 for	19c
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<b>Salad Dressing</b>	8 oz. jar Excel	10c
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## Greyhound Races

Abilene Racing Course on Highway West of Abilene

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

**AT 2 O'CLOCK**

Sound Service and Plenty of Kansas Rabbits  
ADMISSION 25c—Children Under 12 FREE