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HOME TALENT PLAYLETS EARN ENCOMIUMS

Selected Casts Put Over Three One-Act Plays as Benefit Performance at Queen Theatre In Great Style.

Three one-act plays on the same program and for a single price of admission is a bargain in any man's country, but when they were so meticulously staged and cleverly enacted as the trio making up the benefit performance given at the Queen theatre Monday night by local talent, that's something more than a bargain—it's a treat made all the more enjoyable only because it was so inexpensive.

"Where's Elmer?", "A Woman Won't" and "Not by a Dam Site" titled the three one-act plays, and the public was most generous in their response to this benefit program sponsored by the Lions club to raise funds for use of the local highway beautification committee. They were equally generous in their appreciation of the several presentations.

While not taking one whit of praise away from the actors, too much can not be said in compliment of the successful direction by Mrs. J. O. Lusby and Mrs. J. O. Pearson, who gave untiringly of their time and talents.

Space forbids individual reference to particular interpretations of the several character parts, but suffice it to say here: Merkel has home stage talent in abundance.

Following Elmer in his endeavor to get a night out and his consequent dilemma, a part enacted by Kennedy Whiteley, were Margaret Turner as Mrs. Gibbs, his wife, Tom Allday as Newton Bentz and Yates Brown as Purvey Rice, partners in crime, and Spencer Bird as the alert fire-chief. "A Woman Won't," which could be no better described than its own title, presented three couples: Vera Richie as Jessy Harford, a recent bride; Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, her husband; Mr. and Mrs. John Grabie and Mr. and Mrs. Howard, parents of Jessy, and Lois Whiteley as Lucy, the maid, and Neil Durham, as James, the butler in the Harford household. Obstinacy was carried to the algebraic climax: reductio ad absurdum.

"Not by a Dam Site," a typical "melodrama," was uniquely presented with slides reviving memories of the early day screen and followed (Continued on Page Four)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

By a vote of 75 to 49 the house of representatives Wednesday passed a bill providing for licensing of automobile drivers.

Amarillo will be host to the United Confederate Veterans about September 1, definite date for the four-day gathering to be set by that city later.

James Allen, 21, of Bloomberg, was charged with murder in connection with an automobile collision at Texarkana which caused the death of Mrs. Lottie Turley.

Pilot Ted Kincanon of American Airlines, flying a Vulture plane and carrying three passengers, required only seven minutes for the 30-mile flight from Fort Worth to Dallas.

A \$40,000 bond issue to build or acquire a hospital was defeated by voters in Mitchell county in Saturday's election, the returns showing 276 for and 469 against the measure.

E. M. Collier, superintendent of the West Texas Baptist hospital at Abilene, was elected president of the Texas State Hospital association at the sixth annual conference at Marlin.

All profits from the Texas Centennial exposition in Dallas in 1936 will be utilized to erect in that city a memorial commemorating one hundred years of progress in the Lone Star state.

Dirt was broken Friday morning, March 22, for Abilene's new \$305,000 postoffice and federal building, which is being erected on the corner of Pine and North Third streets and is to be three stories and basement.

A resolution submitting a constitutional amendment providing for old age pensions not to exceed \$30 per month to be voted on August 24 was adopted, 126 to 3, Monday by the house of representatives.

W. R. Ely, chairman of the state highway commission, now on a business visit to Washington, expressed the hope that Texas might receive about \$50,000,000 as its share in road funds permitted under the president's work relief bill.

A \$10,000,000 appropriation to insure an eight-month school term for even the smallest school house in Texas during the next two years, representing an increase of \$4,000,000 over the current biennium, was passed Tuesday by the house of representatives.

TO TAKE FARM FAMILIES OFF RELIEF ROLLS

Removal to Include Them in Rural Rehabilitation Program; About 100,000 Cases in This Class in Texas.

Austin, March 28.—The Texas relief commission has announced a policy of removing all needy farm families from the general relief rolls and including them in their rural rehabilitation program, under which they would receive no aid except in credit advances.

Officials estimated that from 35 to 50 per cent of the state's general relief case load consisted of farm families and that the load would be reduced by approximately 100,000 cases when all had been classed as rural rehabilitation families.

Since many families affected by the new order are tenants, landlords will be required to waive claims on this year's crops before any further advances will be made by the relief commission. If the landlord refuses such waiver, the tenant family will be removed from the relief rolls.

Mrs. Val M. Keating, director of social services, said national relief officials had severely criticized Texas for the size of its caseload.

"The major portion of the increases has been in rural areas," she said, "and we believe that many landlords have taken advantage of the relief organization in refusing to finance tenants."

Taylor County Offers Bounty for Rattlers

In a war on rattlesnakes, the Taylor county commissioners court has voted to pay a bounty for dead snakes, "five cents per rattle up to five rattles and two cents for each additional rattle." The matter was presented by Rex Dillard, commissioner from precinct 3, who told of the necessity to rid his section particularly of these dangerous reptiles.

Only Taylor county residents, however, may claim the bounty and only snakes killed in Taylor county will be paid for.

Fireboys Indulge in Donkey Baseball

Donkey baseball had an inning here Saturday when a team from the local fireboys played the Trent fire fighters on the high school athletic field, the affair resulting in a victory for the visitors, 23 to 3.

In a return game played at Trent Sunday, Trent won again, 10-8.

Schools Given High Rating on Fire Drill

A-1 rating was given the Merkel Public schools as to efficiency of fire drills after inspection by Miss Olga Junigar, school supervisor for the Texas fire insurance department at Austin.

In company with Chief N. A. Dowell, Miss Junigar visited both the High and Grammar schools last week on her rounds over the state.

After a test alarm, it was found that all children in the Grammar school were out of the building and safely on the ground in time of 11 seconds. Especial compliment was made of the fact that in responding to the alarm test every window and door had been closed before the students left their rooms.

Accept Breck Lions' Bid for Return Game

Members of the Lions basket ball team, captained by Jim Cook, with other Lions and their wives as rooters and supporters, were to leave Thursday afternoon to play a return game with Breckenridge Lions in their home lair.

Breckenridge, it will be recalled, defeated the local Lions in their first game, which was played here on March 15, by the close margin of 30-28.

WARD SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP NOW ASSURED

Merkel Grammar Wins Four More Firsts in County Meet; Earns Arithmetic Honors for Eighth Successive Time.

Besides first place in choral singing in Taylor county interscholastic urday won four other firsts, two seconds and one third, assuring this school of county championship in ward schools, regardless of the results in playground ball scheduled the coming Saturday.

With seven victories already recorded in arithmetic, Billie Wood and W. I. Wozencraft won first place again this year; Dorma Lee Shelton, first in junior girls' declamation, and John R. Walling, third in junior boys' declamation; Bea Smith, first in story telling; Evelyn Ensminger, second in essay writing; Sue Grimes and Dora Marie Gaither, first in fourth and fifth grade spelling, and W. I. Wozencraft and Billie Wood, second in sixth and seventh grade spelling.

Merkel entries did not place in the 50-yard dash, but Arthur Lee Graham came in fourth, and in chinning the bar Finis Escue ranked fourth.

In junior girls' playground ball, Merkel has won six straight years. Both girls' and boys' playground ball is on the program for Saturday of this week.

Group of Business Women At Banquet

Joining in a nation-wide program of business girls clubs of the Young Women's Christian association, a group of twelve business and professional women of Merkel attended a banquet Tuesday evening at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, sponsored by members of two clubs, Junior Business Girls and G. A. P., component parts of the Abilene Y. W. C. A.

"International Understanding" was the theme of the evening's program, which included a number of interesting talks and a skit, "Message from Foreign Countries," in which members represented foreign lands.

In the Merkel group were Mesdames J. H. Cook, J. A. Milliken, Floyd Davis, Duncan Briggs, W. W. Campbell, Cyrus Pee, Gladys McLean, Nell Lee, Florence Berry, Misses Myrtle Kellar, Lona Bryan and Johnnie Warren.

Jesse J. Fergusson Succumbs to Illness

Jesse James Fergusson, one of this city's most popular young men, died at 5:25 p. m. Friday at the home of his father, T. G. Fergusson in West Merkel. He had been in ill health for over twenty years, but had been able to be up and around the house until his last two weeks, when his condition became critical.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Flavil R. Yeakley, minister, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Oscar Buford, Lake Renfro, Roscoe Sharp, Parker Sharp, Twyman Collins, Ocie Burns; honorary, Arl Sharp, Price Banner, Chester Hutcheson, Bob McDonald, Lois Curb, Carl Black. Flower girls were his nieces, Mary Olive, Loessa and Jessie Laverne.

Jesse was born August 25, 1891, at Pottsville in Hamilton county, where he lived until 1905 when the family moved to Merkel. They have occupied the same place of residence ever since they came here. He attended the public schools and later engaged in the tailoring and cleaning business, having been associated at different times with Lake Renfro and Ennis Grimes among others. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his father and two sisters, Miss Minnie Fergusson, and Mrs. I. D. Simpson, of Abilene. His mother died July 20, 1927.

CITY ELECTION NOT AROUSING MUCH INTEREST

A mayor, two aldermen and a city secretary are to be named in the annual city election to be held next Tuesday. The city hall will be the voting place and polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. G. W. Boyce is election judge.

Yates Brown, who was appointed city secretary to fill an unexpired term, has announced his candidacy for this office, but interest is lacking in the other races.

Mayor W. M. Elliott, present incumbent, has indicated that, while he is not seeking election again, he will serve if no one else is available. Lige Gamble and Fred Baker, city aldermen, whose terms expire, have made similar expression.

Holdover aldermen are Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes and D. H. Vaughn.

Auto, Truck Owners May Get Plates Here

For the convenience of auto and truck owners, Conner Patterson, deputy county tax collector, will be stationed at the city hall again Friday and Saturday of this week, and car and truck owners may secure their license plates here.

Monday, April 1, is the last day for placing 1935 plates on motor vehicles which are in operation. After that date, vehicles driven without the new license tags will be in violation of the law.

W. T. Robinson, Aged Taylor Countian, Dies

W. T. Robinson, 84, resident of West Texas for 33 years, died at his home in the Cedar Gap community Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following an illness of a week. Mr. Robinson was the grandfather of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore of this city and was a frequent visitor here.

Mrs. Moore and her husband attended the funeral services, which were held from an Abilene funeral home at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. H. H. Summers, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was made in the Masonic cemetery at Abilene under auspices of the Abilene Masonic lodge. He had been a Mason for 63 years and for 12 years was secretary of the lodge at Dawsonville, Ga., his birthplace.

Survivors are his wife, three sons, two daughters, 24 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock, Jr., Sunday, March 24, 1935.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Monday, March 25, 1935.

BASEBALL AND RODEO PROGRAMS BEING ARRANGED

Organization of Merchants Association for 1935 Perfected With Henry West as President; Committees are Named.

Saturday, April 20, will be an important day for the people of Merkel and of Merkel's trade territory. It will mark the first of the 1935 rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel. Baseball plans contemplate an opening date probably in May.

Decision as to rodeo opening date was made at a meeting of the central planning board, which is the official designation of the directors of the association, with officers as follows: Henry West, president; Booth Warren, vice-president; C. J. Glover, secretary, and Dee Grimes, treasurer.

Other members of the board are: S. D. Gamble, J. H. Cook, C. H. Jones, W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson, T. G. Bragg and A. T. Sheppard. These seven men, with Henry West, Booth Warren and Dee Grimes, were elected by ballot of participating business men and firms to constitute a governing board of ten members, with C. J. Glover added as secretary ex officio.

After completion of the organization for 1935, the first action undertaken was the raising of funds by subscription to insure realization of plans for a second series of rodeos and inter-community baseball, the response being practically unanimous and spontaneous.

"The central planning board," said Henry West, president of the association, "working as a committee of the whole, has tried diligently to see every business firm and professional man in Merkel in their campaign to raise funds. Payment of first installment is due now or before April 1. If any one has been raised, or was to report later, they are asked to see the treasurer or any member of the board and sign for their subscription."

"Prior to the next meeting of the board, Monday, April 8, a complete list of those who have subscribed up to that date as members of the Merchants Trade Extension association will be compiled and the names published in The Merkel Mail. This is, in a way, an honor roll, and every firm in Merkel should be enrolled in the membership of this association."

The following committees have been named, all members of which (Continued on Page Eight)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 9, 1915.)

DRIVE TO THE RIGHT, YOUR SAFETY FIRST.

In all probability there are few towns in the state where the streets are congested on Saturdays and other busy days like Merkel has and an absolute disregard prevails about driving customs.

Here, the writer wishes to state that from the time we were able to reach up and grasp the handle bars of the cotton planter our young ideas were taught that it was correct at all times to drive to the right. This rule was respected along the country lanes of the West fifteen years ago far better than it is respected on the streets of Merkel at the present time. Whether our people are going backward or whether they have forgotten some of their "old time raising" we can't say, but for the sake of safety we suggest that our city authorities take steps to have the rule of safety first or drive to the right, respected in Merkel at all times, more especially on Saturdays when the streets are crowded and auto drivers are so promiscuous. On last Saturday several autos came near colliding with vehicles.

Misses Maude, Myrtle and Emma Nalley of Trent were in Merkel shopping Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker, Miss

Susie Penn and Mr. Lawrence of Fort Worth motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale of Mingus were Easter guests of Messrs. and Mesdames E. P. McMullen, R. L. Bland and T. L. Grimes.

Will Streamer, formerly of this city but now of Austin, returned here Saturday.

Mrs. Tolbert Robertson and the pupils in her room at Southside school building had a most enjoyable Easter egg hunt and luncheon Friday afternoon in Martin's pasture.

The Merkel Sophomore class met Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp on Oak street. Bunco, "42" and numerous parlor games made an ideal evening. Misses Ola and Lulu Sharp and Bruce Caughern were special guests. Class members present were Misses Beatrice Nidevor, Charlie Bell Thomas, Eunice Russell, Grace Garvin, Jewel Toomb, Bernadine Freeman, Madge Hale, Winnie Sharp, Wilma Smith, Dorothy Duckett, Messrs. Joel Counts, Ernest Moore, Stanley King, Lee Baker, Deverle Johnson, Ed Scott, Jake Walters, Bill Bonds and Miss Arrie Barrett, teacher. Refreshments were chewing gum, hot chocolate, cake and fruit.

THE BOOK
the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"
and which contains Four Great Treasures
by BRUCE BARTON
GOD DID NOT FORGET.

Only God did not forget Joseph, and his dreams, which had been the original cause of his trouble, were finally to bring him release and success. In a previous chapter we have recalled the famous dream of Pharaoh and how, by its interpretation, Joseph was able to organize the food supplies of Egypt so that the abundant harvests of seven years were stored away against the famine of the succeeding seven years.

All other lands were desolate, including the land where his father and guilty brothers dwelt, and at length the brothers are forced to go to Egypt to buy corn; they open negotiations with Egypt's great official.

And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew him not. His hour of revenge had come. For several days he kept them guessing. He locked them up and after their release kept Simeon as a hostage until they should return and bring their little brother Benjamin with them. They promised, and started off. Imagine their surprise when they opened their sacks to find not merely corn they had come to purchase but the money which they had given in payment. They hurried on to Jacob, their father, and told him how the governor had received them and of his demand that they should bring little Benjamin when they came again. How they went again to Joseph, still without recognizing him; how they were received and entertained at his place; the trick he played upon them to test their love for little Benjamin and so stir up the memory of their different treatment of the other little brother whom they supposed they had killed.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BLAIR DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Blair Home Demonstration club met on March 14 in the home of Mrs. Will Watley, and Miss Vara Crippen, county demonstration agent, demonstrated foundation patterns, cutting a dress for Mrs. E. J. Osborn.

Mrs. John Russell, the president, presided over the meeting, and minutes were read by Mrs. V. L. Doan, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Jim Campbell was the recipient of the gift basket.

There were seventeen visitors present with three visitors, Mesdames Tatum, Merkel, Blanton, Union Ridge, and Tom Spears.

At the luncheon hour an attractive menu was served.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jim Campbell, the program to be on poultry production led by Mrs. Box Murphy, poultry demonstrator. The meeting will be March 28.

BUSY BEE CLUB

The Busy Bee club met on Thursday, March 21, in the home of Mrs. Bill Hays. Miss Celia Hester led the program on "Poultry," and Mrs. W. C. Lee conducted an interesting contest on "Flowers."

The hostess served fruit to the following members: Mesdames R. E. Harris, W. E. Petty, H. B. Robertson, Roy Harrell, Luther Land, W. J. Higgins, Guy McClain, T. C. Allen, J. S. Pinckley, W. U. Beane, W. C. Lee, Joe C. Higgins, Misses Celia Hester and Ruth Pinckley. Visitors were Mrs. Martin of Salt Branch and Mrs. Roy Patterson of Merkel.

The next meeting will be on April 4 with Mrs. Roy Harrell.

PICNIC

The girls of the Union Ridge community enjoyed a picnic at Castle Peak Friday. Those that took part in the cast of the play, "The Minister's New Car," were invited to the affair, although some were unable to attend. Misses Ruby and Alice Carey, Vada Gabbert, Lavena and Mary Bell Douglas motored over to Castle Peak at noon and the afternoon was enjoyed by climbing the mountains.

Supper was served at 6:30 when they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobdy and Mrs. Marr. Weiners were roasted and a regular picnic lunch enjoyed with ice cold lemonade. Marshmallows were roasted later in the evening and, when they had motored back to Merkel, they were all served ice cream.

ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mrs. Ollie Mathews was hostess to members of the Eskota Woman's Home Demonstration club at her home Tuesday afternoon, March 12. Roll call was answered by the member's favorite color.

Miss Evelyn Jennings, county home demonstration agent, discussed "Style and Color." She demonstrated the effect of colors on different individuals.

The club voted to make a quilt to sell and raise funds for club purposes. The club also voted to take the money now on hand and pay council fund. A meat exhibit was arranged by the members for the Lubbock meat show.

A refreshment plate of delicious cake and punch was served during the social hour. The following members were present for the meeting: Mesdames C. B. Johnston, D. I. Trent, M. T. Head, Clayton Nichols, A. E. Bullard, H. A. Johnston, Dora Knox, W. J. Farley, A. D. Dodson, L. E. F. Johnston, W. M. Patton, F. L. Harding, L. H. Utley, C. E. Kiser, Misses Lydia Bullard, Evelyn Jennings, agent, and the hostess.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. H. Utley on Tuesday, March 26. This will be an all-day meeting for the purpose of cutting foundation patterns. All members are urged to be present and to bring a covered dish for luncheon.

UNION RIDGE DEMONSTRATION CLUB

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday with Mrs. Denzel Cox, and elected Mrs. W. A. Harris, bread demonstrator, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, council member, Mrs. Denzel Cox, program chairman, and Mrs. O. W. Harwell, expansion chairman.

Council report was given and birthday gifts went to Mrs. Lige Harris and Miss Mabel McRee. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Lige Harris on

Carpenter Work Roofing W. R. CAMPBELL Next Door to W. T. Utilities

April 12, for a morning study of foundation pattern cutting and afternoon study of killing and dressing of poultry. Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, is to attend the meeting.

Seven visitors were introduced at the Friday program: Mesdames J. R. Pab, Kenneth Sharp, B. M. Williams, Cecil Guthrie, E. M. Dean, L. M. Scoggins and Miss Gertie Lou Pee, of Merkel.

Members present were Mesdames J. L. McRee, Selma Russell, O. E. Harwell, M. F. Carey, Denzel Cox, W. C. Lee, Kenneth Pee, Lige Harris, W. A. Harris, W. D. Burleson, S. O. Patton, S. G. Russell, Jr., O. R. Douglas, M. L. Douglas and Misses Mabel McRee, Alice Russell, Norma Patton, Syble Harris and Laverne Harwell.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Albert Patterson, Jack Latimer, D. C. Doan and little Kenneth Harold Maddera have been on the sick list since our last writing. There are probably others whom this correspondent failed to get.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears have been attending the bedside of their son, Henry Spears, who has been critically ill at the Temple sanitarium; his friends and relatives have been very much concerned over his condition and hope for his early recovery. Mr. Spears, who formerly lived here, is Santa Fe agent at Valera. Mrs. Zuma Fulton of Lubbock is visiting in the Spears home here at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pet Patterson are the proud parents of a fine baby girl; the little miss has been christened Bertha Loretta.

Mr. and Mrs. Farr and little son of Abilene visited with the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors, last week-end. Miss Norma, who had been visiting in that home for an indefinite time, accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and son of Red Spring visited the past week in the homes of Mrs. Lillie Brook and J. W. Moore.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves of Crowell has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell the past week. Joe Ramsey and little daughter, Jo Anna, of Merkel, also were week-end visitors in this home.

Miss Margaret Thomas and niece, Dorris Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell motored over to Bronie and visited with home folks over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Latimer and son and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, the past week. Rev. Arthur Kendall, M. E. pastor, delivered two eloquent discourses at the Methodist church Sunday.

Honor Roll

WARREN SCHOOL. The following students were on the honor roll of the Warren school for the fifth month:

- First grade—Melvin Cross, 91. Second grade—A. C. Brewer, 92. Fourth grade—Jeanette Neaff, 95. Fifth grade—Winnie Cross, 90. Sixth grade—Winona Kelso, 94. Seventh grade—Muriel Kelso, 94.

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.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

The tiny house in Austin where O. Henry lived before he sprang to literary fame, has been converted into a museum by his Texas admirers.

The Prince of Wales has become a proficient bagpipe player.

WATCH YOUR KIDNEYS!

Be Sure They Properly Cleanse the Blood

YOUR kidneys are constantly filtering impurities from the blood stream. But kidneys get functionally disturbed—lag in their work—fail to remove the poisonous body wastes.

Then you may suffer nagging backache, attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains; feel "all worn out."

Don't delay! For the quicker you get rid of these poisons, the better your chances of good health. Use Doan's Pills. Doan's are for the kidneys only. They tend to promote normal functioning of the kidneys, should help them get off the irritating poisons. Doan's are recommended by users the country over. Get them from any drug store.

DOAN'S PILLS

DORA DOINGS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Well, here we are, blowing from one side of this hill to the other, and sifting dirt as we go.

We report several on the sick list this week: Charline and R. W. Porter and Wilburn Lewis and his mother, Mrs. A. B. Lewis; Milton Dillard is fast improving from an attack of the "flu" last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott spent the week-end on the south plains; they report wind and sand very bad there Saturday.

The children of Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker surprised her Sunday with a birthday dinner, the company and dinner being arranged while she was at church. Mr. and Mrs. Sandusky of Castle Peak were callers for the occasion.

Yep, spring is here, because Roy Laine, Earl Wallis, E. P. Perry and Douglas Jones took the fishing fever, rushed off to the Concho and brought back a mighty fine catch, one weighing 12 pounds—and a number of larger ones got away.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coffey are whizzing around in a brand new fawn-colored Chevrolet purchased last week.

The county interscholastic league and track meet at Divide Friday and Saturday of this week will find seventeen schools represented.

R. R. Fatty and wife, Mrs. Renick, Misses Gregor and Lenard, all teachers in our schools, were seeing the Fat Stock show in Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday.

H. Phillips and sons were business visitors in Abilene Monday. Roy Elliott of Sylvester was a business caller in this city Monday afternoon and evening.

J. S. Armstrong made a business trip to Buffan near Dublin Monday night.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

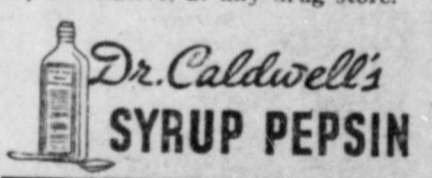
The "liquid test"

...it ENDS bowel worries for many people

This is a test that tells you whether the system needs a cathartic change. If you have constant sluggish spells or bilious attacks, and laxatives seem to make things worse, it would be wise to try this:

Stop all use of any laxative that does not encourage variation from a "fixed dose" (which may be entirely too large a dose for your individual need). Use instead, a liquid laxative that you can measure and regulate as to dose. As necessary to repeat, take smaller doses, less and less often, until the bowels are moving without any help at all.

Doctors use liquid laxatives, and a properly prepared liquid laxative, containing natural laxative agents like senna and cascara is a joy and a comfort: a real help in establishing regularity. Ask your doctor about this! (Doctors use liquid laxatives.) You can get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is a most dependable liquid laxative, at any drug store.



Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN

Scientists Find Fast Way to Relieve a Cold

Ache and Discomfort Eased Almost Instantly Now

NOTE "DIRECTIONS PICTURES"

The simple method pictured here is the way many doctors now treat colds and the aches and pains colds bring with them!

It is recognized as a safe, sure, QUICK way. For it will relieve an ordinary cold almost as fast as you caught it.

Ask your doctor about this. And when you buy, be sure that you get the real BAYER Aspirin Tablets. They dissolve (disintegrate) almost instantly. And thus work almost instantly when you take them. And for a gargle, Genuine Bayer Aspirin Tablets disintegrate with speed and completeness, leaving no irritating particles or grittiness.

BAYER Aspirin prices have been decisively reduced on all sizes, so there's no point now in accepting other than the real Bayer article you want.

1. Take 2 BAYER Aspirin Tablets. Make sure you get the BAYER Tablets you ask for.

2. Drink a full glass of water. Repeat treatment in 2 hours.

3. If throat is sore, crush and stir 3 BAYER Aspirin Tablets in a third of a glass of water. Gargle twice. This eases throat soreness almost instantly.

PRICES on Genuine Bayer Aspirin Radically Reduced on All Sizes

NOW 15c

THE BOOK

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So came the people of Israel into Egypt, saved by Joseph, whose name was potent enough to secure protection and provender for them, and for four generations.

And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Now there rose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

A new king, a new crisis, a new hero to meet the crisis; the next great character of the Old Testament, Moses. It was his part to take the children of Israel out of Egypt, as it had been the work of Joseph to save their lives by getting them in. And when the day of deliverance arrived, and they marched forth into freedom and the wilderness, the procession was led by the bones of Joseph.

And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you (he was a dreamer, you see, to the end); and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

Next Week: Moses.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday John Boles and Loretta Young in "THE WHITE PARADE"

Sunday-Monday Clark Gable in "AFTER OFFICE HOURS"

Tuesday-Wednesday Dolores Del Rio in "MADAME DUBARRY"

Thursday Only Guy Kibbee in "BABBIT"

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Friday-Saturday Bill Cody in "FRONTIER DAYS"

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

MERKEL WINS FIVE FIRSTS IN COUNTY MEET

Hurrah for Merkel!!! Have you heard how many first places Merkel won last Friday at Abilene at the county meet?

In the six speech events that Merkel entered, she won five first places. She won in both the boys' and girls' extempore speaking, events in which Charles Tipton and Eva Faye Bush represented the school. Mildred West won first in senior girls' declamation; Betty Grimes won first in high school junior girls' declamation, and Ainsworth Gates won first in high school junior boys' declamation. Although Robert Bickley, who represented senior boys' declamation, did not win, Merkel is proud of him.

In the other events, Jaunita Huskey won first in essay writing, and Anna Lou Church and William Hawkins won second in the spelling event.

The one-act play, "One Fine Day," presented by Clara Frances Largent, Veda Helen Bradley, Clifton Bellamy and Vivian Davis, won second place in the county Saturday night. Although they were defeated by Ovalo, the play was very good and every one who had the privilege of attending Saturday night enjoyed it.

Most of these students who represented Merkel at Abilene go to district meet April 5 and 6 at Sweetwater. Every one is expecting first places from these representatives there.

Just look around and see how many are wearing first place medals. Shouldn't we be proud of them? Certainly!!!

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.
Assistant Editor—Clara Frances Largent.
Society Editor—Vivian Davis.
Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Tracy Wood.

Our Seniors

Cal McAninch.

Cal is a hard worker. He is taking five subjects this year and passing them. Although he is a bit shy around the girls, sometimes, he has won the friendship of every Merkel High school female. It must be your ability to play football that did it, Cal!

Aline McAninch.

Cal has a younger sister, Aline, who is stepping right in his footsteps in winning friends in Merkel High. She is among the "tip-top" students in the Senior class. Besides being intelligent, she is very dependable. She has shown the latter trait by working so diligently as Senior reporter and also in essay writing. Keep the good work up, Aline!

DR. GOSSIP.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Why are some people so strict with their "beautiful" daughters?

Sincerely, I Wanna Know.

Dear I Wanna Know:

Maybe it's because they want to keep them beautiful.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

How old is Mr. Riddle?

D. O. Tell.

Dear D. O. Tell:

He's as old as his tongue, but a little older than his teeth.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Why is Dub Ford so romantic?

Yours, U. R. Fooled.

Dear U. R. Fooled:

Maybe it's the hot weather.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Why is it that Juanes Jones would like to live in the hills of New Mexico?

Requestingly yours, Sniggiefriz.

Dear Sniggiefriz:

Maybe there's gold in them thar hills.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

What makes Jack Davis blush when you mention going to Abilene around a certain little girl?

Yours, L. I. E.

Dear L. I. E.:

It must have been the improper

SENIORS WIN ALL HONORS IN SCHOOL CONTESTS

The past week was one of many contests. First, the beauty contest and then the one for "most popular boy," "best all-around girl," and "best all-around boy." The Seniors won every contest. "Such popularity must be deserved."

In the beauty contest Billie Bernice Gambill was elected by a large majority. Of course this is not unusual since she is the most beautiful girl in school. We are all very proud of Billie and most of us are in love with her.

The most popular boy was none other than our class president, Bussie Boaz. A better selection couldn't have been made nor a more popular boy found. Bussie is very popular with everyone and more so to the ones of us who followed him on the football field.

The best all-around girl is Gladys Mashburn. This is Gladys' first year with us but she has won her way into our hearts. Gladys is a star volleyball player and also a grand sport. I'm sure everyone agrees with me that Gladys is the best selection.

The best all-around boy is Zerk Robinson. Zerk is a good football player—ask any of the boys he played against. He is also good in his subjects. So Zerk is a good choice.

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name she called him.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Why did Mary Helen L. fall for Oscar?

Yours, Sleepy.

Dear Sleepy:

Why do they all fall for Oscar?

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Why does Anna Lou persist in treating Zerk as she does?

Sincerely, Worried.

Dear Worried:

It's in the cards.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Will Willie B. ever have to stop

Etiquette

Old M. H. S. is a mannerly old school, but as we all know that she wishes to be even more so, we are giving some rules that we think anyone will profit by if he reads and abides by them. They are as follows:

1. Don't substitute American buttons (safety pins) for real repair work.
2. A boy must never take a girl's arm, (that's cheap); she offers it.
3. Don't chew gum.
4. Don't eat anything on the street.
5. Never comb your hair, clean your nails, or pick your teeth in public.
6. Don't speak to persons you do not know on streets, or under trees. (that's self-protection.)
7. Don't talk baby talk, (even to babies.)
8. Always say goodnight to your mother and father before you go out, (it will be too late when you come in.)
9. Never ask silly questions.

Here is a list of things to beware of:

- Manicuring in public.
- Putting fingers in nose or ears.
- Kissing on the street or public places ((find a dark spot.)
- Loud talking.
- Spitting.
- Overdressing.
- Beware of the little foxes that may creep in and destroy the vines of good manners.

going to Goodman for not paying board?

Mrs. Toombs.

Dear Mrs. Toombs:

Nope, he's got a credit and Goodman has fields to work.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

Dear Dr. Gossip:

Why did Tracy get so many votes for the best all around "girl"?

Mr. I. Dean Burns.

Dear Mr. Burns:

For the mere reason that he has such feminine ways.

Yours, Dr. Gossip.

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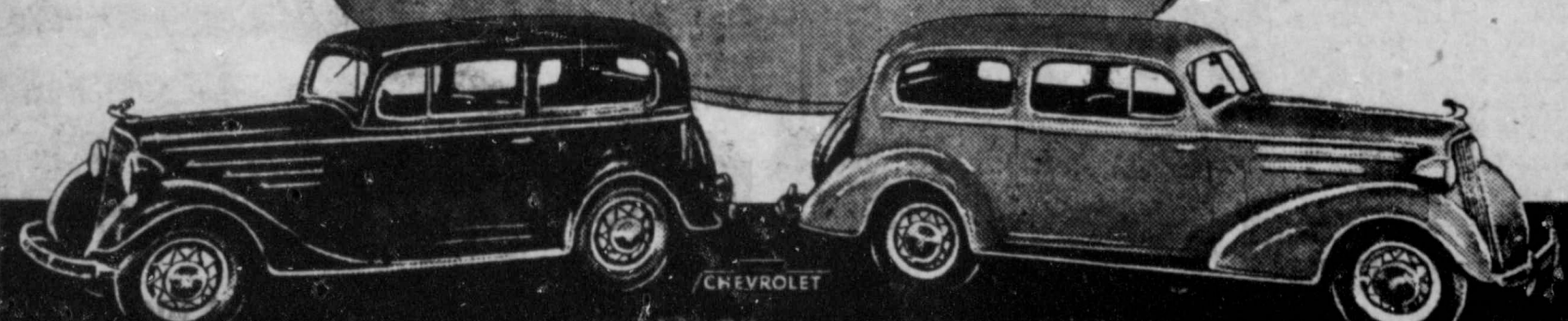
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Trent HDC Members Sponsoring Play

"The Last Days of School," sequel to "School Days," will be presented on Friday night, April 5, at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium at Trent. The play is being put on by the Trent Home Demonstration club and the proceeds are to go to this club.

A glimpse at the cast of characters is revealed in the following descriptive resume:

"Miss Magdalen Payne takes the part of Lily Fern Primrose, the teacher, and she has 'some class.' Let us state that in the geography class you'll find Mrs. T. G. Hamner as Mary Land, Bry Burkhart as Mont Anna, Mrs. Clifford Estep as Ida Ho, and Woodrow Cooper as Ken Tucky.

"Look at this bouquet of flowers in the botany class: Miss Opal Freeman as Pansy Blue Bell, Mrs. C. O. Burke as Daisy Snapdragon, Mrs. Joe Boone as Violet Marigold, Mrs. Ira Dee Waters, colored, as White Rose, G. I. (Pop) Burks as Johnny Jump Up, Cullen Tittle as Sweet William Hyacinth, and Hub Kegans as Holly Hock Petunia. Miss Edith Hale as Pola Bear 'thinks a leopard skin would show spots terrific.' Others in the zoology class: Miss Helen Hogue as Car-Bu, Garland Franks as En-Ar-Co, Joe Boone as Zeb Ra.

"Then there is Henry Bright as Black Beauty, a slow-spoken colored fellow, and A. W. Woods as Ed U. Cation, member of the school board."

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Home Talent

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by scenic reproduction in pantomime. Characters were enacted by Wrenn Durham, as Simon Sweet, the miller; Mrs. L. C. Zehnppennig as Sara Sweet, his wife; Mrs. Ralph Duke as Tootie Sweet, their daughter; Neil Busham as Percival Penn, heroic lover and author, and Dr. L. C. Zehnppennig as Caesar Penny, the "villain."

Special numbers between plays were given by Mrs. Homer Patterson, Anne Lee Blake, Delma Compton and Little Freddie Lee and Harold Hughes. Miss Iris Garrett played accompaniment for the Hughes boys and Anne Lee Blake, while Miss Christine Collins was accompanist for Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Compton. Carl Allison of Woodson also rendered guitar numbers.

By courtesy of Manager Nesmith, use of the Queen theatre was permitted, the management waiving their regular show.

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Rev. John Reynolds Leads Trent Revival

Revival services are being held each night this week and continuing through Sunday at the First Baptist church at Trent, with Rev. John Reynolds, the pastor, holding the services. He will teach the book of Jeremiah the next few nights. The place is the Woodmen hall in the Scott old store building at Trent; the time 8 p. m.

Next Sunday, the fifth Sunday, will be a fellowship day with this church.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are so grateful to you, our dear friends, for your many deeds of kindness and tender words of sympathy during the illness and at the time of the death of our dear son and brother. We think we could hardly have borne the grief, had you not shared it with us the way you did; you were so kind, gentle, loving, and willing to help. We can never forget you. In our hearts is room to keep you all so long as we live. May God bless you.

C. Ferguson.
Minnie Ferguson.
and Mrs. I. D. Simpson.

Merkel Drill Team Goes to State Meet

Merkel will be represented at the state convention of the Woodmen Circle at Waco this week by Mrs. Lila B. Rea, Grove guardian, and the Merkel drill team consisting of twelve members. Mrs. O. L. Bishop, Trent advisor, and Mrs. Rea are the official delegates from this vicinity.

Members of the drill team, who left early Wednesday morning are: Messdames E. B. Wallace, Lendon Coats, F. A. Polley, Charles Seago, R. H. Mathews, Sr., R. H. Mathews, Jr., Misses Margaret Turner, Clara B. White, Lillie Claude Barnett, Lena Webb, Edna Marshall and Mary Click. The party went in two cars, being accompanied by C. P. Church.

The sessions, which opened Wednesday morning, will continue through four days. Mrs. Dora Talley Omaha, Neb., national president of the Woodmen Circle and a former resident of Garland, Texas, will deliver the principal address before the convention.

Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado, district manager, and Mrs. Elsie Fay O'Bar of Abilene, state attendant, are state officers from this area who are attending the convention.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The following have been summoned for jury service in 104th district court for next week:

T. J. Melton, L. B. Reeves, D. O. Huddleston, W. T. Bird, J. H. Fulton, Merkel; F. M. Myers, D. T. Lawson; G. A. Green, B. A. Randolph, R. F. Williams, Harley Woods, C. Stayton, J. C. Littleton, J. Felix, O. E. Patterson, Jr., E. T. Boyd, B. C. Greer, J. P. Wood, J. W. Lofland, E. Ables, Earl Adams, W. O. Landers, J. W. Turner, H. J. Williamson, H. F. Powell, W. A. Harber, H. M. Hensley, L. A. Jobe, E. L. Ledbetter, J. C. Smith, F. M. Utzman, C. M. High, F. F. Weldon, L. A. Muston, G. W. Beatty, Wm. Ingle, Jr., G. P. Huskin, Abilene; Walter J. Taylor, A. E. Embree, T. H. Hodges, J. W. Vickery, W. F. Hicks, Tuscola; F. W. Hogue, M. M. Jacobs, G. E. Ivey, Ovalo; A. N. Hale, Bradshaw; M. R. Street, Tye; J. A. Brooks, Winters; J. F. Abernathy, Trent; G. D. Myers, Lawn.

FIFTH-SUNDAY SINGING.

Dear Friends:
Our Fifth Sunday singing is here again and we will meet at Union, seven miles north on gravel road from Noodle. So let's every one be present and start our singing promptly at 10:30. Bring your lunch, jug of water and song-books and spend the day, having a good time singing and serving the Lord.

"We meet in church building" and want gospel singing. We hope to have a good day and hope to have latest books of all the publishing houses. Let's plan for the June date. I'm asking that we go together in selecting place where we will have plenty of room and conveniences to take care of a bunch of singers. I'm trying through others for the new gym at Merkel; think we can get it, but if any one has something better, amen from me; your pleasures are mine and there's nothing to prevent me. I'll meet you wherever you want to go. So, while we are doing our best for the present, let's plan for success in the future. So notify all your singing friends and be there please at 10:30.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. M. L. Holden is visiting this week with her son, Bert Holden, at Big Spring.

Mrs. W. J. Largent has as her guest her mother, Mrs. W. J. Saffle, of Plainview.

Doc Nelson from Lamesa visited last week with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Rubie Henslee.

Arno Worthan of Big Spring is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Worthan, at Trent.

Miss Billye Derr spent Friday evening with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Adkins of Haskell.

Mrs. L. L. Swafford of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mrs. Chuck Peterson and Miss Naomi Rogers of Hermleigh were week-end visitors with Miss Zada Bell.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes of Austin spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. I. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bounds were week-end visitors to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show at Fort Worth.

John McCulley of Waco was a visitor this week with his sister, Miss Mollie McCulley, in the home of Grandma Baker.

Isadore Mellinger left Monday for points in south and east Texas; he will visit relatives at Austin, Lockhart and Livingston.

Mrs. R. E. Neal returned to Hugo, Okla., Tuesday after a visit of several weeks with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadye Woodrum.

Included in a party to take in the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth last week were Dr. W. T. Sadler, Ligz Gamble, C. H. Jones and W. W. Haynes.

Dale Warren of the Colorado Mutual Aid association was a welcome visitor Saturday in the home of his friend and former teacher, Miss Dora Garoutte.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Callahan and two sons, Homer and Odell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, left Thursday for a visit with relatives in California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly arrived Saturday from Stanton to visit her sister, Mrs. C. P. Worthan, also Mr. Mattingly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mattingly.

While Mrs. A. G. Crouch was guest in the S. D. Gamble home last week, Mrs. Wm. Creight and daughter, Mrs. Johnay McQuigg, of Anson, came over to visit Mrs. Crouch and other friends here.

Misses Mosaic and Eula Sears returned Thursday of last week from a month's absence in Arizona, having visited with their sister, Mrs. D. J. Mathews, in Chandler, and later visiting friends in Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., were up from Austin to spend the week-end with their parents, being accompanied by David Gamble, who is attending the University of Texas, for a week-end visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendricks stopped over here Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Hendricks' mother, Mrs. M. B. Bell, as they were returning to Gorgus Christi from El Paso, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Bell, who will visit with them for some time.

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Mrs. S. M. Bird, 78, Dies of Pneumonia

Mrs. S. M. Bird, 78, mother of J. S. Bird of Noodle and Ben Bird of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, died at an early hour last Friday morning of pneumonia at the home of Ben Bird in Abilene, where she had made her home for the past two years. Prior to that time, Mrs. Bird had lived at Merkel for twelve years.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at an Abilene funeral home, after which the body was brought to Merkel for burial in Rose Hill cemetery, with Rev. O. B. Tatum, of Merkel, officiating. Rev. Mr. Tatum's father was her pastor more than fifty years ago. Mrs. Bird had been a member of the Baptist church since 1874.

Active pallbearers were Lee Montgomery, William F. Bryant, John H. Owens, John Pilkington, George L. Smith, and Charlie Jones, the latter of Merkel. Honorary pallbearers were: Charles Motz, John Grissom, Dick Free, W. B. McDonald, G. H. McDonald, John Hardaway, Roy Curtis, H. M. Huddleston, and the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Abilene; W. L. Diltz, Herbert Patterson and Tom Largent, Merkel.

Besides the two sons mentioned, Mrs. Bird is survived by two other sons and three daughters: O. R. Bird, Clyde; P. E. Bird, Brownwood; Mrs. Ada Stone, Kerrville; Mrs. Ida Rieves, Amarillo, and Mrs. Ella Earl, Whitney. A sister, Mrs. J. F. Townsend of Lampasas, and a brother, N. C. Hawkins, of Lucy, N. M., also survive.

Theatre Party for "Cinderella" Cast

The girls who were members of the cast of "A Southern Cinderella," which was presented at the Noodle school and repeated at Goodman, were entertained recently with a theatre party at the Paramount in Abilene and later were guests in the home of Miss Suber in Abilene.

After attending the picture, "Roberta," the party went to Miss Suber's home in Elmwood where refreshments were served. The following girls attended: Leta Tarpley, Sybil Marie Sampson, Enola Sampson, Louise Cox, Sybil Dixon, Johnny Chadwick, Nellie Williams and Teria Mae Murdock.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Dr. W. M. Gambill announces removal of his dental office to Abilene, where he will be located in rooms 418-19, Citizens National Bank building. He will continue, however, to make his home here, he states.

Curley London has removed his battery and repair shop to the Percy Jones building, which is jointly occupied by the Church Motor company. Upon his removal from the Corner Garage, Ted Bicknell moved his auto repair and work shop to the latter location.

Tom Kerns, formerly of Weatherford, is a new acquisition to Merkel business circles, having opened Tom's Wrecking house on the highway east of town. Mr. and Mrs. Kerns and little daughter have already moved here and are being cordially welcomed.

Another new business enterprise in town is the Vogue Beauty shop, owned by Miss Mae Melton, with Miss Eva Hays as operator. The Vogue shop is located eight blocks south of the railroad on Oak street.

A business change announced this week brings Lendon Coats as part owner of the Conoco Filling station with Jimmie Toombs, the firm to be known as Toombs and Coats. Both of these boys are popular home products.

Clarence Armstrong and Bob McDonald attended a district meeting of beauty parlor owners and operators at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, Wednesday evening.

Local Man Utilizes Federal Aid Plan

Taking advantage of the federal aid plan, John S. Hughes has had installed sanitary toilets in connection with five rent houses belonging to him in the Hughes addition in Southwest Merkel.

"The houses are rented to first class people," said Mr. Hughes, "and I am glad the opportunity has presented itself to add sanitary out-houses."

Pangburn's Ice Cream, pint 19c, quart 34c. Merkel Drug Company.

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

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- Sun Set
PEAS, No. 2 can, each 9c
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GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, 2 for 23c
- 3 Pound Pail
SNOWDRIFT, 57c
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- Gallon
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- All Flavors
ELLO, 2 pkgs 13c

- Nile
SALMON, tall can, each 10c
- Triton
TUNA FISH, per can 13c
- Congress
SARDINES, per can 10c
- Southern Style
COCOANUT, per can 11c
- Instant
POSTUM, 4 oz. can 28c
- Red and White
TEA 1-4 pound pkg. 19c
- Red and White
LYE, 3 cans 22c
- Sani-
FLUSH OR DRANO, per can 21c
- Red and White
Soap 6 Giant Bars 25c
- Sun Up
COFFEE lb. 17c
- Red and White
CREAM MEAL, 5 pound/s 19c
- Blue and White
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PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 can, each 18c
- 32 Piece MADRID PATTERN GLASS LUNCHEON SET with \$20 Purchase for \$1.69**
- Salad Wafer
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- Butter Wafer
SMACKS, 14 OZ. PKG. 20c
- Chase and Sanbourn
DATED COFFEE, POUND 27c
- Full Cream
CHEESE, pound 19c
- Sliced
BACON, POUND 30c
- Bologna
SAUSAGE, pound 19c
- Dry Salt
PLATES, POUND 19c

NOODLE NEWS

A program was rendered at the Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday by a number of B. S. U. members of Hardin-Simmons university. Rev. Mr. Crumphy preached at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Walter Mayes is on the sick list at this writing.

J. M. Cook, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is able to be up some, and is slowly improving in every way.

J. S. Bird has been in Abilene for several days, having gone to be at the bedside of his mother, who died Friday night. He is now attending the bedside of a sister, who is critically ill.

E. O. Criswell went to Knox City last Thursday to attend the bedside of his sister, Mrs. L. M. Rice, who died Friday.

The following were visitors in the home of J. M. Cook Sunday afternoon: Messrs. Buck Moore and Sam Castleberry and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.

Mrs. Ivy McCoy and daughter, Mildred, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fool of Divide spent the day last Thursday with Mrs. Claude Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen G. Cantrell and children of Stamford spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reece, Mrs. Joe B. Sosebee and children and Ava Ruth Sosebee visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mayes.

The following were visitors at the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth the last of the week: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cook, Alec Carter, Verna Ely, Wayne Satterwhite, J. E. Touchstone and Carl and Lowell Barbee.

J. D. Sosebee is visiting at Stamford at this writing.

Joe Smith of Kilgore is the guest of B. L. Carter and others of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Goode and little daughter of Kilgore visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode, several days last week, going from here to New Mexico to visit relatives. They were accompanied there by his parents.

Mrs. Dugger and little daughter of Robstown returned home Saturday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Herring.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Jones county track meet and other events, that were put off the previous Saturday owing to the sandstorm, were held at Anson last Saturday. Noodle won several first places. Wilson Williams was high point man of the county, winning four first places and one second, making a score of 26 points. Wilson Williams and Henry Satterwhite won first place in tennis doubles. Junior girls won second place in playground ball. Miss Sis Boaz is coach.

"Who Killed Walter Earles?"

Our school has won seven pennants and several trophies. We are very proud of our school and think we have an efficient faculty.

The girls of the senior basket ball team will present a play at the school auditorium April 3, entitled "The Mystery of the Masked Girl." Admission 10c and 15c.

"Who Killed Walter Earles?"

(Omitted Last Week.)

The farmers of this community have their land prepared for another crop, and some have planted corn and other early feed crops.

The members of the Church of Christ are doing some needed re-

pairs on the church "house" a new roof and preparing to paint the building soon, also to do some other repairs.

Miss Leta Faye Barbee had as her guest Saturday Miss Clara Mae Jones of Stamford.

Misses Leta Faye Barbee and Mildred and Mozelle Sosebee were shopping in Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Odell Eoff and Alton and Norman Bicknell were among those attending the Fat Stock show from Noodle last week.

Miss Cornelia Williams visited her sister, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, of Hamlin, Friday night.

Cecil Justice of A. C. C. spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell were dinner guests in the home of Eugene Spurgin Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cade and little son, Donald, spent the week-end with relatives on the Plains. They were accompanied by Conway Pickard, one of the high school teachers.

Miss Neva Dell Spurgin of Anson spent Saturday night and Sunday with her cousin, Missie Spurgin.

Dub Ford of Merkel spent Saturday night with friends here.

A. C. Sosebee left Tuesday morning for Whitney to attend the funeral of his uncle, J. P. Grenwade. It will be remembered by the old timers that Mr. Grenwade was a resident of this community several years ago.

Mrs. Vick of Merkel was guest of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Odell Vick, Sunday.

Joe B. Sosebee returned Sunday from El Paso and Las Cruces, N. M., where he had been for several days on business.

The party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin Saturday night was well attended and highly enjoyed by the younger set.

We have a community singing at the school auditorium every Friday night. Every one is cordially invited.

The following were winners in the Jones county meet, which was held Friday and Saturday of last week, class B schools:

Senior girls declamation, Nellie Williams, first; senior boys declamation, Wilson Williams, first; high school junior girls declamation, Mozelle Sosebee, second; extempore speaking, senior girls, Cornelia Williams, first; senior boys, H. R. Chancy; essay writing, Mildred Sosebee, first; junior spelling, Geraldine Sloan and Burneal Merritt, first; senior spelling, Nellie Williams and Jasper Brown, second.

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.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

List of Students on Noodle Honor Roll

The following students of the Noodle school are listed on the honor roll for the grammar school:

First grade—Viola Allred, 90; Alice Marie Osborne, 90; Naylor Harold Eoff, 90.

Second grade—Vera Lou Allred, 90; Bobbie Nell Bicknell, 90; Erma Herring, 90; Betty Lou Herring, 90; Ava Ruth Sosebee, 92; Joyce Vick, 90.

Third grade—Clinton Bird, 91.

Fourth grade—Harold Sosebee, 93; Donald Cade, 93; Dorothy Barbee, 92; Mary Jo Bicknell, 90; C. W. Henderson, 90; Bernadene Harris, 90.

Fifth grade—Iris Eoff, 94; James Cox, 90; Charles Carter, 90.

Sixth grade—Joyce Rutledge, 93;

Joe Tarpley, 90; Mattie Bell Spinks, 90.

Seventh grade—Geraldine Sloan, 97; Dorothy Jean Jackson, 91; Julia Gita Bumpass, 93; Burneal Merritt, 90.

The high school students on the honor roll were:

Eighth grade—Johnnie Chadwick, 92; Teria Mae Murdock, 91; Lena Spinks, 91; Cleo Sosebee, 91.

Ninth grade—Lucille Justice, 90; Sybil Marie Sampson, 91; Mozelle Sosebee, 90.

Tenth grade—Jasper Brown, 95.

Eleventh grade—Roger Sosebee, 95; Pete Morgan, 91; Mozelle Payne, 90.

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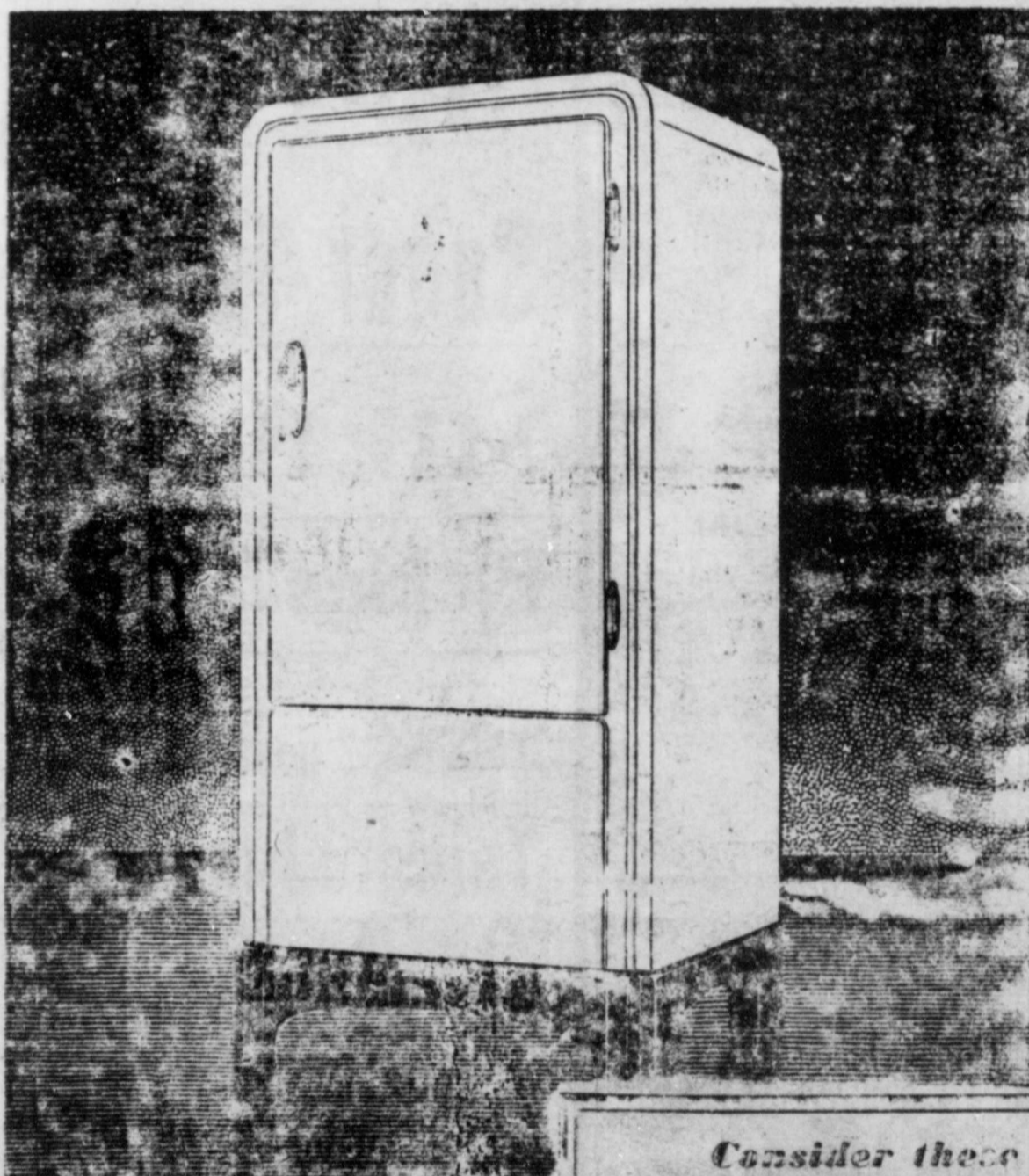
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. W. H. Howell and little daughter, Melba Joe, of Abilene were guests of friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelly and little daughter, Patsy Ruth, of Farwell are guests this week of Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue.

Mrs. Joda Bright of Farwell is visiting her mother, Mrs. Driggers, and other relatives here this week.

Mrs. J. C. Randal of Quanah is guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mrs. Carl Edwards had as her guest recently Mrs. V. W. Bobston of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee were week-end visitors to the Fort Worth Fat Stock show.

Mrs. Maggie Walker and daughter, Miss Virginia, have returned home after an extended visit with her three daughters at Pampa.

Mrs. R. C. Duncan, who is attending A. C. C., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan. Miss Maxine Moseley of Sweetwater was a passing guest of friends here Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ola Pearl Casey of Abilene was a guest Sunday in the J. E. Bowers home.

Miss Dorene Scott spent the week-end with home folks.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. was entertained Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Blanton. The purpose of the meeting was to enlist new members. For the entertainment of the party Mrs. Blanton complimented the group with seats to see a play, "Aunt Jerusha on the War Path," sponsored by the ladies of Shiloh Baptist church at Goodman school house.

After the play the party returned to the Blanton home where games were played and refreshments served to Beulah Wilson, Mona Robinson, Maudine Howell, Gladys Roberts, Reba Lois Blanton, Arlene Barnes, Anna Zell Seago, Marguerite Berger, and Leonard Robinson, Selmar Dean Robinson, Elmer Sorrells, Talma Wilson, Lester Wilson, Buster Brown, Tura James, Fred Hokit, Briton Clinton, J. T. Barnes, Foy Steadman, Frank Perrin, Edward Seago and Alex Blanton.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

A poultry demonstration was given by Mrs. Roger Williams on Wednesday. Information on raising and laying for different breeds was given. Number of chicks and space required is essential, she said.

Council reports were given by Mrs. John Payne, council member. Mrs.

Cleve Johnson reported favorably on the play now in progress.

Members present were Mesdames H. T. Ogletree, president, Hosea Winn, Ed Burks, A. W. Woods, G. C. Johnson, Roger Williams, H. H. Jones, D. H. Jones, Hub Kegans, L. Z. Titsworth, Tom Vessel and John Payne.

BLANKENSHIP-BLAIR.

On Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage, Rev. W. B. Reeves united in marriage Albert Blankenship and Miss Annie Blair of Baird.

The bride is a very charming and accomplished young woman and Mr. Blankenship is a young farmer of the White Flat community. They have a host of friends who wish for them many happy years of married life.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Reeves entertained in honor of their daughter, Dorothy, with a surprise birthday party. Early spring flowers were used for decorations and the spring color scheme was carried out.

Early in the evening Dorothy was taken for a drive by some friends and on her return, to her surprise a host of friends greeted her. Games and contests were enjoyed, after which Sally Roberts presented the gifts, which were beautiful and useful.

The guests were then invited into the dining room where the cake with fifteen candles was lighted, and the lights were all turned out; each made a wish, and Dorothy blew all candles out the first time.

The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments of ice cream and cake by Mrs. L. N. McRee, Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Mona Robinson and Lillian Grace Reeves to the following: R. B. Johnson, Cullen Tittle, Eugene Murdock, Harold Terry, Leonard Robinson, Bessie Jones, Lora Bright, Winifred McAllister, Henry Bright, Thurman Jones, Willie Weaver, Woodrow Cooper, L. D. Jones, Magdalene Payne, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor, Mesdames Maggie Daniel, T. L. Stevens, R. B. McRee, Sr., Cleve Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

STUDY MEET.

The woman's missionary society of the Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon in the fourth study lesson of the book, "Orientals in the United States." Mrs. R. B. Johnson gave the devotional. Mrs. Johnson also read a paper giving detailed outline of Hawaii people there. Others taking part on the program were Mesdames C. R. Shannon, M. G. Scott, R. B. McRee, Sr., E. E. Cribley and Reed.

Closing prayer was led by Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards and

little daughter, La Nell, have returned from Temple. They report Mrs. Rose Edwards, who underwent surgery at Scott and White's hospital, as rapidly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson are announcing the birth of a baby boy Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and baby daughter of Junction have returned home after a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. Johnnie Terry returned home Sunday after spending a week in the home of Dr. Otis Watson of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth Williamson, who recently married and were residing at Eliasville, have moved here.

Rev. W. H. Howell filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday evening. He with his family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Island and children of Midland were guests over the week-end, dividing time with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. John Crain and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robinson.

Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter Peggy of Abilene returned home Sunday after a visit of several days here with relatives.

Mrs. Stanley Armour and children of Eastland were week-end guests of relatives.

Don Thomason of Pampa was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thomas.

Miss Naomi Rogers of Hermleigh was a guest the first of the week of Mrs. Joe Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Dudley and little daughter and Luther Dudley have been visiting for the past ten days with the latter's mother, Mrs. R. J. Dudley, of Hughes Springs.

Mrs. Roy Elliott returned Sunday from a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Watters and son, Billy, and Mrs. Luther Dudley visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

W. C. Nalley of Mission is here for an extended visit with his son, J. L. Nalley, and daughter, Mrs. Garnet Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson entertained the M. E. Sunday School class Monday evening with a weiner roast. Forty-five guests were present.

I. P. Burks has opened up a first class work shop on Front street and invites the public to visit him.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Williams of Cross Plains were guests Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and little Master J. B. Winn, Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor of Junction.

Mesdames S. F. Fry of Eliasville and R. S. Bean of Breckenridge were

week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock show last week.

Messrs. W. E. Hamner, Hurtell O'Kelly and Ansell Martin of Sweetwater attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock show the first of the week. Mrs. Martin was guest of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Hamner, during the time.

SPEND-THE-DAY PARTY.

On Wednesday, March 13, Mrs. John Pate was made very happy when a number of her friends and neighbors came to spend the day with her in her home. Each lady carried a covered dish and a bountiful lunch was served at the noon hour to Misses Willie Driggers, Lora Bright, Bessie and Merle Jones; Mesdames F. Hale, P. C. Forrester, John Crain, John Coomer, Jack Halbrook, Oliver Bright, O. A. Smith, W. A. Hogue, Lonnie Halbrook, D. Jones, Ray Freeman and Fred Horton.

SOUTHSIDE CLUB.

Members of the Southside club met Thursday, March 14, in the home of Mrs. Oliver Bright. A beautiful quilt was quilted and a refreshment plate of mince pie topped with whipped cream and hot chocolate was served to the following guests: Mesdames Ray Freeman, Fred Horton, Harvey Jones, Oredell Johnson, Clarence Duncan, Dalton James, Allen, Fred Hale, Rogers Williams, Henry Ogletree, M. L. James, Cleve Johnson, Lonnie Halbrook, John Crain, P. C. Forrester, Misses Frances Jones, Willie Driggers, Bessie and Merle Jones, Mrs. Ernest Nemir and son, and the hostess and daughter, Miss Lora.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon, with Mrs. W. B. Reeves, study superintendent, in charge of the third lesson from the Mission Study book, "Oriental Life in Amer-

ica." The lesson topic was "Is the Filipino Citizen or Alien?"

The lesson preparation was given by the leader, the devotional by Mrs. Bud Cribley and Mrs. C. R. Shannon read an interesting paper on the subject. Topics were given by Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Mrs. M. G. Scott and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.

At the close of the lesson, Mrs. R. B. Johnson was elected delegate to represent the auxiliary at the annual conference in Childress in April. A box was packed to be sent to one of the institutions supported by the women's work of the church.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

A bridal shower was given at the home of Mrs. A. W. Woods on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Robert Worth Williamson, formerly Miss Helen Bright of Trent. Joint hostesses were Mrs. A. C. Wash and Mrs. Earl Duncan.

A color scheme of pink and white was carried out to harmonize with the pink frock and white accessories of the bride. Bouquets of sweet peas and pear blossoms were used throughout the rooms.

Guests were welcomed at the door by the hostess and registered in the bride's book. The program consisted of a reading by Edith Hale, a song, "In Apple Blossom Time," by Vera Bright and a reading by Mrs. Earl Duncan.

The house was laid off in three blocks, in which were hidden three oil wells and the honor guest received directions for finding these derricks. She found that the first two wells were dry holes but the third one was a producer. This well was a lovely pink derrick built on a box overflowing with gifts. After the gifts were passed for every one to see, refreshments were served by Beulah Wilson, Mrs. Earl Duncan and Vera Bright. The color scheme was carried out in pink caps and aprons trimmed with white ruffles worn by the girls serving. Pink punch and angel food cake were served on

pink doilies with pink and white napkins. Plate favors were silver hearts. The bride's plate favor was a Cupid with bow and arrow mounted on a heart and tied with pink and silver ribbon.

Out-of-town guests, besides the honoree, were Mesdames S. A. Fry and R. S. Bean, Eliasville; J. S. Armour, Eastland, and S. E. Pass and little daughter, Patricia Ann, Ed Burks, Allen Terry, Otho Smith, R. B. McRee, R. L. Reeves, L. Z. Titsworth, C. T. Beckham, A. Williamson, Hale McRee and H. L. Earl Strawn, John Strawn, Hosea Winn, Joe Boon and Jackie, C. C. McRee, M. G. Scott, Asha Steadman, Clifford Estep, R. B. McRee, Jr., H. J. Kegans, Carl Edwards, Andy Shouse, O. L. Reeves, Virgie Bright, Mrs. Jones; Misses Nelson Strawn, Gladys Hamner, Opal Freeman, Thelma Nalley, Edith Hale, Ola Duncan, Lena Bright and Dollie Wash.

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Advertisement for Vicks Vapo-Rol. Includes image of a woman and text: Apply Vapo-Rol... just a few drops. Vapo-Rol penetrates deep into the nasal passages, reduces swollen membranes, clears away clogging mucus, brings welcome relief. Two generous sizes... 30¢ and 50¢. USED IN TIME HELPS PREVENT MANY COLDS.

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FORD V-8 advertisement. Features image of a Ford V-8 car and text: In A Class By Itself. THERE is no way to compare the Ford V-8 with any other car because there is no other car like it. The Ford enables you to step up into the fine-car class in performance, beauty, comfort and safety. But there is no stepping up in price. It takes eight cylinders to give the modern performance you need these days. The Ford is powered by a V-8 - the finest type of eight-cylinder engine. You have to pay more than \$2000 for that in any other car. FORD MOTOR COMPANY. MERKEL MOTOR CO., MERKEL, TEXAS.



THOMPSON-TOOMBS

The many friends of Miss Emma Toombs and Irven Thompson, will be interested to learn of their marriage which was solemnized on Thursday evening, March 21st.

Mrs. Thompson is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs, long time residents of Merkel.

The groom is associated with Joe Risinger in the wholesale and retail gasoline business.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left by automobile for a wedding trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

BETTER BRIDGE CLUB

The pretty new home of Mrs. F. C. McFarland was the scene of an enjoyable afternoon of bridge games on last Thursday when she entertained members of the Better Bridge Club.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Knox Parr, county farm agent, demonstrated tile making at a recent meeting of the Merkel Home Demonstration club.

Members present were Mesdames Watt Blair, J. J. White, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Bob McDonald, George White, R. A. Burgess, C. P. White, O. D. Pruitt, E. O. Carson, W. A. McCandless, L. J. Renfro, E. B. Wallace, F. A. Polley, J. Ben Campbell, E. H. Mathews, Jr., Miss Thelma Mathews, new members, Mesdames J. L. Tucker, Chester Hutcherson and O. C. Blair, and visitors, Mrs. Claud Smith and Mrs. W. C. Lee.

The club will meet with Mrs. Bob McDonald on Friday, April 5.

Volunteer Helpers Aid In Civic Improvement

Answering a call for volunteer workers, the following men responded with their hoes and rakes Friday of last week to assist in the job of finishing cutting weeds on the civic beauty spots along the highway through the city.

Two sections remained that had not been cleared in the first week cutting a few weeks before, when 112 shrubs and plants were set out under the direction of the local highway beautification committee.

First Rodeo

(Continued from Page One) have indicated their acceptance to serve:

Rodeo: W. E. Lowe, chairman; C. K. Russell, Jake Massey, D. H. Vaughn, John West, Tom Jinkens. Baseball: L. J. Renfro, chairman; J. H. Cook, Parker Sharp, Warren Smith, Carlton Vick.

Pangburn's Ice Cream, pint 19c, quart 34c, Merkel Drug Company.

We fill all doctors' prescriptions. Vick Drug Co.

Office supplies—Mail office.

COMMON CAUSE OF BALDNESS

One of the chief causes of premature grayness, falling hair and ultimate baldness is lack of circulation in the scalp.

CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist protracted meeting began Wednesday night, March 27, and continues through April 7.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School each Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., but night preaching service will be suspended on account of the Baptist revival.

We declare our love for her leaders.

We acknowledge our loyalty to her teachings.

We will study her history and seek to know her rules.

We will attend upon her services with regularity.

We will support her claims upon us for teaching and training.

We will look to our pastor as our official leader.

We will ever be in all our work, the school or the church.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday reached 807, as compared with 772 on the previous Sunday and 321 on the same Sunday a year ago.

NAZARENE CHURCH. There was a beautiful service at the church Saturday night.

There was a beautiful service at the church Saturday night. Brother Board brought us a beautiful message that we all enjoyed very much.

Don't forget our revival and that Brother and Sister Bates will be with us from May 13 to 28.

Preaching as usual Sunday, Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

DON'T SLEEP ON LEFT SIDE—AFFECTS HEART

If stomach GAS prevents sleeping on right side try Adler's. One dose brings out poisons and relieves gas pressing on heart so you sleep soundly all night.

NOTICE!

Beginning April 1 Ice Prices Will Be As Follows:

- 12 1-2 lbs. 10c
25 lbs. 15c
50 lbs. 30c
75 lbs. 45c
100 lbs. 60c

Independent Ice Co.
Nichols Ice Co.
Merkel Ice Co.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The good Lord is adding to the church each Sabbath day. Sunday another came to our church to see for himself, and before the service was over he said, "This is the kind of church I have been looking for all my life."

The pastor is in a revival meeting at Colorado and we ask your prayers for many souls to come to the Lord.

We welcome you to all our services. Come worship with us.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Sid Criswell Goes To Sister's Funeral

Mrs. L. M. Rice, sister of Sid Criswell of this city, died last Friday at her home at Knox City.

NEW CLUBBING OFFER

Abilene Morning News, by mail full year, either new subscriber or renewal, for only \$3.45.

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If your wife had a substantial sum of money today, how would you advise her to invest it?

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Aged Father of Rev. R. A. Walker Dies

W. W. Walker, 86 years old and father of Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and also of W. T. Walker, Abilene, died early Tuesday morning at his home at Biardstown.

Rev. Mr. Walker, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Vera, and son, Ralph Walker, wife and two children left here Monday morning upon receipt of news of his father's critical illness.

He is survived by two sisters, five sons and five daughters, 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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Fresh Dug Florida—New Potatoes, 3 lbs. 25c
Large Bunches Carrots, each 5c
Lettuce, Celery, Yellow Beans, Squash, New Crop Bermuda Onions, Tomatoes and other Vegetables.
Large Yellow Fruit Bananas, doz. 15c
Sunkist Oranges, doz. 15c
Fancy Winesaps Apples, 2 doz. 25c
Texas Seedless Grape Fruit 6 of 25c

Peaches No. 2 1-2 size packed in Syrup 2 cans for 35c

Salad Dressing Plain or Mixed Quart Jar 33c

Flour

- 14 oz. Bottle Catsup, 2 for 25c
Large Size Pkgs. Corn Flakes 10c
Receipts Brand, 1 lb. Pkgs. Marshmallows 20c
White Swan Gelatine Desert, pkg. 5c
Dinner Bell Coffee, 1 lb. pkg. 20c

Yukon's Best \$2.00

Bewley's Best \$2.00

Light Crust \$2.10

Pork & Beans 16 OZ. CANS 5c

Mackerel, 16 oz. cans, 3 for 25c

Syrup, pure ribbon cane, gal. 63c

5 Pound Pkgs. Soap Flakes 33c

No. 2 Size Can Corn, 2 for 25c

Large Size Pkgs. Gold Dust, each 19c

Palmolive Reg. Bar Soap, each 5c

Campbells 14 oz. Can Tomato Juice, 3 for 25c

Hearts Delight Prune Juice, can 10c

Peanut Butter 2 Lb. 31c

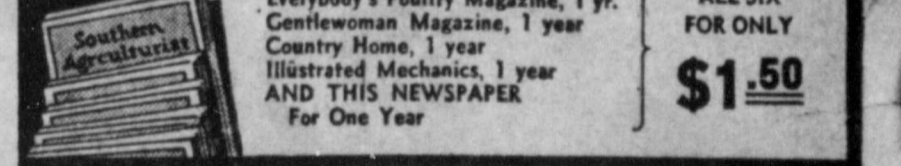
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2 Lb. Box 19c

Crackers A-1 Graham 21c

2 Lb. Box 21c



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