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LOCAL WOODMEN CIRCLE OBSERVES 28TH BIRTHDAY

Event Also Marks 40th Anniversary of Organization of the Order; Members Present from Many Other Groves in District

On Thursday, February 7, Merkel Grove No. 563 celebrated its 28th birthday, which also marked the 40th anniversary of the organization of the Woodmen Circle. The hall was beautifully decorated with pot plants and streamers of lavender and green, the colors of the Circle, and on the table in the reception hall were two large white cakes, one bearing 28 candles and the other, four candles representing the four decades. Hand-painted markers bore the dates of the two organizations.

Dr. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and Mrs. Lila Rea, the remaining charter members, were honor guests for the afternoon.

Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, special state deputy, gave an interesting history of the organization of the Woodmen Circle; Mrs. Hollingsworth told of the organization of Merkel Grove; Mrs. O'Kelley briefly outlined the history of the organization of Trent Grove, and Mrs. John Payne of Trent Grove entertained with a humorous reading while the members and visitors all joined in a circle around the table and sang "Auld Lang Syne." Mrs. Hollingsworth cut the cakes.

This being the regular meeting of Merkel Grove, about one hundred members from Abilene, Big Spring, Colorado and Trent Groves in this district were in attendance to take a part in this happy occasion and to witness the initiation of a class of 18 candidates.

Guardian Lila R. Rea opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Fronie O'Bar of Abilene Grove filled the station of adviser and Mrs. Elliott, guardian of Trent Grove, occupied the station of chaplain.

The Big Spring drill team had charge of the seating of the Merkel officers, introduction of the state officers, presentation of the flag and spreading of the ballot. Mrs. Rea, assisted by Merkel degree staff, conducted the impressive initiatory service for the candidates from the various groves.

Three state officers, Mrs. Goldsticker and Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, district managers, and Miss Fay O'Bar of Abilene, state attendant, were presented and given Grove honors. Six 25-year members were also present and were given Grove honors: Mesdames Hollingsworth, Nancy Polley and Lila Rea of Merkel, Mrs. Hattie Gafford of Trent, Mrs. Anna Petefish of Big Spring and Mrs. Goldsticker of Stamford.

During the election of a state dele-

RAINFALL OF TWO AND HALF INCHES IN PAST 8 DAYS

Hailed as the most welcome and most beneficial rains in more than two years in this section, the one-inch precipitation reported in The Mail as having fallen before our publication date last week was augmented by continued showers covering an eight-day period terminating Wednesday morning of this week.

From Thursday to Saturday morning, the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale showed three quarters of an inch additional rainfall; by Monday morning, it was increased by a quarter inch, with a half inch more gained by Wednesday morning. Total rainfall for the eight days was 2 1/2 inches, all of which soaked into the ground to produce a plentiful winter season.

January rainfall figure was 3-8 inch, making the year's total 2 7/8 inches.

Mrs. Edwin Kirchhoff, Recent Visitor, Dies at Her Home in Plainview

Mrs. Edwin Kirchhoff of Plainview, who was a recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, died on Thursday of last week at her home. Death was due to double pneumonia.

Dr. and Mrs. Gardner attended the funeral services which were held at Plainview before the body was shipped to Bicknell, Ind., old home of Mrs. Kirchhoff, for burial.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, John Joe, age 10 years.

Death Claims Little Gene Alfred Swinney

Gene Alfred Swinney, little two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, who reside in the Canyon, died Friday of last week in the town home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr.

Funeral services were held at White Church Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church here, with interment in White Church cemetery.

Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Herbert, age 7, and Harold, age 5. Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Swinney lost their third-born son.

The death, which resulted in naming Mrs. Rea as delegate and Mrs. Emma Richardson as alternate to attend the state convention in Waco March 27, 28 and 29, Mrs. Garner presided.

Following the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and lovely angel food cake and coffee were served the guests.

W. D. SWANN, 90, TEXAN-80 YEARS, DIES AT TYLER

Early Day Settler of Smith County, Veteran of Civil War; Lived Part Time Here, Where He Had Large Interests.

News was learned here Friday of last week of the death of W. D. Swann, who for many years made his home here for part of each year, having large farm and oil interests in this section. A few days before he died he fell and broke his hip, which hastened his death. Funeral services were held Saturday at Tyler.

Mr. Swann, a Smith county pioneer, Civil War veteran, banker and landowner, was past 90 years of age when death claimed him. He came to Smith county from Alabama when he was 11, traveling with his family in an ox-drawn wagon. The town of Swann, seven miles north of Tyler, where he later settled in 1873, was named for him.

After he was 75 years old, he served several terms in the legislature. He was a deacon in the First Baptist church of Tyler more than 30 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Irene Swann and Mrs. Harold Marsh of Tyler; four sons, W. R. and Elma F. Swann of Tyler, J. R. Swann of Swann, H. D. Swann of Bonham, and one brother, John Swann of Comanche. The late J. S. Swann of Merkel was a half-brother.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

MacDonald Leach, 32, state president of the Young Democratic club of Texas, whose home was in Corpus Christi, died in a Kerrville hospital.

E. M. (Ted) Dealey, vice-president of the Dallas News, was elected president of the Texas Newspaper Publishers association at the Beaumont meeting.

Electric cars in Laredo, said to be the oldest electric street railway system west of the Mississippi, will be scrapped soon to be replaced by motor busses.

Luther H. McCrea was named acting postmaster at Cisco in a list of appointments announced by the post office department at Washington Wednesday.

Thomas Finley Hughston, 93, a Confederate veteran, who had lived in Plano for 69 years and who was reputed to have been the oldest Mason in Texas, died Monday.

The railroad commission reports that 809 new wells added their flow during the month of January to the millions of barrels of oil already being produced in Texas.

Tornadoes, striking in East Texas and a part of Louisiana Friday night, brought death to twelve persons, injured more than seventy and caused untold property damage.

A district court jury at Lubbock sentenced the desperado, Virgil Stalcup, to the electric chair for killing Sheriff W. B. Arthur in a Dickens county jail break last October 27.

Mayor W. D. Chadick of Mercedes was sentenced to two years in El Reno, Okla., federal reformatory and fined \$2,500 by Federal Judge R. J. McMillan for evasion of income taxes.

Sam Herbert, 74, architect, who designed many early day Texas court-houses, died Sunday at his home in Waco. Among Waco structures he designed was the first Cotton Palace, which was destroyed by fire.

Fred Nichols, 88, former county and state tax assessor of Galveston county, who retired from public life in 1934 after 56 years of continuous service, died Thursday at the home of a daughter in Galveston.

Sheriff W. F. Cato, Dr. V. A. Hartman, physician, and Dr. L. W. Kitchen, veterinarian, West Texans accused of murder in the death of a federal narcotic agent at Post, were held without bond in a brief but fiery arraignment before a United States commissioner at Dallas.

HAUPTMANN GETS DEATH PENALTY IN KIDNAP CASE

Found Guilty by Jurors on Fifth Ballot, Sentenced to "Die in the Electric Chair"; Trial Started January 2.

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 14.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann was condemned to the electric chair Wednesday night by the jury that tried him for the kidnap-murder of Baby Lindbergh.

White and unshaven, he tottered slightly as he stood between his guards and heard himself ordered to "die in the electric chair."

He was sentenced to die in the week of March 18, but an almost certain appeal to the New Jersey court of appeals and errors would stay the execution.

The high court is not likely to pass upon the appeal until late in May.

The jury of eight men and four women spent 11 hours and 6 minutes in a bare room of the old courthouse where Hauptmann had been on trial since January 2 before they reached their verdict.

The verdict was reported reached on the fifth ballot. Two of the women jurors had held out throughout the day against the death penalty.

"We find the defendant, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, guilty of murder in the first degree," intoned Foreman Charles Walton, Sr., in the deathly quiet of the littered, smoke-filled courtroom.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Duffer made a business trip to Fort Worth last weekend.

C. D. Hutchins has returned from a visit to see his mother, who has been seriously ill, at Alba in East Texas.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., has returned from a visit to Austin where he was the guest of J. T. Darsey, Jr., and wife.

Tom Blair of Fort Worth was a week-end visitor with his sister, Mrs. B. H. Kiney, in the Nubia community.

Mrs. W. D. Rankin, (nee Miss Velma Lee Holden,) of Big Spring visited last week with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Holden.

Miss Minnie Coats, who teaches school at Coleman, was a week-end guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrell arrived Saturday from Xenia, Ohio, for a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and son, Sonny Boy, have returned from a week-end visit with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Toombs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson E. Parker of Andrews have returned to their home after a visit with Mrs. Parker's sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins, and mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

The Zeigfeld Folies in San Angelo Tuesday night was an attraction that drew several from Merkel, including Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wozencraft, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat spent Sunday and Monday in Dallas visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Fugat, who has been critically ill but whose condition is now somewhat more encouraging.

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Friday night from a visit with her daughter, Miss Mary Eula Sears, in Dallas. On Saturday Miss Sears, accompanied by Deverle Johnson of Fort Worth, came home for a week-end visit.

Taylor County Singers.

Taylor county Singers will meet in called session at Salt Branch. Wade Willis, president, and Buster Horton, secretary, invite all singers and others interested in gospel music to attend. The program will begin at 2 p. m.

Play at Blair Postponed.

The three-act drama that was to have been presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th grades at the Blair school auditorium on February 12, was postponed until February 19, on account of the unseasonable weather that has prevailed the past week.

BADGERS TO CLOSE CAGE SEASON ON 22ND; EAGLE BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

PAIRINGS TAYLOR RURAL TOURNEY

Games to be Played Friday and Saturday in New Merkel Gym; Finals 7:30 P. M. Saturday.

Merkel's new gym will be the setting this week-end for the Taylor county rural school basketball championship.

Schedule of games was announced Wednesday by Briggs Irvin, coach of Merkel High and director of athletics for the Interscholastic league in this county.

In the upper bracket Trent will meet Blair at 5 p. m. Friday and Wylie will contest Bradshaw at 6 p. m. Friday. In the lower bracket Buffalo Gap will take on Ovalo at 7 p. m. and Lawn will compete with Potosi at 8 p. m. Winners in the first bracket play at 10 a. m. Saturday, the second bracket competition at 11 a. m. Finals will be staged Saturday night at 7:30.

Admission charge for Friday night's session, including four games, will be students 10c, adults 20c. The same schedule of prices will prevail Saturday morning for the two games. Prices for the finals will be students 10c, adults 25c.

Tuscola, winner of the county, is not eligible for this competition. Ovalo, a team that has won the rural championship cup two years, is one of the strongest teams in the circuit and, should they win this year, the cup will belong permanently to them.

The game which the Badgers had scheduled for Tuesday night was postponed on account of the weather, but will probably be played next week. Divide won the Nolan county championship.

Baffling Disease is Diagnosed as Typhoid

The disease which has invaded several related families of Jones and Taylor counties, bringing death to three and mending at least three others critically ill, has been established as typhoid fever.

This diagnosis was announced Tuesday from the state health department at Austin. Previously several tests had resulted negatively, but the report from the state laboratories at Austin stated that a positive culture for typhoid finally had been obtained.

Identity of the disease determined, the problem before the state department now lies in finding its original source, if possible, tracing its history, and in preventing its further spread.

THE BOOK

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

by BRUCE BARTON

TEN GREAT MEN.

Ten thousand ministers of all religious denominations were asked to name the ten greatest men in the Bible. It was not intended to include the name of Jesus Christ, but still his name led many lists and would, of course, have stood first in all.

The second name in order of the number of votes is that of St. Paul; the next is Moses, and the third, David. These are in practically all the lists. After these three the vote is more evenly distributed. The total number of men named is sixty, and some of those that have the smallest number of votes are accompanied by the best reasons for inclusion. From this notable list we select the following names, not in the order of their plurality but in chronological arrangement:

1. Adam, the first man with conscience and a knowledge of moral responsibility.
2. Noah, the man on whom at one time hung the hope of civilization.
3. Abraham, the prince of pioneers.
4. Joseph, political economist; man of vision and integrity.
5. Moses, lawgiver, creator of a nation, founder of the world's system of legislation.
6. David, shepherd, soldier, singer and king.
7. Jeremiah, most heroic of that heroic group, the prophets.
8. Judas Maccabaeus, the rebuilder of a nation.
9. John the Baptist, the herald of the dawn.
10. Saint Paul, apostle, traveler, author and martyr.

The reason for the larger number of names in the Old Testament is doubtless to be explained by the longer period which it covers. The New Testament narrative, from the beginning of the ministry of Jesus until the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, is only about forty years, whereas the Old Testament traverses many centuries.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 19, 1915.)

Ross Jennings of El Paso, who has been sick in Abilene for several weeks, came here Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings. We are glad to note Ross is making a rapid improvement and is now well on the road to recovery from a serious illness.

Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daughter, Ona Fae, visited friends in Abilene Saturday.

Virgil Touchstone, who has been at Sour Lake for several months, returned home Sunday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Alice Touchstone. From here he goes to Childress, where a position awaits him.

Mrs. S. S. Harris of Fort Stockton, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither, has gone to Abilene to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harry Harris.

A men's Bible class was organized at the Presbyterian church last Sunday with forty-four charter members in this class, with thirty present for the first meeting. R. L. Bland was elected president; G. L. Jones, vice-president; Raymond Touchstone, secretary; R. O. Anderson, treasurer; Rev. Bullock, teacher; Henry West,

assistant teacher, and John D. Gaither, press reporter.

Mrs. Chas. Fryar of Abilene came in the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mrs. Fred Bigham, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, motored to Abilene Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Malley.

Miss Beulah Burkett attended a reception given her brother, Eugene, in Abilene Saturday evening.

Messrs. Austin Boyd and E. M. McDonald and families were in Abilene last Sunday evening.

A social hop was enjoyed at the hall Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Largent Victrola. Chaperones and dancers were Mesdames Tom Largent, Jno. C. Hamm, J. W. Daniel and S. P. Miller. Misses Ona Hamblet, Willie and Janie Lee Weir, Messrs. J. Parker Sharp, Dee and Emmett Grimes, Ralph Bigham, Sam Swann, Clayton Hale, Tom Largent, H. C. Burroughs and Robert McDonald.

Master Edwin Rice spent the week-end with his aunt, Miss Esther Williams, of Abilene.

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Don't allow this to happen to you. Place your ad in the Merkel Mail and let your chicken catch the spider.

THE BOOK

(Continued from Page One.)
 Adam: Whether you get your story of creation from Genesis or from Mr. Wells, the broad outlines are the same—a formless mass of matter in motion, evolving gradually into land and water, producing vegetation, and the lowest forms of life. Then higher forms, and still higher, until finally there came one amazing individual who raised himself upon his lower limb and dared to say, "I am different from the rest."

At first he had a hard time defining the difference. He ate and drank like other animals. He reproduced his species in the same gross sensual way. The lusts of appetite ran in his veins with as hot a tide as in the beasts about him. He killed other animals and ate their raw and quivering flesh. Yet he was not like them. He walked unsteadily in an erect posture, and that was a distinction of no small significance, for it left the upper limbs free to serve the hand.

Next Week: A Garden Westward in Eden.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our baby Gene Alfred.
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman and Family.

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.

NEW CLUBBING OFFER.

Abilene Morning News, by mail from date of subscribing until October 1, this fall, and the Merkel Mail, a full year, either new subscriber or renewal, for only \$3.45. The quicker you take advantage of this special clubbing rate, the more you get for your money.

NOTICE.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY AND DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby entertained with a birthday party for Misses Ruby and Alice Carey and Mary Bell Douglas on Thursday evening, February 1, at the teacherage of the Union Ridge school.

February 2 was the birthday of Miss Alice Carey. February 3, Miss Douglas, and February 8, Miss Ruby Carey.

At the evening party a Valentine motif was featured in decorations and appointments for games. Hot chocolate and angel food cake were served to Misses Faye Douglas, Effiebell Pannell, Ruby and Alice Carey, Mary Bell Douglas and Margaret Weed of Abilene; Messrs. Blondie Chrono and Bill Abbott of Abilene; Carl Rogers of Clyde, Clayton and Bee Reynolds of Canyon, A. L. Rogers and Charles Andy Shouse.

The dinner was given Sunday, February 3, in the Ross Baker home of the Warren community, with Mrs. M. L. Douglas as co-hostess. The dinner also honored Mr. Campbell Baker, whose birthday falls on February 4. After dinner, which was the chief event of the day, the evening was further enjoyed in taking pictures and playing "42."

Those enjoying this affair were Misses Ruby and Alice Carey, Effiebell Pannell, Faye and Mary Bell Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ashford and son, Ottilis, of Blair and the hostesses.

IN-HONOR-AFFAIR.

Mrs. Beryl Brown and Mrs. Nell Pressly honored Mrs. Howard Brown of Blair with a party Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Beryl Brown.

Games and contests carrying out the Valentine motif were enjoyed during the afternoon.

Refreshments of hot chocolate, marshmallows and cake were served to the following: Messrs. Sam Phillips of Blair, Mondel Rogers, Willis Evans of Sweetwater, W. A. Harrison, Buddy Windham, Sickle Phillips, J. C. Riggins, Raymond Demere, Frazee Demere, Tom Shugart, Dewey Rogers, Frank Demere, Ruth Brown, Marvin Lindsey and Misses Erma Dell Berry and Fern and Florence Evans of Sweetwater and the honoree and two hostesses.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. John Meeks and daughter, Miss Dora Mae, lavishly entertained a group of their friends on February 9 with a Valentine party honoring Miss Margaret Thomas on her birthday. After games were played, many beautiful gifts were presented to the honoree in a pretty heart-shaped box, securely locked with a key.

Dainty refreshment plates, prettily emphasizing the Valentine motif, were served to some thirty-five guests. Those who assisted the hostess were Mesdames Hugh Campbell, T. A. Mitchell, Tommie Patterson and Hurman Doan.

SOMETHING NEW.

Vick's Cold Capsules, Registered Pharmacist, Vick Drug Co.

QUEEN THEATRE

ANNOUNCES COMING ATTRACTIONS

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- "When a Man's a Man"
- "The Richest Girl in the World"
- "The Band Plays On"
- "Little Minister"
- "Peck's Bad Boy"
- "Wagon Wheel"
- "Pursuit of Happiness"
- "Forsaking All Others"
- "Home on the Range"
- "Behold My Wife"
- "White Parade"
- "Biography of a Bachelor Girl"
- "Ruggles of Red Gap"
- "David Copperfield"
- "Bright Eyes"
- "Mississippi"
- "Stolen Harmony"
- "West of the Pecos"
- "County Chairman"
- "Little Colonel"

Queen Books String Of Feature Pictures

Just returned from the film booking offices in Dallas, Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre announced with a feeling of pride Wednesday that he had made arrangements for bringing all the big pictures to his theatre to be shown at a low price of admission.

These pictures are all good clean entertainment and are appropriate for every member of the family to see and in the list of coming attractions are many of the super-fine current talkies.

Just to mention a few of the new pictures booked, the Queen will in the future show "When a Man's a Man," "The Richest Girl in the World," "The Band Plays On," "Little Minister," "Peck's Bad Boy," "Wagon Wheel," "Pursuit of Happiness," "Forsaking All Others," "Home on the Range," "Behold My Wife," "White Parade," "Biography of a Bachelor Girl," "Ruggles of Red Gap," "David Copperfield," "Bright Eyes," "Mississippi," "Stolen Harmony," "West of the Pecos," "County Chairman" and "Little Colonel."

BLAIR ITEMS

(Too Late for last week.)
 Vivian Terrell of Fort Worth is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and family of Tye visited one day recently in the J. W. Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and family of Merkel were seen Tuesday in our midst.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the trustees of the Church of the Nazarene, wish to thank all those who assisted us by contributions to the fund to raise money to pay insurance on our church building.
 The Trustees.

SOMETHING NEW.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of George Washington's birthday, the undersigned banks will not be open for business Friday, Feb. 22, 1935. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK.
 THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Former Merkel Boy Here for a Visit

Dwaine Johnson, one of the tellers of the Continental National bank of Fort Worth and a former Merkel boy, was a visitor here last week-end, returning home Tuesday.

His father, Tom Johnson, now cashier and executive vice-president of the Collins County National bank at McKinney, was one of the organizers of the Farmers and Merchants National bank here in 1904 and was its first cashier.

Elected Zone Leader For a Second Year

A Merkel woman, Mrs. P. H. Gates, was elected zone leader for another year of the Abilene district of the woman's missionary societies of the Methodist church at the zone meeting held in Tye Tuesday.

Besides Mrs. Gates, eight others from Merkel attended the Tye meeting: Mesdames F. E. Church, Eli Case, Thomas Durham, W. S. J. Brown, Sam Butman, Sr., W. D. Hutcheson, Fred Latham and Miss Lottie Butman.

On McMurry Honor Roll.

Abilene, Feb. 14.—Miss Frances Marie Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church of Merkel, made the first semester honor roll at McMurry college, where she is enrolled as a sophomore.

COOK-RISTER.

Friends of Miss Nora Rister of Munday will be surprised to learn of her marriage to Mr. D. V. Cook, which was solemnized here at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, with Rev. R. U. Rister, a cousin of the bride officiating.

The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rister of Munday.

Following the reading of the ceremony the couple left for Sweetwater. They will make their home near Merkel.

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 WITH PURCHASE 1/25 VALUE FOR 25c
BISQUICK 35c

FREE All Day Saturday
 Folger's Coffee and Supreme Cookies will be served FREE

THE BADGER WEEKLY

SPORTS NEWS OF WEEK, VOLLEY AND BASKETBALL

Merkel lost its chance to win the county Friday night by losing to Ovalo, another strong county team. Ovalo, who had defeated Merkel twice before this, quickly jumped into the lead the first few minutes and was never in danger the rest of the game. MacAdams, hot little forward for Ovalo, led the scoring with 20 points. He was pressed hard by Johnson, a teammate. Bryan Higgins, local center, led the Merkel team with 8 points.

Earlier in the week Merkel defeated both Roby and Roscoe in close games. On Tuesday of this week Merkel meets Blackwell and then on Friday the Badgers play Divide.

On Friday and Saturday of this week the local Gym will be used for the rural tournament.

In between the halves of the games two volley ball teams made up of local business men furnished good entertainment.

GIRLS' TEAM.

It won't be long until you will see the girls' volley ball team suited out in new blue suits. The girls are all proud of our suits and are trying their best in practice to learn everything they can about volley ball. They have not elected our captain but Miss Patterson, the sponsor, is just as good. The team expects to play a match game with Trent some day this week. This will be the first match game so they are going to have to work fast to be in "tip top" condition for county meet March 16.

You will be hearing more from these girls, so watch the volley ball news!

FLASH.

Have you heard the latest news that is traveling about town?? Well, Kennedy Whiteley has returned home from a trip through the mid-northwestern states. Kennedy has been away for some time, and we are certainly happy to have him with us again.

The Badger Weekly

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Our Seniors

Mary Helen Lancaster.
Mary Helen is sincere, humane and lovable. She is a member of the Choral club, the Pep Squad, and the Dramatic club. What would we do without our Badger Weekly published every week. Such an opportunity would be impossible without our editor-in-chief, Mary Helen Lancaster. We appreciate your untiring efforts on the Badger Weekly. We can give the credit to you for such an improvement in our paper.

J. V. Patterson.
J. V. is intelligent, industrious and friendly. He does his best in all that he undertakes. Keep your good work up, J. V., and you will be among the Seniors to receive their diplomas.

HINTS TO THE BOOKLOVERS.

The novels in the library are very popular with the student body, but they are closely followed in popularity by the magazines. The magazines are checked out by the librarians to the students for one period. Not only are they read for amusement, but also they are used for references in certain courses.

Some students have been taking advantage of their privileges at the library. No one is allowed to take a book or magazine to his seat during the period. If you will please keep these things in mind, it will certainly be appreciated by Miss Martin and the librarians.

Sis didn't like candy so well, she wouldn't be so heart-broken.

Joe were put on an amateur program, he could certainly impersonate Bud Gambill.

Mildred has been at school Monday, some people would have been better off.

Pinky knew what a split infinitive was, it would save Mrs. Irvin a great deal of explaining.

Jr. didn't affect Billie B., she might not act like a raving maniac.

Mary Frances didn't like a certain song so much, she might not be called a "hick."

Bud Gambill didn't have such a cute little laugh, the extension of his personality would not be so vast.

R. T. would use a little common sense, he'd get along better.

Elon didn't have a car, what would Sadié do?

LESLIE WELCH.

(By Tracy Wood.)
This is one of those things that happen once in a lifetime. There are many ways to get drunk but the easiest and cheapest is a two for a nickel stogie. They burn like manilla hemp and taste like sour vinegar. One pretty moonlight night we happened to de-

EXPERIENCE OF A SENIOR TOLD IN SO MANY WORDS

(Maybe Too Many!)
"With the country so wet and muddy I think it is a good time to tell a story of a dry place.

"This summer while making a motor trip across the country, I visited Death Valley. I arrived in Death Valley late one afternoon so I decided to make camp there. As there had been no rain in the valley for six months, all the creeks and water holes were dry. To get out of the sand I pitched camp in the bottom of the creek and went in to rest from the scorching sun. About dark I heard considerable barking and went out to investigate. Looking up the river, I saw a large drove of dog fish which came and stood around my tent barking until I gave them all a drink.

Leaving the valley, I went on to the coast and started back home. I came back by the way of Texas, and one night I made camp on the banks of a small river. I decided to spend a day or so there, and I went exploring. A short way down the river on the other side I found another party of tourists. I invited them over to my camp for lunch and to spend the afternoon. They accepted my invitation and prepared their camp for a short leave of absence. They hung their forty-eight pound sack of flour in the tree to keep it safe. That afternoon while talking we saw a cyclone strike where their camp was. We rushed down the creek and found that everything was blown away. The sack had been blown off the flour, and the flour remained hanging on the branch of the tree.

side on some cigars and everyone in the car took one. Leslie, being weak of will power as well as constitution, took one too. We smoked in joy for a while when Leslie got pale. Then down went the window; and because it didn't work he stopped the car, opened the door, and thrust out his head like a chicken from a shell. Then the fun began. He did exactly as if he had just got off some cheap drunk. He was so sick he couldn't walk and he could hardly drive, (he didn't drive straight!) He swore off cigars for life; but a weak will power and a weak constitution don't go well together. Do they Les?

SPELLING EVENT.

Ten boys and girls met with Miss Martin at activity period Monday morning to discuss the spelling event. The bulletins were distributed and they are hoping to progress rapidly. According to the rules of the Inter-

"Sillyness Personified"

Mr. Burgess, one of those kind of people who certainly stresses the use of a Webster's dictionary, might get some of these kind of answers if his pupils weren't so obedient and didn't heed his wishes so much and take a dictionary with them everywhere they go:

Genius is an infinite capacity for picking brains.

To germinate is to become a naturalized German.

A gobet is a male turkey.

A deacon is the lowest kind of a Christian.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

Double dealing is when you buy something retail to sell wholesale.

Faith is that quality which enables us to believe what we know to be untrue.

A fugue is what you get in a room full of people when all the windows and doors are shut.

A grass widow is the wife of a vegetarian.

Gravity is what you get when you eat too much and too fast.

An invoice is another name for conscience.

Isinglass is a whitish substance made from the bladders of surgeons.

Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sins.

A mayor is a he horse.

The letters M. D. signify "mentally deficient."

A miracle is something that someone does that cannot be done.

"I believe in miracles!"!!!

JOE COOK.

(By Tracy Wood.)

One morning Joe Cook, who had got in late the night before, had dressed early and gone into the kitchen. It so happened that Mrs. Cook had got up early for some cause and was preparing breakfast. It was still dark outside and the light in the kitchen was on. Now, Joe is very forgetful and could well play the part of the absent-minded professor. When he walked into the kitchen and began telling his mother what had happened the night before, he forgot all about his four hours sleep, forgot that he had just got up, and started undressing for bed. His mother stopped him in time.

scholastic league, only two persons may represent Merkel High school.

Those entering are Anna Lou Church, Edith Neill, Mabel Maddox, Ora Derrick, Vernon Mansfield, William Hawkins, Sylvan Mellinger, T. L. Reid, Aline Parks and Maurice Sherrell.

NOTICE.

I have moved my barber shop across from the Queen theatre and will appreciate the patronage of both old and new customers: Hair cuts 25c, Shaves 20c.

Floyd McCoy.
Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

IN MEMORY OF VOL MARTIN.

Vol Martin was born in Tennessee March 4, 1849, and passed away January 31, 1935, in Boise, Idaho, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lyon.

The greatest part of his life was spent in Western Texas, a resident of Merkel, previous to his moving to Los Angeles, Cal., where he had lived for the past fourteen years.

This splendid old character was that of a very deep thinker, always alert to improve his surroundings.

Even though his illness for the past ten years never broke his spirit and when his air castles crumbled into dust, he would still look into the dawn with renewed courage.

To know him one would see the sterling worth and strength of character and the inner deep tenderness that he possessed, which shall never be forgotten.

He looked beyond the skyline of barriers, always seeing the rainbow of hope that spurred his noble spirit to strive on, to keep going on and on until at last divine power revealed itself and the curtain of life rang down and he made the great transition and God claimed him as His own.

He was a member of the Masonic order and the Presbyterian church.

He leaves his widow, Mary Ella Martin, Los Angeles, Cal.; five daughters, Mrs. L. M. Lyon, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Mary Hall, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Ida Blair, Amarillo; Mrs. E. V. White, Denton, and Mrs. E. R. Snyder, Temple City, Cal., and eight grandchildren.

His wife and daughter, Mrs. L. M. Lyon, and family were present during his last hours. Interment was in Boise, Idaho, with Rev. William Cross-

by Ross, Presbyterian minister, officiating.

—A Friend.

SOMETHING NEW.

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If you could trade your neglected, dead and dry kidneys for new ones, you would certainly prefer NIGHT-BLINDNESS, RHEUMATISM, MIGRAINE, ACIDITY, TO CONVERT FUNCTIONAL KIDNEY DISORDERS, try the guaranteed Doctor's special remedy, then called CUREX (Glen-Lax). Make for you up in 10 days or money back. All druggists.

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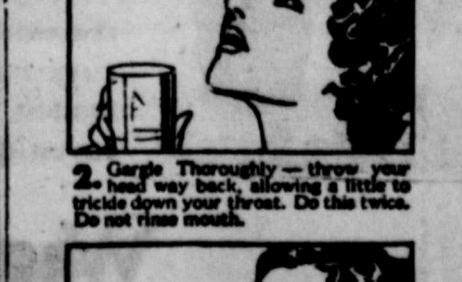
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes due the City of Merkel and the Merkel Independent School District have been remitted, provided said delinquent taxes are paid on or before March 15, 1935. (This does not apply to 1934 taxes.)

JOE E. CHILDERS,
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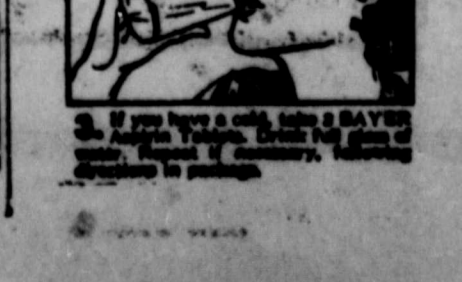
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Get real BAYER Aspirin Tablets for this purpose. They disintegrate quickly and completely, making a gargle without irritating particles. BAYER Aspirin prices have been decisively reduced, so there's no point now in accepting other than the real Bayer article you want.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Messrs. W. E. and J. Cal Hamner had a very happy surprise late Sunday afternoon in a visit from their cousins, Mrs. Pebbie Purcell and Mrs. Lora Stovall, from Coleman.

Mrs. Granville Price and little son, Jimmie Carrol, of Roby returned home Sunday after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Mrs. Frank Martin and daughter of Noode were shopping and visiting friends here Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Boozer and children of Sweetwater spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Talma Wilson, who was injured Saturday night in a car wreck, is reported as doing nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Ed Burks, who has been quite ill for the past ten days, is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wieser, who have been living at Hamlin for the past 15 months, have moved back here.

Miss Marjorie Adrian had as her week-end guest Miss Cox of A. C. C. Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and daughter, Miss Ouida Mae Hulsey, of San Angelo were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

Miss Ouida Mae also visited with Miss Lillian Grace Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner were recent guests in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy, who now reside at Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams had as their guests Tuesday five sisters of the former: Mesdames F. L. Buckalov and Ervin Wright of Lamesa and Mesdames Dave Womack, P. G. Fuller and J. A. Pond, Colorado, and his mother, Mrs. J. J. Williams, his mother remaining over for a longer visit.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Reeves and daughter, Ann, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Elliott, attend officers training day of the east zone of the Abilene district at Baird last Friday.

Mrs. Reeves had a part in the program, directing the spiritual life of the chairmen of each local auxiliary in their work.

A SNAKE STORY. Jack Holbrook and Woody and Heavy Allen went to the mountains south of their home Saturday on a snake hunt. They killed ten large rattlers, but they were not satisfied with that for Jack, so they went Monday and killed 64. They report them as ranging in size up to some terribly that was.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. "Agricultural Adjustment" was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Home Demonstration club held with Mrs. Hosca Winn Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Due to inclement weather there were several absent and plans for a program were postponed.

A vote was taken on the removal of the club room now occupied on Front street to one now used by the W. O. W. Mrs. Roger Williams, poultry demonstrator, gave a report on a

trip paid here by Miss Vara Crippen, county agent.

A Washington birthday program will be given on February 20, at which time Miss Crippen will demonstrate the use of a foundation pattern.

Those present were Mesdames H. T. Ogletree, Hosca Winn, H. H. Jones, John Crane, John Payne, Roger Williams and Miss Frances Jones.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The woman's missionary society met at the M. E. church on Monday afternoon when a program from the year book was given, with Mrs. Shannon, program chairman, directing. The devotional was given by Mrs. Shannon; others taking part were Mesdames Scott, Cribley, Reeves and McRae, Sr.

At the close of the program, the president, Mrs. Scott, presided over a short business session.

Plans were completed for a social to be held in the home of the president on February 22 from 3 to 5 o'clock. The zone meeting to be held in Tye on the 12th was discussed and plans were made to do some repair work on the parsonage. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. W. B. Reeves.

ATTEND CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY. A number of local women attended the fortieth anniversary of the Woodmen Circle at Merkel Thursday; Mrs. Roy Elliott, Mrs. John Payne and Mrs. Hurlt O'Kelley were on program. Mrs. Elliott served as chaplain for a class initiation. Mrs. O'Kelley gave the history of the Trent grove and Mrs. Payne gave a humorous reading.

Others from here attending were Mesdames J. R. Gafford, O. L. Bishop, Garland Franks, W. R. McLeod and J. P. Roberts and Misses Gladys Hamner and Edythe Hale.

HOLIDAY NOTICE. On account of George Washington's birthday, the undersigned banks will not be open for business Friday, Feb. 22, 1935. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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SOMETHING NEW. Vick's Cold Capsules. Registered Pharmacist, Vick Drug Co.

NEW CLUBBING OFFER. Abilene Morning News, by mail from date of subscribing until October 1, this fall, and the Merkel Mail, a full year, either new subscriber or renewal, for only \$3.45. The quicker you take advantage of this special clubbing rate, the more you get for your money.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail. Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

"I HAVEN'T HAD A COLD IN FIVE YEARS" In the old days I used to dread the coming of Winter. I was always fighting colds—feeling about half alive—trying to work with my body aching and every nerve on edge.

Then a friend told me about McCoy's Cold Liver Oil Tablets with their marvelous vitamins A and D. I started to take them five years ago and I haven't had a cold since that time.

McCoy's tablets get new life in falling build up resistance so you can laugh at cold germs. They make you strong, steady-nerved and vigorous. They're wonderful!

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"The commission seems to think there is something reprehensible, or at least suspicious, in that. But why should there be, necessarily? Gas and electric companies have service to sell and most local distributing companies also sell appliances. Considering the enormous volume of this business in the United States, \$30,000,000 for advertising probably isn't such a disproportionate item as it might seem at first glance. Certainly the utilities have as much right to advertise their service and merchandise as any other type of business.

"But what mainly concerns the federal trade commission is the fear that large advertising expenditures are gaining the power and gas companies undue influence over newspapers and magazines. The report goes into considerable detail concerning the aspect of the matter. Apparently the commission is particularly alarmed over the amount of free space utilities manage to get in the newspapers.

It is true that the larger power and gas companies have their publicity departments; but so, for that matter, does every industry of any consequence. The mails are burdened every day with tons of publicity hopefully addressed to newspapers. Most of it is promptly consigned to the waste basket, but some finds its way into print.

"The fact is that any enterprise which comes into contact with the lives of a great many people is bound to originate legitimate news. Any editor who resolved to keep his paper's columns entirely free of news which might be constructed as utilities propaganda would soon find his resolution colliding with his judgment of news values. Members of the federal trade commission should read the chapter on press agency in Stanley Walker's book City Editor, wherein he tells us how the National Electric Light Association arranged the semi-centennial celebration of Edison's discovery of the incandescent light. The president of the United States, Henry Ford and other first-string dignitaries participated, but fundamentally it was a publicity stunt for the electric industry. Nevertheless, it was also news, and any newspaper that ignored it would have looked silly."

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LOST—Gravel shovel Wednesday afternoon between Merkel gym and Warren school house. Notify W. B. Hawkins.

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DON'T SCRATCH. Get Paracide Ointment, the guaranteed itch remedy. Guaranteed to relieve any form of common itch or eczema within 48 hours or money refunded. Large jar 50c postpaid at Merkel Drug Co.

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FOR SALE—Bloodtested Golden Laced Wyandottes eggs 15 for 50 cents. W. T. Johnson, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—One gray mare, 5 years old, 15 hands, 1100 lbs., good condition, \$125. See Booth Warren.

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Famous Texas Musical Organization

sponsored by the Booth Mill & Elevator Co. of Floydada, Texas, manufacturers of "Heart-Of-Wheat Flour" will furnish music as a courtesy to their exclusive local dealers, McDonald Grocery, at the Taylor County Rural Basketball Championship Tourney at the Merkel Gym

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

This feature will be an added attraction without extra cost to those who attend the games.

The schedule of four games, beginning at 5 p. m. Friday, for which a single admission will be charged, follows:

- 5 p. m. Trent vs Blair.
- 6 p. m. Wylie vs Bradshaw.
- 7 p. m. Buffalo Gap vs Ovalo.
- 8 p. m. Lawn vs Potosi.

You will have a rare musical treat as well as enjoy some thrilling basketball.

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| Texas | GRAPEFRUIT, doz. | 25c | Whole | DILL PICKLES, quart | 18c |
| Texas | ORANGES, each | 1c | Blue and White | Pork & Beans 16 oz. can | 5c |
| Fresh | CARROTS, bunch | 5c | K. C. | BAKING POWDER, 25 oz. size | 19c |
| Fresh | LETTUCE, head | 5c | Genuine | JELLO, all flavors, pkg. | 6c |
| Winesap | APPLES, each | 1c | Iowa Club | CORN, No. 2 can, each | 12c |
| Sunkist | LEMONS, dozen | 19c | Blue and White | TOMATOES, No. 2 can, each | 9c |
| Idaho | SPUDS, 10 pounds | 19c | Crystal | SPINACH, No. 2 can, each | 9c |
| Red and White | MILK, 7 small cans | 25c | Red and White | TOMATO JUICE, 12 1-2 oz. can, 3 for | 23c |
| Red and White | MINCE MEAT, pkg. | 9c | Pure Cane | SUGAR 10 lbs. 52c | |
| Red and White | CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle | 17c | Fresh | PRUNES, No. 10 can, each | 35c |
| Seedless | RAISINS, 2 lb. pkg. | 19c | Baby | LIMA BEANS, 3 lbs. | 22c |
| Sun Up | Coffee Pound | 19c | Nile | SALMON, No. 1 can, 2 for | 23c |
| Hershey's | COCOA, 1-2 pound | 10c | Red and White | PANCAKE FLOUR, pkg. | 10c |
| Texas | BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can, each | 10c | Blue and White | Oats With Cup and Saucer, pkg. | 29c |
| Red and White | POTTED MEAT, 4 cans | 15c | Large | MALT-O-MEAL, pkg. | 23c |
| Red and White | MAYONNAISE, 16 oz. jar | 22c | Gold Medal | WHEATIES, 2 pkgs. | 25c |
| Eatwell, No. 1 can | Mackerel 3 for | 25c | Red and White | LYE, 3 cans | 23c |
| Prepared | MUSTARD, quart | 15c | Old Dutch | CLEANSER, 2 cans | 17c |
| Maxwell House | COFFEE, pound | 33c | Lady Godive | Per bar | 5c |
| Post's | GRAPE NUTS, pkg. | 18c | SOAP | 4 bars with towel | 19c |
| Sliced | SOUR PICKLES, quart | 15c | Sliced | BACON, pound | 30c |



DALLAS VISITORS COMPLIMENTED.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes entertained, complimenting Miss Mary Eula Sears of Dallas and Deverle Johnson of Fort Worth, who were guests for the week-end in the home of Mrs. Amy Sears, with a delightfully informal "supper party." The prettily appointed table was laid on yellow damask and centered with beautiful sweet peas arranged on a mirrored reflector.

A delightful spring menu was served in courses and "reminiscences of former days" held the following guests until a late hour: Mrs. Amy Sears, Misses Mary Eula Sears and Christine Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, Deverle Johnson and C. J. Glover.

DINNER-BRIDGE.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler extended gracious hospitality on Monday evening in celebration of the birthday of her husband, Dr. Sadler. A Valentine motif was artistically stressed in all party appointments at tables where contract bridge progressed through the evening hours.

Delicious chicken-a-la-king in pattis-shells, cherry tarts and coffee were passed to Messrs. and Mesdames W. V. Ramsey, David Ramsey, Stewart Cooper, Claude Young, all of Abilene, Dr. and Mrs. Roland Peters of Sweetwater, Dr. and Mrs. Webster of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Miss Helen Patterson and the honoree and hostess.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Interesting talks on storage space for clothing were given by the wardrobe demonstrators, Misses Luna and Maurine White, when the Merkel Home Demonstration club met in the home of Misses Maurine and Clara White. Facts were brought out on the type of closets that should be in the home.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames George White, E. O. Carson, E. B. Wallace, Misses Luna White, Maurine and Clara White. Visitors were Mrs. Seth Morgan and Mrs. Lecl White.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. George White on February 22. Miss Vara Crippen, county home demonstration agent, is expected at the meeting, and the use of the foundation garment will be demonstrated.

VOTA VITA CLASS MEETING.

Mesdames Tom Riddle and Leonard Jinkens were hostesses for the Vota Vita class on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leonard Jinkens. The rooms were attractively decorated using the Valentine motif.

Mrs. Warren Smith brought an interesting devotional on "Friendship" and presided during the business meeting.

Games and contests featuring Cupid and hearts were then enjoyed. At the refreshment hour delicious heart-shaped sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served to Mesdames C. R. Joyner, Wade Campbell, Ted McGeehe.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel dropped from 806 on the previous Sunday to only 631 last Sunday, due to cold and rainy weather. On the same Sunday a year ago the number present was still less, having been only 469.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Well, didn't we have a fine rain? I am sure that every one gives thanks to the Father God for the rain. Now let us take new courage, as the future looks brighter. Say, don't you think you should go to Sunday School and preaching next Sunday with a big smile and a glad heart? We'll be looking for you.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. W. M. S. meeting Monday 2:30 p. m. Boys and Girls World club Monday and Tuesday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday afternoon.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We had a good service at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, but on account of the bad weather and rain that night services were discarded.

There is a number of our people who have or have had sickness in

Warren Smith, J. L. Wilson, Byers Petty and the hostesses.

their homes recently and have not been able to come to church in some time. Here's hoping that the weather will soon be better where our people can attend church regularly.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Morning services for this Sunday will be at the same hour as usual: Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. but there will be no evening services on account of "Lecture Week" at Abilene.

The subject to be discussed Sunday morning is "Our Religion." The program announced for the young people will be postponed until next Sunday.

There will be only morning services, so plan to attend.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bill Dowell preached for us last Sunday morning and the church elected him as assistant pastor. Bill and I will enter into a continued evangelistic work; going out from this good church, we will have a revival going on all time and establish churches in every city. We are hoping all the preachers in our church will be willing to help us in this great work. We want to keep you busy, if the Lord has called you. "Woe unto you if you preach not the gospel."

Every person who wishes can have a part in this missionary work. Bring your tithe next Sunday. "Bring ye all the tithes" is what God says.

We are having a fine time in our study through the Bible every Sunday 3 p. m. Next Sunday we study Genesis 3.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

G. F. West, one of our pioneer merchants, who has been ill and confined to his home for the past several days, was able to sit up and be about the house Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Adkins and Mrs. Stella Englehardt, cousins of Miss Dota Garoutte, accompanied by Mrs. Vordenberg, all of Cincinnati, Ohio, called on Miss Garoutte, who continues ill with the "flu," Sunday afternoon as they were en route to the west coast. Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, of Abilene, was also a visitor Monday in Miss Garoutte's home.

Miss Helen Heeter, who is taking dancing from Mrs. Leona H. Phillips, Abilene, participated in the dance revue presented by Mrs. Phillips, which was in the nature of a costume recital, in the modernistic ball room of the Hotel Wooten Friday evening of last week. She appeared both in group numbers and in a solo dance, "Slav Govotte."

Stanley King, popular rural route carrier, went through the Medical Arts clinic at Abilene Tuesday for examination and treatment. He is again at home and is reported as some improved Thursday morning. He has not been working his mail route for over a week.

WARNING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATORS.

Due to the fact that during the past several months there has been a noticeable increase in traffic violations, we take this method of warning the public that after March 1 all

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violators will be fined in accord with city ordinances.

Don't drive at an excessive rate of speed.

Don't cause your car to backfire or make other unnecessary noises.

Don't fail to stop at "Stop" signs.

Don't fail to stop when coming into highway from any street or road (state law).

Don't fail to observe "No U Turn" signs.

Don't double park in the business district.

Don't leave your motor running while parked.

Don't operate your car with defective lights or brakes (state law).

We wish to suggest that you do not leave parcels in your car unless it is locked; also that you do not leave your car parked without removing the

ignition keys.

This action is being taken for your own good as well as for the general public safety.

(Signed) W. M. Elliott, Mayor.
Chester C. Hutcheson,
City Marshal.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of George Washington's birthday, the undersigned banks will not be open for business Friday, Feb. 22, 1935. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

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Lettuce Large firm heads EACH 5c
Apples Nice and crisp 2 DOZ. 25c
Extra Fancy Winesaps

Bananas Large Yellow Fruit DOZEN 15c

Oranges Med. Size 2 DOZ. 25c

Green Beans, Fresh Tomatoes, Cauliflower, New Potatoes, Celery, Carrots, Rutabaga Turnip and other seasonable Vegetables

FLOUR 48 Pounds Sacks

Bewley's Best \$1.95
Queen of the West \$1.85
Light Crust \$2.10
Elvejo Grande \$1.55

No. 2 1-2 syrup packed Peaches, 2 for 35c

Sunbrite Cleanser, per can 5c

Miller's Corn Flakes, each 10c

All Flavors Preserves, 31 ozs. 35c

16 oz. cans Mackerel, 3 for 25c

Pork & Beans 16 OZ. CANS 5c
Salad Dressing Plain or Relish 33c
Compound Vegetole or Jewel 4 lb. crt. 55c
8 lb. crt. \$1.05
8 lb. pail \$1.15

Onion Plants, Seed Potatoes and Garden Seeds of All Kinds

Graham Crackers Sun-Ray 2 Lb. Box 21c

Crackers A-1 Saltines 2 Lb. Box 19c

Peanut Butter 2 lb. Qt. Jar 31c

Coffee White Swann 3 lb. can 95c

Bran Flakes Jerseys 15 OZ. 10c

Catsup 14 oz. bottle 2 BOT. 25c

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