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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1929.

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Baker & Collins shipped a carload of hogs to Fort Worth.

Jasper McCoy shipped two cars of cattle to the Fort Worth market.

Two carloads of steers went from Patterson & McCoy to the Fort Worth market.

Declamation Try-out in Merkel Theatre

Twenty-five Merkel students are diligently working, striving to make Monday night March 18, one of the best school nights that has ever been held. The declaimers have selected some of the best patriotic poems and orations. The cast in the contest, one-act play, have interpreted their lines well and they promise a good presentation. Besides these two departments, there will be several entertaining features from the speech department. It is hoped that the Merkel people will be interested in hearing this worth-while program at 8 o'clock in the Merkel Theatre. An admission of twenty-five cents is being charged.

Mrs. Wood Improves.

A card from G. F. Wood conveys the information that Mrs. Wood was operated on in the Scott and White sanitarium at Temple Thursday, March 7. The operation was a serious one, but Mrs. Wood withstood the ordeal successfully and is well on the road to recovery. It is expected she will be able to return home the latter part of the month.

SCHOOL BOARD SAVES DISTRICT HUGE SUM

OVER 2 INCHES IS RAINFALL IN MERKEL AREA

More than two inches of rain has fallen in the Merkel area during the week according to measurements by B. M. Black, voluntary weather observer.

During Monday night 1.5 rainfall was recorded, and the steady downpour which began early Thursday morning added .62 to the precipitation up to noon Thursday.

The rain will be of incalculable benefit to this section. Small grain was badly in need of the moisture, and farmers are rejoicing over the excellent ground seasoning, which will enable them to prepare for the year's crop under the most favorable conditions. In some sections considerable plowing has already been done, but the week's rains have put a season into the ground that all farmers have been hoping for.

Stockmen are rejoicing that stock water has filled the tanks, which was becoming scarce in some localities.

The welcome rains are reported general over the state except in the far western section.

TWO NEW WELLS IN DURING WEEK

Two new producing wells were added in the Merkel field during the week. Snowden & McSweeney's No. 6 Bickley, in the west side of the Shaheen pool, made 400 barrels of pipeline oil in the first 24 hours of production, at a depth of 2,517 feet.

Marland Production company's No. 7 Mason, in the Noodle Creek pool, was completed Sunday for an estimated production of 75 barrels.

Midcontinent Oil and Gas company, Taylor No. 1, wildcat test near View, is drilling deeper. This test is now around 2600 feet, and it is reported will be drilled to 3500 feet or more in search of the deep pay sand.

Masonic District Meeting April 24

April 24 has been set as the date for the Masonic meeting to be held in Merkel under the auspices of the Masonic Service Association. It was at first announced that the meeting would be held during the month of July but a letter from Wilbur Keith, executive secretary, definitely fixed the date for April 24.

M. C. Graham, district deputy grand master, is expecting a number of prominent Masons to attend the Merkel meeting, including the grand master.

Highway Bond Issue Fails in House Vote

Austin, Texas, March 14.—The highway bond amendment proposal failed again Monday to obtain the necessary 100 votes for final passage, mustering ninety-seven when the House balloted on the measure for the fourth time. The votes against it totaled twenty-eight.

Disheartened at the result of the vote, the bond proponents expressed doubt whether an effort would be made to bring up the joint resolution again. It may not be considered until the Forty-Second Legislature if it fails to pass during this regular session.

McMurry Board Meeting.

An important meeting of the board of trustees of McMurry College, at Abilene, has been called for next Tuesday. T. G. Bragg and L. R. Thompson, Merkel members of the board, are preparing to attend.

Servants House Burns.

Fire early Wednesday morning destroyed a servants' house belonging to J. M. Dunn Sr., in the western part of town. About sixty baby chickens were burned to death.

BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PROVISIONS OF REFUNDING ACT, DISTRICT EFFECTS SAVING OF OVER \$15,000 IN INTEREST

Supt. Roger A. Burgess is in receipt of a telegram from State Supt. S. M. N. Marrs which reads as follows: "PERMISSION FOR RETIREMENT MERKEL BONDS GRANTED MARCH THIRTEENTH."

Some weeks ago Superintendent Burgess proposed to the school board that the Merkel independent school district issue refunding bonds, use these refunding bonds and the \$6300 which had accumulated in the sinking fund to retire the entire issue of 1915.

Application was made by the board to the state board of education, and the above telegram is the answer to their application.

The board will use the \$6300 accumulated in the sinking fund, and which is not bearing any interest, to retire \$6300 of the \$18,000 of bonds issued in 1915 to build the present Grammar school. The board will then issue serial bonds (one due each year for the remaining 26 years of the bonds) to the amount of \$11,700. Issuing this sort of bonds instead of the kind where the entire amount is due in a "lump sum" at the end of the 26 years, will save interest on each bond from the time it is paid off until the final due date. In other words, the board will pay off the balance just as one pays off land notes, stopping the interest on each note as it is paid. This alone will save \$7,312.50 in interest. On the \$6300 cash which the board will use to retire that amount, the district will save the interest on this amount at 5 per cent for 26 years. This total interest amounts to \$8,190. Thus the board will make a total saving in interest of \$15,502.50. At the same time the district will have its indebtedness reduced from \$18,000 to \$11,700.

Some one may ask why the school board in 1915 issued these "lump-sum" bonds instead of the serial bonds now proposed. School districts then were not permitted under the law to issue serial bonds because they were hard to market. The bonds for our new high school in 1924 were serial bonds.

Merkel Produce Co. Handles 36,720 Eggs One Business Day

One hundred and two cases, or a total of 36,720 eggs, were handled last Saturday by the Merkel Produce company, according to S. O. Nations, the local manager, which was by far the largest day of the season.

This volume is considered as indicative of the growing importance of the Merkel section as a poultry center. In recent years more attention has been given to poultry than ever before.

Randall Stockman Visitor to Merkel

Dr. J. M. Black of Canyon, Randall county, prominent stockman of that section, was a recent visitor in Merkel, having spent two days looking over the town as a guest in the home of his uncle, B. M. Black.

Dr. Black moved from Greenville to Randall county in 1890 and entered extensively into the stock business. He has witnessed many changes and hardships incident to a frontier country. Like all good Texans, he is a booster for his home section. He said he liked the Merkel country, but "prefers Randall county because of its fine schools, free air and soft water."

Mrs. Virginia Glaze.

Funeral services were held at Abilene Saturday for Mrs. Virginia Glaze, 63, wife of T. E. Glaze, conducted by Rev. Clarence Damron of Abilene and Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent. Mrs. Glaze died at her home in Abilene Saturday morning after an illness of ten days. She was a former resident of the Delk community.

Ex-Service Men's Rally.

A Taylor county-wide ex-service men's rally is to be held at Abilene Friday evening, April 12. Plans are being made by Paramore Post No. 57. John C. Wilson, commander, will appoint a committee to outline the program and perfect the details.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Contract has been let for a 40 bed sanitarium at Paducah to cost \$41,590.

J. F. Payne, 65, burned to death when fire destroyed his home at Wolfe City.

Two prisoners sawed their way to freedom from the Nolan county jail at Sweetwater.

H. G. Towle of Snyder has been confirmed for reappointment to the state optometry board.

Rotarians of the 41st district will meet at Ranger March 21 and 22, with indications of a large crowd.

Julius E. Mayo, 70, retired real estate man, was crushed to death by an elevator in a Dallas hotel.

Dewey Lawrence, Paris attorney, has been named assistant attorney general to succeed Allen Clark, resigned.

Emergency and deficiency appropriations for educational institutions were cut down by Governor Moody's veto ax from \$1,447,607 to \$251,962.

William "Dagger" Pruitt was convicted at Dallas and given the death penalty for the slaying of Wm. Mann, Dallas high school student.

Robert C. Pool, prominent business man of Amarillo, and Harold C. Dunwoody, policeman and student flier, fell to death in Pool's plane.

Governor and Mrs. Dan Moody and Dan Jr. are to be the guests of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce on a two weeks' cruise of the West Indies.

Dallas' historic Lake Cliff Casino and nine near-by buildings were destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$100,000. Nine persons were injured.

Albert Spoon of Stamford was killed and five other persons were injured when the truck on which they were riding skidded and turned over near Sagerton.

W. E. Lea of Orange was endorsed for membership on the United States shipping board in a resolution submitted to the Texas senate, signed by 28 members.

Texas University will receive \$1,000,000 for an astronomical observatory from the estate of the late Wm. J. McDonald, in litigation for the past three years.

For the second time the Texas house has rejected the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing a \$175,000,000 road bond issue. The measure was defeated on the last vote 97 to 30.

The Midland Daily Telegram and the Midland Reporter have been merged and are being issued as an afternoon and Sunday morning paper under the name of Reporter-Telegram.

Argument over possession of their children caused Henry Durbin of Rice, Texas, to shoot his wife to death and then send a bullet through his own brain. Durbin is believed fatally wounded.

Search and seizure legislation, which would have permitted the issuance of search warrants on information and belief, was killed in the Texas senate when that body voted it down 12 to 9.

Dr. W. C. Cunningham, pioneer physician living near Gainesville, was shot to death and H. M. Dawson, wealthy farmer, surrendered. Dawson's son died following serum treatment administered by the physician.

Largent is Officer Hereford Association

W. J. Largent of Merkel was elected first vice president of the Texas Hereford Association following the annual banquet at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth Tuesday night. John M. Gist of Odessa was named president. Other officers are: Walter Boothe, Sweetwater, second vice president; J. P. Osborne, Miami, Texas, third vice president; A. W. Reynolds, Albany, Texas, fourth vice president; and D. L. McDonald, Hereford, fifth vice president.

Vitaphone Picture "The Trail of '98" Moved to the Queen

On account of the picture machines being of a type not suitable for Vitaphone equipment, "The Trail of '98" is being shown at the Queen and the regular picture program is showing at the Merkel theatre for the remainder of the week.

ANNIVERSARY OF FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Judge W. W. Hair of Abilene Takes Bible as Subject For Interesting Address.

Accenting the first anniversary of the brotherhood, the February meeting of the Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church Tuesday night was in the nature of a general meeting with members and their families, as well as many friends of the church being in attendance. The address was delivered by Judge W. W. Hair of Abilene, member of the law firm of Stinson, Hair, Brooks and Duke.

Prior to the supper of sandwiches, salad and ice tea, the invocation was given by R. L. Bland, of Abilene, a former resident of Merkel. Jas. H. West presided and Harry Barnett led the singing with Miss Melba West accompanist. A special musical number was a quartet by Messrs. F. C. Hughes, Harry Barnett, Chas. H. Jones and Walter Barnett, which was heartily endorsed.

The speaker of the evening selected the Bible as his subject, giving a number of reasons for his belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures. Chief of the reasons was the wonderful preservation of the books of the Old and New Testaments on fragile parchment, covering a period of more than 3500 years, written by different men and in different periods and civilizations. The fact that the teachings of the Bible are applicable to every man in every climate proves that it has something more than human origin, he stated. He followed with many reasons why every one should believe in the divine origin of man, a creation by a power more than human. Those who do not believe should be urged to study the Bible, he said, and by this contact with its teachings and lessons would find something of benefit and instruction for their own use and would come of their own accord to a belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures.

Mr. Bland was called on and responded with a brief talk, referring to the pleasant association and friendship of this, his former home, and expressing his appreciation of the privilege of being present. Rev. T. C. Willett was called on to dismiss the meeting with a closing prayer.

Automobile Turns Over.

S. T. McLeod suffered painful wounds on the face and head, as well as body bruises when his car turned over near Trent Wednesday. One of his hands was also badly bruised. The accident occurred as Mr. McLeod was endeavoring to turn a corner, the car going into a ditch.

Ed Criswell, living north of town, is in the Merkel sanitarium, suffering from pneumonia. He is reported as doing as well as could be expected.

COMMITTEE WORK OF WEEK LEAVES \$1500 SHORTAGE

Combined Effort Will Be Made to Assure Success of Project During Coming Week; Builder is Ready When Merkel Acts.

One thousand dollars was added to the hotel bonus fund during the present week.

R. O. Anderson, chairman of the hotel committee, made this encouraging report to the Lions club Tuesday at noon, adding that \$1500 remained to be subscribed to assure for Merkel the modern 5-story hotel and hospital previously outlined.

READY RESPONSE

The hotel committee is encouraged at the ready response of those approached in behalf of the hotel project during the week. Mrs. Harrington of El Paso, who has agreed to build the hotel, furnish and operate it for a bonus of \$12,500, is waiting word from Merkel that the bonus money has been pledged. The committee is continuing its efforts toward securing the remainder of the bonus money, hoping to be able to wire Mrs. Harrington during the coming week that Merkel has fulfilled its part of the hotel agreement.

When Mrs. Harrington and her associates in the hotel project visited in Merkel two weeks ago, they stated work would begin on the hotel in three or four weeks from the time the bonus money was in hand and the necessary papers signed. If the committee meets with the success during the next few days that has been encountered during the present week, work on the new hotel structure should begin during the month of April.

OIL FIELD ROAD.

Prospects are bright for graveling the road all the way from Merkel to the oil fields, R. O. Anderson reported. The portion of the road not now gravelled is in Jones county, and negotiations are now pending which will provide a gravel road all the way from Merkel to the center of the oil area.

By way of amusement, the Lions club did everything "backward" at their Tuesday meeting. Order of business was completely reversed. Dessert was served first, and the invocation, pronounced by Rev. Ira L. Parack, came last.

A piano number by Mrs. E. Yates Brown, entitled "Texas," one of the favorites in the Lions book of songs, was a much enjoyed entertainment feature.

Sterling Sheppard Doing Fine Following Serious Operation

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard returned Tuesday afternoon from Dallas, where they had gone to be at the bedside of their son, Sterling Sheppard, who underwent a serious nose and throat operation at Baylor hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard spent several days in Dallas, remaining until Sterling was able to be dismissed from the hospital. At last reports, he was doing fine, a fact that will be learned with pleasure by his host of friends in Merkel.

Revival at Trent to Open March 17

The Bell Brothers will open a revival meeting at the Trent Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Watson, cordially invites the public to co-operate in the campaign, to the end that the meeting may be a success.

Building Activities.

Bishop Hunter is erecting a new four-room home on Rose street, with construction well advanced. It will be modern and a creditable addition to that part of town.

C. K. Russell is preparing to begin construction of a modern and up-to-date 7-room home on Oak street. Every convenience is to be installed, and when completed, it will be one of the most attractive homes in Merkel.

HERBERT HOOVER ASSUMES OFFICE U. S. PRESIDENT

Sworn In as Nation's Chief; Charles Curtis Takes Oath as Vice President.

Washington, March 7.—The administration of the Federal government passed Monday from Coolidge and Dawes to Hoover and Curtis, amid inaugural splendors which even a chill, dripping rain could but partially dim.

Taking his oath of service in the presence of many thousands who sat in the open to hear him, unmindful of the penetrating bombardment from the skies, the new chief executive made the enforcement of prohibition a high peak of his declaration of faith.

Then, as the concluding act of the inaugural drama, he reviewed a parade of military and civilian units which made history. Soldiers and the marching clubs of many States trudged with flags flying and bands playing despite the rain, while aloft the giant Los Angeles, four blimps and several formations of airplanes made an aerial music new to the pageantry of inaugurations.

Calvin Coolidge, the burden of responsibility lifted from his shoulders and the shouting and tumult of a political career behind him, turned from the inaugural services before the parade began, paused a moment at union station to say a very brief farewell over a nationwide radio net, and within an hour and a half after his successor had taken office, was on his way back to Northampton.

Speaking to all the world in an inaugural address delivered from the historic east steps of the Capitol, the new chief executive declared disregard of law the Nation's greatest peril, and appealed directly to his fellow citizens to help secure observance of the prohibition law.

With hand upraised, he had repeated the words of the official oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Taft, shortly after noon, and had kissed the Bible at a passage saying, "He that keepeth the law, happy is he."

CURTIS SUCCEEDS DAWES.

A half hour earlier Charles Curtis had succeeded Charles G. Dawes as vice president in a ceremony inside the senate chamber, enlivened unexpectedly when the new and retiring second officers, making the customary brief addresses, disagreed directly on the old subject of the Senate rules.

Calvin Coolidge, once more a private citizen after 30 years of government service, turned from the inaugural ceremony to begin at once his journey home to Northampton. He had seen power pass from him with whatever of emotion may have been struggling within, hidden behind a serene inscrutability. For the immediate future he will devote himself to a series of magazine articles.

An inaugural parade, in some respects the most ambitious in history was the last act of the inaugural drama, including in its allotted units the great dirigible Los Angeles and 100 circling airplanes.

Nearly every State had its place in the long line of marching clubs, bands, military commands, and automobiles loaded down with silk-hatted Governors. Officials estimated that the rear guard did not pass the White House reviewing stand until late afternoon.

A. J. CANNON IN RACE FOR MAYOR

In this issue of the Mail friends of A. J. Cannon announce him as a candidate for mayor of Merkel at the ensuing city election to be held on Tuesday, April 2.

Mr. Cannon is manager of the Farm Bureau Gin, and is well known to the voters of Merkel, having at one time served the city as alderman. This service, his friends claim, was marked by an efficiency that qualifies him for mayor, and they point to his record while serving as alderman as one of business foresight, with the best interests of Merkel constantly in view.

Mr. Cannon, before he assumed the management of the Farm Bureau Gin, was a successful farmer in this section.

It is the intention of his friends to actively urge his candidacy for mayor before the voters of Merkel in the coming election.

Church of Christ.

Preaching next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are invited to attend each service.

W. G. Cypert.



DALLAS VISITOR HONORED.

Miss Melba West complimented her cousin, Marion Sheppard, of Dallas, with bridge games on Tuesday evening. Progressions of the games were interspersed with musical numbers and at their culmination dainty refreshments were served buffet style to Misses Marion Sheppard, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Vera Baker, Mesdames Doss Sheppard, F. C. McFarland, Messrs. Wren Durham, Ralph Duke, W. S. Cunningham, Jean Robinson, Bob Sheppard and the hostess.

THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.

Members of the Thursday night Bridge club were delightfully entertained by Miss Mary Cleo Booth last week in the home of Mrs. Kirby Beckett. Games of auction bridge were enjoyed until a late hour when dainty refreshments were served to Misses Johnnie Sears, Althea Boden, Iva Bragg, Melba West, Vera Baker, Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson, Kirby Beckett and the hostess.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

In announcing the marriage of Miss Velma Clayton of Abilene to Marvin Mayfield, Mesdames L. B. Scott and Edward McCrary found inspiration for a beautiful party in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott on last Saturday afternoon. A party theme featuring St. Patrick, exemplified in all the vivid shades of green, was cleverly carried out in all the party arrangements. Games of auction bridge progressed around the honoree and at tea time a delectable sandwich and ice course was served to Mesdames Marvin Mayfield, George White, W. S. J. Brown, R. I. Grimes, Claude Young, Jack Anderson, Matt Dillingham, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Althea Boden, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Boog Sears, Lucy Tracey, Vennie Heizer, Mary Ebla Sears, Melba West and the hostesses.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Miss Iva Bragg entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge club this week. Games of bridge progressed until the refreshment hour when a delicious salad plate was passed to Misses Marion Sheppard, Christine Collins, Melba West, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, Mary Cleo Booth, Mesdames Claude Young, Jack Anderson and the hostess.

DINNER GUESTS.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett entertained a number of dinner guests in honor of her husband's birthday on last Friday evening. A sumptuous three course dinner was served to Messrs. Ollie Dye, Booth Warren, W. S. Sadler, Bill Brown, Connie Leppard and the honoree.

MAYFIELD-CLAYTON.

Recent announcement of the marriage of Marvin Mayfield to Miss Velma Clayton of Abilene, which was

solemnized on November 23, 1928, came as a complete surprise to friends here.

Mr. Mayfield is the son of J. M. Mayfield, a graduate of Merkel High school. He was employed here by the West Texas Utilities Co. and will continue his association with that company in Abilene.

Mrs. Dennis Hostess to Alethean Class

Mrs. J. T. Dennis was hostess to the Alethean class of the First Baptist church last Thursday afternoon at her home on Oak street. After the devotional Mrs. Charley West gave an interesting talk on the upbuilding of the Sunday school. Members had been instructed to bring needles and thimbles, as Mrs. Dennis had some sewing she wanted done. To our surprise she had furnished the material and cut the blocks for a quilt. After the quilt was pieced a contest of fun followed, Mrs. E. M. McDonald chewing two yards of string to get one piece of candy. The hostess served cherry pie, topped with whip cream, and coffee to the following members: Mesdames E. N. Brown, Hamm, Allen, Ashby, Carson, Jones, Ash, West, McDonald, Johnson, Polly and Daugherty and each one thanked Mrs. Dennis for this pleasant afternoon.

—Reporter.

There are now 18,151,000 telephone stations compared with approximately 9,000,000 in 1922.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The friends of A. J. CANNON announce him as a candidate for Mayor of Merkel at the coming city election to be held on April 2, 1929.

Upon solicitation of his friends H. C. WEST has consented to his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of the City of Merkel, April 2, 1929, and the Merkel Mail has been authorized to make formal announcement of such.

The Merkel Mail is authorized by the friends of W. O. BONEY to announce his candidacy for alderman in the city election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends of A. T. SHEPPARD have authorized the announcement of his candidacy for re-election as alderman in the election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce B. T. SUBLETT as a candidate for alderman in the ensuing city election to be held on April 2.

At the solicitation of friends, MISS PAULINE JOHNSON has consented to allow the use of her name for re-election as City Secretary and Tax Collector ex-officio, and her friends make this announcement.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with a trained teacher and con-

genial class for all who come. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Blessed Servant." Evening subject, "Another Bible Conversion." All B. Y. P. U.'s

meet at 6:45 p. m. Come find a welcome in any or all the services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

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are priced special for Saturday and all next week—Silk Dresses, age 6 to 14 priced

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Children's Coats, 8 to 14

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One lot Printed Silk Dresses

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COFFEE	MAXWELL HOUSE 3 Pound Cans	\$1.48
SOAP	P. & G. THIRTEEN BARS	50c
SUGAR	Imperial Cane, 25 Pound Bags	\$1.65
	Imperial Cane, 10 Pound Bags	65c
HAM	Hormel, Cooked Whole	58c
	Hormel, Cooked Halves or Sliced	60c
CORN	Primrose, No. 2 Cans, Can	15c
	Clarion, No. 2 Standard Can, Six Cans	70c
LETTUCE	NICE CRISP ICEBERG, HEAD	9c
GRAPE FRUIT	TEXAS SEEDLESS, FULL OF JUICE	5c
APPLES	DELICIOUS Choice, 163's, Dozen	30c
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Baker & Collins shipped a carload of hogs to Fort Worth.

Jasper McCoy shipped two cars of cattle to the Fort Worth market.

Two carloads of steers went from Patterson & McCoy to the Fort Worth market.

Declamation Try-out in Merkel Theatre

Twenty-five Merkel students are diligently working, striving to make Monday night March 18, one of the best school nights that has ever been held. The declaimers have selected some of the best patriotic poems and orations. The cast in the contest, one-act play, have interpreted their lines well and they promise a good presentation. Besides these two departments, there will be several entertaining features from the speech department. It is hoped that the Merkel people will be interested in hearing this worth-while program at 8 o'clock in the Merkel Theatre. An admission of twenty-five cents is being charged.

Mrs. Wood Improves.

A card from G. F. Wood conveys the information that Mrs. Wood was operated on in the Scott and White sanitarium at Temple Thursday, March 7. The operation was a serious one, but Mrs. Wood withstood the ordeal successfully and is well on the road to recovery. It is expected she will be able to return home the latter part of the month.

SCHOOL BOARD SAVES DISTRICT HUGE SUM BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PROVISIONS OF REFUNDING ACT, DISTRICT EFFECTS SAVING OF OVER \$15,000 IN INTEREST

OVER 2 INCHES IS RAINFALL IN MERKEL AREA

More than two inches of rain has fallen in the Merkel area during the week according to measurements by B. M. Black, voluntary weather observer.

During Monday night 1.5 rainfall was recorded, and the steady down-pour which began early Thursday morning added .62 to the precipitation up to noon Thursday.

The rain will be of incalculable benefit to this section. Small grain was badly in need of the moisture, and farmers are rejoicing over the excellent ground seasoning, which will enable them to prepare for the year's crop under the most favorable conditions.

In some sections considerable plowing has already been done, but the week's rains have put a season into the ground that all farmers have been hoping for.

Stockmen are rejoicing that stock water has filled the tanks, which was becoming scarce in some localities.

The welcome rains are reported general over the state except in the far western section.

TWO NEW WELLS IN DURING WEEK

Two new producing wells were added in the Merkel field during the week. Snowden & McSweeney's No. 6 Bickley, in the west side of the Shaheen pool, made 400 barrels of pipeline oil in the first 24 hours of production, at a depth of 2,517 feet.

Marland Production company's No. 7 Mason, in the Noodle Creek pool, was completed Sunday for an estimated production of 75 barrels.

Midcontinent Oil and Gas company, Taylor No. 1, wildcat test near View, is drilling deeper. This test is now around 2600 feet, and it is reported will be drilled to 3500 feet or more in search of the deep pay sand.

Masonic District Meeting April 24

April 24 has been set as the date for the Masonic meeting to be held in Merkel under the auspices of the Masonic Service Association. It was at first announced that the meeting would be held during the month of July but a letter from Wilbur Keith, executive secretary, definitely fixed the date for April 24.

M. C. Graham, district deputy grand master, is expecting a number of prominent Masons to attend the Merkel meeting, including the grand master.

Highway Bond Issue Fails in House Vote

Austin, Texas, March 14.—The highway bond amendment proposal failed again Monday to obtain the necessary 100 votes for final passage, mustering ninety-seven when the House balloted on the measure for the fourth time. The votes against it totaled twenty-eight.

Disheartened at the result of the vote, the bond proponents expressed doubt whether an effort would be made to bring up the joint resolution again. It may not be considered until the Forty-Second Legislature if it fails to pass during this regular session.

McMurry Board Meeting.

An important meeting of the board of trustees of McMurry College, at Abilene, has been called for next Tuesday. T. G. Bragg and L. R. Thompson, Merkel members of the board, are preparing to attend.

Servants House Burns.

Fire early Wednesday morning destroyed a servants' house belonging to J. M. Dunn Sr., in the western part of town. About sixty baby chickens were burned to death.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess is in receipt of a telegram from State Supt. S. M. N. Marrs which reads as follows: "PERMISSION FOR RETIREMENT MERKEL BONDS GRANTED MARCH THIRTEENTH."

Some weeks ago Superintendent Burgess proposed to the school board that the Merkel independent school district issue refunding bonds, use these refunding bonds and the \$6300 which had accumulated in the sinking fund to retire the entire issue of 1915.

Application was made by the board to the state board of education, and the above telegram is the answer to their application.

The board will use the \$6300 accumulated in the sinking fund, and which is not bearing any interest, to retire \$6300 of the \$18,000 of bonds issued in 1915 to build the present Grammar school. The board will then issue serial bonds (one due each year for the remaining 26 years of the bonds) to the amount of \$11,700. Issuing this sort of bonds instead of the kind where the entire amount is due in a "jump sum" at the end of the 26 years, will save interest on each bond from the time it is paid off until the final due date. In other words, the board will pay off the balance just as one pays off land notes, stopping the interest on each note as it is paid. This alone will save \$7,312.50 in interest.

On the \$6300 cash which the board will use to retire that amount, the district will save the interest on this amount at 5 per cent for 26 years. This total interest amounts to \$8,190. Thus the board will make a total saving in interest of \$15,502.50. At the same time the district will have its indebtedness reduced from \$18,000 to \$11,700.

Some one may ask why the school board in 1915 issued these "hump-sum" bonds instead of the serial bonds now proposed. School districts then were not permitted under the law to issue serial bonds because they were hard to market. The bonds for our new high school in 1924 were serial bonds.

Vitaphone Picture "The Trail of '98" Moved to the Queen

On account of the picture machines being of a type not suitable for Vitaphone equipment, "The Trail of '98" is being shown at the Queen and the regular picture program is showing at the Merkel theatre for the remainder of the week.

ANNIVERSARY OF FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Judge W. W. Hair of Abilene Takes Bible as Subject For Interesting Address.

Accenting the first anniversary of the brotherhood, the February meeting of the Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church Tuesday night was in the nature of a general meeting with members and their families, as well as many friends of the church being in attendance. The address was delivered by Judge W. W. Hair of Abilene, member of the law firm of Stinson, Hair, Brooks and Duke.

Prior to the supper of sandwiches, salad and ice tea, the invocation was given by R. L. Bland, of Abilene, a former resident of Merkel. Jas. H. West presided and Harry Barnett led the singing with Miss Melba West accompanying. A special musical number was a quartet by Messrs. F. C. Hughes, Harry Barnett, Chas. H. Jones and Walter Barnett, which was heartily enjoyed.

The speaker of the evening selected the Bible as his subject, giving a number of reasons for his belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures. Chief of the reasons was the wonderful preservation of the books of the Old and New Testaments on fragile parchment, covering a period of more than 3500 years, written by different men and in different periods and civilizations. The fact that the teachings of the Bible are applicable to every man in every climate proves that it has something more than human origin, he stated. He followed with many reasons why every one should believe in the divine origin of man, a creation by a power more than human. Those who do not believe should be urged to study the Bible, he said, and by this contact with its teachings and lessons would find something of benefit and instruction for their own use and would come of their own accord to a belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures.

Mr. Bland was called on and responded with a brief talk, referring to the pleasant association and friendship of this, his former home, and expressing his appreciation of the privilege of being present. Rev. T. C. Willett was called on to dismiss the meeting with a closing prayer.

Automobile Turns Over. S. T. McLeod suffered painful wounds on the face and head, as well as body bruises when his car turned over near Trent Wednesday. One of his hands was also badly bruised. The accident occurred as Mr. McLeod was endeavoring to turn a corner, the car going into a ditch.

Merkel Produce Co. Handles 36,720 Eggs One Business Day

One hundred and two cases, or a total of 36,720 eggs, were handled last Saturday by the Merkel Produce company, according to S. O. Nations, the local manager, which was by far the largest day of the season.

This volume is considered as indicative of the growing importance of the Merkel section as a poultry center. In recent years more attention has been given to poultry than ever before.

Randall Stockman Visitor to Merkel

Dr. J. M. Black of Canyon, Randall county, prominent stockman of that section, was a recent visitor in Merkel, having spent two days looking over the town as a guest in the home of his uncle, B. M. Black.

Dr. Black moved from Greenville to Randall county in 1890 and entered extensively into the stock business. He has witnessed many changes and hardships incident to a frontier country. Like all good Texans, he is a booster for his home section. He said he liked the Merkel country, but "prefers Randall county because of its fine schools, free air and soft water."

Mrs. Virginia Glaze.

Funeral services were held at Abilene Saturday for Mrs. Virginia Glaze, 63, wife of T. E. Glaze, conducted by Rev. Clarence Damron of Abilene and Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent. Mrs. Glaze died at her home in Abilene Saturday morning after an illness of ten days. She was a former resident of the Delk community.

Ex-Service Men's Rally.

A Taylor county-wide ex-service men's rally is to be held at Abilene Friday evening, April 12. Plans are being made by Paramore Post No. 57, John C. Wilson, commander, will appoint a committee to outline the program and perfect the details.

Ed Criswell, living north of town, is in the Merkel sanitarium, suffering from pneumonia. He is reported as doing as well as could be expected.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Contract has been let for a 40 bed sanitarium at Paducah to cost \$41,590.

J. F. Payne, 65, burned to death when fire destroyed his home at Wolfe City.

Two prisoners sawed their way to freedom from the Nolan county jail at Sweetwater.

H. G. Towle of Snyder has been confirmed for reappointment to the state optometry board.

Rotarians of the 41st district will meet at Ranger March 21 and 22, with indications of a large crowd.

Julius B. Mayo, 70, retired real estate man, was crushed to death by an elevator in a Dallas hotel.

Dewey Lawrence, Paris attorney, has been named assistant attorney general to succeed Allen Clark, resigned.

Emergency and deficiency appropriations for educational institutions were cut down by Governor Moody's veto ax from \$1,447,607 to \$251,962.

William "Dagger" Pruitt was convicted at Dallas and given the death penalty for the slaying of Wm. Mann, Dallas high school student.

Robert C. Pool, prominent business man of Amarillo, and Harold C. Dunwoody, policeman and student flier, fell to death in Pool's plane.

Governor and Mrs. Dan Moody and Dan Jr. are to be the guests of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce on a two weeks' cruise of the West Indies.

Dallas' historic Lake Cliff Casino and nine near-by buildings were destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$100,000. Nine persons were injured.

Albert Spoon of Stamford was killed and five other persons were injured when the truck on which they were riding skidded and turned over near Sagerton.

W. E. Lea of Orange was endorsed for membership on the United States shipping board in a resolution submitted to the Texas senate, signed by 28 members.

Texas University will receive \$1,000,000 for an astronomical observatory from the estate of the late Wm. J. McDonald, in litigation for the past three years.

For the second time the Texas house has rejected the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing a \$175,000,000 road bond issue. The measure was defeated on the last vote 97 to 30.

The Midland Daily Telegram and the Midland Reporter have been merged and are being issued as an afternoon and Sunday morning paper under the name of Reporter-Telegram.

Argument over possession of their children caused Henry Durbin of Rice, Texas, to shoot his wife to death and then send a bullet through his own brain. Durbin is believed fatally wounded.

Search and seizure legislation, which would have permitted the issuance of search warrants on information and belief, was killed in the Texas senate when that body voted it down 12 to 9.

Dr. W. C. Cunningham, pioneer physician living near Gainesville, was shot to death and H. M. Dawson, wealthy farmer, surrendered. Dawson's son died following serum treatment administered by the physician.

Largent is Officer Hereford Association

W. J. Largent of Merkel was elected first vice president of the Texas Hereford Association following the annual banquet at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth Tuesday night. John M. Gist of Odessa was named president. Other officers are: Walter Boothe, Sweetwater, second vice president; J. F. Osborne, Miami, Texas, third vice president; A. W. Reynolds, Albany, Texas, fourth vice president; and D. L. McDonald, Hereford, fifth vice president.

COMMITTEE WORK OF WEEK LEAVES \$1500 SHORTAGE

Combined Effort Will Be Made to Assure Success of Project During Coming Week; Builder is Ready When Merkel Acts.

One thousand dollars was added to the hotel bonus fund during the present week.

R. O. Anderson, chairman of the hotel committee, made this encouraging report to the Lions club Tuesday at noon, adding that \$1500 remained to be subscribed to assure for Merkel the modern 5-story hotel and hospital previously outlined.

READY RESPONSE. The hotel committee is encouraged at the ready response of those approached in behalf of the hotel project during the week. Mrs. Harrington of El Paso, who has agreed to build the hotel, furnish and operate it for a bonus of \$12,500, is waiting word from Merkel that the bonus money has been pledged. The committee is continuing its efforts toward securing the remainder of the bonus money, hoping to be able to wire Mrs. Harrington during the coming week that Merkel has fulfilled its part of the hotel agreement.

When Mrs. Harrington and her associates in the hotel project visited in Merkel two weeks ago, they stated work would begin on the hotel in three or four weeks from the time the bonus money was in hand and the necessary papers signed. If the committee meets with the success during the next few days that has been encountered during the present week, work on the new hotel structure should begin during the month of April.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR GRAVELING the road all the way from Merkel to the oil fields, R. O. Anderson reported. The portion of the road not now graded is in Jones county, and negotiations are now pending which will provide a gravel road all the way from Merkel to the center of the oil area.

By way of amusement, the Lions club did everything "backward" at their Tuesday meeting. Order of business was completely reversed. Dessert was served first, and the invocation, pronounced by Rev. Ira L. Par-rack, came last.

A piano number by Mrs. E. Yates Brown, entitled "Texas," one of the favorites in the Lions book of songs, was a much enjoyed entertainment feature.

Sterling Sheppard Doing Fine Following Serious Operation

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard returned Tuesday afternoon from Dallas, where they had gone to be at the bedside of their son, Sterling Sheppard, who underwent a serious nose and throat operation at Baylor hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard spent several days in Dallas, remaining until Sterling was able to be dismissed from the hospital. At last reports he was doing fine, a fact that will be learned with pleasure by his host of friends in Merkel.

Revival at Trent to Open March 17

The Bell Brothers will open a revival meeting at the Trent Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Watson, cordially invites the public to co-operate in the campaign, to the end that the meeting may be a success.

Building Activities.

Bishop Hunter is erecting a new four-room home on Rose street, with construction well advanced. It will be modern and a creditable addition to that part of town.

C. K. Russell is preparing to begin construction of a modern and up-to-date 7-room home on Oak street. Every convenience is to be installed, and when completed, it will be one of the most attractive homes in Merkel.

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Dallas, March 14.—The first move is now under way in Texas to provide badly needed hospital facilities for children of the southwest.

Although the need of specialized children's hospitals is generally recognized throughout the country, there is no such institution in the entire southwest, the nearest being located in St. Louis and Denver, according to Dr. B. W. Caldwell, of Chicago, secretary of the American Hospital association, who has strongly endorsed the Texas project.

Headed by J. Edgar Pew, vice president of the Sun Oil company, a group of leading Texans have formed a board of sponsors that will seek the establishment of a Texas Childrens Hospital. This body is now being enlarged with representatives from leading cities and towns of the state. It will be the permanent organization of the institution.

The hospital will be non-profit, non-sectarian institution, it is stated. Its doors will be open to children of the southwest on a basis of complete equality, regardless of financial responsibility. To this end half of its 100 beds will be designated for totally free service and maintained by a \$1,000,000 endowment fund. The hospital building will cost \$600,000. Ground has already been given across the street from the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Dallas, where the two institutions will work in close co-operation. The Shrine hospital provides for children who have deformed bones. The new hospital will treat those afflicted with the multiple of physical and mental diseases, many of them exclusively the ailments of children.

Realizing that such a hospital cannot fully serve Texas unless its facilities are made wholly available, the institution will be placed at the disposal of physicians throughout the state, not only for the treatment of their own patients, but for research and study of the latest developments in that highly specialized branch of medicine, Pediatrics—the treatment of child diseases.

This entire project had its inception with three men: G. B. Dealey, publisher of the Dallas Morning News; P. R. Freeman, who recently built a \$70,000 free children's clinic upon which he settled an endowment of \$200,000, and W. M. Whinton, former vice president of the M. K. & T. railroad. These men have interested a large number of equally prominent Texans throughout the state and members are still being invited to the board of sponsors, the permanent organization of the hospital.

The \$1,600,000 necessary to build and endow the hospital will be sought from the philanthropic people of Texas in a fund activity to begin soon. The various departments of the hospital are to be reserved for donors for their use in the establishment of personal memorials to loved ones or to perpetuate family names. Instead of numbers, the various departments and rooms will be known by their memorial names, thus making this hospital a register of those whose enterprise has brought prosperity to Texas and the first place in the entire southwest for the adequate treatment of children. State headquarters of the undertaking have been opened at 505 Republic Bank building, Dallas, under the direction of Mr. Pew.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song; prayer; roll call; Scripture, 1 Samuel 3:1-4, by leader, Mary Eva Nichols. Leader's talk; Children Minister, by Duncan Briggs; Calls for the Ministry, by Eloise Manscille; Calls for the Mission Field, by Jack Stanford; Calls for Money, by Imogene Middleton; Calls for Other Work, by Alice Church; The Call That Comes to Us All, by Lois Whiteley; Bible Story—Mildred Richardson; Benediction.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the assistance and kindness shown us during the sickness of our wife and mother and especially do we appreciate the care that was taken of our children after grandmother Bickley got sick and had to be carried home. We thank each and everyone, for "a friend in need is a friend indeed."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley,
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ONE FATALITY IN STOCK SHOW FIRE

Fort Worth, Texas, March 14.—A charred body, later identified as that of W. R. James of the city, an exhibitor at the show, was found in the ruins caused by a fire which destroyed Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show buildings shortly before noon Monday.

Although flames destroyed the Poultry Building and the Merchants' and Agricultural Exhibit Building, the show will go on as usual, it was announced by the management after the fire had been put out. Damage is estimated at \$160,000. The buildings and contents were protected by insurance.

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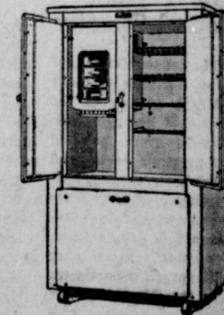
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NATION-WIDE WAR ON LEPROSY IN PHILIPPINES

May 1 Designated as Leonard Wood Memorial Day; J. T. Warren Local Chairman.

May 1, the anniversary of the Battle of Manila, has been designated as Philippine day by the trustees of the Leonard Wood memorial for the eradication of leprosy, and every town, city and village in the United States has been asked to join in this observance.

J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has been invited to act as chairman in the Merkel section. One million dollars has already been secured toward the \$2,000,000 now being raised.

On May 1st, 1927, Major General Leonard A. Wood appealed to the American nation for a fund of \$2,000,000 to eradicate leprosy in the Philippines, where the largest colony of these pitiful human beings found anywhere, are living under the Stars and Stripes. The response was instantaneous, over \$1,000,000 having been contributed; and on May 1st, 1929, an effort will be made to reach the objective of the campaign—completing the memorial of this great soldier's work among the lepers of the Philippine Islands.

The construction of new buildings, of entire new units, of one completely new leprosarium has already begun at Culion, which is the Philippine "Island of the Living Dead." The funds are being expended in erecting laboratory buildings, living quarters for the staff, and receiving stations on neighboring islands, as well as increasing the personnel for carrying on the work necessary to complete wiping out of the disease throughout the world. For the Culion colony is actually a great experiment station, for the hundreds of leper camps and colonies in other lands. The actual maintenance of the colony, the housing, feeding and clothing, is taken care of by the Philippine Government, which gives two per cent of the total governmental income, or one-third of its total health appropriation.

There are 3,000,000 lepers in the world, 12,000 of whom are on the Philippine Island alone; and Culion, an island 26 miles south of Manila has facilities for carrying 6,000 of them.

The Trustees of the Leonard Wood memorial, which is making this plan operative, are as follows: General James G. Harbord, chairman, General Samuel McRoberts, Robert L. Bacon, Eversly Childs, Robert W. DeForest, Dr. John H. Finley, Charles E. Hughes, Arthur W. Page, Kermit

Roosevelt, Colonel Henry L. Stimson, and Owen D. Young. The headquarters are in the Metropolitan Tower, New York City.

Death Verdict For Bill Fritts at Anson

Anson, March 14.—A jury in district court Sunday found Bill Fritts, 36, guilty of the murder of Earl Hamilton, slain with his father at their home in Rochester last October, and fixed his punishment at death in the electric chair.

Weak and faint from loss of blood, as a result of a self-inflicted arm wound in his cell here Saturday night, Fritts was brought into court between two officers, when the jury informed Judge Bruce Bryant at 9:45 Sunday morning that it was ready to report its verdict.

Two questions were decided by the jury. The first was whether Fritts was insane or sane. He had pleaded insanity as his defense. Upon deciding that Fritts was sane, the jury reached a verdict as to his guilt.

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St. Cecilia Music Club Plans Program

The St. Cecilia Music club, organized by Mrs. C. B. Gardner for the advancement of her pupils, met at her home Wednesday afternoon. One feature of the program was a scale playing contest won by Sarah Sheppard.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Judd Sheppard Wednesday afternoon, March 20, with the following program:

- Thrush Mazurka Keathley
- Thistle Down, Two Step Read
- Song Without Words Streabbog
- Duncan Briggs
- Happy Famen Schuman
- Heathen Rose Lange
- Ralaplant Donigetti
- Sarah Sheppard
- Dance of the Stars Godard
- Billy Gardner
- Sonata Kuhlman
- Dorothy Cummings
- Scale Contest.

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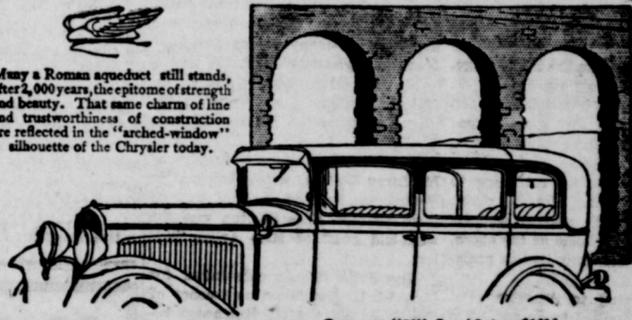
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MERKEL AND ITS NEWSPAPER

(Graham Leader)

The Merkel Mail reached the Leader last week for the first time since the writer has been connected with this newspaper. We heard of Merkel long before we ever saw a copy of the Mail, and from the information we gained was certain that the town was a live one, and to conform with that spirit, it must have a live and progressive newspaper. And when we read the Mail the good opinion we had formed was verified. Then, too, the opinion we had that Merkel was a live town was fully demonstrated to us when a streamer across the front page of the Mail read: "Fifth Story is Added to New Merkel Hotel," under which we read all about the new Merkel Hotel. The first plan called for four stories, then the firm of doctors, Drs. Grimes and Sadler of Merkel, reported to the hotel committee they would take the fifth floor if it could be added, for a 25-room hospital. So Merkel is to have a five story, modern in every detail, hotel. The town is to give a bonus of \$12,500 toward its erection, and already \$10,000 of the amount has been subscribed. The judgment we had formed of Merkel and its Mail proved sound. Great to be the possessor of sound judgment.

Favorite Soprano to Give Concert at Simmons U. Tonight

Abilene, Texas, March 14.—The favorite soprano of the American stage, known in New York as "The Golden Girl of the Metropolitan," will appear here Friday night when May Peterson gives a concert in the Simmons university auditorium.

This famous Broadway prima donna has scored one sensational triumph after another on the principal stages of Europe and America and for the past six seasons has starred with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York City.

In Europe Miss Peterson is even more widely known than in America. She is one of the three American sopranos ever to make good on the Paris stage. After studying several years in Europe she made her debut in the Opera Comique in Paris and played there two seasons. She gave over five hundred performances in the large cities of Europe before returning to her native America. Her European career consisted of several appearances in Italy, the home of the opera, where musical critics united in praising her voice.

Since returning to America Miss Peterson has thrilled large audiences from coast to coast and is promising West Texas something new in music.

Little Girl Sleeps While Father and Mother Murdered

Waco, March 8.—Lying a "nigger did it," three-year-old Eva Mac Pedigo, who spent the night in a room with her murdered mother while her father lay dead outside the house, today gave the only clue to the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pedigo, farmer of Moody, near here.

The couple was found dead by J. C. Jones, landlord, when Pedigo did not report for work. Pedigo was shot twice in the back. The mother, lying beside the bed in which the baby slept, was shot through the head. District Attorney Dick Holt dismissed robbery as a motive when it was discovered Pedigo's watch and money had not been taken.

Temple Business District Fire Swept

Temple, March 14.—A disastrous fire, sweeping through a business block in the center of Temple's shopping district early Sunday morning, caused losses estimated at between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

The origin of the blaze has not been fully determined, but it is thought to have started in the McQueen Pharmacy, spreading to the department store of Graham-Jarrell Company to the north. It was 2 a. m. Sunday when the alarm was turned in and the best efforts of the fireman were required to keep the blaze confined. Graham-Jarrell are the heaviest losers, their complete stock having been practically wiped out by fire, smoke and water.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

T. E. L. Class at Trent Entertained

Mrs. Bud Brown entertained the T. E. L. class with a social last Thursday at her home near Trent. The ladies of the class met at Mrs. W. L. Boyd's and took cars there. The meeting was opened with devotional followed by a business session. Mrs. John Crain was elected secretary. The losing side in the recent contest adjourned to the next room and laid plans for the banquet which will be given Friday night. After an Easter egg hunt, which was participated in by all present, refreshments of sandwiches, strawberries, whipped cream and punch were served and every one voted a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Brown. Those present were: Mesdames Buena McLeod, John Crain, Berma Smith, Geta Williamson, A. J. English, C. T. Beckham, J. B. Winn, Ed Burkes, George Gafford, E. Howell, Joe Brown, Floy Massey, Bessie Brown, C. L. Blankenship, Bernice Simpson, Jeffie Terry, Mrs. Gordon Howell, Misses Cora Scott, Winnie Brown, Mattie Scott.

Fifth Sunday Singing Convention at Noodle

To all singers, I want to call your attention to our fifth Sunday singing, which will meet at Noodle, March 31. I want all classes composing this convention to be present, and if you have books, bring them, so each singer as they are called out may use the book of his choice. We are looking for some real quartettes there and feel assured it will be entertaining to all. Please do not forget we want to start singing at 10 o'clock promptly, so be on time and let's make the forenoon as good or better than the afternoon, so bring your lunch along and feel assured of a real good day.

W. J. Bicknell, Tom Jenkins and Fatty Ragan will have charge of the grounds and remember they know just exactly how to make the coffee.

Please do not arrange anything to conflict on that day, and get there by 10 o'clock if possible.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this work.

Respectfully, your president,
Tom Spears.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Methodist church was a regular beehive of activity last Sunday morning. More than three hundred happy smiling men, women and children thronged the various classes and departments—many of them just back from an engagement with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff of O'Brien, Texas were visitors in the school as guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Miss Ouida Shelton, a student of McMurry College, whose home is in Rotan, was another of the out of town visitors. Miss Shelton was the week-end guest of Miss Arline Willett.

Miss Julia Martin substituted for Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson as teacher of the Radio class, Mrs. Hutcheson being ill.

Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of the teacher-training department, was distributing text books for the next training class, which began March 11.

Miss Dred Hunter was substituting for Miss Rosa Laney as teacher of the six year class. Miss Laney was visiting in Brownwood.

The new library will be open to the school next week.

A new garage building 100 by 140 feet will be constructed in Dalhart within the next thirty days by Chas. Williams. This building when completed will place business houses on three sides of the county court house.

Plans have been completed for a new two story, fifty by eighty foot Masonic hall for Perryton. It is planned to put a basement under the building with provisions for installation of a heating plant, which will be used only if Perryton fails to get natural gas soon.

Cow testing in the association in Deaf Smith county reveals that in one herd one cow made a net profit of \$16.62 in five months, while another made a profit of \$69.50. Six herds are under test and ten "boarder" cows have already been sold off because of poor performances, according to reports from Hereford.

The total population on tenant farms in Texas is about 1,250,000. On owned farms it is 862,000.

Good Goods for Less Money—Boston Bargain Store.

For Aggressin Blackleg Vaccine see Phillips Drug Store.

Have your prescriptions filled at Phillips Drug Store. Registered pharmacists.

ROBBERY LOSS ABILENE \$10,000

Abilene, March 14.—Grissom's, one of the city's principal department stores, was robbed some time between closing time Saturday and opening time Monday of goods valued at a minimum of \$10,000. Articles taken number 1,650 and included the best of everything in stock, 130 new spring dresses, 750 pairs of silk stockings, 120 pieces of silk underwear, all perfume in stock, 360 silk neckties, 240 pairs of men's silk socks and 24 pieces of men's silk underwear. Three of the best furs in stock also were taken.

The robbers entered the Grissom store at a rear window and made careful selection of the stock. The precision with which the stock was picked over for the very best led police to believe that a woman had directed the robbery, though no definite clues have been obtained. The firm carried no burglary insurance.

Officers believe the looting was done by members of a gang of robbers who have been giving West Texas peace officers trouble for months.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The friends of A. J. CANNON announce him as a candidate for Mayor of Merkel at the coming city election to be held on April 2, 1929.

Upon solicitation of his friends H. C. WEST has consented to his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of the City of Merkel, April 2, 1929, and the Merkel Mail has been authorized to make formal announcement of such.

The friends of J. P. SHARP announce him as candidate for Mayor of Merkel at the ensuing city election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

The Merkel Mail is authorized by the friends of W. O. BONEY to announce his candidacy for alderman in the city election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends of A. T. SHEPPARD have authorized the announcement of his candidacy for re-election as alderman in the election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

Friends have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce B. T. SUBLETT as a candidate for alderman in the ensuing city election to be held on April 2.

At the solicitation of friends, MISS PAULINE JOHNSON has consented to allow the use of her name for re-election as City Secretary and Tax Collector ex-officio, and her friends make this announcement.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Friends Mayor West Point to Record As Basis For Re-election

Since the announcement last week that H. C. West had yielded to the solicitation of his friends to seek re-election as mayor of Merkel, these same friends and many others are pointing with pride to the success of Mayor West's administration during the past two years and urging that record as one which should entitle the mayor to return to office with the largest plurality ever accorded a mayoralty candidate.

Among the accomplishments of the West administration they point to:

Permanent paving throughout the business district.

An excellent White Way system.

Modern fire station and city offices.

Waterworks extended to reach within 500 feet of all property.

Improvements to the sewerage system.

Reduction of insurance rate in an amount equal to more than half of the general expense of the city.

Contract awarded for permanent paving on Oak street.

Waterworks system placed on a paying basis. From a no-profit enterprise, the waterworks has been developed to a high state of efficiency, paying \$250 monthly profit, with adequate provision for 50 per cent additional customers. In other words, his friends point out, the water system has been developed and the foundation laid by the West administration to care for a city three times as large as Merkel at very small additional cost.

Streets graveled to connect with roads leading to the oil fields near Merkel.

These are the principal activities of the West administration during the past two years, and it is on these accomplishments that his friends are urging the re-election of Mayor West. They contend that his administration has been marked by efficiency and civic progress, and with the town "looking up" and progressing as never before, Mayor West is the logical man to lead the city in its ambition for greater civic achievement during the next two years.

His friends are sponsoring the mayor's candidacy for re-election on the basis of worth-while accomplishments, as enumerated above, which did not "just happen," but are the results of a well thought-out program of civic development. This, they are urging, entitles Mayor West to be returned as the city's chief executive, guaranteeing a continuance of the city's progress and a wise handling of the many problems confronting an administration in a growing town like Merkel.

A complete stock of fresh drugs and everything in medicines. Phillips Drug Store.

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You can get your car LAUNDERED and GREASED the right way.

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The latest and best method of greasing and washing your car. We cordially invite you to call and see these two wonderful machines in operation. Better still, let us demonstrate on your own car their superior work.

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In keeping with this new equipment, we have erected a modern GREASE RACK, enabling us to give your car the most thorough cleaning and greasing you have ever known.

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BY CHICKS from M. Johnson Imperial and Star mating strains; 100, \$15.50; 300, \$15.00; 500, \$14.50; 1000, \$14.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas, Box 77. Phone 9036F13 Anson, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good used Ford cars. Blue Front Service Station.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting, Owens farm strain, 75 cents per setting. Bill Harwell Merkel, Route 1.

FOR SALE—Dark Cornish game eggs. See Robert Hicks.

FOR SALE—High grade cotton seed \$1.00 per bushel; also Red Top cane seed. E. Barnes, Route 5.

FOR SALE—The finest silver laced Wyandotte eggs; 75 cents per setting of 16; also good disc harrow extra cheap. R. B. Wells.

WANTED

WANTED—To trade Lot 13, block 52, Johnson Addition, on good used car. Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Trent, Texas.

WANTED TO BUY—Good size refrigerator; Must be worth the money. Phone 11.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—S. A. E. fraternity pin, diamond shaped. \$1.00 reward for return to Merkel Mail.

LOST—Pair of glasses, tortoise shell. Return to Merkel Mail. Reward.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. The attendance last Sunday was back near where it was before so much sickness and bad weather. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A pageant by the missionary society, "The Presbyterian Gift Dollar."

Glad to have strangers in town and visitors in all the services.

Wm. Elliott, Supt,
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Ladies.

Watch for the Methodist ladies cap and apron sale and 50c dinner March 30th Saturday. Take a rest and bring the family out to dine with us.

Dora Doings

This section was visited by a big rain, wind and some hail last Monday night—just what we needed for the pastures.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Burruss and children of Munday were here last week-end visiting relatives. Mrs. Porter returned home with them for an indefinite stay. She will visit her son, P. L. Porter, in Oklahoma, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ed Reynolds of Elm Grove is spending a few days here with their daughter, Mrs. Willie Perry and Lola Dudley.

Those on our sick list this week are: W. H. Perry, E. G. Hanks' baby, Mrs. Sallie Whisenhunt, Oneta Russell.

Mrs. Sy Dennis returned from Temple Saturday and reports Mr. Dennis resting as well as could be expected. Miss Laura Fay Wilson visited home folks in Cisco Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rhoades of Guion were calling here last week-end. Singing at the Baptist church Sunday night was well attended.

Good Goods for Less Money—Boston Bargain Store.

Have car Colorado Hulls on track. Compare these with other hulls. Swafford. Phone 44.

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SEVEN TONS Maize heads; \$20.00 per ton at barn. Hubert Harris, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—120 egg electric incubator at a bargain. Herbert Patterson

FOR SALE—Stock and fixtures of well established and growing grocery store; house rent cheap. W. N. Edwards Cash Grocery.

KASCH COTTON SEED, raised on my farm, southeast of Merkel; first year; price \$1.50 per bushel. T. J. Amason.

FOR SALE—Single comb, blood-tested, Rhode Island Reds, 75 cents per setting. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Route 5.

FOR SALE—Lots on south side, also Victrola for sale or trade. Call 9040 F 14.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, light and gas; two doors north of church of Christ. J. W. Moore.

FOR RENT—Four room house, close in. S. F. Haynes.

BOARDERS WANTED—\$1.00 per day for board and room; home cooking; clean beds. Mrs. Barker, six blocks out Noodle Dome Highway.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—New 4-room house, bath and all conveniences, \$30. Booth Warren.

FOR RENT—6 room house partly furnished in south Merkel, Phone Mrs. Helman, 3154 Abilene.

FOR RENT—Confectionery building and equipment also space 15x18. Queen Theatre building. Phone 243.

BLAIR HOTEL—Room and board \$10.50 per week. Also furnished rooms.

About 1,000,000 persons residing in Texas were born in other states, Tennessee leading with 115,261 and Alabama next with 103,244.

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March 19th and 20th

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BACON	Smoked Wade Maid. Medium Sides Pound	22c
	Smoked Wade Maid Breakfast, Pound	30c
SYRUP	Log Cabin, Table Size, Can	31c
	Log Cabin, Medium Size, Can	60c
	Log Cabin, Large Size, Can	\$1.20
COFFEE	Maxwell House, 3 Pound Can	\$1.48
	Maxwell House, 1 Pound Can	50c
BEANS	PINTOS Recleaned New Mexico, Pound	10c
OATS	MOTHERS Large, With China	31c
ORANGES	CALIFORNIA'S 176's	39c
	California's 288's	20c
GRAPE FRUIT	Texas Seedless, 96's, Six for	33c
	Texas Seedless, 126's, Each	4c
HAM	Hormel Cooked, Whole In Tins, Pound	56c
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"The Trail of '98"
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Of the dozens of lavish scenes filmed during the making of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Trail of '98," now being shown at the Queen Theatre, with sound synchronization and a surrounding sound program, one stands out as probably the most novel and spectacular incident ever transplanted to celluloid.

Hundreds of flaming torches, casting their most ghastly light upon the snow, which reflects it back and silhouettes hundreds of maddened men and hurrying dogs, rushing over mountain trails, dipping into the gulches, fading into the night only to reappear again at some more distant point, has furnished one of the strangest effects ever flashed upon the American screen.

The sequence depicts a mad stampede in the dead of night to the locale of a new and rich gold strike along the banks of one of the many creeks tributary to the Yukon.

Chicken Ordinance
Is Now in Effect

The Mail has been asked to call attention to the law passed by the city and which is now in effect prohibiting the owners of chickens from letting them run loose.

It is the time of the year when gardens are being planted and flowers started in the yards and a great deal of annoyance can be caused by the neighbor's chickens straying in and undoing all the planting and preliminary work of amateur as well as professional gardeners.

Miss Jones in Recital.

Abilene, Tex., March 14.—Miss Mona Margaret Jones of Merkel appeared in a voice recital in the McMurry chapel last Friday evening. She sang two selections and rendered them in a very creditable manner. Miss Jones has studied with Mrs. Wylie two years and is one of the most talented students in the voice department.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

ZION CHAPEL NEWS

The P. T. A. had a very interesting program. A thrift program was rendered by the primary and intermediate grades, after which a very interesting talk was given by Mr. Jobson, the Jones county agent. Inspiring talks were also given by several patrons.

A 4-H Club was organized Thursday at the school building of those pupils who were interested in agriculture projects. The following officers were elected: President, Charles Childres; vice president, Aluin McNutt; secretary, Edd Lail Chancey; treasurer, Jordan Clemmer; adult advisor, R. Dee Price.

Mr. R. P. Horton was called to the death bed of his mother at Lufkin, Texas, last week.

Mrs. Essie Stout is very sick at this writing. Mrs. Beulah Cunningham, who is visiting Mr. Raymond Stout this week, has the flu.

Several of the Zion Chapel and Compere singers visited the Noodle singing class Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rains of McKinney, Texas, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, the latter part of last week.

Miss Virgie Marshall spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham of Tye visited the latter's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Sunday.

Miss Nina McAninch spent the week-end with homefolks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nylon of Dallas visited their uncle, E. C. Tarvin and other relatives, here last week.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin is visiting her son, V. E. Spurgin and family at Anson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith of Truby spent the night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall, Sunday night.

Mrs. M. D. Lucas of Noodle spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Adkins.

Let's not forget the cemetery working March 21.

The inspector visited our school Tuesday, March 5. He seemed to be well pleased with our school and the pupils, trustees, teachers, are all rejoicing over the fact that we received

enough money to have a seven months' school.

All are invited to the P. T. A. Friday night, March 15. L. R. Thompson, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Merkel, will be the main speaker.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton have been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Meeks of Hamlin.

Messrs. John Coomer, Durwood McLove, Howard Brown, Hugh Campbell, Jim Cavette, attended the I. O. O. F. Federation of Taylor county at Abilene Tuesday.

Hugh Grayson and Miss Neoma Grayson of Merkel, accompanied by Mrs. Earnest Hill of Burleson, Texas, were here Sunday afternoon.

Robert Phillips and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Morris motored to Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter motored to the Singing Convention at Colorado Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mayfield and Brother Britt of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, one day recently.

On Saturday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock, Miss Imojessie Clinton and Miss Noma Neighbors, were complimented with a lovely party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Those who enjoyed the hospitality were Misses Ruth Pinckley, Miner Lois Anderson, Opal Johnson, Forest Foster, Margie Coats, Vada Turner, Annie Reynolds, Bruce Linsy, Anna Addison, Clara Clinton, Robie Rogers, Lois Rogers, Messrs. Overal Hurt Ford, H. E. Addison, Preston Doan, Robert Phillips, Earl Palmer, Burnett Clinton, Tom Seymour, Clovis Hargis, Burnett Orr, Fred Johnson,

Otis Moore, Harold Lequey, Leon Coats, Roger Armstrong, Marvin Melton, Hoyt Wells, Mesdames George Anderson, Duell McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pribble, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. W. Chapple.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kindness, help, and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement—the death of our baby. May God's richest blessing rest on each of you.
Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox.

The longest railroad tunnel in America, 8 miles through the Cascade Range, 100 miles east of Seattle, was opened for train operations in January by the Great Northern Railway. The tunnel cost \$14,000,000 and electrification and other improvements involve total expenditure of \$25,000,000.

Attention, Men.

Give your cook a Holiday Saturday, March 30th. Take dinner with the Methodist ladies. Lions Club Hall Price 50c

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THE STORY

Chapter I—Hilton Hanby, prosperous New York merchant, has realized a long-cherished ambition by purchasing a country place—the Gray House, near Pine Plains. An unknown woman, who gives her name as Miss Selenos, a former tenant of the Gray House, calls at his office and warns him that the house is under a curse. Further alarming details are impressed upon Adolf Smucker, Hanby's secretary, by a man who claims to have been chauffeur for Sir Stanford Seymour, former occupant of the place.

Chapter II—The Hanbys laugh off the warnings they have received both from Miss Selenos and from Smucker's acquaintance, as some form of practical joke, but they are shocked when they hear that the caretaker whom they have put in charge of the Gray House, a man named Kerr, has been mysteriously murdered. Declining to be terrorized, however, they go out to their new home, with their two sons, Junior and Jim, and their elder daughter, Celia.

Chapter III—Appleton, a clerk of Douglas and Smith, the agents through whom Hanby bought the Gray house, explains to Pelham, that a dangerous pond near the house, in which several children have been drowned, has since been filled in, but he urges Pelham to dissuade Hanby from occupying the Gray house. Hanby and Junior learn that the caretaker was known to the police as "Red Chapin" and had a bad record. Chapin had stolen references from a man named Kerr to secure the caretaker's job. Hanby considers asking Leslie Barlong an admirer of Celia, and a city youth, to join the house party.

CHAPTER IV

Bill Pelham was waiting for them. "Won't take me ten minutes to get into clean clothes," said Hanby. "I've got strange news, Dina." "So has Bill," she retorted. "Mine is of a tragic nature." "You've nothing on me," said Bill. "I'm in the wholesale tragedy business."

Dina, Pelham, and Hanby discussed the matter in the library. Hanby listened to what Appleton had told his friend.

"Then Smucker wasn't lying," he remarked. "Appleton corroborates his story. It means that some one wants to prevent us living there. What could the reason possibly be?"

"I give it up," said Pelham. "Do you think the police have the right dope on the Chapin murder?"

"What else could it be?"

"That these same people who want to keep you out started to terrorize you by murdering him. It may be that he was an innocent victim. Of course, we know that he was wanted by the law, and that in a sense his removal is a blessing to society, but all the same he may have intended to be an honest watchman for the time being."

"Dina," said Hanby presently, again conscious of his wife's unusual depression, "if you are scared at the prospect of going up there, I'll open negotiations with Miss Selenos, who particularly loathes and despises me. What about it?"

"Think twice before you answer," Bill Pelham warned her.

"I haven't even seen the place yet," she said, smiling. "I'm not going to be frightened out of it by any rude old woman. Bill, I believe she's at the bottom of all this mystery. I'm not going to rob my Housatonic of his manor!"

"Housatonic?" Bill queried. "What's that?"

"Bill's real name. At college you called him Tony."

"It's a new one on me," said Bill.

"Blame your Aunt Selina for it," Hanby declared. "She got me going with her California rivers. I tell you that old hag has a face like the Furies. She may be mad and vindictive, but there's something on her mind more than a passing whim. I don't know but Dina's right. She said I should meet disaster, ruin, and even death. There's some mystery about my pleasure house in Dutchess county."

"Nothing will keep me away from it," Dina asserted. "We shall have able-bodied men in the place all summer."

"Four?" her husband demanded. "You are not counting fourteen-year-old Tim as an able-bodied male, are you?"

"There will be you, Junior, Leslie, and Bill."

"Me?" Pelham cried.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

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SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—

—That on their reports, if on nothing else, the Sophs seem to lead the school as they led this period with the following results as to those on the honor roll: Sophomores 20 per cent, Seniors 15 per cent, Juniors 12 per cent and the Freshmen 5 per cent?

—That even though there were only 21 high school students able to attain the honor roll, it does not mean that they are all falling down that much in their work, as the "flu" has taken its dreadful toll?

—That even tho' they don't seem to be getting the pep that our other teams get, the girls of M. H. S. seem to be having lots of fun with their hard working indoor baseball team?

—That Merkel intends to show up a few other schools around this neck of the woods at the annual county meet soon?

—That we wonder how Merkel will appear to outsiders with its modern hotel and its inadequate educational facilities, chief among which is an under-sized schoolhouse, which is sadly in need of natural gas and a few other things?

—That we wonder if the patrons of our old school don't intend to throw a little of that much needed paving down our way, where about 750 kids will avail themselves of it every day, for about 9 months of the year?

—That with the affiliation which it is sure to receive this year in its two unaffiliated subjects, Merkel will be able to offer a school course as good as any high school in Texas?

—That the annuals which are published here every year are as good as any found in any high school in Texas of less than 5,000 population?

—That while many people speak of the large amount of money which it takes to get an education and its value, you never hear of many armed revolutions here but they are familiar in those lands where educations are scarce?

GIRLS' BASEBALL NEWS.

Grammar school girls again met High School in a hard fought game March 7.

The first inning put Grammar school in the lead with score 3* to 1. But as the game grew older and the players got warmed up the playing became more exciting. It looked as if we were in for a tie game. But Grammar school came out leading 28 to 27.

As to "lookers on," both schools were represented.

—Reporter.

MISS TRACEY HOSTESS TO M. H. S. PLAYERS' CLUB.

Miss Lucy Tracey, director of the speech arts and expression departments, delightfully entertained the M. H. S. Players' Club and the High School faculty with a party in her studio Friday evening March 8. Various progressive games furnished entertainment throughout the evening of which the most popular was that of "42." The purple and gold color scheme was carried out in the tally and score cards, napkins, and decorations. The following program was rendered by members of the expression and music department:

A one-act play, "A Fan and Two Candlesticks," by Odell and Beryl Hunter and Pauline Toombs; a vocal solo by Imogene Mangum, accompanied by Nadine Tippet; a selection from Tom Sawyer, by

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Margaret Miller, and a number by the Girls quartette composed of Euna Lee Gilmore, Imogene Mangum, Tula Miller and Nadine Tippet.

A delicious refreshment plate consisting of organge ice cream, orange drops, and sandwiches was served which also carried out the color scheme. Those enjoying the occasion were Misses Vera Baker and Roberta Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis, Lois Suber, Lee Darden, Wanna Spurgin, Euna Lee Gilmore, Finnis Cade, Tula Miller, Vernie Derrick, Ruby Patton, Helen McCormick, Raymond Earthman, Pauline Toombs, Clyde Chancey, Roy Kelso, Robert Riney, Lester Beene, Imogene Mangum, Wesley Butler, Nadine Tippet, Buster Hортan, Leon McDonald, Beryl and Odell Hunter, Bernice Lasater, Fannie Bell, Boaz Carlos Montandon, Margaret Miller, Elsie Richie, Harold Boney and hostess Miss Tracey.

EL BIENADVENTURADO CIRCULO.

A meeting of the Spanish club was called on Thursday of last week for the purpose of choosing a name for the club. After various suggestions the name "El Bienaventurado Circulo" was chosen, which means "the happy-go-lucky club." A short time ago the club was organized. In order to become a member one must have an average in Spanish of 85. The following are the students who are fortunate enough to meet the requirement. Thelma McAnich, Roy Kelso, Ross Ferrier, Elsie Lassater, O'Dell

Hunter, Addie Fae Patterson, Elvis Richardson, Beryl Hunter, R. E. Cole, Nina Vantrees, Vera Richie, Pauline Toombs, Thad Doty, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Tula Miller, Weldon Coates, Lee Darden, Lillian Patterson, Harold Leeton, Alvin Parrack, Joel Darsey, Audrey Ferris, Mary E. Grimes, Velma Lee Holden, Robert Riney, Marcella Pinckley and Frances Frederickson. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Young.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

"A Health Hint for Senior Flappers." Eat onions if you want to keep those chaps off your lips.

Mr. Burgess: "Heard you were sick, Mr. Davis."

Mr. Davis: "Yea, I had the chimney disease."

Mr. Burgess: "Chimney disease! What's that?"

Mr. Davis: "Flu."

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She doesn't wear those shortened skirts;
She doesn't dance;
She doesn't sing;
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IDLEWISE.

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COMPLIMENT TO SAN ANTONIAN.

To honor her niece, Miss Willie Reed McGarr of San Antonio, Mrs. Fred Groene entertained Thursday evening with bridge the diversion.

WEINER ROAST AT CASTLE PEAK.

Castle Peak was the scene of a happy weiner roast when Eugene Robinson was host in compliment to Miss Willie Reed McGarr of San Antonio, including the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Miss Mary Comegys, Miss Willie Reed McGarr, Wayne Flenniken, Eugene Robinson, George Overton, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

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SADLER-BOOTH.

A wedding of wide interest to people of this section of the state was solemnized last Monday morning when Miss Mary Cleo Booth became the bride of Dr. W. T. Sadler. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's parents at seven in the morning with only members of the immediate family and Dr. and Mrs.

J. P. SHARP IN RACE FOR MAYOR

In this issue of the Mail friends of J. P. Sharp announce him as a candidate for mayor of Merkel at the ensuing city election to be held on Tuesday, April 2.

In offering the name of Mr. Sharp as a candidate for mayor his friends point to the fact that, if elected, he will be no stranger to city affairs and city problems. He has served the city as alderman several different times, and as a part of the city government he gave painstaking thought and careful attention to the affairs of the city.

Mr. Sharp has been a resident of Merkel for about thirty years. The greater part of this time he was a merchant here, and for the past six years has been bookkeeper for the South Side Gin. His friends promise that, if elected mayor, Mr. Sharp is in position to devote his entire time to serving the best interests of the city and will carry with him into the office a business experience that will redound to the benefit of all the people.

On this basis they present him as a candidate for mayor and urge the voters to give him the consideration which his experience as a business man entitles him to serve as mayor.

W. V. Ramsey of Abilene present. Mrs. E. Yates Brown played the wedding march and continued to play softly while a beautiful ring ceremony was read by the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church.

Miss Booth is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth, a B. A. graduate of Simmons University, she attended the university of Colorado at Boulder one term, also the Arkansas College at Conway one term. She was a member of the Merkel High school faculty for three years where she made many friends because of her capable, gracious and altogether charming manner.

Dr. Sadler is the only son of Mrs. Lula Sadler of Palestine, obtained a B. A. degree from Texas University at Austin, M. D. from the school of Medicine at Galveston where he was elected to membership in the Phi Pi fraternity. Dr. Sadler has been associated with Dr. R. I. Grimes in the practice of medicine for two years and has won the respect and admiration of the entire community.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with congenial classes for all who come. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:45. Come find a welcome in any or all these services.

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Another bargain for this Saturday is a full length dainty trimmed Rayon Night Gown which is being sold at 89 cents.

Every effort is being made to secure some more of the Coupon Item for this month which swept the country like wild fire.

—Advertising.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes spent last week-end in Dallas.

Preston Clark of El Paso is a Merkel visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston were Abilene visitors this week.

Mrs. Garland Thomas of Abilene was a week-end visitor of Miss Vera Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. George White were among the stock show visitors this week.

J. S. and Sam Swann left Wednesday for a visit to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Miss Perna Renshaw of McCamey, Texas, was the guest of Miss Roberta Sloan this week-end.

Messrs. Dewey Sandusky and Earl Stevens were in Fort Worth for the stock show this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon attended the stock show this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan of Dallas have been visiting Merkel friends and relatives this week.

Luke Huddleston, formerly of Merkel but now of Abilene, was shaking hands with friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. V. P. Touchstone and daughter, Molly Frank, spent last week-end in Chillicothe.

Dr. I. D. Ellis and wife of Troy, Texas, have returned to their home after a visit to Mr. Ellis' father, R. A. Ellis of Merkel.

Miss Mollye Shannon, accompanied by Mrs. I. W. Lackey, attended the Weichsel Co. Spring Beauty Show in Dallas the past week.

Misses Iva Bragg and Christine Collins have returned from Chillicothe where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stalls, with their three boys, from Bogota, have arrived in Merkel and will make this their home. Mr. Stalls is a brother of Mrs. L. L. Murray.

Joe Holmes Jr., who has been connected with the Creagan Bros. Lumber Co. at Pyote, left Wednesday for Grant's Pass, Oregon, where he will

reside in the future and perhaps enter the lumber business in that state.

Local cattlemen attending the Ft. Worth stock show were Andrew Barbee, J. E. Boaz, Buck Collins, Fred Baker, Puck Cook, James Patterson, Jasper McCoy, C. M. Largent, J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, J. D. Jones, Gaston Brock and Loyd Jenkins.

Miss Josephine Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, will return from Austin Saturday, where she has held a responsible stenographic position in the House of Representatives during the sessions of the legislature.

Brownwood Bank is Robbed of \$5,500

Brownwood, Texas, March 14.—Two unmasked men gained entrance to the First National Bank of Brownwood shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday morning and after forcing seven of the bank's employes into the vault of the bank, escaped with about \$5,500 in cash.

One of the bandits stood at the front door of the bank while the other with drawn pistols forced Millard Romines, cashier; Norman Locks, assistant cashier and the others into the bank vault after forcing them to hand over part of the bank's cash.

Romines, the last to arrive on the scene, was met at the door by one of the bandits and forced to the vault with others.

Men's Style Show.

A style show, featuring the latest spring materials in men's clothing, has been announced by the Modern Dry Cleaners for March 19 and 20. At that time they will have with them Mr. Giles of M. Born & Co., Chicago, who is an expert draper and tailor. The latest fashions and spring materials of guaranteed wools will feature the showing.

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CANYON NEWS

Hugh Ernest arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Reynolds Friday. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Grandma Perkins is on the sick list at this writing.

Brother Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment at Nubia Sunday. He announced that there will be quarterly conference at the Nubia Methodist church, Saturday, March 16.

Uncle Dan Mathews and family visited his son, Alma, of the plains country.

Little Dorothy Mae Smith is improving after an attack of appendicitis.

Misses Vergil and Jackie Jones motored to Putman, Monday. Their mother, who had been visiting her daughter of Putman, returned with them.

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