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DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER OLD SETTLER HERE

J. J. Russell, Resident of Merkel Area for 48 Years, Passes On; Survived by Wife and Three Children.

John James Russell, 65, a resident of the Merkel area for 48 years, died at 3:40 Sunday morning at his home here. He had been seriously ill for about ten days.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor, and Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were T. T. Earthman, Dee Grimes, Carl Hughes, R. E. Windham, Eli Case, L. L. Murray, honorary, R. L. Proctor, Joe Holmes, Tom Coats, Sam Butman, Sr., W. D. Butler, J. Ben Campbell, W. T. McAninch, Zeb Moore, E. Yates Brown, C. E. Jacobs, George Bayce.

Flower girls were Misses Harriett and Peggy Doris Rogers, Aleen Hampton, Alice Russell, Elleta Foster, Isabel Propst, Mary Jo Russell, Mrs. Thelma Thomas, Mrs. Florence Berry, Mrs. Tom Easley.

Born Dec. 25, 1871, in Murray county, Ky., John Russell came to Texas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell, at the age of nine years. They first settled near Mesquite in Dallas county, removing to Merkel in 1888. Soon after coming to Merkel, John Russell was employed at the Hamilton ranch near Sweetwater and for two years was engaged in horse raising. Later he worked for "Uncle Joe" Godwin and for two years was foreman of what was then known as the C-T ranch. He was engaged in farming from 1902 until 1929, when he retired because of illness from which he suffered until his death.

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Sam P. Foster

Last rites for Sam P. Foster, 65, Merkel pioneer, were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the home of Ed Turner on Oak street. Ill four days of pneumonia, Mr. Foster died at 7:25 Monday night.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiated for the funeral and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of his wife, who died six years ago.

Pallbearers were: J. T. Dargatz, Ed Turner, J. L. Speck, Brooks Patterson, Willard Pegue and T. G. Ferguson.

Mr. Foster was born Aug. 28, 1871, in Dallas county. He moved to Merkel 41 years ago, and in 1901 started a freight line between Merkel and Abilene, hauling with a wagon and four horses, later using a truck. His death closed a picturesque career.

Surviving are one son, Clyde Foster, Ballinger; a grandson, J. C. Foster, Abilene, and a twin brother, John Foster, of Fruitvale.

Rev. Q. Brown

Rev. Quimby Brown, a pioneer Baptist minister of West Texas whose career began as a circuit rider in the early 1880's, died at 7:15 last Saturday night at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, from influenza and pneumonia. He had been in ill health more than 15 years.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist church, Abilene, conducted by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, the pastor, followed by another service at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery here, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

Pallbearers were Jim Shelton, Lee S. Henry, Judge Milburn S. Long, Prof. W. D. Bond, George S. Anderson and Thomas E. Roberts, all of Abilene. Merkel friends were named honorary pallbearers.

Born in Navarro county in 1860, he moved as a young man to Stephens county, where he began his more than a half century in the ministry. Later he resided in Plainview, Hale Center, Big Spring and Merkel, where he was residing when his fatal illness began.

Surviving children are: Harvey C. Brown, George J. Brown, Abilene; Walter W. Brown, San Bernardino, Calif.; Baylor B. Brown, Fort Worth; Vm. Q. Brown, Pratt, Kans.; Miss Viola M. Brown, Brownfield; Mrs. Rex Miller, Hobbs, N. M.; Mrs. Allan Johnson, Houston; Mrs. W. T. Brewer, Eunice, N. M.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Thomas Earl Collins, 76, resident of Arlington fifty years, dropped dead in the yard of his home there Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11.

Charles G. Thomas, of Denton, former speaker of the Texas house of representatives, died of a heart attack Sunday night while visiting in Van Alstyne.

An automatic tear gas system, installed in the bank vault nearly a year ago, frustrated burglary of the First State bank of Truscott in Knox county Sunday night.

John Joel Webb, 11, was killed and his father, John Webb, 60, was injured when the wagon in which they were riding was struck by a Texas & Pacific passenger train west of Texarkana.

Clyde Walker, 23, brother of Stanley Walker, New York newspaperman, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding overturned 12 miles south of Lampasas Sunday night.

Bishop Edwin Mouzon, 68, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and one of the founders of Southern Methodist university, died at his home in Charlotte, N. C., early Wednesday night, Feb. 10.

D. K. Martin of San Antonio, whose term as state highway commissioner would have expired Feb. 15, resigned effective Feb. 13 in order that Robert Lee Bobbitt, his successor, could qualify before leaving Texas Saturday for Washington.

William C. Edwards, former Denton newspaperman and later connected with newspapers in Washington and Atlanta, Ga., was elected president and director Monday of the Review Printing company, publishers of the Edinburg Valley Review.

R. D. Green, 62, re-elected superintendent of schools in Abilene for the 1937-38 term, died after returning home from Austin Monday night from a heart attack. Mr. Green, who had survived two previous heart attacks, succumbed after an illness of about an hour.

J. W. Gunther, Cleveland, Ohio, oilman and former semi-pro baseball player, fought off two men who attempted to kidnap him in his own machine in the downtown Fort Worth section early Friday night and escaped with only face bruises and a black eye.

To succeed R. B. Carpenter, who resigned Tuesday as chairman of the Texas unemployment compensation commission to enter the private practice of law, Orville S. Carpenter, director of old age pensions, was named to the post. Jack Little, Carpenter's assistant, is to act as pension director.

J. L. Dimockis, 50, Corpus Christi cafe operator, was killed instantly and two others, Louis Pietzsch, electrical shop employee, and Clyde A. G. Crabtree, pilot, formerly of Oklahoma City, were fatally injured Monday night when their small low-winged monoplane crashed in a plowed field near the Corpus Christi airport.

Plans for Spring Carnival Completed

The Woodmen Circle held their meeting on Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday because of preparation for the Spring Carnival to be held on Friday night, Feb. 19, at the display room of the Church Motof company.

The Carnival will be open at 7:30 p. m. There will be entertainment for all who attend; there will be several booths, a negro minstrel, a musical program under the direction of W. W. Wood and many other added attractions.

The public is cordially invited. This is something that has never been offered here, and a good attendance from Merkel and the surrounding territory is expected.

County Singers Meet At Trent Feb. 21st

The Taylor County Singing convention will be held at the Methodist church at Trent next Sunday, Feb. 21, beginning at 2:30.

Out-of-town singers, quartettes and leaders have been invited to take part. Come and bring new class books with you. Joe Nalley is chairman of the singing class at Trent.

RULES RELEASED FOR H-S ANNUAL VOICE CONTEST

Junior College Division Added This Year; Choral and Solo Contests Planned; April 3rd Is Date.

Abilene, Feb. 18.—Contest rules and regulations were released this week for Hardin-Simmons university's eighth annual West Texas Voice contest, scheduled this year for Apr. 3.

Addition to the contest this year is the Junior college division, classifying contestants according to Junior colleges and high schools with more than 1500 enrollment, high schools with 200 or more, and high schools with less than 200.

The following choral and solo contests have been planned: mixed choruses, girls' glee clubs, boys' glee clubs, girls' voice, boys' voice, girls' quartette, girls' trio, girls' sextet, boys' trio, boys' quartette.

Such familiar songs as "Sing My Mother Taught Me," "To a Wild Rose," and "Goin' Home" are included among the contest songs.

Information will be supplied by Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, director of the university voice and choral music department.

Lions Club Annexes Five New Members

Five new members were added to the roster of the Merkel Lions club at Tuesday's luncheon. As chairman of the membership committee, Byers Petty reported the following applications, which were accepted: O. R. Dye, John Grable, Ray Wilson, L. J. Renfro and A. E. Higgins.

Preceding the luncheon, Yates Brown led a singsong, with Mrs. Brown as accompanist, and the invocation was given by Rev. John H. Crow. One visitor, J. N. Carson, was present.

Reporting for a special committee, Nathan Wood, as chairman, and Norman T. Hodge and Carlton Vick as committeemen, nominated Byron Patterson to fill the vacant post of tail twister, which was approved unanimously.

Committees were also named by President Henry West on 6 o'clock closing and on resolutions upon the death of Supt. R. D. Green of the Abilene Public schools, whose reports are chronicled elsewhere.

Fifteen Tax Assessors Will Canvass County

Beginning Monday of this week, fifteen tax assessors were put actively in the field by County Assessor-Collector C. O. Patterson to visit property owners and take renditions for the 1937 rolls.

Mr. Patterson said he would appreciate co-operation of the public in giving the assessors a hearing and suggested they might expedite the business for themselves and the tax office by having their rendition lists in mind when his men call.

These assessors will take renditions for county, state and common school district taxes. (In Merkel, the schools constitute an independent district.)

Assigned to the Merkel area are: J. M. Toombs, south of the railroad, and John Shannon, north of the railroad.

Noodle Girls Win Jones Title Again

In a hard fought game Saturday night at Goodman, the Noodle girls defeated the Avoca girls, 24-21, for the Jones county championship.

This is the third consecutive year the Noodle girls have won the championship of Jones county. Players on the Noodle team are: Mozelle Sosbee, captain; Sybil Marie Sampson, Margaret Goode, Lucille Justice, Tressie Marshall, Helen Rogers, Ruby Nell Love, Imogene Bird and Oma Chancey. Mrs. Finis T. Bell is coach.

The Noodle girls have had a very successful season, having played 34 games and lost only 7. They have played the best teams in this part of the state and have brought home three trophies. Lucille Justice has been named on three all-tournament teams.

Record of Births. Girl, named Patsy Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, Blair, Thursday, February 11, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Daniels, Friday, February 12, 1937.

GIRL SCOUTS TO PRESENT PLAY, "SAVING TEXAS"

Romantic History of Texas to be Depicted in Three-Act Drama Monday Night at Grammar School Auditorium.

Mrs. G. W. Wilhite will present the Merkel Girl Scouts, assisted by Felix Stalls and Moody Lee Coffman, in "Saving Texas," a drama of Texas history by Calvin C. Whittle, at the Grammar School auditorium Monday evening, Feb. 22, beginning at 8 o'clock. The admission charge will be 25 cents. Proceeds will go to the Girl Scouts to buy equipment.

The cast of characters reads: Molly Potter, a Texas grandmother, 65 years old, Tommy Grimes.

Ben Potter, a Texas patriot, 65 years old, Doris Clyde Miller.

Elizabeth Johnson, the Potter's granddaughter, 16, Helen Heeter.

David Crockett, the famous Texas hunter, Becky Gardner.

Tommy Gaines, a war orphan, about 10, Moody Lee Coffman.

Maria Monzingo, Dora Gaither; Pablo Monzingo, Sue Grimes; Juan Monzingo, Evelyn Sears—the Potter's grandchildren.

A Mexican, Louise Patterson.

Dr. Manzingo, a noted Spanish doctor and father of the Monzingo children, Felix Stalls.

Dan Thomas, a soldier from Houston's camp, Betty Jo Reid.

Act I is the home of Ben Potter, near Washington on the Brazos, early evening, Mar. 3, 1836; Act II, in the home of Joe Potter, near Buffalo Gap, Houston, early evening, Apr. 20, 1836; Act III, the same as Act II, Apr. 22, 1836.

This play, a drama in three acts, written to depict the romantic history of Texas, is absolutely true as far as the outstanding events of history are concerned. The other incidents are typical of the period. "Saving Texas" has the true early Texas atmosphere and is lively and entertaining as well as heart-grIPPING throughout.

One interior is used throughout the play. 1836 costumes.

Local FFA Chapter Furnishes Program

Boys of the Merkel chapter, Future Farmers of America, were featured on the farm and home program, KRBC station, Abilene, at 12:45 p. m. Thursday, the theme centering on what the Merkel chapter has already completed and what they intend to do.

Date of the program was close to the anniversary of the organization of FFA, which is Feb. 17.

With C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor, making the introduction, boys taking part on the program were L. B. Gibson, Morris Clack, Waymon Adeock, A. O. Connell and Norman King. Miss Betty Grimes, queen of the Merkel chapter, sang two numbers: "One, Two, Button Your Shoe," and "Plenty of Money and You."

Brelsford Named New District Supervisor

Homer Brelsford, former assistant supervisor of Texas Old Age assistance district 13, took office Monday as district supervisor, succeeding J. Owen Shelton of Abilene, who resigned the post last week. Brelsford was appointed by Orville S. Carpenter, acting state director.

Brelsford came to Abilene last September from Austin, where he had worked since the old age assistance law went into effect Feb. 14, 1936. He is formerly of Eastland.

District 13 is composed of eight counties as follows: Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Nolan and Taylor.

Mr. Shelton stated that he would return actively to his loan business located at 419 Citizens bank building, Abilene.

Pay Visit to Only Living Grandparent

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Jr., spent the week-end at Nolanville in Bell county, visiting their only living grandparent, Mrs. J. M. Middleton, who celebrated her 87th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 14.

A pioneer of Bell county, Mrs. Middleton had forty-five guests for her birthday dinner, including 12 grandchildren.

AGREE TO SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING START MAR. 1ST

In response to efforts of a committee from the Lions club, consisting of Milton Case, E. O. Carson and Nathan Wood, appointed by President Henry West at Tuesday's luncheon, the following merchants and business men of Merkel have agreed to close their respective places of business at 6 p. m. each week day, (except Saturdays), beginning Monday, Mar. 1, 1937, and continuing until Sept. 1, 1937:

Eli Case & Son, E. O. Carson grocery, Wood's store, O. B. Leach, Campbell's grocery and market, Peterson's, Bragg Dry Goods company, Max Mellinger, Bullock Hardware company, J. M. Garrett, Blake's Dry cleaners, Johnson Insurance agency, E. M. McDonald, Barrow Furniture company, Jones Dry Goods company, West Company Auto Supply department, West company, Wheeler market, A. R. Booth, A. A. McGehee, Economy grocery, Bert Melton, City Dry cleaners, J. T. Dargatz.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

M. O. Beene, Merkel; R. D. Martin, Alton C. Gulley, Ralph B. Coats, S. A. Bacon, R. G. Bodine, D. L. Leaton, J. W. Holloway, G. C. Douglass, Elbert Knox, Otto O. Watts, Joe F. Kirby, E. M. Lambert, L. A. Grimes, J. Campbell Jones, Henry J. Bass, Ralph M. Bradley, W. W. Harber, Chas. G. Ofiel, L. H. Beckham, J. W. Beeler, R. D. Morris, E. K. Bowman, M. M. Gray, T. F. Grisham, W. V. McDonald, C. D. Edmonds, Geo. D. Vietas, L. V. McGuire, Hiram Guy, Phillip Kaufman, T. J. Barlow, E. D. Nichols, A. D. Jackson, Henry Fluogee, A. J. Stem, Abilene; Curtis Hancock, J. C. Allmond, Ovale; J. M. Hardy, Guion; J. A. Burton, Buffalo Gap; Walter Neely, A. N. Hale, Bradshaw; H. C. Lawless, P. N. Crofton, Lawn; W. L. Marshall, J. S. Hicks, Tuscola; Emil Salge, I. J. Chapman, J. S. Hinds, Tye.

FDR'S Court Program To be Here Feb. 25

A group of Fort Worth business men, including a fiddle band and a staff of rodeo performers, will stop here for 15 minutes next Thursday, Feb. 25, arriving at 11:12 a. m. Mayor W. M. Elliott has been advised in a letter from Jack H. Hott, manager of the Fort Worth chamber of commerce.

The delegation will be travelling by special chartered busses over highway U. S. 80 from Trent, and the purpose of the bus tour is to extend invitations to the citizenship in Merkel and along the routes to visit the spring's Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show and rodeo to be held in Fort Worth Mar. 12 to 21, inclusive.

Red Cross Fund \$20,689,665.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Red Cross reported Saturday that contributions to its flood relief fund totalled \$20,689,665.

"The Hobgoblin House."

The Enterprise Outsiders will present a three-act play, "The Hobgoblin House," in the Noodle School auditorium on Tuesday night, Feb. 23. An added feature will be "The City Within Itself Orchestra" from Thornton's store in Abilene.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 23, 1917.)

SPRING FEVER AT NUBIA. Nubia, Feb. 20.—Everything is lovely here. The larks have commenced their caroling, and the very sound of their oboe notes forebodes the proximity of spring. The doves will soon begin to coo and mate and rear their fledglings; millions of inconsiderable insects will gladden and shimmer in the sultry summer afternoons; and the dogs, by instinct active and alert, made indolent by tepidity, will lounge about in the pleasant shades, panting and snapping at the pesky flies that wantonly annoy them.

Meanwhile, the infant buds, too full of nature's energy, burst forth into an emerald profusion of leaves, and a vari-colored universe of floral wealth, by which the ambient air is fragrant.

It is a time when the gallant matured swain feels an overwhelming disposition to stride fearlessly forth in affection's holy crusade, to wrest, not the holy sepulchre from its state of sacrilege, but some coy damsel from the state of single blessedness to a dual bliss.

Quite ancient this.

Enough a large assembly of young folk enjoyed the entertainment given

MASS MEETING OF FARMERS AT ABILENE FRIDAY

Object of Conference to Form Agricultural Association for County; Court House Place of Meeting; Time 2 p. m.

Farmers and farm women of Taylor county will discuss organization of a county agricultural association and hear an explanation of the 1937 soil conservation program in an open meeting at the court house at Abilene at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon of this week.

It is expected that temporary organization will be made of a Taylor County Agricultural association, to affiliate with the Texas Agricultural association, which is in turn affiliated with a national organization in Washington.

J. Walter Hammond of Tye will preside, opening the meeting with a short talk to explain its purpose. A. M. Bourland, Tom C. Hefner and N. A. Estes, representing the Texas Agricultural association, will speak.

Following these talks, open discussion will follow, after which Hammond will act as temporary chairman in the organization of a temporary county organization.

FDR'S Court Program Just Like Lincoln's

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania, contends that if Abraham Lincoln were president now he would seek reorganization of the United States supreme court.

In an address prepared for delivery before the Mid-Day Luncheon club on the eve of the 128th anniversary of the great emancipator's birth, he recalled some of Lincoln's statements in referring to President Roosevelt's contrived proposal to enlarge the high tribunal.

Governor Earle, a democrat, said that on July 7, 1858, Lincoln warned citizens of Springfield that "to accept supinely the power claimed for the supreme court would—and I quote—'reduce us to the despotism of an oligarchy.'" The governor added:

"In that speech Lincoln was quoting from a letter in which Jefferson had written:

"To consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions is a dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which places us under the despotism of an oligarchy."

"You ask what would Lincoln do were he president today? The answer flashes like lightning:

"The same as President Roosevelt is doing."

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at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., last Saturday night. The diversion consisted of music, forty-two, chocolate refreshments and a new game called, I believe, "Snap."

Miss Sadie Collins of Merkel visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., Saturday and Sunday.

There was singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Perry Sunday night.

Miss Margery Butman, who is attending school at Abilene, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Walter Rawlings of Blair spent Saturday night with Mr. Bud Perry's folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Crow, of Castle Peak community, visited at Mr. Will Toombs' Sunday.

A very good sized crowd was at church meeting at Cross Roads Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Burchell's baby has been sick lately, but is better now.

We are proud to announce to the many friends of Grandma Perdy that she is well and able to be about.

There are still a good many cases of the measles in this neighborhood, but all who have them seem to be doing nicely.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle had as their guests for the week-end his mother, Mrs. C. B. Overmire, and brother, Maurice, and family of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill and children arrived Saturday from Arizona where they have made their residence for the past several months.

Buddie Burks was guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks, Sunday. Mrs. Burks accompanied her husband to Buchanan dam, where they will reside. She had been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Mrs. Mollie Williams and Charles Reid were in Avoca Monday on business.

Mrs. Bessie Rutherford and daughter of Tuxedo are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Elery Smith, while her husband and father, Elery Smith, are employed in Odessa.

Mrs. Joe Nalley spent Friday in Putnam visiting relatives.

Mrs. Wallace Kelly and daughter of Farwell are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

WORLD CLUB.

The World club met in its second of a series of programs, for the benefit of all children of the Trent community, at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon. Children's songs were sung by the group, led by Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton. Voluntary scripture verses were recited, followed by a Bible story. The remaining time was spent playing indoor games directed by Rev. Mr. Carleton. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Those attending Saturday's meeting were Billie Jo and Bobby Gene Billington, Billy Payne, Wanda Faye Riggan, S. D. McLeod, Bobbie Ruth McLeod, Joyce and Jean Payne.

METHODIST REVIVAL.

Much interest is being manifested in the revival conducted by Rev. Lance Webb, pastor of McMurry college, Abilene, now in progress at the Methodist church. Evening prayer services are being held regularly both by the adults and the young people. Twelve were in attendance for the prayer service held in the parsonage Monday.

Special worship programs are being arranged and are being presented each evening service. Sunday evening the McMurry Girls quartette gave two special selections, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "He Will Forgive My Transgressions." At the close of the sermon three of its members hummed "Rock of Ages" while Jo Palmer recited Kipling's "L'Envoi."

Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, four accomplished violinists will play special musical selections.

For the Sunday evening service musicians of the Goodman community will render accordian numbers.

Some of the subjects, as announced by Rev. Mr. Webb, follow: "Chameleon Christians," "How Far is It to Heaven from Here?", "Those Who Wear Stripes in Trent," "The Greatest Sin," "The Criminal of Calvary," "Waiting for a Thunderbolt," "Seven Deadly Sins of Modern Day," and "Where Do We Go From Here?"

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT MORAN. Thirteen from Trent including Rev.

and Mrs. Alsie Carleton attended a meeting of the young people's division of the Methodist church at Moran Friday and Saturday. Others were Misses Beatrice and Ruby Cooley, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Elsie Bishop, Dorothy Strawn and Glennie Sawyer, also R. T. Bishop, Wilson Bright, Neely Tittle, Mardelle Shouse and Elvin Cooley.

CHURCH MEETING AT ROBY.

A church school institute for Methodists was held in Roby on Wednesday of last week for all teachers and members of the western half of the Abilene district. This work is given as an annual event to spread ideas of curriculum of different church organizations and benefit all in the Bible study lessons being given.

Rev. Alsie Carleton of Trent spoke on "The Organization and Maintenance of Church Officers."

WOODMEN CIRCLE IN REGULAR SESSION.

Trent Grove No. 653, Woodmen Circle, met in regular session Feb. 9 at the W. O. W. hall, with Guardian Laura Kegans presiding.

Reports of committees were given after the presentation of the flag and pledge of allegiance were given. During the business session the secretary's salary was decided upon and plans made to support the team for special occasions.

The following officers were present: Hattie Gafford, secretary; Mrs. Ed Burks, past guardian; Mrs. A. C. Wash, adviser; Mrs. Ruby Windland, chairman; Mrs. H. R. Poor, baker; Miss Vera Bright, musician; Mrs. Grace Butler, assistant attendant; Mrs. C. C. McRee, reporter; Mrs. Bob Billington, auditor; Mrs. R. L. Reeves, team captain, also the following team members: Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Cullen Tittle, Buddie Burks, Odessa Butler, O. L. Bishop, Misses Elsie Bishop, Misses Beatrice and Ruby Cooley and Mrs. John Payne. Mrs. Payne was elected attendant.

ART CRAFT CLUB.

The Art Craft club held its meeting with Mrs. C. T. Beckham on Tuesday of last week. Guests engaged in sewing and informal conversation.

Those attending were: Mesdames E. M. Rogers, John Strawn, Earl Strawn, Alex Williamson, Tom Williamson, R. L. Reeves.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CLUB.

The Good Citizenship club met Friday afternoon in their regular meeting at the school. The meeting was

called to order by E. J. Rogers, president, and the minutes were read by the secretary, Billie Jo Billington.

Marjorie Beasley, program chairman, presented the following numbers: duet, Ruth Marie Murdock and Helen Sawyer; poem, "The Star," Alton Yandell; vocal trio, E. J. Rogers, J. K. Cooley and Alton Yandell; special musical selections, by fourth grade pupils; distribution of Valentines, by Billy Payne; adjournment.

This group is sponsored by Mrs. G. W. Scott, teacher in the public school.

Out of gas or got a flat? Phone 245. We hurry.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscription 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.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

Keep asking about the Spring Carnival.

PAIN. Resulting From MUSCLES, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, BRUISES, SPRAINS, EXPOSURE, FATIGUE, etc. Use JAPANESE OIL (Kendalco)

HEBRON NEWS

Carl Rogers is slowly recovering from an operation that he underwent some time ago. He is staying at his brother's, A. L. Rogers, Sr. Mrs. Jap Rogers of Clyde is here helping care for her son.

Mrs. Traylor is home from the hospital at Merkel where she underwent an appendix operation.

Robert Dean returned home Saturday from the Abilene hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Jr., have moved to the Pick Allen place south of Hebron.

Rev. Murdock and family of Horn have moved on Mrs. Mathews' place near Hebron. We welcome every one that moves into our community and invite you to attend the service at Hebron each Sunday.

Sentinels of Health. Don't Neglect Them! Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living-life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out. Frequent, scanty or burning passage may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance. The recognized and proper treatment is a diuretic medicine to help the kidneys get rid of excess poisonous body waste. Use Doan's Pills. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Are endorsed the country over. Insist on Doan's. Sold at all drug stores.

CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH. Better Cars! Better Prices! Better Terms! PHONE—80. We have a complete stock of serviceable cars. This building has been remodeled. All cars kept in the dry. GUARANTEED ALL A-1 CONDITION: 1936 Chevrolet Coupe \$525, 1935 V-8 Coupe \$400, 1935 DeLuxe Plymouth Sedan \$495, 1935 Plymouth 2-Door \$450, 1934 Chevrolet Coach \$385, 1933 Plymouth Coupe \$300, 1933 Plymouth 2-Door \$335. Several cheaper cars from \$25 up—Come see these cars. F. E. CHURCH MOTOR CO. Front Street Old Baker Garage

ABILITY AND COURAGE-- We remember and reverence WASHINGTON because he had the ability to see and the courage to do what he thought the national welfare demanded. He was right! The United States was destined to be a free and independent nation! THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas. We will observe Monday, Feb. 22 as a Legal Holiday and will not be open for business.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS. If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion. PHONE 61. MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School

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Editor-in-Chief—Roy Hagler. Society Editor—Frances Higgins.
Assistant Editor—Hollis Perry. Sports Editor—Sylvan Mellinger.
Feature Editor—Jane Ferguson. Joke Editor—T. L. Reid.

SPORTSMANSHIP.

The Seniors and Juniors had a very exciting beauty contest last week. Both classes worked very hard for money to put their candidate over, but the Seniors won.

Most of the Juniors were very good sports, but some of them complained of how they thought the Seniors got their money. This shows poor sportsmanship.

Students should be good sports no matter how bad they lose in any contest or game. Sportsmanship is one of the most outstanding characteristics of a good student.

SENIOR NEWS.

Well, did the Seniors put their candidate over? I ask ya?

Every one seems thrilled over the High School Beauty—Betty Grimes! Some Juniors appear to begrudge us our victory, but we believe that down deep in their hearts, they do not mind so very much. The Seniors know the Juniors did work hard to get money for their candidate, but the Seniors just got more, or had more to begin with.

Do not be discouraged, Juniors, you have a swell chance to win next year!

As about \$110 were made on the beauty contest, all the students who bought Annuals will not have to pay so much when they come out in the spring.

JUNIOR NEWS.

The Juniors had been busy all week preparing for their beauty contest—but were defeated! However, it was some swell race while it lasted!

The Juniors did work, slave and beg for all they could get and then the Seniors almost doubled them. The Junior girls sold candy Thursday at noon to make up money for their candidate.

Well, we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Miss Grimes and maybe we will win the contest next year—hope so!

SOPH NEWS.

The Soph class held a meeting Monday. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a Soph girl to enter the beauty contest. They elected Anne Lepard and she is a beauty. They think their candidate is very attractive even though she did not win in the preliminaries. A lot of people must have thought so, too, from the close race she ran in the preliminaries.

We wonder—
Why Don Warren does not make up his mind about the "Gray Girls?"

Why Loudale G. does not like Evelyn Bigler's coat?

Why Joyce Fulton likes to go to Sunday School? (Ask her where she went last Sunday!)

Why Mark L. Malone is always so happy in the 4th hall? (Louise Richie might know.)

Why Elva Hughes wears such bright make-up?

FRESHMAN NEWS.

In spite of the fact that the Freshmen have not had any news in the Badger Weekly for some time, they are still in M. H. S. They did their part in the beauty contest sponsored by the Senior class.

Mildred McLean was chosen as the most beautiful girl in the Freshman class. She ran a good race—but not all four girls could win. We Fish can be good losers and look forward to three more such contests.

In the final contest Friday morning the Fish had their opinions about which girl to support. If actions speak as loudly as words, we would say that the class was rather evenly divided.

"Congratulations, Betty." "Better luck next time, Mattie Lou."

PERSONALITIES.

Jane Ferguson.

Jane has been in Merkel High the entire four years of her High School life. She has been in the Dramatic club two years, Pep Squad three years, Spanish club two years, Senior Girls' club one year, and the Home Economics club one year. She is reporter of the Spanish club and Senior class. Jane is feature editor of the "Badger Weekly." When she finishes school this year she plans to go to college and perhaps become a vocational education teacher. Luck to you Jane!

Robert Grimes.

For four years "Bob" has been in M. H. S. During the four years he has taken a very active part in the Dramatic club two years, Spanish club two years, and Senior Boys' club. Every year since he has been in High school he has come out for football and he has lettered two years. He has come out for tennis two years. Last year the students elected him as best all-around boy. He is editor-in-chief of the "Badger" Annual. When he graduates from High school he plans

to study petroleum engineering. We know you will have lots of success, Junior.

SENIOR GIRLS CLUB.

The Senior Girls' club met for a regular business meeting Friday, Jan. 29.

The girls decided on their patterns for their dresses and also the material. The patterns will be a sport style and the material of small dark navy blue checks.

(The patterns and material have come and each girl has her dress almost finished.)

SPANISH CLUB.

Thursday, Feb. 11, the Spanish club met in room 7. As the members entered each was presented with a slip of paper which had on it an old Spanish proverb. At the next meeting every one is supposed to answer roll call by giving their proverb from memory. They sang several Spanish songs and the last few minutes of the meeting the club was entertained by Julius Batello, who answered several questions in Spanish.

QUIPS.

(Leroy's reply in regard to his and Robbie's write-up in the Badger Weekly.)

"I'll admit it is true, I was down-hearted and blue, but the fact that I am getting thinner each day has given me an idea. Now all I can eat for lunch is a can of beans, a loaf of bread, one half jar of sweet pickles, two dozen cookies, and drink one quart of milk. I can sleep only 12 hours at night. Now if you girls want to eat anything you like and still keep your thin figure, "come up and see me some time" and get my remedy."

LIFE OF A DIGNIFIED SENIOR.

Once upon a time, back in the hills of Arkansas, was born a big blue-eyed fifteen pound baby boy. He was a handsome little tot although his ears and head were twice as large as the average person's. He was raised on buttermilk, which his mother gave him, in a bottle. Bottles and nipples

were unknown in that day, so a gal-lon fruit jar and a nipple made out of an innertube were used. Folks, the Senior I am referring to is Miller Patton. He did not learn to eat until he was 18 and his mother had to feed him then. Shoes were uncommon in that day and time, and Young Patton received his first pair of shoes when he was 21. It took number 11 and it took him 3 weeks to learn to walk in them and get them laced. The first necktie his mother put on him liked to have scared him to death. He stood still for 30 minutes because he thought he was tied. Patton has a liking for blenders, particularly, because all his friends are cotton-headed. When he finishes school, he intends to go back to Arkansas and settle down. Maybe so get married and raise cows and chickens.

THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By The Peeper.)

I first wish to express my sincere regret for not having sent you Valentine Greetings last week, but it accidentally slipped my mind. "Better late than never" is an old proverb that I always follow so here goes—"Oh, baby, what I couldn't do With plenty of money and you You're so delicious, delightful, d'love-ly and divine, Beautiful Lady, won't you be my Valentine?"

(Ha! Ha! I know some people who have been turned down so many times that they are beginning to look like a bedspread.)

Junior Clark and Sybil Harris certainly "make a peach of a pair." Yeah, I know you heard that remark 10 years ago but it still expresses the right idea.

In chapel, Louise Richie and Paul Riney were doing their best to keep from pushing each other off that narrow seat in the study hall. I overheard Mr. Coffman remark that he wished he had a piece of mistletoe to hold over their heads (and several other couples) just to see what would happen.

"Fireman, Fireman, save my child!" All we have heard for the past week is "go down the west stairs and out the west door in case the fire alarm sounds." What a life. We all sat tense-like all day Tuesday—but we didn't have a fire drill after all. But, we probably will have one before the end of this week. Look out, below! Sis is coming thru the window!

Just to show you that love can be a lasting thing, Hollis and that gent from Noodie are still going places together. "She doesn't care how much

it may storm. She's got her love to keep her warm."

Ina Mae—Ha! She's all the time using the dictionary. I can't tell whether she's looking for a definition for Jack Pearce or Leroy!

Griffin, me lad, what does a heart drawn on your arms with the initials "J. C." in it mean?

All the love affairs are "busting plumb up, but they are all "rebudding." Herbert and Verne had a little spat but I think they are reunited now. Herman and La Verne quarreled for at least 48 hours, but now they're just as lovin'-like as they used to be. And now here's a few that spat and are still out in the rain: Leroy and Robbis, whom I've mentioned before; Clyde hasn't been to see Anne Lee lately. Roy Hagler hasn't been to Noodle lately.

Grovene and Norman B. coolingly played "Forty-Two" the other evening as Robbie Mae looked on with murder in those big brown eyes.

Lots of you puddin' heads think this column is all blooey and terrible but I'll have you to know that it's read far and wide. They even read it at John Tarleton Agricultural college. They have a similar column that runs in the college paper that is called "The Campus Keyhole" by "The Gentleman at the Keyhole." He is really a pal. Willie B.—look out—here it comes! Dear Willie B.:

Don't come to see me for mother has found out everything.

Praying,

Willie B. had to be fanned for about thirty minutes after he read the telegram—so he must "have sorta took it to heart."

Here's a denotation from the Freshman class for you and how:

"Take a little piece of tin and a little piece of board,

Put them all together and you'll have a little Ford." (There's some more to it, but I don't remember what it is.)

Uvalde Fox and Billie McGehee surely did have a time the other day when all the Annuals of Merkel Hi fell off the shelf and landed at their feet. But, after all, it's just like a couple of "Fish!"

Ask Anne Lee Blake why she slapped Don Warren Friday night at the party.

Ask Hoover and Boney what their trouble was Saturday night when they were with Dorma Lee and Mabel.

Keep asking about the Spring Carnival.

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SAFETY---OR THIS?

DEATH, in the guise of heavily loaded motor trucks, rides the highways of Texas every day and every night. The toll of human death and injury of these vehicles is appalling.

In the five-year period, 1932 to 1936, inclusive, trucks in Texas have participated in 8,416 highway accidents in which 2,195 persons were killed and 11,922 injured. In 1936 alone, their record stood 2,208 accidents with 3,323 persons injured and 576 killed. These actual records of people killed, as shown by Texas newspapers, compared with the number of deaths resulting from all motor vehicle accidents, as given by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Austin, show that the average Texas truck participates in twice as many fatal accidents as the average passenger car.

Likewise, as might be reasonably expected from their greater weight and size, and as shown by the records of the Texas Railroad Commission, the Carrier-for-Hire truck accidents, during 1936, have resulted, vehicle for vehicle, in three times the number of fatalities as for the average passenger car.

Increased liability to highway accident forms an inseparable result of BIG truck operation. But even now, the threat of greater highway hazards hangs over the people of Texas. Newspapers report that operators of BIG trucks have organized for the purpose of securing an increase in weight and speed limits, already too large. These are the elements, weight and speed, which, in highway accidents, spell "D-E-A-T-H."

The right to grant, condition or deny the use of the highways for profit, belongs to you, the people of Texas, notwithstanding the attempts of the operators of BIG trucks to take it away and give it to the federal government instead. Your present laws, limiting the size, weight and speed of trucks, were enacted by reason of your insistence, and by your insistence they have remained on the statute books. Their amendment would serve the sole purpose of increasing the profits of operators of the BIG trucks, with the certain results of also increasing the mounting injuries, deaths and property losses now taking place on your highways.

Public welfare and public safety demand that existing highway regulations shall be retained and enforced.

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THEY RENDERED EXCELLENT SERVICE

At the regular meeting of the Merkel school board on Tuesday, Feb. 9, the board accepted the resignations of three of its members. Fred C. Hughes, after serving the board for some four years, moved to Abilene and resigned as board member. O. J. Adcock, who for the past ten years has served as president of the board, stayed on the board until all papers connected with the recent PWA addition to the High school had been completed and signed, and then tendered his resignation due to his present connection with the civil service. W. O. Boney, who has been a member of the board for the past 16 years and for the past 14 years has made it a most efficient secretary, likewise stayed on the board until all PWA papers were completed and then tendered his resignation.

The public should, and doubtless does, appreciate the excellent service these men have rendered to their Merkel public schools. They have given freely of their time and thought to what they believed to be to the best interests of the schools of Merkel, often, no doubt, being the target of unjust criticisms. Men who serve the public are always subject to this sort of criticism, and too seldom receive the thanks of the people whom they serve without financial remuneration. Some one must give this sort of unselfish service if the schools of the community are to be what they should be. Merkel has been fortunate through the years in persuading men of high type to serve upon its school board. This situation will continue if the people whom these men serve will show appreciation for the service rendered them.

J. J. Russell

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Both parents are buried in Rose Hill cemetery. They were numbered among the early settlers of the Merkel townsite.
John Russell was married to Miss Sarah Ann Winter on Dec. 20, 1896, at Hodges. Besides his wife, three children survive: J. J. Russell, Jr., of Midland; Mrs. James H. West and Miss Nina Belle Russell, both of Merkel; two grandchildren, Gerald and Gloria West, and three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are W. R. Russell, Imperial, Calif. and S. G. and C. K. Russell, Merkel; the sisters, Mrs. J. A. Harris, Chico, Calif., and Mrs. D. A. Dickey of Sweetwater.

He was a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and also a member of the Woodmen of the World.
Among the many relatives and friends from out-of-town who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hampton, Mrs. C. S. Walker, Hill Hampton, Sam Walker, Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and daughter, Mrs. Tom Easley, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lit Winter, Mrs. Arthur Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Aiken, Hodge Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones, Aleen Hampton, Miss Alice Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Warlick and children, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dickey and daughter, Sweetwater.
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cranston, Miss May Warren, Hawley; Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Dodge, Mrs. Lina Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Fate Bland, Mrs. Austin Fitts, Abilene; Roy Holmes, Whittenburg; Will Calvert, Sweetwater.

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Lectureship Carries Missionary Theme

Abilene, Feb. 18.—Complete program of the annual Bible Lectureship of Abilene Christian college Feb. 21-25 has been announced by President James F. Cox, with prominent missionaries and preachers from three continents included among the lecturers and speakers.

A missionary theme will carry throughout the week, with seven of the guest speakers from among missionaries and men who were formerly active missionaries.

"The Church and Its Great Mission: To Preach the Gospel to the Whole Creation," is the general subject of the lectureship.

The college and Churches of Christ in Abilene annually entertain several hundred visitors to the event, and this year invitations are being sent to every part of the United States to ministers, church leaders, and all persons interested in Christian evangelism.

Included on the program are J. N. McCaleb, pioneer missionary for the churches of Christ in Japan; J. Dow Merritt, missionary in Northern Rhodesia, South Africa; George Benson, co-founder and first president of the Canton Christian school, Canton, China, and now president of Harding Christian college, Searcy, Arkansas; Don Hockaday, missionary and minister in Northwestern United States; and John Wolfe, missionary among the Mexican people at El Paso, Texas.

Principal lectures will be delivered each morning at 11, and at 3 and 7:30 p. m. each day. Round table meetings will be each morning at 9 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A. C. C. students from various departments will present short programs of entertainment in the afternoons and evenings.

John Sims, Former Resident, Succumbs

John Sims, 77, a former resident here and well known to most of the old-timers, died at Thalia on Thursday of last week. Going from here for the funeral were his two daughters, Mrs. Fred Baker, and her daughter, Mrs. O. E. Beach, and Mrs. E. L. Berry and children. Besides the two daughters here, Mr. Sims is survived by two other daughters and two sons.

RESOLUTIONS UPON SERVICES OF THREE TRUSTEES

At the regular meeting of the school board on Tuesday, Feb. 9, the board named Lige Gamble and Supt. Burgess to draft resolutions of appreciation for the services of the men then severing their connection with the board. The following resolutions were then adopted and spread upon the minutes of the Board:

"Be it resolved by board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district that the board accepts with regret the resignations of Fred C. Hughes, W. O. Boney, and O. J. Adcock; that the board fully appreciates the years of unselfish service these men have given the schools of Merkel; that the board appreciates the fine spirit of co-operation shown by these men in these years of service; and that the board especially wishes to express appreciation to O. J. Adcock and to W. O. Boney who for the many years they have served have served so well and efficiently as president and secretary, respectively.

"Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the board, and that a copy be given the Merkel Mail for publication.

"Herbert Patterson, Pres. of the Board.

"L. T. Gray, Sec'y. of the Board."

NOTICE

To Oil Who Owe Me:
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All states except Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and the district of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from Clark Mundy, secretary of the U. S. Civil Service board of examiners, at the post office here.

Houston to be 1938 Host to Presbyterians

Houston Heights Presbyterian church will be host to Presbyterian men of the synod of Texas at the 1938 convention, it was decided at the eleventh annual convention held in Abilene Friday.

W. H. Cook, Breckenridge, was named president. Other officers are: V. Z. Rogers, Lamesa, and Robert M. White, Dallas, vice-presidents, and Will McPherson, Waxahachie, secretary-treasurer.

Mayor George Sergeant of Dallas was principal speaker at a banquet Friday night, closing the session, attended by 100 delegates.

Lions Pay Tribute to Supt. R. D. Green

A committee from the Lions club, consisting of Supt. R. A. Burgess, Rev. John H. Crow and Joe P. Self, appointed by President Henry West to draft resolutions upon the death of R. D. Green, superintendent of the Abilene Public schools and a member of the Lions club, having served as district governor at one time, submitted the following:

"To the Merkel Lions club, Merkel, Texas:

"We, your committee named to draft resolutions upon the death of our beloved fellow-Lion, R. D. Green, beg leave to submit the following:

"Whereas the Lion of Judah has seen fit to call to Himself our Brother Lion, Supt. R. D. Green, of Abilene, and whereas Lion Green did so faithfully serve us as a district governor of Lions International.

"And, whereas Lion Green has for so long and has so efficiently promoted one of the major projects of Lions—public education,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Merkel Lion club assembled at its regular luncheon this day that we regret the passing of so useful and so faithful a Lion; that we commend his type of service to Lionism in general, and that we extend sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family in this great loss.

"Respectfully submitted,
"Joe P. Self.
"John Crow.
"Roger A. Burgess.
"Your Committee."

Record Consumption of Cotton.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The census bureau reported that domestic consumption of 678,064 bales of cotton in January set an all-time record for the month. The previous high was 668,286 in January, 1929.

23 Million Ask Security.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The social security board announced it has on file 23,847,461 employee applications for participation in old age benefits. Texas' total is 702,127.

Fingerprint Students.

St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 18.—St. Cloud claimed the distinction of having fingerprinted its entire public and parochial school population of 6,600 students. The bertillon cards will be sent to Washington for filing.

Seeks Permanent NYA.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Representative Maury Maverick of San Antonio, Texas, has asked congress to appropriate \$500,000,000 to establish a National Youth administration as a permanent agency to aid boys and girls between 16 and 25 years old.

London has about 600,000 telephone subscribers including 20,000 "silent" subscribers whose names and numbers do not appear in the 2,300-page directory.

Loudspeakers with microphones and amplifiers are being installed at big railway stations in Great Britain to address important information to travelers, technical difficulties such as reverberation and echo having been eliminated.

The Association of American Railroads says that fatalities and injuries to passengers and employees were reduced 88 per cent between 1923 and 1935.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

County HDC Council Hears District Agent

Miss Maurine Hearn, district agent, was the chief speaker for the February meeting of the Taylor county home demonstration council, held Saturday afternoon at the city hall in Abilene.

Miss Hearn discussed co-operation of club women in carrying on the girls 4-H club work in the county.

Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, chairman, presided for the meeting. Mrs. Joe P. Self, a new Merkel member, told of the pleasures of being a club woman.

Mrs. Harp reported the market had 284 customers in January, for a total of \$227.77. The December total was \$370.57.

The following committees were named: Year book: Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. Travis Middleton, Mrs. J. M. Humphrey.

Finance: Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. T. L. Hamilton, Mrs. H. R. Clemmer. Exhibit: Mrs. H. L. Riddle, Mrs. Jack Hutchins, Mrs. A. M. Hinds.

Expansion: Mrs. H. B. Robertson, Mrs. W. H. Blackburn, Mrs. W. R. Floyd.

Market: Mrs. Raymond Harp. Mrs. Johnny Cox was appointed reporter.

Attends Convention of 5th District Bankers

Joe Self, cashier of the Farmers State bank, was in Dallas Friday of last week to attend the district convention of the bankers of the fifth district, Texas Bankers association. Mrs. Self accompanied him.

The flying squadron, which participated in the Dallas session, the first of seven in Texas, was scheduled to visit other district conventions as follows: Houston, Monday; Harlingen, Wednesday; Austin, Thursday; Waco, Friday; San Angelo, Feb. 20, and Wichita Falls, Feb. 22.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rates on Semi-Weekly Farm News, Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

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Coronation souvenirs bearing reference to Edward VIII are being sold in London as relics.

Pine Tree Troop Studies First Aid

The Pine Tree troop of Girl Scouts met on Wednesday in Mrs. Wilhite's speech studio, when the following program was rendered: singsong, by troop; pep drill, Louise Patterson; first aid dramatizations, including shock, fainting and sprained ankles. (Part of the girls were victims, others administered first aid.) The meeting closed with taps. First aid will be continued next week.

The troop voted to make the cooking requirement of the second class work really be a Girl Scout good deed. Each girl must prepare (alone) one simple dish. The girls of Patrol I are preparing the captain's supper Friday night, and Patrol II, Saturday night.

Miss Cleveland, home economics teacher, returned the garments and each girl made as much as 85. Some were as high as 95. The grades gave much encouragement to the girls, who wish to express their thanks to Miss Cleveland for her co-operation.

Ends Service of 18 Years in Store Here

Warren Smith, connected with the Merkel Drug for a period of 18 years with the exception of the interval while he was in business for himself, left Sunday for Pecos, where he has accepted a position with the Sanders Drug company, owned by Mrs. Sanders whose husband formerly operated a drug store here.

Not only recognized as a most efficient pharmacist, Warren was popular in all circles of activities here, especially in the promotion of sports. Last summer he was chairman of the committee for handling Inter-Community league baseball affairs, and during the previous two seasons served as a committeeman. He was also secretary of the Merkel Fireboys association.

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WANTED—Job of any kind on farm or in town. Wilmer Westbrook, Merkel, Texas.

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STRAYED from Fred Jinkens' lot Friday, Feb. 12, one flea-bitten gray horse, weighs 1,100 pounds. Notify Clesby Patterson, or Farmers State bank.

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DORA DOINGS

The independent basketball tournament drew about eight teams and the trophy went to Tuscola.

A very severe dust storm struck the Divide early Monday morning and continued on through Tuesday, (the time of this letter.)

The McDaniels ranch truck carried mohair to San Angelo Tuesday.

We have begun work on the rock bus garage and improving the school yard and driveway.

Mrs. H. A. Tyrone and baby visited relatives near Lockney Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Cliff Perry spent the latter part of last week with her mother, Mrs. H. West, in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott have been confined to the bed with "flu" for several days. Albert is able to be up but not out yet. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Porter were visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Denson, near Claytonville Sunday.

The contractor for the new Baptist church, Mr. Johnson, has brought out his tools and equipment and will begin work on the building soon.

Mrs. Clyde Magee and Mrs. Hattie Jones were shopping in Sweetwater Tuesday.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

Keep asking about the Spring Carnival.

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Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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 a company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

PERSONALS

Fred Odell of Turkey Run, Ind., returned Monday after two weeks visit in the T. G. Ferguson home.

Supt. R. A. Burgess and J. P. Rudd, principal of the High school, attended the funeral of Supt. R. D. Green of the Abilene schools, which was held at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Mrs. C. A. Fryar and two grandchildren of Albany are visiting her mother, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby, former residents, who have been living in Stephenville for the past few years, have returned to make their home here and have an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen.

J. E. Barron and Mrs. Audrey Cove have returned to Lamesa after a visit with their sister, Mrs. J. M. Collins, who is some improved now after a serious illness.

C. M. Largent, Sr., and Willie Joe Largent were among those who attended the Hereford sale on the Alexander ranch near Albany on Friday of last week. Willie Joe Largent left Tuesday night for the stock show at Tucson, Ariz.

Miss Bessylea Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, has accepted a position as teacher of Spanish and English in high school at Noodle to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Monta J. Moore.

R. L. Allen, accompanied by his son, Floyd Allen, and wife, from Dallas visited with his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson and son, Dave, spent Sunday in Spur.

Messrs. Booth Warren and W. S. J. Brown attended the annual Hereford sale on the Alexander ranch near Albany on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland, and family, who have resided in California for

the past two years, arrived Sunday to again make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Williams of Clyde were guests Sunday of his sister, Mrs. Pearl Cole.

Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mrs. Forrest Gaither left Sunday for Temple to go through the clinic there. They were accompanied by Mr. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham, who has been confined to his home with the "flu," was able to be up town awhile Thursday morning. His father, Editor Tom Durham, of the Eunice, (N. M.), Enterprise, came home last week ill with the "flu," and is still unable to be up. Neill Durham, who accompanied his father home, has returned to Eunice.

CARD OF THANKS.

To our many friends who so kindly offered help and words of sympathy and love to us in our recent bereavement, we want to say, "thank you." Then we can't forget to express our sincere thanks to those who were so thoughtful and kind to Father in the lonely, dark years he had spent since he could not see. Also for the beautiful flowers we are so grateful.

May God's abundant love keep you.

Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr.

Nina Belle Russell.

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Third Death Occurs In 3-Months Period

R. L. Proctor was in Bell county last week to attend the funeral of a brother, Newt Proctor, which was held at Salado on Monday, Feb. 8. The brother, who was 91 years old, died on the anniversary of his birthday.

This was the third death within three months in the circle of brothers and sisters, one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shanklin, having died in November at Salado at the advanced age of 84, and a brother, Cal Proctor, having died at Midland on Jan. 12.

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Christian Herald	2.50	Photoplay	2.95
Collier's Weekly	2.50	Pictorial Review	2.00
Country Home, 2 yrs.	1.75	Popular Mechanics	2.95
Delinquent	2.25	Popular Science Monthly	2.25
Dixie Poultry Journal	1.75	Radio News (technical)	2.95
Farm Journal, 2 yrs.	1.80	Redbook Magazine	2.95
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Liberty Weekly	2.50	Sports Farming	1.70
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- Graham Crackers, 1 lb. 17c
- Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 17c
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- Soap, 3 bars 19c
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Letters from the People

ROOSEVELT'S LURKING DREAM.

To the Merkel Mail: President Roosevelt's message of Feb. 5, to the congress, urging drastic reorganization of our entire federal judiciary system, is, in many respects, one of the most remarkable documents in the English language. That message was the least candid of all presidential messages. It hardly meant a word that it said, and it hardly said a word that it meant.

Its deep significance cannot be fully comprehended or properly appraised except in the light of (a) numerous decisions of the supreme court, holding various New Deal acts of congress unconstitutional; and of (b) the subsequent official declaration by the president to the effect that a way must be found for obtaining from that court decisions which will declare such congressional legislation constitutional and valid.

That message is a masterly but sophisticated and skillfully camouflaged presentation, in classic and forceful phraseology, of the president's carefully matured plan for carrying his New Deal ideas into permanent operation, and for clothing the chief executive with ultimate and dictatorial control of the supreme court of the United States, and of all of our federal courts, thereby destroying their independence as one of the three constitutionally provided separate departments of government, and for making the entire federal judiciary as subservient to the will and orders of the president as the congress has been and still is.

Obviously and unquestionably the president then would be in supreme and absolute practical and effective control of all departments and agencies and powers of our general government.

The delivery of that message marked the most solemn hour in our national history since the Declaration of Independence, and precipitated, anew, the most stupendous issue in the annals of civilization.

That issue is: Shall free government—under a written constitution—survive, or shall it perish forever? Stated more narrowly, the supreme issue is: Shall the president of the United States of America be a dictator, dominating the congress and the courts, and exercising governmental powers more vast and stupendous than ever were exercised by any other one person in the entire history of mankind?

The attainment of that very objective is the lurking dream of President Roosevelt's philosophy; and that will be its inevitable consequence if the full measure of his recommendations to the congress—some good and some

monstrous—shall be carried into effect.

If our people are to be subjected to said Rooseveltian philosophy, and ideas of government, strongly tinged with socialism and communism, let that come only through changes in our national constitution, made directly, openly and candidly, in manner now provided for in that historic document, and not through indirection and revolutionary methods.

What could be more revolutionary than "packing" the courts of these United States, for the express purpose of securing and maintaining absolute executive control of our entire national government.

William E. Hawkins. Abilene, Texas.

Hodges Happenings

Here we are again; hoping all of you are enjoying the sandy weather better than we are. "Ye scribe" happens to be from Arkansas and, after almost twelve years of Texas living, doesn't seem to get used to the sand and wind.

We still have lots of sickness in our burg.

Short Owen, who underwent an operation in the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, last week, is doing very well. Mrs. Owen is also on the sick list.

Miss Cora Lee Cooley has scarlet fever; Warren Hudson has pneumonia, and Mrs. Charlie McCoy has been quite ill, but was improving at last report. There is scarcely a family that does not have one or more cases of the "flu." We hope every one will soon be o. k. again.

On Feb. 3, Aunt Josie Payton departed this life. She had been ill for several years. She was 71 years and

3 months old and had been a faithful member of the M. E. church since a young lady. Up until the time she was confined to her room she was always at Sunday school and church. A niece in Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Jessie McClafferty, and two nephews in Illinois are the only living relatives. Mrs. McClafferty and her husband came down for the funeral. Services were conducted at the Hodges M. E. church by the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. B. Coggin and Rev. Arthur Kendall, former pastors. Interment was in Midway cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hudson are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl. Mother and babes are doing nicely.

Stanley Walker has purchased a new John Deere tractor.

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MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Rev. Gene Hall filed his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night. Every one is invited to come to the services each Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whisenhunt and son, L. C., went to Mineral Wells Friday to visit with Mr. Whisenhunt's brother, Frank Whisenhunt, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click, Jr., and little daughter, Jewel Laverne, were the guests of Mrs. Click's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gabbert and family, of Clyde the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henslee have moved into our community. They reside on the Grandpa Campbell place. We are glad to have them back in the community. Mrs. Henslee will be remembered as Miss Della Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and son of Enterprise visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., Sunday. Mr. Russell was formerly a teacher in our school.

Miss Joyce Humphrey had as her guest Wednesday night Billy Joyce Click.

Those on the sick list this week are Irvin J. Humphrey and Winnie Myrtle Click.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henslee visited with Mrs. Henslee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd and little daughter, Patsy Jean, Mrs. Jay Greenfield and sons, Billy Gene and Junior, and Mrs. Hamblet of Merkel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click and family.

Ford Smith, Jr., and R. D. Ely were the week-end guests of Arlie Whisenhunt.

Miss Ruthie Smith went to Anson Friday night with her team to play volleyball.

June Hogan and Miss Leona Bell were united in marriage Sunday. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Hogan, a pioneer family of our community. He was graduated from Merkel High with the class of '36. The bride was a popular student of Merkel High school up until her marriage.

They have a host of friends who wish them a happy and successful married life.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. Pete Rall, who has pneumonia, is getting along fairly well; other "flu" patients are getting along moderately well, and it is believed every one will come out all right.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and son, Billie, were seen in our midst Tuesday en route to Dallas where little Billie D. will enter the Scottish Rites hospital for treatment. Billie's health has been in a difficult stage for several months and we wish him the very best success.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and children of Nubia visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton are the proud parents of a pretty little daughter, who was born on Feb. 11. The little girl weighed 8 1-2 pounds and has been christened Patsy Ann.

Rev. Roy Anding, Baptist pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 21. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Several from here attended the funeral of John Russell of Merkel Monday, and sincerest sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Merkel visited Mrs. Hugh Campbell Friday.

Little Bernard Bell is suffering from severe burns on the leg since Monday.

(Omitted Last Week.)

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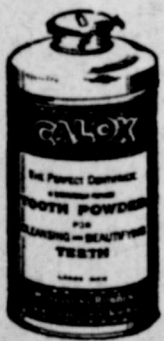
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letter; very few have escaped the colds of the epidemic. None has proved serious yet, but cases are too numerous to mention. We hope the "flu" will be checked before many days.

Prof. and Mrs. T. R. Francis and family left Monday for Houston in response to a telegram telling of the death of Mr. Francis' mother, Mrs. M. C. Francis, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore left the past week for Weslaco to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore, and family for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer have returned home from Corpus Christi after a month's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Abilene have moved on the Danisls place, west of Blair, and are improving the place for cultivation this year.

Edward and Ira Travis Farmer of Butman visited relatives at this place last week-end.

Mrs. E. E. Akins and daughter, Miss Edith, of Nubia attended service at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell entertained their sister from East Texas the past week. So all parties motored over to Bronte and visited their mother, Mrs. Thomas, and other relatives.

Ova Lee Maddera and Oscar McSpadden visited relatives at Divide Sunday.

Messrs. Howard Brown, Jim Cavette and Ponk Loper have returned from a week-end business trip to San Angelo.

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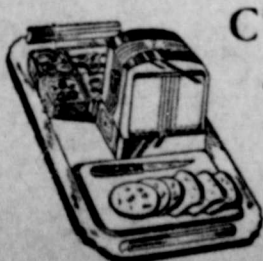
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T. E. L. CLASS.

Mrs. A. R. Booth, assisted by Mrs. Lake Renfro and Mrs. Yates Brown as co-hostesses, opened her hospitable home Wednesday afternoon to members of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church in their monthly meeting.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. T. E. Collins and the devotional was presented by Mrs. J. C. Childress. With the president, Mrs. Joe Self, in charge, plans were made for the work of the month.

The Valentine motif was carried out on the refreshment plate, with heart-shaped sandwiches, individual cherry pies and whipped cream, and Valentines were used as plate favors. Those present were Mesdames Booth Warren, James Winter, O. R. Dye, Julia Kyle, C. R. Joyner, Sam Swann, T. E. Collins, Joe Self, Clyde Deavers, W. L. Barnett, J. C. Childress and the hostesses, Mesdames Booth, Renfro and Brown.

CLUB NOTICE.

Members of the Fernnight Study club are hereby advised that the meeting to have been held Feb. 16 has been postponed until Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23. The same program at the same hour will be given in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB.

Members of the Jolly Neighbors club enjoyed an evening of games in the home of Miss Pauline Johnson on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9. The ladies were hilarious in their victory, defeating the men at head table the entire evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes of Abilene will entertain the club Tuesday evening, Feb. 23.

A delicious ice course with punch was served at the refreshment hour. Mrs. W. R. Walker, Miss Ona Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks were club guests with the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames Forrest Gaither, E. Clyde Smith, Johnny Cox, Raymond Ferguson, F. E. Church, Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Mrs. Herbert Patterson and the hostess.

LAS AMIGAS.

Miss Helen Joyner entertained the Las Amigas Sunday School class on Monday evening. A delightful hour of games had been arranged, also names for "Pals" were drawn. At the refreshment hour delicious sandwiches, pickles, jello, cake and spiced tea were served to Mrs. W. W. Haynes, Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Mrs. Caribel Moore, Misses Thelma Mathews, Moreen Banner, Pauline Joyner, Vivian Davis, Sarah Sheppard and the hostess.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Mrs. Clyde Sears opened her home on Friday afternoon of last week to members of the Home Demonstration club.

After an enjoyable program presented by the pupils of Mrs. Wilhite, the club voted to send a box to the people of the flooded districts, and plans were made to attend council on Saturday when Miss Hearn, the district agent, was to meet with the council members.

A lovely refreshment was served to the following members and guests: Mesdames John S. Hughes, L. J. Renfro, C. P. Church, W. L. Blair, R. H. Mathews, Jr., E. B. Wallace, Harry Barnett, Bryan Bryant, E. O. Cresson, Leslie White, Clint Allen, Bobbie Revelle, Clyde Sears, and Misses Maurine and Clara White and Lottie Butman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY.

Miss Gertie Lou Pee was hostess to the C. C. C. class of the Methodist Sunday School at her home on Friday evening, Feb. 12. She was assisted in entertaining by Lavern Harwell.

After an evening pleasantly spent in playing games, a lovely refreshment plate, with Valentines as favors, was served to the following guests: Misses Bonnie Church, Mary Jo Russell, Loudale Gray, Anne Lee Blake, Geraldine Teague, Betty Joe Speck, Derma Lee Shelton, Mabel Murray, Mildred Smith; Messrs. Billy Eteyl Church, Ben Ferguson, Don Warren, Marvin Hunter, Ben Robert Hicks, Clyde Sears, Lewis Kyle, L. S. Tip-ton, Junior Clark and the hostesses.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

Next Sunday Brother Oscar Dean will preach for us—the occasion being his eightieth birthday anniversary.

The woman's missionary society will meet next Monday in an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. T. E. Collins, at which time the book, "Follow Me," by Una Roberts Lawrence will be taught by Mrs. J. C. Childress. All are requested to bring a covered dish.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

When the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Bill Hays talks were made on "How to See and Hear Beauty in Nature."

Refreshments were served to Mesdames T. C. Allen, W. U. Beene, Roy Harrell, W. J. Higgins, H. B. Robertson, J. S. Pinckley, Jack Higgins, Verney Hudson, Johnny Cox, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley, Joe Higgins; Misses Celia Hester, Ruth Pinckley, Lena Faye Harrell. One new member, Mrs. J. C. Allen, was added.

Visitors are always welcome.

WARREN CLUB.

The Warren Home Demonstration club met on Feb. 9 at Mrs. M. H. Ely's. Mrs. Ross Baker was in charge of the program.

The members were encouraged by the addition of Mrs. J. C. Griffin and Mrs. Joe Price as new members. Mrs. Douglas and daughter, Mary Belle, were visitors.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Ross Baker's home on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 2:30 p. m.

VALENTINE PARTY.

Mrs. Adrian Farmer and Mrs. Hugh Campbell were co-hostesses in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan of White Church for a Valentine party given on Feb. 12 in honor of little Billie D. Doan. The honoree received many dainty and useful gifts and, after these had been admired, games afforded diversion for the evening. The Valentine motif was carried through all details.

Chosen colors of pink and white made the refreshment table especially attractive, where cake was cut and served with nut rolls, candy and grape juice to the following guests: Maggie Rasmussen, Annie Cirra Doan, Pauline Maddox, Ollie Doan, Mabel Maddox, J. Doan, Tommie Joan Maddox, Elwin Doan, Blanche Yvonne Farmer, Wallace Doan, Wade Ensminger, Jr., Scamie Doan, Durwood Doan, Durl Frimer, Vaughn Doan, J. H. Russom, Donna Doan, Booth Russom; Mesdames Wade Ensminger, E. W. Turner, Susie Doan, Jess Russom, D. C. Doan, W. T. Maddox, V. L. Doan, A. L. Farmer, Herman Doan, Pearlina Dedmon, H. E. Campbell, Adrian Farmer and Messrs. Adrian Farmer and Hugh Campbell.

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R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 8:15 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Special preaching service at 7:15 o'clock on Thursday and Friday nights of this week by Elder Joe S. Warlick of Dallas.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

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R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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A report Wednesday night was considered more favorable as to the condition of Carl Smith, brother of Warren and Bea Smith, who was injured Friday night, as he left an Abilene hotel, where he and Mrs. Smith had attended a dance. He sustained a head injury, physicians said, which caused cerebral hemorrhage and partial paralysis, and was carried to the Hendrick Memorial hospital in a critical condition.

After an extended absence in Corsicana, Miss Margaret Callaway is again on duty at Bob's Barber and Beauty shop.

Owing to the critical illness of Miss Pearl Elliott, all of her brothers and sisters, except the sister from California, who was expected Thursday, and a number of other relatives have been at her bedside since Tuesday.

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Fresh Tomatoes, 2 lbs	25c	Oranges Texas large size	Dozen	33c
Green Onions, bunch	5c			
Bell Peppers, lb.	15c			
Radishes, bunch	5c			
Celery, stalk	15c			
Beets or Carrots,	5c			
Fresh Cocoanuts,	10c			
Turnips and Tops	5c			
Onions, lb.	4c			
Sweet Potatoes, lb.	6c			
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Potted Ham Pure Meat	7 cans for	25c	Corn, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c
			Peas, No. 2 can	5c
			Palmolive Soap, bar	5c
			Flour, Armyslis	\$1.90
			Pork & Beans, reg.	5c
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