## IMPORTANT ELEG-

with three to be elected. Those called in sixty days. West, A. T. Sheppard and Dr. lems of agriculture in Taylor R. McCarter, is delivering at day. Sheppard have been on the agricultural program whereby ing and soul-stirring messages, capably and efficiently serving your town as well. have been very faithful and ef- farming county of Texas. As def- dence of a general spiritual up- ing been elected two years ago. didates for re-election. Dr. ments to bring in two or three consecrated their lives for special honest and faithful in the best Grimes, who is serving by ap- car loads of gilts. Another ob- service for the Lord. pointment, having been appoint- ject will be to put in every rural The meeting will continue on both pioneer, property owning Rose, has only served a short cultural magazine. able member of the board and by Mr. Williamson, of Texas A. the evening. On next Sunday it they view the matter. ticket next Saturday.

as candidates for places on the Daily Reporter. school board. Both gentlemen are successful business men, good honest citizens, well qualified for the positions, and this ull paper trusts that their claims will be carefully weighed when voting for school trustees tomorrow.

The old members of the board, Thos. Durham.

there will be held in this city an school house. more than ever, perhaps, there money. is need of men who will help to others as regards permanent, that the merchants of Merkel consistent progress.

elect our particular favorite, let advertising space on it. us not forget the fact that our sensible. Let's accord our neigh, time. bor the privilege we take—that of voting as we please—a privilege that every American should be proud of.

#### FIFTY-NINE YEARS AGO

tled it with an egg. Ladies rode side saddles.

boots and daddy wore brogans. truth the people said amen.

Left-over noon vitals were finished at supper.

Neighbors asked about your

family and meant it.

flying jennies.

their neck to their heels. stead of canned soup.

Only crooks on record were lightning rod agents.

Indigestion was called plain bellyache. The neighbors got fresh meat

at hog killing time.

good fertilizer.

do a life time.-Exchange.

Rennie and Ocie Burns.

BUSINESS MEN OF

April 2, at 11 a.m. in the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

friends of Messrs. Robert Hicks ber of Commerce, besides local that service alone. and H. L. Propst have requested men, and delegates from other the Mail to announce their names towns over the county. - Abilene people's work is being ably di-day.

whose terms do not expire until Compere school boys and girls next April are W. O. Boney, R. have been working hard to put O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble and their best into a school play, "An Early Bird," which will be given On next Tuesday, April 6, tonight, Friday, April 2, at the

election for City Aldermen. This All of Merkel and the Merkel is a very important matter and community is invited to come out should be given careful consider- and spend the evening with us. ation by the citizenship of Mer- We will guarantee that you will kel. Good, honest, progressive laugh and go away feeling that men-men of civic pride-should you have helped a worthy school be elected for the reason that in lending your support and

We are very anxious that you keep our city in its place with see the beautiful stage curtains were so kind and generous in However, in our efforts to helping us to install by taking

Especially do we urge those neighbor and friend has the business men to drive out, who same right to his opinion, even took the spaces on the curtain. on the farm and having worked ing this turn. though they may differ much You will have the opportunity from ours. Let's be just and to see it being used for the first his desire to invent and put on focused. Poor lights do not show

When the preacher told the for adults and ten cents for sale price is \$10.00. school children.

Special music and sermon Sun- use to the first plowing. Merry-go-rounds were called day morning. The music and the . From the photograph on ansermon will both deal with the other page in this paper it may It took twenty minutes to hope that comes through Jo- be seen that this machine may shine shoes with Mason's black- seph's empty toomb. The pastor easily be attached to a cultivator will speak Sunday morning on and it is very simple in opera-

People served pot licker in- other services for the day and for the week.

The Lord's supper will be observed at the morning hour. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

We are grateful to Mr. J. S. music has been arranged by the Bickley for the renewal of his choir and will be rendered at Cotton seed was considered a subscription. He has just re- this service. covered from an attack of "flu" And men made the same wife which confined him for several ed to be present at this first serdays.

Mrs S. L. Penney, of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell promptly at 10 o'clock. Let us teaching in the Canyon public promptly at ten o'clock. All ofwas here last week, a guest of and daughter, Miss Mary, spent make a record attendance for the school, spent Saturday and Sun-ficers and teachers should be her sister and brother, Miss last Sunday at the Whitenburg Sunday school. There will be no day with her parents, Mr. and present not later than 9:45. ranch near Sweetwater.

## COUNTY WILL MEET METHODIST REVIVAL FOR RE-ELECTION AS A meeting of the Taylor county bankers and business men is to be held at Abilene Friday, STILL PROGRESSING ALDERMEN OF CITY

rected by Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, and much good is being accomp-

The pastor, who is putting his whole soul and life into making the meeting a success and of to the public in general.

young farmer, 23 years of age, the road; be sure the way is invention of a "Cotton Chopper fore passing. hard on the farm, it has been "3. Have your lights well the market a machine that will you the road and glaring lights Compere folks are fully aware not only serve efficiently but blind oncoming motorists-either that it is to their advantage to help to solve the hard labor of is hazardous to both parties. work with Merkel and Merkel his fellow farmer-friend; hence "4. Observe all speed lawsof our communities. We are will- ufacturing plant right here in your own safety. ing at all times to do our best Merkel, and is now able to turn "5. Be sure your brakes are in Mamie Ellis, Doris, Nina Belle, hour.

> The machine, Mr. Higgins by leaving the clutch in. stated; can be used for all row

Ladies' dresses reached from "Proofs of His Resurrection." . tion. A demonstration, he said, No evening preaching, but all is all he wants to make a sale.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Special Easter service will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A program of special

Every church member is urgvice f the new church year.

service at the evening hour.

board for a number of years, and this may be made the banner and already there is much evil in this capacity at this time, havficient members. They state pos- inite propositions, the meeting lift among those attending. At Their friends vouch for the fact itively that they will not be can- will attempt to make arrange- one service eight young people that their services have been interest of the city. They are ed to take the place of Mr. A. C. home in Taylor county an agri- until next Sunday night, with citizens, and besides their welltwo services each day, at ten in known qualifications have the time. Dr. Grimes is indeed an The meeting will be attended the morning and seven-thirty in city's best interest at heart, as

his friends announce that his & M. College, C. C. French of the is expected that the largest The friends of these gentle- the present County Commission- ville, Tenn., in 1839, but left name will be among those on the Fort Worth stock yards com- crowd for the entire time will be men urgently request the voters er in precinct four, Jones county, that state when entering the pany, and R. Q. Lee, Cisco, pres- present as the Sunday school is of the city to investigate fairly authorizes this paper to place his Civil War, through which he Since writing the above, ident of the West Texas Cham- planning to have 500 present for and carefully their records as of-The song service and young for these offices on next Tues-

## GIVES RULES FOR MAKING

lasting good to the community, more a matter of the "Do's" cient Commissioner. He has not earnestly requests every Method- than the "Don'ts," according to only diligently looked after the death. ist who can, to be present Sun- a well-known Merkel business best interest of his own precinct, day, and at the same time ex- man. "Too often the emphasis is but has been just and fair as a tends a very cordial invitation placed on what motorists should commssioner for the whole of Dupuy, of Little Rock, Ark., not do, rather than what they the county. should do," he said.

> local dealer for the Firestone just begun some splendid work and seven boys, all living except Tire & Rubber Co. In addition, along this line. He expects to one son and one daughter. His Mr. West gave what he believes give to every community in his devoted wife preceded him to to be the six fundamental rules precinct the best possible roads the grave April 1, 1911. of safe driving under present before his present term has exconditions of heavy traffic.

Mr. J. Warren Higgins, a "1. Keep to the right side of reared in the Merkel community, clear before going around a car announced about a year ago the ahead and sound your horn be-

and Weeder," and at that time "2. Always signal to drivers ers give his claims very careful found ready sale for the limited following you when preparing to consideration when casting their number he could manufacture. stop or to turn right or left. Re- votes for County Commissioner Since that time Mr. Higgins has member the most dangerous in precinct four of Jones county. been offered nice sums for his turn is the left turn. Be sure you patent and sale of these ma- have the right-of-way and a clear LOCAL CHAPTER WELL chines, but, having been reared road, front and back, when mak-

in helping in all forward move- out about 200 of these machines perfect order. They must be well-Folks boiled coffee and set- ments in and around Merkel, a day; and, in this way, the us- lined, tight and equally effective most enjoyable and profitable therefore we are expecting a ual middleman is eliminated and on each wheel. On slippery roads, time spent with Abilene friends. was here one day this week and boost from Merkel in your at- he is able to control the selling apply brakes without throwing Little Johnnie wore brass-toe tending our school play tonight. price and sell direct to the farm- out clutch. This also applies in The admission will be 25 cents er this needed equipment. The descending hills. Always make

> are, the better brake-action you since that time. will get. Tread design and completeness of road contact are all important.

speak authoritatively and say that Firestone Tires are your 'best bet.' Firestone's tread has the greatest number of non-skid in complete contact with the road surface, because the sidewalls are Gum-Dipped cord construction, a feature found in no other tire.

Sunday school will begin Miss Mary Campbell, who is lessons. Sunday school starts Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, here.

#### CLEAN UP WEEK

Mayor N. D. Cobb requests this paper to announce to the citizens of Merkel that on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the city's wagons will make a thorough visit over the city On tomorrow, Saturday, April This meeting is a result of a Notwithstanding the fact that Friends of Messrs. J. S. Swann for the purpose of hauling away 3, there will be held an election similar gathering held here the there has been almost a week of and J. P. Sharp have requested any and all trash that may be per is again called upon to chronfor school trustees of the Mer- first of February, at which it continuous bad weather, the re- this paper to announce them as gathered up and placed in con- icle the passing from this midst kel Independent School District, was requested that another be vival at the Methodist church candidates for re-election to the tainers near the alleys. It will be has continued with but little in- office of City Aldermen at the a good time to get rid of all your whose terms expire are Mr. H. C. The object is to consider prob- terruption. The pastor, Rev. W. coming City Election next Tues- old tin cans and other trash, and R. I. Grimes. Messrs. West and county and to try to work out an each and every service interest- It is said that they are each and beautify your premises and who, by his good citizenship and

Mr. W. T. Rainwater, who is ficials before casting their votes umn as a candidate for re-election, subject to the action of the flict between the states. Democratic Primary in July.

This statement was made by active in behalf of good roads to Taylor county in 1900. To this Jas. H. West, of West Company, over his precinct, and has really union there were born two girls pired, and has been working that end as fast as possible.

His friends feel that with his past experience he is even better all the years of his life. fitted and prepared to serve more efficiently in this position, and therefore ask that the vot-

#### REPRESENTED AT C. E. CONVENTION

attended the District Christian Hill cemetery. Convention which met in Abilene This paper joins many friends

the motor help hold back the car wealthy stock farmer of Palo of the stock of Gents' Furnish-Pinto county, is here for a visit ing Goods, which he has on "6. Be sure you have the right among the Reidenbach families. Front street in this city. We call BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS crops, and can be used at all tire equipment to make your attention to the announcetimes, and is not confined in its brakes take immediate effect. ago, and stated that he notices ment. Balloons are the best solution considerable changes and growth here and the more flexible they in the town and community

#### Baptist Sunday School

Our Missionary program last "In this latter condition, I can Sunday went over the top in a good way. The offering at the close of the program exceeded what had been expected.

Next Sunday, April 4, is Easedges of any low pressure tires ter Sunday and the beginning of made. Furthermore, this tread is the second quarter. We have plenty of literature on hand if more flexible, owing to their to get your new quarterly be you were not there last Sunday sure and be there Sunday and get your new book and get started with us on this series of great

Bill Haynes, Supt.

It is with regret that this paof another of the real pioneers, one of those who came when the at the same time help clean up country was undeveloped and efforts, helped to blaze the way and make of this the splendid country to be enjoyed by those of us who came in after years. This early settler and pioneer to whom we refer is Joseph Love Hunter, who died Thursday morning, April 1, 1926, at the home of his son, M. S. Hunter, on Oak street. He was 87 years

> Deceased was born in Nashbrothers to return from the con-

In 1872 he was married to Mr. Rainwater is serving his Molly Hunter, wife of his clost TRAFFIC SAFE FOR ALL first term in this position and brother Gilbert Hunter deceasaccording to his friends has ed), and to this union there was Making traffic safe for all, is made a very faithful and effi- born one child, Will Hunter, who has also preceded his father in

> In 1875 Mr. Hunter was again married, to Miss Sarah Matilda He has been especially alert and and from there the family came

Methodist church, remaining true and steadfast throughout

Children surviving are: E. L. Hunter, J. M. Hunter, R. A. Hunter and F. L. Hunter, of Fort Worth, J. H. Hunter and M. S. Hunter of Merkel; H. L. Hunter, Dallas; and Mrs. Laura Balch, Temple, all of whom are here to attend the last sad rites of their father.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place today, Friday, at the Methodist church, at two o'clock p.m., with The Merkel Endeavorers who burial immediately after in Rose

March 26, 27 and 28, were: Rev. here and elsewhere in extending Luncheon Club in the upbuilding he has established his own man- for the safety of others and for and Mrs. Chas. H. Little and deepest sympathy to the bereavdaughter, Dorothy, Misses Mil- ed sons and daughters and other dred Smith, Norma Shannon, loved ones, during this their sad

> while here placed in this paper Mr. J. E. Wolfe, aged and announcement of a special sale

#### THE SONG OF THE CORN

I was made to be eaten, And not to be drunk; To be threshed in a barn, Not soaked in a tank.

I come as a blessing When put through a mill, And as a blight and a curse When run through a still.

Make me up into loaves And your children are fed; But if into drink, I will starve them instead.

In bread, I'm a servant, The eater shall rule; In drink, I'm a master, The drinker a fool.

Then remember the warning, My strength I'll employ-If eaten, to strengthen; If drunk, to destroy.

## This Bank is for its Friends

to enjoy: to come to when they like, for banking business, for financial counsel, to meet friends or committees, or just for a period of rest during the day's shopping.

Its modern equipment is for your cenvenience.

Its abundant facilities meet all banking needs.

Its ample resources and sound polices assure your profit and protection.

Its homey, cordial atmosphere makes every association with the bank one of pleasantness.

YOUR ACCOUNT IS INVITED

## FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS.

'Where Banking is a Pleasure'

Seed culler ready to cull your W. O. Boney represents the Port, where his Captain was killseed. Bring them in any day you San Antonio Joint Stock and ed, Mansfield where the First paign for 500 in Sunday school wish. South Side Gin. By L. L. Land Bank. See him for 6% Lieutenant was killed, Pleasant on Easter Sunday. They have 1tp money.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We are now engaged in putting Coping [small curbing) around lots in the cemetery, and will be there for a few days only, and if you are interested in this kind of work, can make you better prices when there.

For particulars, see Chester Hutchinson or Perry Curb.

## **HUTCHINSON & CURB**

CEMENT WORKERS

## REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

#### After a Fire==

you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W.O. BONEY

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.



THE HIGGINS COTTON CHOPPER AND WEEDER

This view shows the chopper attached to a single row cultivator and the simple operation of it.

#### DR. J. A. LEEMAN, VETERAN al services at any time. He was

served eternal rest.

Born January 26, 1841, in friend to all. next four years he lived the life families were present at the end. serving under General Price in prise. Missouri. Under Price he fought in the memorable battles of New | 500 IS GOAL FOR METH-Tonia, Prairie Grove, and Vanburen. He then transfered to bllowed by the battles of Plackmine, Atchafalaya Bay, Sims

First Methodist College establish- not, come any way. first railroad built in Texas, now called the H. & T. C.

following a record of heroism.

medicine and attended the Louis- it should. Parents, come and ville Medical College in 1872 to bring your children. 1874, taking a Post Graduate course at the Missouri Medical College in 1880, and at Tulane in 1884 and then read under Dr. J. R. McKee of Bonham, Texas, He has practiced medicine in all of its branches in Hunt, Delta, and Hopkins counties. For several years he was the doctor of the Texas Woman's College, and later in charge of the Masonic Widow and Orphan Home at Fort Worth. He followed his profession for over 50 years.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Mattie Armer, daughter of Rev. J. J. Armer, a Presbyterian Minister of Hopkins County. To this union seven children were born, five of whom still survive.

In 1910 they moved to Pecos to make their home. Then on May 8, 1922, Mrs. Leeman passed on leaving her husband dis-

The late veteran and pioneer ended a life crammed with service for others. Four long years of the most terrible conditions. fighting for a principle to which he was true, and for which he gave his youth. Then fifty years of service to mankind, aiding the suffering and relieving pain and sickness. A life devoted to the benefits of others.

A loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he was faithful to all true doctrines of Christianity, dispensing kindness, and his profession-

AND PIONEER, DIED MCH. 21 also a faithful member of the Masonic Lodge, consistently liv-J. A. Leeman, M. D., died Sun- ing up to the code of that order.

day morning at four o'clock, of the finest pioneers of Texas, He was a great man, and one March 21st, following an illness helping to forward the progress of several weeks, at the age of of the State, making the path eighty-five. The venerable vet- much easier for those to come. eran of the Civil War, and pio- To him highest tribute is due. neer of Texas, passed on to de. Ever loyal, and ever kind, he will always be remembered as a true

Graves County Kentucky, he Suffering for many days, he moved to Texas with his parents finally succumbed to the illness, at the age of sixteen, in 1857, passing on early Sunday mornsettling in Honey Grove. For the ing. All of his children, and their

of a cowboy, and in 1861 at the Funeral services were held at news of the Civil War, enlisted the home in the afternoon, fol-May 1st. Serving on the Texas lowed by a most fitting burial frontier, he aided in driving the service under the auspices of the Comanche and Kiowa Indians in- Masonic Lodge of Pecos. His reto the Indian Nation. He then mains were interred at the Fairenlisted as a confederate soldier, view cemetery .- Pecos Enter-

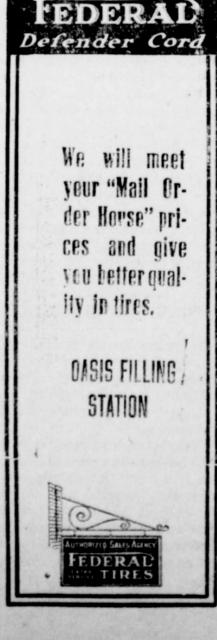
## ODIST S. S. NEXT SUNDAY

500 is the goal. Will you be Lousiana under General Polig- one of the 500? Surely you will nacs Brigade of historical celeb- if you are a member of the rity. Here he went through the Methodist Sunday School, young ninety day battle of Red River or old. If you have visitors, bring

The Baraca and Philathea classes are sponsoring this camtf Hill, Yellow Bayou, Alexander, had small tags printed bearing ferred to Texas, and was in the and have been giving them out last battle of the war which was to members and friends who will at Sabine Pass, under General come next Sunday. If you have Jones & Lackey. Magruder. At Richmond, Texas, accepted one of these tags you he was honorably-discharged, have said that you will be there After the war he attended the Then be sure to come. If you did the flu.

College, and also rode on the an example for the entire Try a Classified Ad in the Mail. ket. church. The old belief that the Sunday school is for children He then decided to take up only has practically vanished, as

L. W. Cox, Supt.



## DIVERSIFY

The difference between SAFE farming and UNSAFE farming is the difference between SUCCESS and FAILURE

## - SAFETY -

Should be the first consideration of every banking institution. This bank is opposed to the one crop idea as a matter of safety for itself and the territory that it serves.

THE OLD RELIABLE

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

#### CUT PRICES ON BARBER WORK

and Mackatosh. He then trans- the words "I am one of 500," bobs, now 25 cents. We will give send you a nice box of Mothers' you the same class of work as Day Candy." Call in and place

by that action. Did you get one? about again after a tussle with window this week. West Co. 1t

ed in Texas, known as McKenzie These young people have set Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar-

-MOTHER-

"I will not forget you on All hair cuts, except shingle Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will before. Petty & Buford and your order now for Mothers' day 1t Candy. Hamm Drug Co.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey is up and Chevrolet Owners! See our



## The Balloon Tire Of Capdom!

NOT a draw, pinch or pucker anywhere. Just balloon-tired cap-comfort all the way round!

No breaking in. Just snug up the little concealed buckle and strap-like your trousers belt-and there you are! And style! ... Man, you should see the new Sure-Fits we're showing right now!

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

ENGINEERS DAM RIVER TO GET GREAT FLOOD SCENE IN MOVIE FILM

Damming a large river was one of the successful engineering feats accomplished by Reginald Barker for scenes in "When the Door Opened," a William Fox screen version of James Oliver Curwood's thrilling novel of the Canadian woods, now at the Cozy Theatre for Friday and Saturday.

"When the Door Opened" has a cast of stellar players including Walter McGrail, Jacqueline Logan, Robert Cain, Margaret Livingston, Frank Keenan and Walter Chung in prominent

perched for big scenes, usually jam Fox schedule. made of slight, serviceable matrenched in a rugged floor high ket. enough to obtain the best cam-

of the surging torrent. Walter McGrail, Jacqueline Logan and Robert Cain, three Nice fresh roasted beef every principal players in the mighty day at Baker & Wheeler's Mardrama, were utterly exhausted ket. after working feverishly for many hours while the water "I will not forget you on While innumerable difficulties or, cast and technical staff, the entire company decided the or- Candy. Hamm Drug Co. / both from a physical and finan- Auto replacement parts for er April fool jokes were played cial standpoint, when the shots Fords, Chevrolets and Dodges- on the guests. Bridge was the nary scenes were flashed on the Department.

#### THE WINNERS --

1st. prize, Mr. Seth Morgan, Rt. 3, guess, 1365 2nd. " Mr. Stanton Johnson, City 1350 Mrs. J. E. Richardson 1350 Correct number of 200 Green Stamps on Dress 1358

Sunday Is Easter. Come in and Dress yourself up

## BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY

screen in the studio projection

The spectacular flood scenes In "When the Door Opened," in the story required the use of Reginald Barker, recently signmillions of gallons of water. In ed by William Fox to a long term fact, enough water was needed contract, contributes one of the to tear a specially constructed best pictures of his highly succastle "set," erected on the river cessful career. The noted directbanks, from its foundation. To or's thorough knowledge of the do this a corps of construction Canadian Northwest, the locale engineers, following the plan for- of the absorbing Curwood story, mulated by Director Barker, and his general experience in spent weeks harnessing the wat- filming outdoor dramas combined to make his first William Fox the World, by Ruby Faye Golla- his farm and actually produces The platform on which the production one of the most en- day. cameraman and director were tertaining released on the Will-

terial, in this instance was built | Nice fresh roasted beef every by Fannie Belle Boaz. of heavy timbers firmly en- day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar- Part 6, God gives play a place, who have, at his direction or

withstand the terrific onslaught tire locks for 1926 model Fords. vitation is extended to all visit-West Company.

#### -MOTHER-

was at the height of its power. Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' were encountered by the direct- Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' day were given fancy clown caps to

of the dramatic and extraordi- get them at West's Accessory interesting diversion of the af-

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Group No. 1. Subject: Devotional meeting, "Life's Great Occupations."

Leader, Mrs. Warren Smith. Introduction by leader.

Part 1, Lessons from the Angels, by Gladys Deutschman.

Part 2, God wants us to work, by Floyd Dowell. Part 3, The Greatest Thing in

Part 4. Religion valuable in this life, Bill Haynes.

tf in life, by Vennie Heizer. All B.Y.P.U. members are urgera shots, yet sturdy enough to Dash lamps, fender braces and ed to be present and a cordial in- Intermediate League Program

#### Idlewise Club

the members of the Idlewise Club Case. day with a unique April Fool the league, Maybelle Ligon. party. Guests were greeted by 3. What the League has meant the hostess asthey entered, and to me, O. B. Boden. tf wear during the afternoon, Much merriment prevailed when clev- Benediction. 1t ternoon. The April Fool idea was carried out in the clown motif in the place cards and table appointments. A delicious refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, coffee, olives and osgood pie a la mode was served at the tea hour. Club members and guests present were: Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Louise Douthit, Vinnie Heizer, Evelyn Namm, Mesdames Earl Baze, Sie Branton, Bill Brown, Warren Smith, 'Bill Haynes, Jack Durham, Sie Hamm, Emmette Grimes and the hostess.

#### HIGH STANDARDS MAIN-TAINED BY FIRESTONE

Nowhere is more care taken to turn out a finished manufactured product of the highest standard and one that is free from all defects than in the Firestone tire factories at Akron, Ohio, according to Jas. H. West of West Company, Merkel Firestone dealers.

"Not only are carefully skilled workmen employed," the dealer said, "and the best quality materials used, but the tires are rigidly inspected through every manufacturing process to insure a finished product that meets the most exacting standards.

"Chomists and engineers carefully analyze the materials that go into each Firestone tire. The rubber is tested for the qualities of abrasion, adhesion, elasticity, toughness and tension. The cord fabric is tested for the breaking point, imperfections and weight. Only material that meets the most rigid tests is accepted.

"Through every stage of manufacture, from the construction of the bead to the application of the trademark, inspectors with years of experience examine every one of the millions of Fire-

stone tires produced annually. "In the completely equipped Firestone laboratories, the tires are subjected to severe tests. They are operated on special machines which duplicate as nearly as possible actual service con-

FREE TRIP FOR FARMERS linto ACCO bales. TO BANQUET AT DALLAS

age of those farmers who have two days during the Annual Conest growers of ACCO bales. marketed their cotton in ACCO vention of the Texas Cotton In a forthcoming issue we will ned the greatest number of AC the evening of April 8th. All ginned by each of them. CO bales during the cotton season of 1925-26. One of them being a "dirt farmer" who lives on his own cotton. The other being a farmer or "landlord" who does not actually live on his farm or Part 5, A Trinity of Essentials lands, but whose cotton was produced all or in part by tenants otherwise, ginned their cotton

Song No. 46. Scripture: John 14:2-5. Prayer Violin solo, Lynn McSpadden. Announcements and offering. tf Miss Lucy Tracy entertained 1. Why I come to league, Milton

at her home on Oak street Tues- 2. How I may help build up

Prayer: 23rd Psalm.

Song, "In the garden".



Efficient asisthe Hoover youknow; great as are the things it has accomplished, there is, today, a Hoover that will remove from your rugs more than twice as much dirt in the same cleaning time-



### The Greater HOOVER

For the first time in electric cleaner history, "Positive Agitation" has been obtained! Homecleaning methods will be revolutionized! A far higher standard of cleanliness can now be set! The Greater Hoover makes this possible.

See this new Hoover today! If you can't get in to our store, phone us and we'll gladly clean one of your rugs, free. Same Easy Terms!

## WEST TEXAS

traveling and hotel expenses incurred by these two farmers on the trip will be defrayed by Anderson, Clayton & Co.

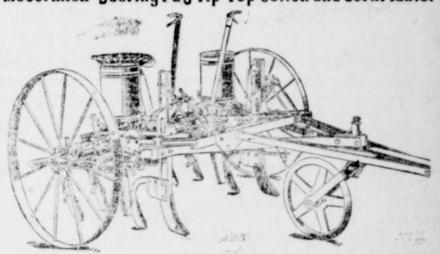
In this manner it is our desire to recognize and establish a mutual relationship between us and the largest individual growers of ACCO bales.

Each year more farmers realize the advantage of the ACCO bale, and the number of farmers who have their cotton ginned into ACCO bales increases each

We have requested information from every ACCO bale ginner concerning the two farmers, as mentioned above, ginning the largest number of ACCO bales These two farmers will be ask- at his gin, and due notice will be ed to be the guests of Anderson, given to the two farmers whom In appreciation of the patron- Clayton & Co., at Dallas for the reports show have been the larg-

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COMPERE ITEMS By Alma Stout

ing at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon. Sunday morning and night.

we have been having, but not the Chapel Sunday night.

night with Mr. Allred and fam- Hobbs.

spent Sunday with Mrs. Elling- Mr Raymond Stout and E. C. thirty took a leading part in the so on and so forth until the case ton and family in the Warren Tarvin visited Mr. Howard Tar- formation of the Constitution of is lost sight of in the welter of

Floy McKinney Sunday after- children spent Tuesday night treasury. Thomas Jefferson was be the unexpected if any consid-

below.

and below.

\* in this community Friday night. maturity at about twenty-seven, subsequent to this epidemic of

Every one enjoyed the rains ton attended preaching at Zion a good many men who gained will likely be allowed to delay

Rev. Bryant spent Sunday urday night with Mr. Jasper was famous at 26, master of be almost endless delay in the

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family week with her son at Noodle. thirty. Alexander Hamilton at and verdicts will be reversed and

vin a while Tuesday night. Miss Alice Allred visited Miss Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas and came the first secretary of the in the due course of time. It will

Mr. Childers and family and There will be singing at the the Declaration of Independence, crop of murderers pays any se-Bro. Bryant took dinner with Presbyterian church next Sun- General Custer, General Hood, vere penalty. Mr. Edd Spurgin and family on day night. A cordial invitation General Stonewall Jackson, and is extended to every one to come many other figures of the war Renew your subscription to

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sons more than forty, but to the annoyance. twenty-year old it seems like ad- Though nothing like as specvanced age. Man reaches his full tacularly so, the developments

The Merkel Mail twenties and thirties. The greatest of all men was only 33 when

young: it is an asset, and we do believe the people of Texas will so construe.—Abilene Reporter.

#### A MURDER ORGY

From the Nashville Banner:

This country has been witnesskel. Texas as second class mail. ing a veritable orgy of murder and other crimes of violence during the past few days. Accustomed as the American public is to The accusation of youth which crimes of the most revolting sort is being rather assiduously press it has been shocked by the freeed against Dan Moody by former quency and horror of the slay-Governor James E. Ferguson is ings of the last week or so. One scarcely worth notice, but since of the most appalling features it is about the most serious of the whole business is the cascharge yet brought against the ual matter-of-fact manner in attorney general it might be well which so many of these recent to call attention to the fact that killings have been carried out. being youthful is not a crime. Murder is horrible enough when Mr. Moody is thirty-three committeed under the strain proyears old. In 1924 when he was duced by the most sudden and elected attorney general he was aggravated offense. It is imonly thirty-one, yet Mr. Fergu- measurably worse when it comes son supported him for that of- after long reflection and is done fice and raised no objection to in cold blood and a calculating fashion to serve as a release Thirty-three is youth to per- from some more or less minor

\* Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas visit- if experts are to be believed. | murders will be even more de-A good many attended preach- ed at Mrs. Ben Adkins a while If 33 is youth, and if youth pressing by which to judge the cannot be trusted, then the future. The men and women who Misses Willie and Rose Elling- world has misplaced its trust in have done these fearful crimes distinction. Alexander conquered trial and postpone a verdict in Mr. Raymond Stout spent Sat-the world at thirty. Napoleon every imaginable way. There will France at 29 and dictator of selection of juries, lawyers will Mrs. R R. Spurgin spent last Europe when scarcely more than quibble over fine technical points the United States, and at 32 be- new ones which will come forth with Mr. Ben Adkins and family. only thirty-three when he wrote erable percentage of the present

Mr. Cora Camp was a visitor and help out in the singing. of the 60's were men in their the Merkel Mail before it expires

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CROSS ROADS ITEMS

very good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham took ited relatives Sunday. Joiner last Sunday.

Dee Teaff Sunday.

ed Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Malone and Monday.

Miss Lula Rister visited Mrs. A TALK WITH MERKEL MAN Ted Bigham Sunday.

Hudson, M G King and family took dinner with Mrs. Ruthie Bigham Sunday.

visited her parents Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. G H. Bryant vis- Merkel. ited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West Jim Meek, prop. of blacksmith

Sunday.

L, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West to get up several times at night and son, Jack, visited Mr. and and the secretions were painful Mrs. M. G. King Monday.

ing at Tye Sunday night, and Doan's Pills from the Hamm there was a large crowd out. The B.Y.PU. program was neys up fine."

with Miss Etha Ely Sunday.

Ethel King took supper with Health of the community is Lorene England Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore vis-

dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mrs. Ruthie Bigham visited her daughter, Mrs. Arch Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. T J. Amason Sunday afternoon.

took dinned with Mr. and Mrs. Mr. T. J. Amason's sister, Mrs. Clayton, from Wichita Falls Mr. and Mrs. L. W York visit- visited him last Sunday night

Bro. Sibley, Foy King, Cowan Mr. Mock Tells Something of Interest to Merkel Folks.

There's nothing more convinc-Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham ing than the statement of someone you know and have confi-Mr. and Mrs. G W. Teaff vis- dence in. That's why this talk ited Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Teaff with Mr. Meek of N. Front street should be mighty helpful here in

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WARREN NEWS By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all glad to

see the rain which has fallen. Health of this community is not very good at present.

Mr. Tom Harvell, and grandthe sick list this week.

Patterson.

Mr. nad Mrs. Emmette Pat- nesday. terson spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch of the Hodges community.

Those who visited at Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington's Sunday were Bro. R. H. Williams and wife and daughter of Abilene, Mrs. N. E. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. is good at present. John Hobbs and family, Mrs. The farmers are all hoping to Myrtle Kelso and little daughter, see some pretty weather so as to violation thereof. Margaret, Grandma Hobbs, Ella start planting their grain. Hobbs, Hall and Bob Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse of state bank legislation are for in-Tarvin, and George Howard Tar- Cormick Sunday.

spent Saturday night with Mrs. Harris Sunday.

last week end with Mr. and Mrs. night and Sunday. Arthur McCov.

Rose and Cordie Ellington, Ella Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Jasper Hobbs, E. C. and Mrs. Carl Thomas visited Tarvin, Raymond Stout and Hall Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones Sun-Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. How-day evening.

\* | ard Tarvin a while Sunday after-

Mrs. N. E. Horn is spending a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. R. H. Williams of Abilene.

Mr. E. H. Jones, Vela and Vera Jones visited in Anson Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy ma and grandpa Turner are on spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Mr. Therman McCoy spent Grandma and Grandpa Patterlast week-end with Mr. Comer son visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Patterson Wed-

> WARREN NOTES By Vera Jones

The health of the community

Raymond Stout, A. C. and Arl visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mc- creasing the compensation of the bank

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris vis-

Miss Willie Newman spent Helen McCormick Saturday

Misses Alice Hobbs, Willie, visited Mr. Ottis Jaynes Sunday.

Find That Movement for State Guaranty of Bank Has Gone Into Eclipse.

New York .- A survey of state banking laws conducted by the State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association shows marked progress toward greater uniformity and more efthe division, in a statement giving the results of the investigation. He says that the movement for state guaranty into eclipse.

office of bank commissioner be freed from politics and all other functions of state government and tenure be made more secure with sufficient compensation and discretion to attract portant bank legislation in many ing is the assigned characters: states. Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon modern banking codes, while Texas and Montana have new codes in prep-

Uniformity Among State Laws

ally agreed there should be a high de Beene. Lady Stutfield, Mary gree of uniformity among the states Alice Johnson. Mrs. Comper in laws dealing with certain fundamental principles of bank organization, regulation and supervision, and that there is a strong tendency in this Windemere, Lewis Giles. Lord ry a poet." direction. We find a very definite Darlington, Weldon Wells. Lord trend toward increasing the minimum Agustus Larton, A. J. Tucker. capital requirements of banks to \$25,- Mr. Cecil Graham, Clarence Wal-000; creation of banking boards to act don. Mr. Dumby, Joe Ben Ashin an advisory capacity with the state by. Mr. Hopper, Lernon Chaney, bank commissioner, and legislation Parker, the butler, Ernest Spurtake complete charge of insolvent gin. banks and to liquidate them as distinguished from liquidation through

"We find also a trend toward legislation providing for closer supervision and regulation of building and loan associations; more equitable taxation of bank stock; legislation providing for merger, conversion or consolidation of banking institutions; the legalizing he taken anything for it yet?" and regulating of what is known as 'departmental banking'; broadening the field for investment of funds of saving banks and trust companies, and increasing the power of the bank commissioner as to granting or denying charters for new banks, and authorizing his making reasonable rules and regulations governing bank management and prescribing penalties for the

"Additional general characteristics commissioner and lengthening his term of office of four, five or six years, with power to appoint necessary depu-Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy ited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. ties and examiners; legislation providing for the reduction of mandatory Miss Vera Jones visited Miss bank calls to three and reducing the number of examinations required by law annually to one; making issuance of worthless checks a misdemeanor; Messrs. Oddie and R. V. Jones limiting or prohibiting an officer or director of a bank borrowing from his bank unless his collateral is approved by a majority of the board of directors, and limiting or prohibiting the opening of branch banks.

Eclipse of Guaranty Movement "The question of state guaranty of

bank deposits appears this year to have passed into an eclipse, so far as the extension of the idea is concerned, notwithstanding the fact that state guaranty laws were recommended by the governors of two states, and bills were introduced in several of the states, all of which were defeated. The general tendency, so far as state guaranty of deposits laws are concerned, is distinctly the other way, the indications being that several states now having guaranty laws are trying to free themselves from this legislation. Oklahoma has abandoned the plan of state guaranty of deposits, and this year the South Dakota legislature has repealed the state guaranty law and has referred the repeal to the people at the next general election for ratification."

#### BANKERS RAISE FUND OF \$500,000 FOR EDUCATION

A fund of \$500,000 to endow scholarships and research in economics in American colleges was recently established by the American Bankers Association in celebration of its Golden Anniversary. The intention of the Foundation is to promote education in the direction of sounder general economic understanding. Half the total sum represents subscriptions by the American Bankers Association, the American Institute of Banking and individual bankers, and the other half quotas assigned to bankers in each state. The Association gave \$50,000 from its reserve funds, and the American Institute of Banking, through individual subscriptions from its members, who are chiefly clerks in the banks, subscribed \$25,000. Numerous subscriptions of \$5,000. \$2,500 and \$1,-000 each were made by individual bankers in all parts of the country.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES By Lewis Giles

Monday began the eighth month of school, and with the exception of a few all students are passing, or "getting by" which is the same thing. A paper was passed around and signed by most of the Juniors and Seniors the first of the week. In this official document members of both classes agreed to play truant April the first, but ficient bank supervision, it is declared due to the serious objection of by Frank W. Simmonds, in charge of Mr. Summerhill, the project was dropped and the classes were in school as usual on "April fool."

The district meet will be held at Abilene April the sixteenth "The division has urged that the and Merkel will be represented in all track events.

Work has begun on the Senior play which is to be presented at the Cozy Theatre May the 20th. men of outstanding ability," Mr. Sim- We are exceedingly fortunate in monds says. "Gratifying progress has securing a Collins classic, "Lady been made during the past year in im- Windermere's Fau." The follow-

Lady Windermere, Eva Mae Johnson. The Dutchess of Burwick, Stell Ledger. Lady Agatha, Godie Richie. Mrs. Erlynne, Lola Dennis. Lady Plyndale, Sallie "The survey shows that it is gener. Brown. Lady Jedburgh, Juanita Cowper, Mary Hutcheson. Rosia

-Jokes-

It has been discovered that Miss Stell Ledger rolls her hair up on rags. -M.H.S.-

Mr. Jackson: "Mr. Summerhill no vacuum to clean." has blue blood in his veins." Miss Booth: "Poor man! Has

-M.H.S.-Fannie Belle: "I showed father

the poems you sent me." Weldon: "What did he say?" JONES DRY GOODS

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Fannie Belle: "He said he was Lee, Jimmy Reece West. Lord sure glad I wasn't going to mar-

> -M.H.S.-Wade: "Aren't you nearly

ready?"

Miss Gilbreath: "I wish you'd

quit asking that question. "I've been telling you the last hour I would be ready in a minute." -M.H.S.-

vacuum cleaner?" Miss Durham: "No, we have

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#### SYNOPSIS

WNU Service

CHAPTER I.—Fishing, in idle fashion, from a private dock, Dick Van Ness watches a ship, the Pelican, which he recognizes as the Beacon, his father's yacht before his death and financial reverses forced him to part with it. I man whom he hears a girl who accompanies him address as Mr. Blake, lands from the yacht. The girl drops her handbag in the stream, and Dick recovers it. Thanking him, she gives him her visiting card. She is Alice Cutler, niece of Stephen Cutler, successful business rival of the elder Van Ness. CHAPTER I .- Fishing, in idle fash-

CHAPTER II.—Dick overhears a conversation between Blake and Captain Brent of the Pelican which gives him the impression that the yacht is bound

CHAPTER III.—Acting on impulse.
Dick, footloose and ready for any sort of adventure, remembers a hiding place in the main cabin of the yacht and determines to conceal himself, and actions. termines to conceal himself and sailast stowaway—with the party. Stephen Cutler, invalid, comes aboard, with him niece, and the ship sails.

CHAPTER VI.—Floating on a life-aft, a sailor is assisted to the shore y Van Ness. He asserts he is one of he crew of the Pelican, which is on a the crew of the Pelican, which is on a reef, fast breaking up, and that he volunteered to swim ashore and seek aid. Neither to Dick nor Alice, who hears the man's story, does it ring true, and Dick is more than ever convinced that some plot, engineered by Blake and involving Stephen Cutler, is afoot,

CHAPTER VII.—Exploring the island. Dick discovers a wireless apparatus from which messages are being sent and received. They are in code and he can make nothing of them, though he is convinced Blake is communicating with the yacht. Continuing his invegigations, Van Ness is surprised and knocked senseless by McGee, the sailor whom he had helped ashore. The fellow leaves Dick bound and helpless, in a cave, while he goes to inform Blake of Dick's presence, and his captivity.

Brent's mate was in charge directions to the men. Dick walked up to him

"Hello, Barnett, you still sailing on the old Beacon?" he greeted

The mate, a young man, swung around in astonishment, stared stuthen with a gleam of recognition in his gray eyes smiled and touched his

"How do you do, Mr. Van Ness! How'd you get down here?"

"Came down with you in the yacht." Young Barnett stared incredulously. Dick turned his head, and began greeting the other members of the crew familiarly.

"Well, if there isn't old Brenn! Haven't you retired yet, you old saltwater horse? Hello, Jurgins! How's that rheumatic knee? Suffering cats, you're spryer than ever! Hello, Billy,

The whole crew began nodding or waving to him, some crowding around and shaking hands with him

"This is like old times," Dick added. a little affected by the greetings. "Dad's whole crew, except Captain Johnston. Where's he?"

"I dunno, Mr. Van Ness," replied Jurgins. "He was relieved of duty a month ago. It was a sad day for the rest of us when he left. 'Tain't like it used to be."

"No, Brent isn't Captain Johnston." Alice Cutler stood in the background, completely mystified and puzzled at first, but she was bright enough to connect the name they used with the former owner of the yacht This and the information Dick had given her concerning the secret compartment on the yacht brought final complete enlightenment. She smiled.

"You seem to knew uncle's crew better than I do," she broke in. "You might introduce me, Mr. Van Ness."

Dick smiled and looked foolish. There was no further need of concealing his identity, but there was necessity of acting quickly before Brent returned.

"They all know you, Miss Alice," he replied hastily, "and respect you." "Aye! Aye, sir!" responded the

men, touching their caps. Dick watched them a moment in silence. Then his face became suddenly grave and severe. "Barnett, I want you and the others to listen attentively to me," he began. "You're up against a hard proposition. You've got to choose between your captain and your employer. Mr. Cutler is up at the house unconscious, suffering from a poisonous drug that Doctor Alster gave him. Mr. Blake, who plotted the whole thing against his employer, is cooling himself in a cave on the island where I put him-along with McGee, who left the yacht a few days ago. He swam to the island and reported the yacht wrecked on the shoals, with her wireless dismantled. I leave it to you whether it was."

The men frowned and stared in

"Miss Cutler here will back up all my statements." Dick continued. "We're both working in the interests of Mr. Cutter, who is temporarily unable to speak to binnels. Captain ; Brent is in league with Blats === 1

octor Alster to keep your employer one of them." ere unconscious until they can play heir game. So far as I know they ntended to let him die finally."

He turned to the girl at his side. mele, who owns this yacht and island, ives me the right to speak for her. o you not, Miss Alice?"

"Yes, yes," she replied hastily. Everything he says is true."

"Then," resumed Dick, smiling at he crew, "I want volunteers to help s. Wait a minute," he added, frownng, "let's do the thing lawfully. We on't want any of you to be charged ith mutiny. We're on land, and not on the high seas. Therefore, the ownor his representative, can disharge any member of the crew or the flicers."

Alice Cutler smiled, and catching er cue spoke quietly. "Brent is no onger captain of this yacht," she said. I discharge him, and appoint in his The same of the same of the same of

She looked at Dick, who shook his ead, and whispered, "Barnett. I'll o as his mate."

Alice nodded. "Mr. Barnett, I apoint you captain. Will you take the

"Certainly, Miss Cutler," was the rompt answer. "Mr. Van Ness was long time getting it out, and I made ip my mind long before he got through where I stood. You can count on me n any little mixup with Captain rent." Brent."

#### CHAPTER XIV

MATERIAL STORES Although Barnett, as the newly apointed cuptain of the Pelican, was ominally in command, Dick assumed harge and began active preparations or meeting the enemy. The yacht as ransacked for firearms, and with every member of the crew armed with ome sort of weapon he divided his en into two squads. Captain Barnett was left in charge

the yacht while Dick led half the ew up to the house. Alice accomapled him, although he sought to is." she gave as an excuse.

able to combat this argument a permitted ber to trail in the rear. ithout ceremony he burst into the ont door, and then more cautiously ade his way up to the sick chamber. lowed by his men.

Marie, white of face and trembling clently, met him at the doorway. h, it's you!" she cried in relief. was afraid it was that horrid capn again!"

Where is Captain Brent?"

with Doctor Alster."

don't know, but they said som a about Mr. Blake and a cave,

thek swung around before she finsuch He kept six steps ahead of men in descending the There was a possible chance f heading Brent off before he reached he cave to release the prisoners, and se made a hasty flight in that direc-

But there was no sign of the enemy n the way, and when he reached the rance to the cave he heard voices low that convinced him he was too Brent and Alster were down there with Blake and McGee.

Stationing his men in strategic positions Dick approached the entrance "Brent, we know you're armed." he illed, "but neither Blake nor McGee as a gun. I saw to that. There are six of us up here, and every one's prepared to shoot the first head that lows up. Miss Cutler's discharged ou, and appointed Barnett as skipper. m his first mate. Therefore, this i't mutiny. The crew is following e orders of their captain. Now, will on come up peacably and surrender.

is it fight?" The answer came rather unexpect dly and violently. There was as plosion below, and a bullet flattened tself on the rock near Dick.

"Planks for the answer, Brent," as the retort. "We can now conder hostilities opened. Look out!" He fired at something that showed lite in the dim light of the cave. here was a grean, and the object sappeared from sight.

"Close in, men," Dick said coolly. but don't expose yourselves. Shoot anything you see."

Intermittent volleys followed, and bullets rattled down the cave, with away. u occasional shot from below. Reazing the men below had the advanage of light, Dick again cautioned is men not to expose themselves. But one advantage was in their far. They surrounded the mouth of

heir number the guns of the others oald be trained on him.

The noise of the shooting soon heir quarry imprisoned in the cave iere was no need of keeping more an a corporal's guard aboard the Their shots soon began to ! ell, for the explosions from below be sibility of capturing and holding them ime less and less frequent. A moan ccasionally reached their ears. At ders. On the warship, where the pris-

The problem of getting the men out of the cave was a serious one. With night coming on the difficulty of points. watching and guarding the place would increase. In the course of time his position of trust and confidence. they would be starved out, but that as Mr. Cutler's private secretary, to might require days and days.

"It's only a question of time before we get them," Dick said to Captain of questionable reputation as a con-Barnett when they withdrew to consider the situation. "There's no fun in starving them out. We ought to find some quick plan for settling it." "I could go down there," volun-

cered the young stripper, "and get

"And get killed yourself," smiled Dick. "No, Barnett, I won't permit that."

"You forget I'm captain and you're Miss Cutler, in the name of her mate," laughed the other. "You take orders from me, and not give them." "Well, if you want a small-sized mutiny on your hands, captain, you try to go down there."

"Suppose I order you to go down?" obey," he replied.

Barnett chuckled. "I believe you

Jurgins, who was crouching behind a rock, with one eye on the cave's



Oh, Dick, I Almost Wished Wasn't Coming." TO ENTER HE STATE

atrance, suddenly raised his head. ind pointed. "Miss Cutler looks exand the same of th Dick and Barnett whirled around. ipping hurriedly over the rocks. ith her hair and skirts whipping the and like flags, Alice Cutler came, aving them in what Dick thought anxiety and fear. He started toard her on a run

"Dick! Dick!" she called. "On, cless better and a ship's coming!" With this double information out. he stopped, and panting for breath. afted for him to reach her side. "Isn't it good news, Dick?" she

exed, smiling into his face, "Uncle's conscious, and begins to remember things. Oh, I'm sure he'll get better!" "I'm glad of that, Miss Alice. Bat got said something about a ship."

"Yes, I forgot. It's nearly here steaming at full speed. And do you know, Dick. I think it's a navy vessel -a revenue entrer or torpedo boat! I on't know which. Anyway, it's pot guns on it, and it looks awfully flerce and warlike.'

"Where is it?" he demanded; and whirling her around he made her lead him back to the top of the clift.

There, in plain sight, heading for the island under forced draft, was a scrappy-looking torpedo boat, her deck ilned with bluejackets.

Dick smiled. "I guess the Pelican wasn't the only one that picked up my S. O. S. She certainly acts as if she was in a hurry.'

The girl by his side suddenly turned grave, and said the most inexplicable thing, "Oh, Dick, I almost wished it wasn't coming. It was going to be so nice on the island without-without-Now, I suppose there'll be a crowd!"

He looked at her waveringly, queer sensations at his heart, strange lights daneing before his eyes. Like a man seized with vertigo he staggered toward her, caught one of her hands in his, and opened his mouth to speak ; but Captain Barnett at that moment appeared, a pair of binoculars in his

"As sure as you're born, Mr. Van Ness," he said, "it's a warship. That's good news.

"Of course it is," muttered Dick in disgust. "Anybody could see with his naked eyes it wasn't a scow or

Barnett lowered his glasses, and stared at him in amazement. Then he turned to Alice, and seeing her flushed face, he grunted and walked

#### CHAPTER XV

The torpedo boat Sprite had picked up Dick's wireless at sea, and hurried to the island; but the Pelican was he cave on all sides, and while the ten miles nearer and beat her by a enemy was taking a shot at one of small margin of time. The arrival of the warship completely demoralized Captain Brent and his confederates. After a threat of the commander to ought others from the yacht. With blow up the cave with a depth bomb they surrendered and sulkily permitted themselves to be taken pris-

Dick was not sorry that the responwas transferred to another's shouleast one of the gang had been hit, oners were put through a separate and collective grilling, he tearned details of the plot that cleared up many

Mr. Blake had taken advantage of manipulate the stock market for his own benefit, using a brokerage firm federate. Knowing that the enforced absence of Steve Cutler would create a panic in the stocks supported by him, he had planned skilfully to bring

about this situation. Through the suggestion of Doctor

Alster, he administered a drug that slowly weakened the old man's health, gradually breaking down his iron will until he was apathetic and indifferent. He became alternately peevish and irritable, followed by long perieds of gloomy depression. His own family physician was unable to diagnose his case.

By working on his employer's mind when in this weakened condi-Dick shrugged his shoulders. "I'd tion Blake won the power to speak and act for him in many important matters. He had Captain Johnston dismissed, and Brent installed in his place. Then in one of his periods of dejection he prevailed upon Cutler to accept a temporary change of physi-

> After that the success of the plot was assured. Doctor Alster kept his patient weak and mentally depressed until it was time to spring their coup. Captain Brent had been to Valhalla to install the secret wireless plant in the cave, and when he returned arrangements were completed for the second step in the scheme.

Doctor Alster had warned Cutler that a period of absolute rest was essential, and he recommended a trip to Valhalla. Alice had unwittingly fatlen into their plans, and when she added her persuasions to that of the others, the old man had grumblingly yielded.

All preparations for the trip had been left to Blake. His pretense of sending the servants down ahead to open the big house was in keeping with the rest of his underhanded knavery. When the yacht arrived, and it was found that no servants were on the island, he appeared to plausible excuse of sending the yacht by Miss Cutter until her suspicions his double dealing were aroused by Dick. The Market Strange of The Comment

The Pelican had merely steamed of o Marsh inlet, where it was in communication with the island, and aiso with a shore wireless station. Blake's messages to his brokers were thus relayed to the shore, and answers rerelyed vid the yacht's wireless in the me way.

The man's original idea had been raced to him. But two factors de price." cloped that upset his plans. On was his growing passion for Alice Cuter, which, when he had her in his nower on the island, developed into a madness that caused him to overreach himself.

He had made love to Marie for purely selfish purposes, using her as an instrument for furthering his ends, but when she became obnoxious and treatening he took the first oppor- For a moment he was quiet and and forgetting all his objections in the tunity to rid himself of her. In a dreamily thoughtful. Suddenly he bits of the moment. moment of rage and passion he had laughed good-naturedly, and shrugged pushed her over the cliff to what

seemed certain destruction.

The other factor that had conflicted with his interests was the obstingey of the stock market to move just as he wanted it. At first it was violently depressed by all sorts of rumors con- man, you don't know me. I could cerning the health and even death of buy-buy-" Steve Cutler, but after that it had reacted and recovered some of ita

his private safe and deposit vaults foot the bills." and placed where he could get them easily. His brokers had called by bills!" roared the old man, as Dick wireless for more and more margins moved to the door. "What does he until tens of thousands of dollars' mean, Alice?" he flung at his niece. worth of Steve Cutler's securities had been turned over to them. Blake was not only a ruined man, but a thief and absconder, unless the market turned so he could recoup his losses and replace the stocks and bonds before his employer returned.

The scheme had been blasted by Dick, who from the first had appeared as the man's Nemesis, accidentally and then intentionally crossing his path at every important turn to checkmate him, was supported to the same

Steve Cutler had come out of his just as Captain Brent appeared. Aftboat took him in hand, and before the with an arm. warship was ready to sail with her prisoners the old man, though weak, was mentally nearly normal.

Alice explained in detail what had be more perturbed than any one. His was summoned to Cutters be more perturbed than any one. His was summoned to Cutters be more perturbed than any one. The old man looked pale, but grim and wish he would—I mean leave it in a fighting mood. He nodded as

"Well, sir, you're a chip of the old horns on the Street. I'm glad to meet | want to jilt me. THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON OF T

ply. "New, sir," continued the money I wish there wasn't such a difference magnate, "what can I do for you? I in-Why, I'm a fallure, dear, a total

hne," he replied coolly. "Eh? What's that! Repeat it!"

"I haven't any price, sir! I didn't the same." "But-by gad, sir, you must have a price-every man has!"

"Then I must be the exception," he smiled. As he did so, his eyes drifted across the bed to the girl opposite. Hittle dizzlly, pressing his lips to hers

s too nigh for even you to pay. Your couldn't do it!"

"Couldn't pay it!" snorted Cutler. "You think that scoundrel's ruined me so I can't buy what I want! Young

Dick turned abruptly away. "I can't discuss it any further," he said. "I shouldn't have mentioned it. Be-To make matters worse for Blake, sides"-hesitating and looking boldhe had to protect his margins with ly from one to the other-"another; the stocks and securities of his em- would have to pay more than you, and bloyer, which he had abstracted from I shouldn't dream of asking her to

"What's that-another pay my "I-I don't know," came the stam-

mering reply, accompanied by a rich flood of carmine to her cheeks. "Don't know! Don't know!" repeated the man on the bed. "By gad. miss! I believe you're keeping some-

thing from me. If you were a man, I'd say you were lying to me." "Oh, uncle!" murmured Alice, burying her face in the pillow. . . . . . . Two days later when the Pelican

was homeward bound, Dick had the deck in the absence of Captain Barcomatose condition, partly as the re- nett. In the misty moonlight a figure sult of Doctor Alster's ministrations, wrapped in a cloak stood close to him, swaying a little each time the yacht erward the surgeon of the torpedo- lurched so that he had to support her

"You have such funny notions," Dick," she whispered. "If you really love me you'd stop talking about my money. Why, it isn't mine, anywayhappened on the island before Dick Uncle may die and leave it to char-

to charity, not die," was the gloomy

"Aren't you deliciously frank and! block!" he said. "I knew Henry Van delightful when you talk that way!" Ness when he was a boy. Henry and she laughed, hugging the arm to I grew up together, fighting our bat- which she clung. "You'd marry me-if tles in knee breeches before we locked I were poor, but because I'm rich you

"No, hot that, dear," he interrupted, Dick grasped the withered hand, holding her close. "I'll have to marry and murmured some conventional re- yen, rich or poor, 1 love you so, but owe you everything. Name your failure!" He waved his arms elodice." | The state of the control of stowaway. I can't forget that."

"Well, I'll help you to forget it," she replied, kissing him. "Now, listen: do it to be rewarded. Thank you, just I love you, and not what you've got or haven't got. I'll love you as a stowaway or failure or successful business man. That's all there is toit! What else really matters, Dick?" "Nothing, I guess," he murmured a

[THE END.]

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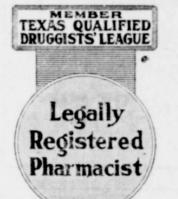
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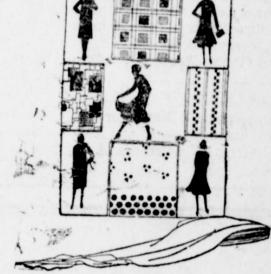
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