

## ELECT NEW SUPT. OF SCHOOLS HERE

At a meeting of the members of the local school board on last Saturday in the office of Mr. W. O. Boney, secretary of the board, with Mr. R. O. Anderson, for many years chairman, presiding, Mr. J. A. Summerhill, for the past three years Superintendent of the schools at Leonard, Texas, was unanimously elected as Superintendent of the Merkel schools for the next year, at a salary of \$2,400 per year.

Mr. Summerhill is a graduate from Simmons College and will this year secure his degree from Baylor University, and besides his splendid educational facilities, Mr. Summerhill has had some nineteen years experience in teaching and superintending of some of the best schools of the state. He comes to Merkel with some of the best of references as being thoroughly capable and qualified in every way, which assures a continuance of the already fine school work now in progress in the Merkel school.

At Leonard where he has been in charge of the schools for the past three years, we are informed that he has built that school from a school with only a very few credits to one with 22 credits now and is recognized as one of the best and most thoroughly organized schools to be found in its class.

He stated that as soon as schools close he will immediately move to this city with his family, which consists of his wife, two daughters and one son, and become identified with our citizenship.

Besides being a most capable school man, Mr. Sommerhill and family come to us most highly recommended as being a fine, Christian family, being prominent and popular members of the Baptist church, and will be quite an addition to our city in both church and social circles.

Under the able leadership of Superintendent R. A. Burgess the schools of our city have progressed rapidly and this paper predicts that the same will be true under the management of Superintendent Summerhill.

Besides Mr. Sommerhill, the board also re-elected Mr. I. L. Jackson as Principal and athletic director, as well as the High School and grade teachers, giving them ten days in which to accept or reject their respective positions. While it is reported that there will be some vacancies, it is not expected there will be many. However, according to Mr. W. O. Boney, the splendid secretary of the board, hundreds of applications for positions in the school are pouring in which will enable the board to make immediate selection for any vacancies that may occur.

## F. Y. GAITHER MOVES TO LAMESA, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither left first of the week for Lamesa, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Gaither has a splendid position there with one of the largest hardware firms of the city. He is one of the finest young business men of our city, having been for many years connected with the banking interests of the city, and in which capacity he made good in every respect. The fact that he and his excellent family have moved from our city is indeed a loss, and this paper joins the entire citizenship in commending them to the best people of the city of Lamesa, and wish for them the very best of success.

Miss Dixie Howard of Abilene was here visiting friends last week end.

## SAM SWANN ADDS ROUND BALE SYSTEM TO HIS GIN

Mr. Sam Swann, one among our splendid and successful gin men, is this week installing and adding to his already fine plant, the "Round Bale System." Hence those patronizing him in the future may have their cotton ginned by either the round or the square system, as they like.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg spent last Sunday in Westbrook, Texas, visiting Mrs. Bragg's parents.

## MOTHERS DAY PROGRAM ALL CHURCHES

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday is Mothers' Day The T.E.L. Class has charge of the Sunday School opening. The children whose mothers are in the class will sing a special number. The following program will be rendered at the eleven o'clock hour:

Song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

Reading, Lily Albertson.  
Song, "Let Others See Jesus in You." Prayer.

Reading, Miss Gladys Deuschman.

Song, "He cares for Me."

Reading, Miss Lola Dennis.  
Song, Intermediate Quartet.

Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy.  
Talk, by the Pastor.

Song, Ladies Sextette.

At the evening hour we are to be especially favored with a program given by Miss Verna Smith with chalk talk illustrations.

Miss Smith has a special gift for illustrating the things she wishes to present. Those of us who attended the convention in Sweetwater this week can assure you that she will be interesting, entertaining and very helpful and inspiring. You will regret it if you miss hearing her. She will be at B.Y.P.U. also.

Mr. Earl Lassiter, phone 214, is chairman of a committee to provide ways for those who have no way to come to the service Sunday morning. Be sure to phone him if you have no way to come. W. H. Albertson.

### METHODIST CHURCH

On next Sunday morning at the Methodist Church there will be a short Mothers' Day program at the opening hour of the Sunday School. All departments will meet together in the main auditorium for the program. The Program will consist of songs and readings appropriate for the occasion. Every mother and father in Merkel who is not attending other churches will be more than welcome Sunday morning at the Methodist church. A special invitation is extended to the parents of the children who belong to this Sunday School. There will be flowers at the door for every one who does not have one.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Special Mothers' Day service will be observed at the morning hour.

Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Chas. H. Little, Pastor.

## NEXT TRADE TRIP TO HORN COMMUNITY

The Trade Trip to the Comere community on last Friday night was pronounced by all as a grand success from every standpoint. The Merkel citizens were headed by the Orchestra, which furnished delightful music or the occasion. There was also some splendid addresses by Messrs. Thompson, West, Rev. Little and Rev. Albertson, and probably others whose names we failed to learn. Besides the above, Miss Lola Dennis delighted those present with a splendid reading.

Every one from the city was indeed delighted at the splendid hospitality extended by the Comere people, of which no community can boast of a finer citizenship.

We are informed that the next Trade Trip will be made to the Horn school community, located north of Noodle, which will be on next Friday night, May 15. Every business firm and professional man is not only invited to make the trip, but urged to do so. The Horn people have assured us a fine visit among them.

Messrs. L. C. Patton and R. F. Mashburn have this week opened in one of the new Daniels buildings on Front Street, a new and up-to-date Cafe. These men are and will favorably known here and will no doubt enjoy a fair share of the trade in their line.

## MRS. C. U. BIGHAM IS BURIED AT TRENT

Trent, Texas, May 6.—Mrs. C. U. Bigham, aged 42, years, died at her home here last Thursday night. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Friday afternoon with Rev. Rea of Merkel in charge. Burial was made immediately afterwards in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel, Texas.

Mrs. Bigham is survived by her husband, C. U. Bigham, one daughter, Miss Alice Bigham of Trent; a step-son, Ralph, of near Houston; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Eskota; three sisters, Mrs. Day of Eskota, Mrs. Sorell, of Sweetwater, Mrs. Wallace of Fort Worth; two brothers, Frank Allen, Eskota and Charlie Allen of Clovis, N. M.

All were present for the funeral and a number of other relatives and friends were also present from surrounding communities. Among them were Mr. Bigham's sister, Mrs. Willie Young of Lampasas.

## KANSAS CITY TRADE TRIPPERS VISITORS

Promptly on time, the special train carrying 100 Kansas City wholesale business men, bankers and others, arrived in Merkel at 7:45 o'clock Thursday morning, and for thirty minutes this fine body of big business men mixed and mingled with the business interests of this city.

The party was accompanied by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Band of 20 pieces, which rendered some fine music. They showed themselves to be of the finest citizenship, and made a very favorable impression among the citizens here.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, president of the Luncheon Club, being a former citizen of the state of Kansas, drove over to Abilene Wednesday afternoon to mix and mingle with old friends among the party, accompanying them to this city and assuring them a hearty welcome.

## SENIOR PLAY ON 14TH THE COZY THEATRE

On next Thursday night at the Cozy Theatre, the Senior Class of the Merkel High School will present their class play, "The Country Cousin." The entire proceeds will go to the benefit of the Merkel High School to purchase a piano for their chapel services. This is a worthy cause, and the play will be worth your money. Come and see it.

Miss Tracy has had the class at work on this Booth Tarkington play for a month now. The cast already has their lines memorized, and the next several days will be given over to putting the play into good shape. This promises to be one of the best prepared plays that has ever been given in Merkel by amateurs. The play is a most excellent four-act comedy by Tarkington. Miss Tracy is also providing very interesting between-act stunts to be given by local talent. Thursday evening promises to be one of real entertainment.

Reserved seat tickets may be had NOW at the Merkel Drug Company. The price for reserved seats will be 75 cents—all to go to the High School. Go now to the Merkel Drug and reserve a good seat. General admission will be 50 cents. Students may obtain general admission tickets for 35 cents, IF they are purchased at the school building before Thursday. All general admission tickets will be 50 cents if bought at the door Thursday night. Purchasers may be assured of this fact—that if a ticket is bought a seat will go with it. No more tickets will be sold than there are seats in the Cozy.

### The Players

Mrs. Howitt ..... Vada Cole  
Eleanor Howitt, Velma Holloway  
Sam Wilson ..... James Swann  
Nancy Price ..... Melba West  
George Tewkesberry Reynolds, ..  
..... Clyde Matthews  
Stanley Howitt, W.L. Harkrider  
Athalie Wainwright, Ona Faye Rose.

Mrs. Jane Kinney, Lucille Guitar  
Cyril Kinney ..... Ray Garrett  
Mrs. Maude Howitt, Dorris Durham.  
Archie Gore, Royce McDonald.  
Pruitt, Adrian Rea.  
Blake ..... C. R. Williams

The Time is 1916. The Scenes:  
Act 1. The sitting room at Mrs. Howitt's, Centerville, Ohio. A June morning.

Act 2. A "Villa" by the sea. An August afternoon.

Act 3. Inside the "Villa." The same evening.

Act 4. The same as act three. The next morning.

Remember—at The Cozy, on Thursday evening, May 14, at 8:15 o'clock.

## MRS. CLINTON IS LAID TO REST AT TRENT

Trent, Texas, May 6.—On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Winnie Good Clinton, wife of Sam Clinton, died following several weeks of illness. She was 39 years of age at the time of her death. Nearly all of her life had been spent in this community, where she was known and loved by all.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gentry of Leuders, at the Baptist church, of which she has been a member since the age of thirteen. Besides her husband she leaves two children a boy aged 10 and a daughter aged 5; parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goode; a sister, Miss Della Goode; two brothers, John and Arthur Goode all of Trent.

Burial was made in the Trent cemetery. A number of friends and relatives not residing here attended the funeral services.

See our Specials this week—Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

## BIG ELECTRICAL COOKING DEMONSTRATION

We take great pleasure in calling the attention of the ladies of the city to the half page advertisement in this paper from the West Texas Utilities Company, in which they are announcing a big Electrical Cooking Demonstration to be held at the company office in this city on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 12, 13, 14, at which time and place a thorough demonstration of the uses of Electricity in cooking will be given. An expert will be in charge to thoroughly explain every detail.

## MORE FINE RAINS FALL THIS WEEK

A nice rain fell over the Merkel community Wednesday morning and again Thursday morning a much heavier fall drenched the country, making one of the best seasons for a number of years at this time of the year.

Since there is but a small portion of the crops in this section that have been planted, there is a probability that the farmers, or a majority of them, will be able to get their crops up and going nicely with the present fine season, and not have to go to the extra work and expense of having to plant some three or four times as has been the case so often in the past few years.

The rains have been sufficient for putting out plenty of stock water and will bring forth immediately fine grazing for the cattle. Hence unless some unforeseen hindrance or calamity should arise, there is great prospect for a real bumper crop over all West Texas.

### A FREAK CHICKEN

Mr. B. N. Wheeler, one of the prosperous farmers of the Noodle community, was here last Saturday, and dropped in to have us send the Merkel Mail to his son at Boston, Mass.

Mr. Wheeler also had with him a very interesting young chicken. A real freak, as it was born with four feet and legs, all well developed and seemed as healthy and plump as could be, and created quite an interest among all those who saw it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris left first of the week for Cooper, Texas where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Duckett, for some weeks.

Mr. H. M. Rainbolt returned first of the week from Marlin, where he spent three weeks in the interest of his health, and we are glad to report to his many friends that Mr. Rainbolt returned feeling very much improved in health. However, he reports his oldest son, who for some time has been suffering from Rheumatism is at Marlin now, and that he too is improving nicely at this time.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert returned this week from her visit to relatives at Port Arthur, Texas. On her return she was accompanied by her son, Dick, who will spend some time at home.

Mrs. J. R. Baze was called to Fort Worth last week on account of serious illness of her father, who, we are told, died shortly after her arrival. We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy to Mrs. Baze and other bereaved members of the family.

See our Specials this week—SURE, Brown Dry Goods Co. It

## FARMER-BUSINESS MEN MEETING HERE

According to Mr. L.R. Thompson, President of the Merkel Luncheon Club, instead of the regular Luncheon banquet at Ed's Cafe on next Tuesday night, there will be held at the Tabernacle, under the auspices of the Luncheon Club, a meeting of the business men and farmers from the Merkel territory at which the question of the best methods of fighting the grasshoppers and other farm product destroying insects will be discussed by our county agent, Mr. J. R. Masterson, Besides Mr. Masterson, we are informed that he has arranged to have present also, two experts from the A. & M. College, who will address the meeting on the above subjects.

It is also expected that County Judge Carlos D. Speck will be present and give those present the exact status and facts regarding the why's and wherefore's of the question of paving the Bankhead Highway.

It is planned by the Luncheon Club to serve a light lunch to all present, and to all of which every farmer in this section is cordially invited to attend and partake.

### Rev. Cypert Will Preach Here Mothers' Day, 10th.

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the north Side Church of Christ at both the morning and evening hours next Sunday, Mothers' Day.

He extends a most cordial invitation to all who will be present at either or both of the services.

Messrs. Bob Dennis and Tom Wilson, two members of Merkel's splendid Orchestra, were employed by the Chamber of Commerce at Winters to play with that city's band during the big West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting at Mineral Wells this week.

## The Blue Bird says



There are few matters in this world so urgent that they cannot wait until the train gets by.

When an auto tries to lunge into the hare, it frequently turns turtle.

Somebody ought to start manufacturing spare parts for pedestrians. It would be a profitable business.

Probably the increase in price of gasoline means a decrease in the number of funerals.

There are more than 13 million registered motor cars in the United States. You can figure your own chance to find a place to park.

Horsepower under the hood is not so important as horse sense behind the steering wheel.

Personally, we would feel safer on the road if automobiles had horse sense.

Lunacy is said to be on the increase. We thought so, judging by the popular songs.

Remember, Methuselah lived in the days when there were no automobiles.

The reckless driver must go, says a police judge. But why must he go so fast?



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### SHILOH HAPPENINGS

By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Farmers were all busy planting but this morning we are having a fine rain from the east and it looks as though it will continue for a spell.

Bro. Fitzgerald of Abilene preached for us Saturday night and Sunday night. Had good attendance and he sure brought some good messages.

Mr. M. L. Rutledge and family Mrs. B. L. James and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill James last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt James, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grayson and Anna Zell Seago took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Sunday.

Mr. N. J. Maynard and the writer and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley returned the last of the week from a trip to east Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter Sunday.

Mr. Bill Grayson of near Merkel, spent Saturday night with Mr. Cleo Riley.

Buster Seago spent Sunday with Buster Brown.

The new piano for the church has arrived and sure every one is proud of such a nice instrument. According to arrangements made some time ago, there will be a box supper at the church Friday night May 22.

Mr. W. W. Woods of Abilene is coming and will bring some others with him, and put on a program for us. Also Mr. Lee Eason of Kale is expected to be here. Everybody come and bring some one with you, and help us finish paying for the new piano.

Bro. G. C. Tiner will be with us next Sunday and bring a Mothers Day message.

Bro. Poke, the county Missionary, will be here the third Sunday in May.



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### WHITE CHURCH NEWS

By Mrs. Dillard R. Snow

"The Path Across the Hill," by Lillian Mortimer, a comedy-drama in three acts, will be staged at the White Church School House Friday night, May 8th.

Ruth is engaged to Dr. Reed, but delays marriage because she feels it will leave grandpa Crawford without a home. But grandpa Crawford and Mrs. Davis find romance even in the autumn of life, and Ruth is about to marry Reed when two strangers arrive in town. One is Ruth's cousin, who straight way sets her cap for the doctor, and the other is Robert Post, whose meeting with grandpa ends his years of search for the man who plundered his father's bank and sent his father and mother broken hearted to the grave. Grandpa does not deny the crime, but begs Post to wait until Ruth's future happiness is assured. Flo wins the doctor away from Ruth, while Post tries to stifle his love for Ruth because of his desire for revenge on her grandfather, but the old couple show them that love is a stronger power than hate, and grandpa is proven innocent of any wrong doing. Besides the above characters the cast includes a tom-boy neighbor, a colored cook and her new husband. There will be no admission and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Friday closes the 1924-1925 school year at this school and we feel that the time has not been wasted. We hope that Misses Rister and Dryden come back next year to finish the work that they have begun this year.

Perhaps there are a number of youngsters around here that will not welcome the close of school for those rains of last week are going to furnish employment for some one. Planting is the order of the day, yet it is really too wet, but owing to the lateness of the season it seems necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Patton of Brownfield were visiting relatives here last week. Mrs. Patton was formerly Miss Evadine Snow and at one time lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears of Hawley accompanied by Clayborne McPeak were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Brother Walter Vernon O'Kelly of McMurry is expected to preach for us next Sunday at the morning service. Sunday night there will be a Children's Day program. Everybody come.

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### "GOLAN ECHOES"

By Johnnie Hill

Golan has received more rain. Planting is on a standstill now, owing to the cool weather. Several of the farmers have cotton and feed up.

Rev. Moore, the preacher who organized the Golan and Sylvester Methodist churches some 15 years ago preached here Sunday. Bro. Moore preached a splendid sermon and was attended by a good congregation. He is near the age of eighty and on the superannuated list. He is residing in Sweetwater.

The Rev. Toole, Methodist pastor of this church, who was seriously injured when attacked by two unknown men some time ago, is improving slowly.

Miss Sadie Cheatham, primary teacher at Sylvester, visited her sister here Sunday.

Messrs. Darwin, Wallace and Orvel Hill were home from McMurry for the week-end.

Miss Hallie Green has returned from the plains where she has been visiting relatives.

The Golan School is nearing its close. The students are planning to stage a play. "The Road to the City," a comedy drama in four acts. There will be no admission charge. Every one is invited. The play will be staged on or about May 15th.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

### SALT BRANCH NEWS

By Lois Jaynes

The farmers are beginning to plant and hope to make a big crop this year.

The Salt Branch School closed Friday, May the first. The program which was rendered on Friday night was enjoyed by all who were present.

Miss Odel Newman was the guest of Miss Celia Henry Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor of Abilene called at Salt Branch last Sunday.

Mr. Martin Barker called on Mr. Dock Reeves Sunday.

Mr. Burke Walker was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Janes last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deen Higgins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw and family were guests of Mrs. Reeves and family Sunday.

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### BAPTISTS TO SEND EGGS TO BUCKNER ORPHANS

In answer to an urgent call for eggs by the Buckner Orphans Home, the ladies of the church will ship several crates on Friday of next week. We hope every lady in the church will take part in so worthy a cause.

Mr. Collum and Mr. McDonald have kindly consented to let us use their store as a place of assembling the eggs. Any one having eggs to give to this cause please take them to this store either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

### Junior League Program

Subject: Crowning Mother. Leader, Dahlia Watkins.

Song. Scripture: Proverbs 1:8, Jim Chaney.

Sentence prayers, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Reading, "Which Loved Best," Glenna Rea.

Mother's example, Florene Rider. How may we crown our mothers, by B. P. Middleton.

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### PROGRAM FOR PARENT-TEACHERS MEET 13TH.

Selection, Glee Club. Reading, Flora Frances Anderson. Saxophone solo, Charlie Largent. Reading, Tommie Durham. Selection, Choral Club.

### Stith B. Y. P. U. Program

Program for the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of the Stith Baptist Church for May 10, 1925.

Leader, Elsie Byrd. 1. The necessity for the atonement, by leader. (a) The pass over. 2. Jesus the only one who could make it, by Clark Mundy. 3. Christ the only one who could make the atonement, by Bernice Williams. 4. Made because He loves us, by Herbert Kelso. 5. Made with the consent of the Father, by F. J. McDonald. 6. Our part in the atonement, by Ernest Hendricks. 7. Sword drill by Clark Mundy. 8. Lessons from the Rainbow, by Charlie Mundy.

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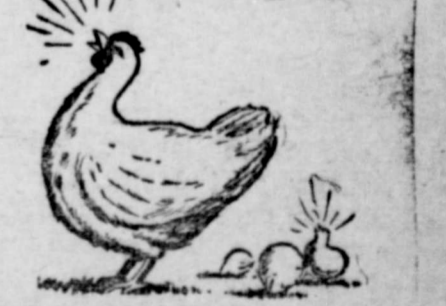
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### WARREN NEWS

By Miss Rose Ellington

Most of the farmers are beginning to plant their crops this week, but the late rains have put work at a stand still.

The Warren school will not be out until about the fifth of June. Messrs. Vernon Hudson, Hena R. V. and Odie Jones went fishing Saturday night, but as usual they left most of the fish in the creek.

Miss Lottie Gressett spent Sunday night with Misses Lillie and Liddie Jones.

Miss Ollie Hobbs spent Saturday night with Misses Rose and Willie Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family spent Sunday with Mrs. McCormick's mother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse of Trent.

Misses Vera Jones and Vordie Ellington spent Saturday night and Sunday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and family went to Fisher County visiting Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and

family, Mr. and Mrs. George Stout and family, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Oscar Johnson and Noel Harvell visited Miss Ella Hobbs for a while Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tarvin of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington, and Willie Ellington returned home with them.

Mr. Medford Jones left Monday night for Mexico.

Violet Jones visited Eula Sumpter Sunday.

Misses Lillie and Liddie Jones Lottie Gressett, Azilene Sumpter were the guests of Miss Ruth Chancey Sunday.

Mr. Otis Foster was the guest of his brother last week, Mr. Homer Foster.

Miss Willie Newman spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Mr. Irvin Thompson returned home Sunday from Comanche county.

Grandma and Miss Ella Hobbs spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Owen and family spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Newman.

Mr. E. H. Jones and daughter, Vela, spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Jones.

Messrs. Robert and Zebbie Sumpter and Thurman McCoy spent Sunday afternoon with Arthur McCoy.

Mr. Jim Pittman visited the B. Y. P. U. at Compere Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse and family also Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Derrick, went fishing last Friday afternoon.

Mr. T. B. Hobbs spent Tuesday night with Claud Ellington.

Vernon Pounders, who was kicked by a horse about two weeks ago is able to be back in school again.

We have many customers tell us it surely pays to trade at a "Cash Store." Brown Dry Goods Company.

### COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

The farmers have started planting but are still wishing for more rain.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday evening after Sunday School, by Brother Albertson, of Merkel.

There was a fine B.Y.P.U. program at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Bro. Bryant preached a fine sermon at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and also Sunday night.

The Christian Endeavor met Sunday evening, but did not accomplish much on account of lack of material.

Mr. Hall and Jasper Hobbs, Mr. E. C. Tarvin and Charlie Allred were visitors at Mr. Stout's home Sunday.

The Presbyterians will dedicate the new church May 24th. It will be an all-day affair, we understand, with Sunday School in the morning, and preaching, then dinner, and the dedication sermon in the afternoon, Christian Endeavor and another sermon. Mrs. Rogers has promised to be with us and help with the Christian Endeavor. The pastor, Bro. Rogers, and all other nearby preachers have been invited, or will be invited later on. Remember the day, the fourth Sunday in May.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Childers has about recovered and is able to be about.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin was a visitor at Mrs. Stout's Monday evening.

Mr. Oscar Johnson was a visitor at Warren Sunday evening.

Miss Opal Rister spent Sunday evening with Miss Floy McKinney.

Miss Katie Rister, who is going to school at Warren, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Compere.

Mr. Matt Randolph from Haw-

ley was a visitor at Mrs. Stout's Monday.

Mr. George Rister and family from Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. C. C. Rister.

Miss Lola Bland of Merkel spent Sunday with Miss Vera Brewer of this community.

Mr. C. C. Day was a visitor in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Proctor visited home folks in Merkel the last week end.

"HEBRON GOSSIP" By Mayflower

The farmers are all planting now and look for a big cotton crop this year.

Bro. O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment Sunday. There was a good attendance, and we hope there will be more come next Sunday.

Miss Pearl Skidmore was the guest of Miss Lillie Davis Sunday.

Miss Lillie Davis spent the day with Miss Evelyn Pannell Monday.

Miss Winnie Bayless was the guest of Miss Blanche Carey on Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore spent Sunday with Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell were in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Alma Davis visited Miss Bessie Lou Pannell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Harris took dinner with Mr. Jessie Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. William Pannell, Thomas Harris and John Horton went to Blair Saturday to play ball.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and daughters, Lillie and Alma went to the ball game at Blair Saturday afternoon.

Everyone come to the B.Y.P.

U. Sunday night. We would be proud to have you attend.

By Mayflower.

### CREEK SIDE NEWS

By Miss Clara Wortham

As news seldom appears from this part of the community, I will write again.

All the farmers are busy planting cotton and feed that did not have any planted. Some few had planted and are now plowing the young feed.

They had a nice play at Mulberry School Monday night, May 4th. Some say it was the best they ever saw in this community.

Mr. Riley Hodges spent the week end with Earl Wortham. They got caught in a big rain on their way home from Tye.

Mrs. Clara Patton and babies spent the night with Mr. Bird and family Monday night.

Mrs. Talburt and baby spent the evening with Mr. George Price's family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Will Price and family from Salt Branch were at Mr. George Price's. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ike Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham.

Mr. Will Mattingly and family Mr. Charlie Hodges and wife all spent the day with Carroll Wortham's family Sunday a week ago.

Mr. Taylor Davis and family went to Mulberry Monday night.

Mr. Allen's family was at the play Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham were in Merkel trading Saturday.

The men of Creek Side worked our good graded road since the good rains and it sure is in nice shape now.

The nice rain we are getting this morning will stop planting for a few days, it being Wednesday we did not get but two days to plant.

C. P. Wortham and two oldest boys had some fun for any one looking on last Monday, as they were running three planters and

had five run-aways.

Mrs. George Price is up and about her work again. She and baby are both doing fine.

Miss Gladys Burns visited Miss Hazel Carter Saturday.

Mr. Aaron Horton, George Price, Taylor Davis and Carroll Wortham motored up to Merkel Wednesday on business.

Grandpa Prother and Miss Pearl Burns went to Abilene on last Saturday with Mr. Bird's folks.

MULBERRY NOTES By Miss Hazel Thomas

The farmers are very busy this week, as the soil is in a good condition to plant.

There was a wedding in our community last Thursday night. The contracting parties were Mr. Gene Reagan and Miss Floreen Smart. The community join in wishing them a bright future.

Our school closed Friday after a very successful term.

Miss Ethel Lee and Clarence Waldon were shoppers in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Several from this community attended the party at Mr. Talbot's Saturday night. They report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh Mr. and Mrs. Gene Regeon and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Guin went picnicing at Castle Peak Sunday.

Sunday School was very good Sunday. We hope the attendance will be better next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh and Mrs. C. E. Thornton visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Pentecost on Sunday.

Miss Raye Arnwine spent the week end at home.

Miss Willa Mae Redding was the Sunday guest of Miss Nelie Hudson.

The play given on Monday night by the larger boys and girls was very well attended and also very interesting. The smaller children also had a very nice program.

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The fellow that every one knows to be an immoral degenerate is not the man or woman who wields the greatest influence for the downfall of the young man or woman of the community. He is no comparison to that supposed to be respectable man or woman. No, the man or woman holding responsible positions in the church, social and business world who are today living the damnable "double life" are those mostly responsible for the wrong direction of the youth of the land. And the church member who is willing to compromise with that element is by far the lowest of them all.

Next Sunday has been designated as Mothers Day throughout the country. It should be a great day with all mankind. For had it not been for the Christian character of the Mothers of the men and women of today, Mothers whose hearts were kind and loving, whose souls were pure and incorruptable, this would not be today a nation that boasts of being the greatest of Christian nations. Yes,

our mothers were those who taught us the doctrine that "the Home is the best, greatest and most sacred place upon top side of the universe." And upon this doctrine the American people have built the greatest nation known to mankind. If this nation is to go on and continue its Christian citizenship of sturdy men and women in the generations to come, the Mothers of today, during this modern age of rapid transformation, jazz and immorality, have no less responsibility than did her mother.

**T. E. HOGAN DIES SUD-  
DENLY WEDNESDAY**

As this paper goes to press, we regret to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. T. E. Hogan, aged 75 years, a well known citizen of the Mt. Pleasant community.

From reports given this paper, Mr. Hogan had been in fair health for a man of his age, and had made no complaint further than the fact that during the night Wednesday about eleven o'clock, Mrs. Hogan heard her husband move and make a slight noise while asleep, and for some minutes heard no more from him, and upon investigation found him dead.

He was a good citizen, and had many friends among all who knew him. Funeral and burial will take place today at Drummond Cemetery near Capps, we understand.

This paper joins the many friends of the bereaved family in extending deepest sympathy.

Messrs. Stewart Grimes, Parker Sharp, Dr. J. P. Howard and J. G. Hale were among those attending the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting at Mineral Wells this week. They all report a fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby, Lady Jane, of Sweetwater, spent last week end here the guest of relatives.

**"GOLAN ECHOES"**  
By Johnnie Hill

May is here again with her birds, bees, flowers, and—work. Old Mother Nature provides for this every year and it is all in harmony with the rest of the world. With the rains that have fallen we feel sure of a bountiful crop. The corn, maize and cotton that is up is doing nicely, and every one is planting more.

The health of this community is almost perfect. n  
A. J. Cook went to Anson on business Monday.

Misses Hallie and Merel Green visited Miss Hattie Seago of Cisco Saturday. They returned Sunday and Miss Seago returned with them.

Misses Bettie Byrom and Vera Lawlis of McMurry College were home for the week end. Misses Jewel and Johnny Chesney were their guests from McMurry.

Mrs. J. R. Dean and Mrs. J. W. Hill went on business to Sylvester Tuesday.

Rev. Binckley, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Roby, filled his appointment here Sunday. Church was attended by a large crowd.

Bro. Tooley of Sylvester, pastor of the Methodist church here is improving in health.

Mr. J. T. and Eugene Williams visited relatives in Mulberry Canyon Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of White Church.

H. T. Reynolds, principal of the Golan School, spent Tuesday night with M. W. M. West and family.

Mr. Bill Maynard of Hamlin is visiting Mr. P. W. Lawlis.

Rollie J. Hill was called to McCauley on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard and two children of Hamlin were here last week end.

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**SALT BRANCH ITEMS**  
By Miss Wynona Patton

The farmers of this community are all very busy.

The singing Sunday afternoon was very fine, a large crowd being in attendance.

Mr. Martin Barker was the guest of Mr. Doc Reeves Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Earl Walker has happened to the painful accident of getting his leg broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell's last week end.

Miss Gladys Petty was a visitor in Merkel High School Monday of this week.

Misses Ruba and Wynona Patton were visitors in Merkel Grammar and High School on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. S. O. Patton called at the home of Mrs. C. C. Foster Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Roy Harrell called at the home of Mrs. S. O. Patton Monday of this week.

Mrs. S. O. Patton also called at the home of Mrs. T. T. Earhman Tuesday.

Miss Iris Garrett was a visitor at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Miss Anna Walker is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks this week.

Mr. R. J. Miller was a visitor at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Misses Marjorie and Hilda Glascoe were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson were visitors at Sweetwater Sunday.

Bro. Lawrence Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday. Singing Sunday afternoon at 2. B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 o'clock.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

The Booster Club of Southern California has asked their friends to "write back east telling the truth about this part of the country." I write as follows:

"Oh come to the land of the western sun, where every business is over done; where the stores charge freight on goods made here, ask them the reason and they think you queer. They serve you climate with all your meals, it's so hot your back just peels. The ananias club includes the state from San Diego to the Golden Gate. The movie stars marry twice a year, would marry again is the way was clear. The grapefruit here is something fine, a cross between a lemon and a pumpkin rind. Where cows eat barley instead of hay and the cream gets lost in the milky way. They sell you lots that are made by hand and make you believe that it's really land. The view from the ocean is very nice that is included in the price. They weigh the sack then the fruit, then weigh them again and their fingers to boot. They claim that it's wet if it rains once a year, you get so dry you can't shed a tear. The chickens have mites, the dog has fleas, the desert winds blow and the oranges freeze. We shovel sand and you shovel snow, just about a stand off as far as I know. So tune up your flivver and start for the west where jobs are scarce and pay is less. Bring all your cash and plenty of clothes, when you will get any more the Lord only knows. I am telling this story which I know is true as seen by me through eyes of blue. If the Booster Club ever gets this back they will change my eyes from blue to black. They ask us to write the truth to a friend, now I have done so and this is the end."

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Mr. Dick Cypert of Port Arthur is here this week visiting with his parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

**NOODLE NEWS**  
By Special Correspondent

Farmers around Noodle are very busy since the rains. Some have bought new farming implements. We are all very thankful for the rains.

Sunday School at the churches Sunday morning. Rev. Campbell of Abilene, pastor of the Baptist church, filled the pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Singnig was held in Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Quite a nice crowd was present. Several good songs were rendered.

Miss Flossie Carter was in Abilene Saturday.

Misses Tiny and Johnnie Harris of Horn were in Noodle Friday of last week.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers were in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Merritt were shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell spent from Friday to Sunday in Merkel with home folks.

W. B. Howard, W. B. Jr. and Weldon were in Hamlin Sunday afternoon.

A. P. Cowan of Abilene was in Noodle Saturday.

Mrs. V. Merritt and little son called on Mrs. V. Spurgin Monday of this week.

Mrs. C. B. Compton and children are out from Abilene for a few days.

Clarence Howard was in Anson on business Monday.

T. E. Goode was in Abilene on Tuesday.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers spent Sunday in Merkel guests of his parents.

Jack Goode and Misses Ruby Reagan and Mary Kate Campbell were in Merkel Monday night.

Carlton Vick drove over to Noodle early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. S. Bird called on Mrs. Deavers Monday afternoon.

W. B. Howard was in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. French of Abilene was out our way Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Willis Herring called on Mrs. C. B. Compton Tuesday afternoon.

A fine rain fell early Wednesday morning. An excellent season is now in the ground.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children, Master E. L. Jr. and Miss Margaret, accompanied by Miss Renna Burns, were among those of this city attending the big West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Mineral Wells this week. They report a very delightful trip, and were especially pleased with the fine hospitality shown the guests by the citizenship of Mineral Wells.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess returned last Sunday morning from a short business trip to Childress, Texas.

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**CROSS ROADS NEWS**

We are delighted with the fine rains that have lately fallen, giving us a season in the ground and filling all the tanks.

We had a nice shower Wednesday morning which stopped the farmers from planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett King attended church at Caps Sunday and also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Walter Hammond went to Abilene Sunday morning to see her mother, who has been sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Parnely of Caps visited Mr. and Mrs. Millard King Sunday afternoon.

There will be a Mothers Day program at Cross Roads Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Our Sunday School is still doing nicely and we are planning to have a Sunday school Rally on Friday night, May 15th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited to come and help us make it a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Isom of Caps visited relatives in the Cross Roads community Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lora Joiner spent last week end at her home.

Cross Roads school will close a very successful term on May 22nd and a short program will be given under the direction of our efficient teachers, Mrs. E. K. Daugherty and Miss Lillian Porter.

J. M. Chaney of this city was a member of the Federal Grand Jury in session in Abilene this week. Mr. Chaney is a mighty fine citizen and no doubt made a very competent grand juror. Three bills of indictment were found by this body.

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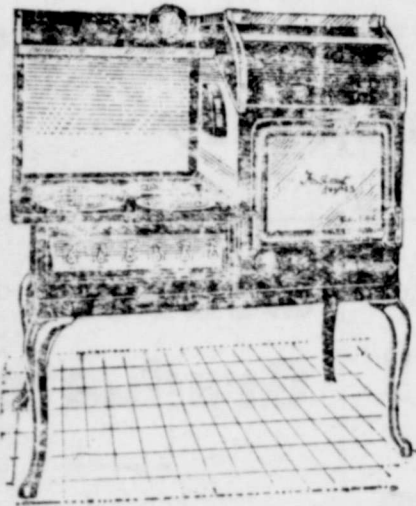


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Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters, Ruth and Dorris of Kansas City, came in Monday morning for a visit in the homes of C. M. Largent and S. H. L. Swafford.

Messrs. Bob and Herbert Dennis and Tom Wilson returned Wednesday from attending the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Mineral Wells.

### Ladies Missionary Society

The Methodist Ladies Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the hour of two-thirty in regular monthly business session. A splendid report was read by each officer present. The meeting was presided over by Mr. s. Tom Largent, president. It was decided by the society that the quota on the Bell Bennet Memorial Fund, which is \$5.00 per member, would be paid.

Also after a discussion, it was decided that the Missionary Ladies would put on the banquet for the Business Mens Class. Arrangements were also made for several quilts to be made, which will be sold. Twenty members with one new member were present at this meeting. A lesson from the study book will be had at the next meeting.

### Delphian Club

The Delphian Club met with Mrs. S. D. Gamble on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. O. R. Dye was the leader for the afternoon. The lesson study was the "Modern French Drama." The following ladies entered into the discussion on the topic: Mesdames O. R. Dye, S. D. Gamble, Fred Groene, F. C. McFarland and W. L. Diltz, Jr.

A very dainty refreshment consisting of a salad plate, with tea was passed during the social hour following the discussion of the topic.

The club will meet two weeks from Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. R. Booth.

### Birthday Celebrated by Pioneer Citizen

Honoring her father's sixty-first birthday, Mrs. M. D. Angus gave a birthday dinner last Sunday at her home.

An excellent family dinner was served, with the center attraction on the table being a huge birthday cake, holding sixty-five candles. Roses and fern in pretty containers were used to make the table even more attractive.

Those who were guests for the dinner were, the honoree, Mr. T. J. Toombs and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and daughter, Lady Jane, of Sweetwater; Mrs. Mose Cauthen of Alamogorda, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis, Joe Bailey, and Leon Toombs, Miss Ruby Walton, Byron Walton.

During the afternoon many friends and relatives called to wish "Uncle Tom," as he is well known, many more happy birthdays.

### Weekly Prayermeeting

Will meet at Mrs. Bryant's at 3:30 Wednesday evening. Song and prayer. Leader, Mrs. G. W. Elliott, 6th chapter of Matthew. Song and prayer. Questions asked by Mrs. Fannie King. The old Bible, 1, 2, 3 chapters of Judges. Song and closing with sentence prayers.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and two children, Billie Joyce and Charles Garrison, of Tuscola, are visiting in the J. S. Thomas home this week.

### TAILOR PRICES RAISED

On account of advance of gasoline and chemicals we, the undersigned cleaners of Merkel are compelled to advance the price of Dry Cleaning to \$1.50 per suit or dress, etc., effective May first. L. J. Renfro, Alfred H. Ligon, Mrs. J. F. Hodo. 1t2

Mrs. Mose Cauthen of Alamogorda, New Mexico, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs and other relatives.

Miss Mae Collins of Lamesa, Texas, was here last week end visiting relatives and friends.

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Mr. Louis Swann, who for several years has been connected with the Abilene Compress company, left this week for California, where he has a much more lucrative position with the same company.

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Everyone the "boaster" met during the morning made mention of how badly he looked. At first he simply laughed and said he never felt better in his life. But by ten o'clock he was seen gazing into a mirror to find out what was wrong. By eleven o'clock his mind had been worked upon so that he found himself admitting that he wasn't feeling very well, and when he went home to lunch he did not return—the first time he had missed being on the job for 17 years. This isn't a fairy tale. It is a fact, and it only goes to show just how susceptible we are to mind influence over the body.

Never let the "hard times" germ get under your crust. It never spells anything but trouble.

The major constellation may not shine any brighter over Taylor county than over her neighbor, but we have a lot to be thankful for just the same. What if crops are not so good this year. We are enough better off than many other districts and are due for a bumper crop next year, which should make up for several years. Just keep plugging for Merkel.

Keep Merkel money circulating at home, promote local prosperity by patronizing home trade. Don't let offers of credit, bargain sales and other lures from the big city influence you to spend your money there. The value of home buying should be evident to every local citizen. The keeping of Merkel money in Merkel should require no urging or argument. Just remember that a rolling dollar will never roll back your way if you start it rolling out of town.

Flattering inducements held out by other trading points is nothing but a bait to pull your dollars their way. They could have no possible interest in the advancement and civic success of Merkel. Don't let them fool you.

Wake up. Get this one resolution deeply rooted in your thought and keep it there: "I am going to spend all I can in Merkel. I am going to support every booster on this page and get the habit of doing all I can to promote home industry."

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 Subject, 'The Christian Home.'  
 Leader, Irene Campbell.  
 Scripture Eph. 5:1,2,21-25;6:1-10. Hymn. Prayer.  
 1. The real meaning of the word "home," Dorothy Daniels.  
 2. The Home the birth place of institutions, Irene Perry.  
 3. Quotations on home, Ruby Fae Golladay.  
 4. What we should find in a Christian Home, Tommie Durham.  
 Prayer; Benediction.

We have many customers tell us it surely pays to trade at a "Cash Store." Brown Dry Goods Company. It

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**WILL ROGERS**



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 What's this Subway got to do with 'Bull' Durham?  
 Nothing.  
 What do people outside New York care about how New Yorkers live?  
 Nothing.  
 But there is an old saying that one half the world don't know how the other half live, so I am telling you how they live, not as an Ad but as a fact. Five million Ground Hogs in New York rush through life missing one Train and being shoved into the next. The real trouble is that they can't smoke 'Bull' Durham down there.

*Will Rogers*  
 P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking for them.

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**THE POET'S CORNER**

**MY MOTHER**

By Lloyd T. Grayson, Lockney  
 Who fed me from her gentle breast  
 And hushed me in her arms to rest  
 And on my cheeks sweet kisses pressed?—My Mother.

When sleep forsook my open eyes  
 Who was it sang sweet lullabys  
 And rocked me that I should not cry?—My Mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head  
 When sleeding in my cradle bed  
 And tears of sweet affections shed?—My Mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry  
 Who gazed upon my heavy eyes,  
 And wept for fear that I should die?—My Mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell  
 And would some pretty story tell  
 Or kiss the pain to make it well?  
 —My Mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray,  
 To love God's Holy Word and day  
 And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?—My Mother.

And can I cease to be Affectionate and kind to thee  
 Who was so very kind to me?  
 —My Mother.

Oh no, the thought I cannot bear  
 And if God pleases my life to spare,  
 I hope I shall reward thy care  
 —My Mother.  
 When thou art feeble, old and gray  
 My healthy arm shall be thy stay,  
 And I will soothe thy pains away  
 —My Mother.

And when I see thee hang thy head  
 It will be my turn to watch thy bed  
 And tears of sweet affections shed—My Mother.  
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**\*GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES\***

The "keep clean" contest between the boys and girls of Miss Hearn's room was won by the boys. The girls entertained the boys with a picnic on Mulberry Thursday, chaperoned by Mrs. George L. Miller, Mrs. E. L. Turner and Miss Hearn.

Mrs. Sublett: "Selma Lee, give three proofs that the earth is round."

Selma Lee: 1. Well mamma said so (2) and papa said so (3) and you said so."

Joel: "I am going to be an old bachelor."

Miss Ellis: "Well from the way you are starting out I think you are going to be a lady's man."

Visitor: "Fannie Belle, how many subjects are you carrying?"  
Fannie Belle: "I am dragging six."

The fifth grade English class were writing a story about a picture. Here is the first paragraph of one of the stories which was handed in:

I am the little boy at the foot of the stairs. I have on a leather jacket and boots with dark eyes and a sad face.

J. E. (seeing James looking around the floor): "What have you lost?"

James: "A dollar."

J. E. "Can't you find it?"

James: "Yes, I found the dollar."

J. E. "Well, what are you hunting now?"

James: "A dime."

J. E. "Have you lost a dime too?"

James: "No I am hunting the interest on this dollar. I lost it last week."

Lester: "May I get a world book?"

Mrs. Sublett: "Have you studied your agriculture?"

Lester: "Yes mam."

Mrs. Sublett (in agriculture class): "Lester, what are the 10 elements necessary for plant growth?"

Lester: "I don't know."

Mrs. Sublett: "I thought you said you knew your lesson?"

Lester: "I said that I had studied it, but didn't say that I knew it."

Mrs. Sublett: "What is the condition of manufacturing?"

Helen: "Wool is woven into cloth, leather is tanned and made into flour."

Mr. Masterson, the County Agricultural Agent, visited the seventh grade agriculture class last Wednesday week and gave them a lecture on why the rose is red, the blue bird blue and the wild cat wild.

Mrs. Sublett was giving a lesson on the pollination of flowers. "Now," she said, "who can tell me what makes the flower spring from the seed?"  
"God does it," answered Eleanor Mae, "but fertilizer helps."

She: "What are the wild waves saying?"

He: "Wait until I tune up my radio and I will tell you."

An Essay on 7th. Grade

The Seventh grade consists of both boys and girls who are very ignorant. They have good teachers, but they do not know it. They like English (the kind they speak, not the kind they study.)

They would enjoy a picnic most any or every day, and would go picnicing more often if Mr. Burgess would consent. Their room is one that makes visitors go away feeling worse than when they came.

The other rooms do not appreciate the Seventh grade like they should, for without it, Merkel would be incomplete.

We don't realize just what our teachers are for until we think it over. Our teachers do many things for us. For instance they give demerits, collect notes and

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chewing gum, report us to Mr. Burgess, and hammer knowledge into our heads. They also let the entire town know what we are doing. They invite visitors on days we fail to study. They insist on us studying of men and women of long ago, when we should be studying of boys and girls of today. But they are paid to teach us, therefore we should do the best we can.

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We take this method of announcing to our friends and the public, that we have opened in the New Daniels Building on Front Street an up-to-date Cafe. We invite you to call on us when in need of anything in the Cafe line, promising you the best of good, clean food, prepared in style and to your liking.  
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### Baptist Sunday School

We had a fine attendance last Sunday, and such a good feeling of fellowship and service seemed to exist in every department. Next Sunday, May 10, being Mothers' Day we have planned a program in keeping with the day. Let us urge that every one who possibly can attend on this day set apart as a tribute to our mothers. Come and bring someone with you. Let us serve the Lord while the opportunity is ours. A hearty welcome awaits all.  
Bill Haynes, Supt.

Mr. Yates Brown accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Smith spent last Sunday visiting in Snyder, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield of Merkel spent Tuesday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click on route 3.

Among those attending the big West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting at Mineral Wells this week was Mr. J. S. Swann, President of the Farmers State Bank, and Mr. J. C. Mason, a director of the same institution. They report a very fine meeting and state that while Mineral Wells did herself proud in her efforts to take care of the great crowds in attendance, they really had more than it was possible for them to accommodate. They report that the next meeting will be held at Amarillo.

Mr. Ralph Bigham of League City, Texas, was here last week calling on old acquaintances and friends.

Mith Ethel Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, is not improving after several weeks of illness.

**\* SENIOR NOTES \*  
(Whooper's Edition)**

Motto: "We believe that all work and no play makes Bill a dull boy."

The Whoopers Club has been enjoying the "Bug House" for a week. We are sorry to say that Jarrett Pinckley has gone back to school. The Club now consists of eight members but if any one else wishes to join we will be glad to have their company.

Amusements consist of daily concerts, social gatherings, studying (nix).

Last Friday at noon the Whoopers enjoyed a lecture given by Miss Pierce, the professor of history in M.H.S. We have also been favored with visits from Misses Bird, Weedon, Williamson and Pierce and Mr. Burgess visits us occasionally, always happening to arrive at the time some of the Club members are having their daily "siesta."

The club room now contains a wonderful library consisting of "Western stories," "short stories," "Ranch Romances," "Whiz Bang," "Film Fun," "True Stories" and the latest works by Harold Bell Wright and Zane Gray.

Several new inventions have been made in the last few days. A new way of transferring books and notes from the second to the first floor of the building (for particulars ask Miss Bird or any of the Seniors). Some one has found that the desk and boxes make very comfortable beds.

**"Classified Ads"**

For the latest news read the Whooper's Daily.

Any one desiring the Whooping Cough call at Room 12, hours 9 to 11 and 1 to 3.

We recommend "Smitty's" joint for good eats.

NOTICE—to Teachers: Please read signs on the door before entering.

Jokes  
Ray: "A fellow just told me I looked like you."

Jarrett: "Where is he? I like to knock his block off."

Ray: "I killed him."

Life is real, life is earnest, We must strive to do our best; And, departing, leave behind us Note books that'll help the rest

Bill: "I have a brother who lived 25 years and never ate a meal in St. Louis."

Gladys: "Impossible. How was that?"

Bill: "He lived in New York."

Mary: "What is it that goes around a button?"

Pauline: "I don't know what does go around a button?"

Mary: "A billy goat."

**Time to Leave**

Mr. Jackson: (at Luncheon Club) "Allow me, before I close, to repeat the immortal words of Webster."

Voice from rear: "Lank sake, fellows, let's get out of here. He's going to start in on the dictionary."

**B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION AT SWEETWATER 5-6**

The West Texas B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Convention met at Sweetwater Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, with E. Yates Brown, of Merkel, presiding over the B. Y. P. U. Convention and H. H. Stephens, of Winters, presiding over the S. S. Convention.

Good crowds were in attendance from Stamford, Snyder, Hamlin, Big Spring, Colorado, Merkel and many others. The Convention will meet with Big Spring next year in April.

Those attending from Merkel were: Rev. W. H. Albertson, Bill Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Floyd Dowell, Lewis Giles, Carlton Dennis, Delbert Polly, Miss Weedon, Miss Rearn, Miss Dennis.

Mr. Fred Harrell and wife of Fort Worth were here last week visiting Mr. Harrell's parents.

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